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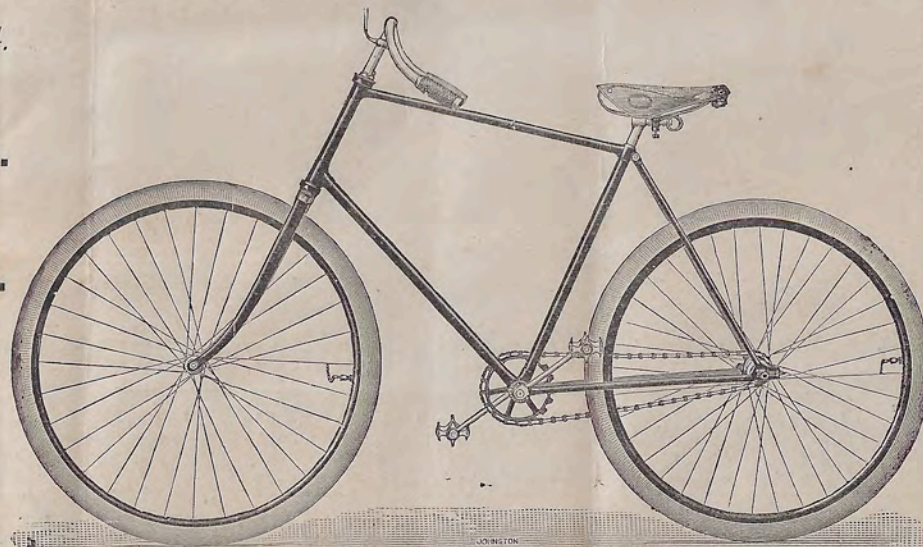
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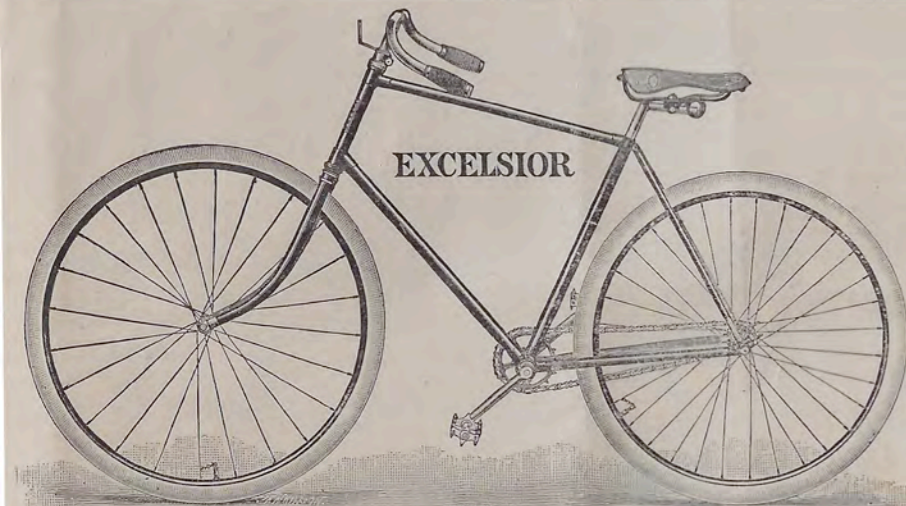
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The Ladies' Day.

I THINK it may fairly be said that the above ranks amongst the successes of the season. On the morning of the appointed day (Wednesday, July 18th) the floodgates of the heavens were opened and it rained "stairs, puppy-dogs, and things," but in the afternoon a change took place for the better, and finally, with the exception of two short showers, the Club House was safely reached at 6.30. The ride over was a pleasant one, the roads, though sloppy, were very good going. Some 17 or 18 ladies graced the four-in-hand brake, and about 28 wheelmen on their "jiggers" formed a royal escort. On arriving at our destination the first thing which claimed attention was tea (kindly provided by Mr. F. J. Sawyer). This was served in a large marquee in the cricket field, and I don't think any one was disappointed over this item of the programme. After the festive board had been considerably lightened, a game of cricket was started: Ladies versus Gentlemen. The lady cricketers shewed surprising form (some tremendous boundary "swipes" being made), so much so, indeed, that most of the fellows got tired of waiting for their innings and went off to play "rounders" with those ladies who were not batting. A most exciting game followed until dusk, when the band made its appearance and the terpsichorean art was indulged in. When too dark to remain out of doors, the Club room was invaded and the piano brought into requisition. Songs were ably rendered by Messrs. Watkinson, Cousens, Thomas, and H. Sawyer. Miss Shuker, in particular, delighted the company with her excellent rendering of "Love's old sweet song." It was with regret that the party at length broke up, the proceedings concluding with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" and a hearty vote of thanks, with "three times three," for Mr. F. J. Sawyer for his generosity on the occasion. Lamps were lit, and the "fair ones" being safely ensconced in the waggonette, a start was made for home, which was reached about eleven o'clock, after what was certainly one of the most pleasant and enjoyable functions the Club has ever known.

