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RECORD BREAKING

The route of the late 100 mile road race won by the Star man, Weber, has been measured, and found to be two and three-fourths miles short. Weber, therefore, loses the 100 mile record, but gets one of 6.57 for 97 miles, which is far better proportionally than the English 100 mile record of 7.11. The previous best American record for 100 miles was 8h. 28m., made by Cola E. Stone, from Cobourg to Kingston, July 10, 1885. The English 100 mile record is 7h. 11m. 10s., made by Geo. Smith, Sept. 27, 1884, on a Kangaroo.

On Oct. 10, Richard Howell made a 2 miles' world professional record in 6m. 12 2-5s. The mile was covered in 3m. 1 2-5s. Both of these times supplant F. Lees' English record of 3m. 20s. for the mile and 6m. 35s. for the 2 miles, made at Leicester, May 20, 1884, also H. W. Higham's American, 3.22 for the mile, made at Washington, August 24, 1885. Howell's times, however, fall way to the rear of the world's amateur records of 2.53 4-5 and 6.03 4-5 made by R. Cripps and P. Furnivall respectively at Springfield.

October 17 was a fine, still day at Springfield, Mass., and the wheelmen took advantage of it to break several records. McGarrett, of that city, rode two miles without hands. His time was: Quarter, 43¾; half, 1.25 3-5; three-quarters, 2.10 2-5; mile, 2.58 4-5; two miles, 6 09 3-5. These are all world records. Fred. Brown, of Springfield, made a quarter-mile in 36 2-6; Rowe, of Lynn, made a mile in 2.36 3-5, breaking the amateur record for that distance, and also on a half-mile trial he made the distance in 1.12 4-5, breaking all world records, both professional and amateur. He made the quarter in 36 3-5 seconds. If these records stand, the American amateur records will be as follows; George M. Hendee, ¼, 36 1-5; W. A. Rowe, ½, 1.12 7-5; mile, 2.36 3-5.

At Springfield, Mass., on Oct. 19, W. A. Rowe, of Lynn, lowered the world's 20 mile bicycle record at Hampden Park. Time, 58 20. The following table shows the times of the intermediate miles made and the previous best of record. Above two miles all the previous best amateur records were held by M. V. J. Webber, of England, who scored them on the Springfield track, Sept. 10, 1885:

MILES.	Present Record.		Previous Record.	
	M.	S.	M.	S.
1	2	44 4-5	2	36 1-5
2	5	33 1-5	5	34 2-5
5	14	07 2-5	14	08 4-5
10	28	37 4-5	28	44 2-5
15	43	26 1-5	43	36
20	58	20	58	56 1-5

At Springfield, on Oct. 23, W. A. Rowe, of Lynn, lowered the mile amateur bicycle record

to 2 35 2-5. He went two miles in 5.21 3-5, and three miles in 8.07 2-5. The last two are the world's record.

Richard Howell, the record smashing professional, now holds the world's records for half-mile flying start 1.11 1-5; half-mile in 1.12 1-5; one mile, 2.31 2-5; one mile safety in 2.43. The mile 2-31 2-5 was accomplished on Sept. 29, at Hampden Park, Springfield, Mass. He rides a 58-inch Rudge, is six feet in height, and weighs 200 pounds.

Clarke's 50 mile record of 3.07 22, made in Toronto on September 17th, at the time beat the American record, which was then 3.09 45¼. On October 10, however, at Springfield, F. F. Ives, of Meriden, cut the record from 26 miles up to 100. He registered the 50 miles in 3h. 3m. 30s., without a dismount, and the 100 miles in 6h. 25m. 30s.

Last month, at Springfield, Ives and Rhodes attempted to make a 25 mile track record. Ives made the distance in 1h. 19m. 6 3-5s., beating the best American record made last August by V. H. Van Sicklen at Chicago, by 2m. 7 13-20s., and 2m. 25s. slower than the English record of H. L. Cortis at Surbiton, in September, 1880. Rhodes' time was 1h. 24m. 30¼s.

In the 24 hour tricycle race between riders of the Rudge Rotary tricycle, Mr. J. H. Adams covered 233½ miles, beating the record.

Wm. Woodside, in a ten mile ride at Hampden Park, Springfield, October 26, lowered the world's bicycle records from six to ten miles inclusive, making the ten miles in 29.12 2 5. This lowers the record by 7 3-5 seconds. Wm. Rowe also lowered the three-quarter mile record of 1-20 of a second, his time being 1 5; 1-5.

