

How many of you belong to the Biological Section of the Canadian Institute? The members specially interested in botany hold outings to gather specimens every Saturday afternoon during the summer season, and they invite those of either sex having the same tastes to join them. I understand that it is not necessary to be a member of the Institute to be allowed to go out with the botanizing section; and the pleasure and benefit to be derived from these delightful walks, is surely not understood nor appreciated by the public, or the number of those availing themselves of the opportunity would be greater than it is.

One of the features of the Military Tournament to be held in April will be bicycle exercises, in which a corps of six men and six women will participate. This is one of the latest fads among the cycling enthusiasts of England, and is called there the "musical ride." It is on the same lines as the manoeuvres of the crack cavalry regiments, and requires skilful riding.

It is pleasant to know that the senseless and cruel practice of chopping dog's ears, is being discountenanced. At a recent meeting of the Toronto Kennel Club it was decided that dogs born on and after July 1st next, will not be eligible for competition at shows held under club rules, when ears are cropped or mutilated.

It is not likely that the club will hold a show this spring, as that of last season did not pay expenses. The annual meeting of the club is to be held during exhibition week.

Miss Harriet Ford, of Toronto, won the prize of fifty dollars offered by the management of the Canadian Horse Show for the best poster design. There were forty-six designs submitted, and as a number of clever artists—both Canadian and American—competed, Miss Ford may well be congratulated upon her success. The poster is a striking picture in blue and black—the Horse Show colors—representing a woman in riding habit, with the Armories in the background. It is bold in color and outline, and the work is of the latest popular styles.

CYCLIST.

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