Amongst those present were: Mrs. Sawyer, Mrs. Watkinson, Mrs. Upton, and the Misses Miller (2), Flett, Muggridge, Thomas, Saunders, Mummery, Hickmott, Reynolds, Shuker, Messrs. E. J. Sawyer, Flett, Smart, Smith, C. J. Lewis, Watkinson, Noakes (Sub-Captain), H. J. Frowd, J. Thomas, Whitehouse, C. D. Smith, March, Greenfield, Cousens, F. B. Sawyer, H. Sawyer, E. Sawyer, J. Moren (Captain), J. Hide, Kayser, Gutsell, Donald, Campbell, James, and Hon. Sec.

The 25-Mile Road Race.

The above event has come and gone.

After the race is over,
 After the day is gone,
 After the scorch is ended,
 After the pots are drawn,
 Many's the head that's broken,
 If we could feel the place,
 Many's the hope that's blighted,
 After the race!

On the afternoon of Wednesday, the 11th July, a heavy south-westerly wind made things look a bit "oph" from the road-racer's point of view. Nevertheless, ten good men and true, out of an entry of seventeen, faced the Starter at a few minutes past five, at the now almost historical little white hut "just t'other side of the Wool-pack," which has seen the termination of many a hard-

fought struggle. The first to be despatched was W. Elphick, on the 7 mins. mark, and the last, Newman Chennells, on scratch. The wind was certainly terrific; first it caught you broadside on and blew you nearly across the road, then slap in your face, bringing you almost to a standstill. However, somehow the men struggled down to the turning point, with the exception of R. Watkinson and F. Vidler, who "chucked" it! After turning, things began to hum a bit and some fast work was put in. The placings were as follows: 1st, N. Chennells (fastest time, 1-hr. 33-min.); 2nd, P. P. Nash (1-hr. 39-min. 35-secs.); 3rd, J. Hide (1-hr. 40-min. 49-secs.); 4th, G. Jeffreys; 5th, C. T. March; and 6th, W. Elphick. "Yours Truly" had the misfortune to puncture his front tyre on reaching the "Kennells" on the home journey, and A. Stoakes, with that good feeling which distinguishes all true sportsmen, stayed behind and tried to repair the damage. This, however, being found impossible, that blank, blank, blankety little wheel was banged home "on the rim." Chennells rode grandly, the way he moved against the wind, in particular, being a caution. Nash also rode remarkably well, as his time (the second best) will shew, and he well deserved his "pot." Appended is the handicap got out by our erstwhile Captain, Mr. R. A. Greig, now residing at Tunbridge Wells, and who may be complimented on his success in the matter:

H. Flett,	Scratch.
N. Chennells,	Scratch.
C. T. March,	1 min. 30 secs.
F. Vidler,	2 " 30 "
F. Mitcham,	3 " "
C. J. Lewis,	3 " 15 "
F. Cruttenden,	3 " 30 "
H. J. Burchell,	4 " "
A. Stoakes	4 " 15 "
R. Watkinson	4 " 30 "
J. Hide	4 " 30 "
H. G. Jeffrey	5 " "
R. Gant,	5 " 15 "
F. M. Wright,	6 " "
P. P. Nash,	6 " 30 "
W. Elphick,	7 " "
S. E. Holden,	14 " "

Rules for the 100 Miles.

Each intending competitor to give two days' notice to a Member of the Committee, and must be at the Memorial, ready to start, within 30 minutes of his specified time. The course will be to Worthing and back, finishing at the Railway Bridge, at Bopeep, and can be done any day (Sundays excepted) until the last day of October.

All riders doing the distance within ten hours will receive a silver medal, and those doing the distance within eight and a half hours will receive a silver medal with gold centre. Any rider beating the existing record (seven hours and eighteen minutes) will get a gold medal. The rider who does the distance in the fastest time under the existing record (seven hours eighteen minutes) will receive a special gold medal. Also a silver medal with gold centre will be given to the novice doing the fastest time.