At the annual meeting of the Chicago Bicycle Association the American ten mile record was broken by R. A. Neilson, of Boston, in 30.02¼.

At Boston, October 26th, A. A. McCurdy who started to break the 24-hour bicycle record, on the following night finished 255¼ miles in 23h. 59m. 30s., thus beating Ives and Rhodes' record of 241 9-32 miles.

Wm. Rowe, in an attempt, at Springfield, Oct. 27, to lower Hendee's one-quarter mile record of 36 1-5 seconds on the Hampden Park to-day, made the distance in exactly the same time.

Wm. Woodside, in a 50-mile run at Springfield, Oct. 27, lowered all American records from 5 to 46 miles, inclusive, except his own of the day previous, and all English records from 6 to 9 miles, inclusive, but failed to break either American or English 50-mile record. His time for 5 miles was 14-33; 6 miles, 17.29 1-5; 9 miles, 26.23 4-5, and for 46 miles, 2.38.48 3-5. The best previous American time was 2.39 21. He also established an American record for one hour, covering 20 miles and 285 yards. The English distance is 20 miles and 509 yards.

It is said that John Wesley was once walking with a brother, who related to him his troubles, saying he did not know what he should do. They were at that moment passing a stone fence to a meadow over which a cow was looking. "Do you know," asked Wesley, "why the cow looks over that wall?" "No," replied the one in trouble. "I will tell you," said Wesley; "because she can't look through it; and that is what you must do with your troubles, look over and above them."

THE MILE RECORD.

On Saturday, the 10th Oct., at the Grounds of the Woodstock Amateur Athletic Association, Herb. Clarke made a successful attempt to lower the mile record for Canada made by himself at Toronto last fall. It had been fully expected that he would have broken the record at the tournament held the day before, but the wind blew such a gale as to make fast riding impossible, and on the morning of the 10th, when the last attempt was made, the wind was very strong, which will account for the cut on the record being so small, for of course it is well known that Clarke can get many seconds under anything that has yet been credited to him in public. The officials were: Referee, H. B. Donly, Sec. C.W.A.; Judges, J. W. Rippon, C. Wilson, H. Beite; Timers, W. A. Karn, J. Hall, J. H. McLeod; Starter, A. B. Hay; Scorer, G. H. Nesbitt. The first quarter was made in 42 secs., the half-mile in 1.26, the three-quarters in 2.13, and the full mile in 2.58 3-5, which is now the record for Canada.

WOMEN ON WHEELS.

An Englishman—an enthusiastic tricyclist—declares that "the woman who has never been on wheels has not tasted half the innocent joys of life. Your tricycle is at the door; you mount the saddle and press the pedals with feet which seem as languid and spiritless as the heart within you. A few turns, and the quickened circulation begins to act upon you. Your sad eye brightens; the color mounts to your pale cheek; you draw a long breath, and settle down, no longer languidly, to your work. A few minutes, and the dreary town surroundings are left behind. You ride and ride, till the calm, fair beauty of wood and stream sinks deep, into your weary heart, and you feel young, and strong, and happy again all on a sudden, and you reach home refreshed and invigorated in body and mind, feeling as you alight as if you were treading on air and could scarcely keep from bursting out into singing as blithe as that of the lark you left behind you an hour ago. That night you sleep the sleep of tired childhood, and you wake to feel the world a very good place, after all, and duties not so irksome by half as you thought them yesterday."

THE IDEA IN MAINE.

Tricycling Tourist.—"What's up here, anyway?"

Honest Native.—"Ain't naathin' up."

Tourist.—"But the stores are closed, and you fellows look as if you were got up for a holiday. Any fun going on?"

Native.—"Wall, d'no 's ye c'd call it jest fun. Sheriff's 's comin' 'daown f'm Squedunk—that's our caounty town—after a man thet's 'ben sellin' liquor."

Tourist.—"Well?"

Native.—"Wall—we d'no jest who 'tis he wants, so we've all a sorter got ready for him. Thet's all."—*Puck*.

We have heard it said by "one who knows," that a bicycle can be made on the lever principle, which would cover a mile in 2.08. But if the rider ever fell off! The detachable handle-bar would be useful, if the man was a good acrobat.