Every competitor to get the signature of a post office official at Worthing, and post same at Worthing to Secretary, stating time of his arrival at Worthing.

No one competitor, except he be a novice, to receive more than one medal for each year.

Any Member having started, and through any cause discontinuing the journey, must send a telegram to "Cyclist," Madgett's Bopeep Hotel, St. Leonards, giving notice that he has done so.

Spokelets by the Editor.

That "Ladies' Day" was a "knock-out" and no mistake! Didn't the dear girls just enjoy themselves, too. One or two lucky dogs rode home in the brake, but I had to hang on as best I could with "straining nerve and starting eyeball" on my "jigger." Very hard luck that, but then I always did get my share of slaps, even from a baby.

On the 26th of the month, the St. Leonards C.C. hold the last of their Road Races, 5 miles on a straight-away course. On the same date the Ore & Clive Vale B.C. hold their First Race Meeting on their Cricket Ground at Ore. It is a pity these events should clash.

On Tuesday, the 11th, C. Gillham went for the 100 miles. Starting from the Memorial at 7.10 a.m., he reached Worthing at 10.45 and was timed in at the historic lamp post at Bopeep at 3.14, having taken 8 hours 4 mins. for the journey. On the outward journey he was paced by P. P. Nash as far as Hurstmonceux, and back from Lewes by yours truly.

Both from a competitor's and spectator's point of view things were very much "oph" on Wednesday, the 8th of August. Still the racing was distinctly good; but alas! though the "sport" was there the "spondulicks" were missing.

How it did rain and blow to be sure! it seemed as if it turned on for the purpose of making everything and every body wretched. Unquestionably had it been a fine day, the Gate would have been a monster one.

In another column will be found particulars of a Sailing Boat, kept for the use of Members, on the Rother. As will be seen, the charge in only a nominal one, and it is hoped that Members will appreciate the effort made for their benefit and patronize it.

"The Safety."

Those Members who have a predilection for disporting themselves upon the "rolling wave" can now do so. The Committee have taken care that a serviceable craft has been provided for their use upon the classic waters of the Rother. The "ship" is moored off the "Star" at Rye, and the key and all particulars may be obtained from the Treasurer, Mr. Newman Chennells, 37 Havelock Road, Hastings. A nominal charge of 6d. a head will be made until the boat has paid for itself. The boat is open to the use of Members every day of the week, either for a party or singly. Any Member taking a lady friend should however, remember that it does not necessarily follow that "once on board the lugger and the girl is mine."

The Race Meeting.

Wretched weather was experienced on the 8th of August for this important fixture. A cold drizzle falling, with slight intervals, the whole afternoon. This was very unfortunate, as only a small number of spectators witnessed the contests, eight in number, for which a large number of entries were received. The track was soft and greasy, but was rather better than on Monday. The heats generally resulted in very easy wins, but some good finishes were seen in the finals. "Jimmy" Moren succeeded in carrying off the Jules Mastin Cup, this making his second time of winning, and Newman Chennells secured the Two Miles' Club Championship Lap Race for the Rogers' Cup, which by virtue of two prior victories, now becomes his property.

Music was given by the band of the 1st C.P.R.V., and the meeting was under N.C.U. Rules and A.A.A. Laws. Official duties were ably discharged by the following: Judge, R. Greig; Starter, A. Noakes; Lap Scorers, A. W. Chesterfield and A. Willard; Umpires and Marksmen, F. J. Sawyer, E. H. Moor, C. Hartley, S. Kennard, F. Smart, G. R. Walker, and R. T. Watkinson; Referee, S. T. Brown, N.C.U.; Timekeepers, A. G. Foord and A. Peplow; Competitors' Stewards, W. J. Ockenden and W. J. Ransom; Programme Steward, T. A. Noakes; Telegraph Steward, F. B. Sawyer. Handicappers, Open Cycle, S. T. Brown, N.C.U.; Club Cycle, the Committee; 300 yards flat (local) W. J. Ransom.

ONE MILE OPEN HANDICAP.—First Prize, diamond and ruby fly scarf pin, presented by F. J. Sawyer; Second, chime clock; Third, barometer. First in each heat and fastest loser competed in final. First heat—1, E. C. Gentry, Bromley C.C. (F.Y.) 140-yds start; 2, T. Wren, Lewes C.C., 120-yds; Wilfrid Stevenson, Eastbourne C.C., scratch; J. Tassell, Woolwich Poly., 40-yds; J. Moren, H. & St. L. C.C. 70-yds; A. G. Duerre, Chelsea B. and T.C., 90-yds; and J. Deeks, Putney A.C., 100-yds also rode. Time, 2-mins. 50-secs. Second heat.—1, F. G. Aldridge, Newmarket C.C., 90-yds start; 2, H. C. Morris, St. L. C.C., 130-yds. H. H. Frowd, Catford C.C., scratch, also rode. Time, 3-min. 13-secs. Third heat.—1, W. Wingfield, H. & St. L. C.C. (F.Y.), 80-yds. start; 2, A. W. Turner, Brighton Wanderers, scratch. G. R. Barrett, Canterbury Star, 40-yds; G. C. Allen, Ashford C.C., 100-yds; and J. Christmas, Brighton C.C. also started. Won easily. Time, 3-min. Fourth heat.—1, H. Horton, Folkestone C.C. 60-yds start; 2, A. E. Fielder, Essex B. & T.C., 80-yds. N. Chennells, H. & St. L. C.C., 30-yds, and S. Parkes, Ashford C.C., 110-yds, also rode. Time, 3-min. 73-5th secs. Final.—1, Aldridge; 2, Wren; 3, Wingfield. Wren rode as fastest loser. Aldridge went to the front in the bell lap, and won by several yards. Time, 2-min. 45 4-5th secs.

ONE MILE CLUB HANDICAP.—First Prize, nickel-plated cruet; second, carvers, presented by Lever Bros; third, presented by C. E. Hallett and H. Leapman; medal for first novice home. First two in each heat and fastest loser competed in final. First heat—1, F. Aldridge, 50-yds start; 2, H. Burchell, 40-yds. H. Flett, 15, and J. Stoakes, 110, also competed. Time, 3 mins. 4-5th secs. Second Heat—1, J. Hide, 50-yds start; 2, J. Moren, 30-yds; C. Smith, 65, and R. A. Gant, 115, were the other riders. Time, 3 mins. 1 4-5th secs. Final—1, Moren; 2, Aldridge; 2, Hide (dead heat). Fine struggle was seen, Moren being first in the third lap, with Aldridge just behind, Hide and Smith also being in close attendance. Time, 3 mins 4 3-5th secs.

300 YARDS LOCAL FLAT HANDICAP.—First Prize, silver-plated teapot, cream ewer and sugar basin; second, biscuit box; third, gold-mounted walking stick, presented by Mr. H. B. Wright. First three in each heat competed in final. First heat—1, A. C. Benbow, Athletic, 16-yds start; 2, A. J. Crouch, Athletic, scratch; 3, J. H. Reeves, Alliance, 4-yds. E. Skinner, Athletic, 12, and W. G. Scott, Athletic, 20, also started. Time, 33 4-5th secs. Second heat—1, J. H. Godden, Athletic, 20-yds start; 2, H. C. Harford, Athletic, 14-yds; 3, H. English, Alliance, 10-yds J. Wood, Athletic, 2, J. Morris, Athletic, 6, A. F. Stammers, Athletic, 16, also ran. Time, 35 1-5th secs. Final—1, Godden; 2, Harford; 3, English. Won by six yards; two yards separated second and third. Time, 34 2-5th secs.

TWO MILES OPEN HANDICAP.—First prize, gold watch in case, presented by Sir James Colquhoun, Bart.; second, silver-plated salver; third, marble clock. First in each heat and fastest loser to compete in final. Winner of the One Mile handicap was penalised 35 yards. First heat—1, A. W. Turner, Brighton Wanderers, scratch. T. Wren,

Lewes C.C., 220-yds, also rode. Only two started, and, as Wren fell and broke his machine, it was a walk-over for Turner. Time, 6 min 48 secs. Second heat—1, E. C. Gentry, Bromley C.C., 250-yds; A. G. Duerre, Chelsea B. and T. C. 160-yds. H. H. Frowd, Catford C.C., scratch and G. C. Allen, Ashford C.C., 180-yds, also rode. Time, 6 min 32 secs. Third heat—1, G. R. Barrett, Canterbury Star, 70-yds, A. E. Fielder Essex B. & T.C., 140-yds. Wilfrid Stevenson, Eastbourne B.C., scratch, and J. Deeks, Putney A. C., 180-yds, also rode. Time, 6 min 19 4-5th secs. Fourth heat—1, H. Horton, Folkestone C.C., 100-yds; 2, N. Chennells, H. & St. L. C.C. 50-yds. J. Christmas, Brighton C.C., also started. Won with great ease. Good race between Chennells and Christmas. Time, 6 min 33 4-5th secs. Final—1, Barrett; 2, Turner; 3, Gentry. Time, 6 min 8 2-5th secs.

THREE MILE OPEN SCRATCH RACE.—First prize, plated tea and coffee set on salver, presented by Mr. W. Stubbs, president of the Club; second, silver tea spoons and silver salts, presented by Mr. M. Taylor; third, claret jug; winner of fastest lap, set of ivory-handled carvers in case. The lap prize was altered to a fourth prize on account of the track. 1, Wilfrid Stevenson, Eastbourne B.C.; 2, F. G. Aldridge, Newmarket C.C.; 3, G. R. Barrett, Canterbury Star. A. E. Fielder, Essex B. & T.C., J. Deeks, Putney A.C., H. Horton, Folkestone C.C., A. W. Turner, Brighton Wanderers, J. Christmas, Brighton C.C., and D. J. Diver, Argus B.C., also rode. Diver took the fourth prize. Time 10mins. 18 3-5th secs.

FIVE MILES CLUB HANDICAP.—For Mastin Cup, value 30 guineas, presented by Mr. Jules F. Mastin; to be won three times, not necessarily in succession. First prize, photo of the winner, presented by A. Peplow; second, whiskey flagon; third, plated jug. Holder H. H. Flett. 1, J. Moren, 150-yds. start; 2, R. A. Gant, 500-yds.; 3, H. Burchell, 200-yds. Also rode N. Chennells, scratch, W. Wingfield, scratch, H. H. Flett, 75-yds.; J. Hide, 250-yds.; J. Stoakes, 480-yds. This was the chief event of the sports, but, like last year, was ridden in a downpour of rain. Moren had evidently laid himself out for this contest, as he rode very strongly throughout. After the completion of the first mile it was stated that the little man was leading, and applause greeted the announcement. Chennells and Wingfield met with falls and retired, as did also Hide. In the end, Moren won by a lap and 12 yards. This makes Moren's second win for the trophy. Time 16-mins. 4 2-5th secs.

TWO MILES CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP LAP RACE.—For the Rogers Cup; holder, N. Chennells. Competitors passing the winning post first score 3, second score 2, and third score 1, for each lap throughout the race. To be won three times, not necessarily in succession. Should the cup be won outright the first prize to be withheld. First prize, fish carvers in case, presented by Mr. Wilson Noble, M.P.; second, plated cruet; third, plated butter dish, presented by Mr. E. Dobell. 1, N. Chennells, 26 points; 2, F. Aldridge, 24; 3, J. Hide, 10. Good race between the first two. Moren, who ran against a boundary post, gave up, as did Wingfield. The cup now becomes the property of Chennells, he having complied with the conditions.

THREE LAP OBSTACLE RACE.—First prize, stick and umbrella; Second, plated goblet; Third, bag. 1, Hide; 2, Chennells; 3 Burchell, E. Sawyer, C. D. Smith, and J. Stoakes were other competitors. This, as usual, proved a source of amusement to the spectators. The starters were required to crawl under a net, wriggle under a pole, get over a waggon, etc. Chennells lost ground in the last lap by reason of his machine getting out of gear. He was thus deprived of first prize by Hide.

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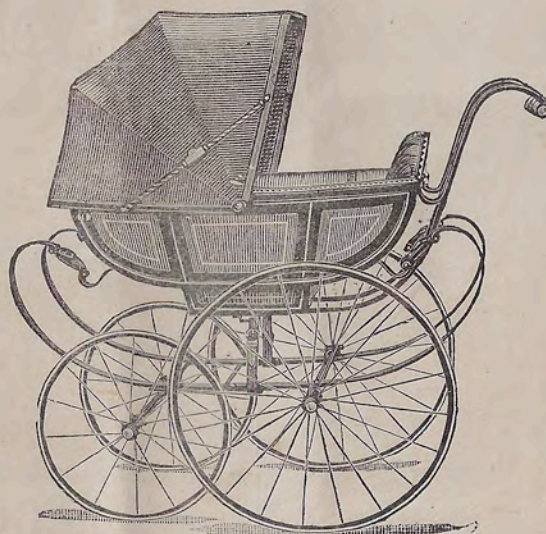
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