

Items of Interest.

The Century Road Club of America has over five hundred members.

Another Paris to Bordeaux race is being arranged. It will be held on June 11.

A cycling journal has just been started in Russia, having for its headquarters Moscow.

Ex-Senator Ingalls has written an article for the next issue of *Good Roads*, for which he has refused to accept remuneration.

The next issue of *Bearings* will contain the description of the Wanderers' "Hard Times Smoker," illustrated with cuts.

The Press Cyclers of Buffalo, with whom the Zigzag Club has joined, have affiliated with the L. A. W.

The *Chronic Kicker* is coming to the front again. It thinks 1892 mileage records should not count because there are 366 days in this year.—*Ex.*

"Choose a machine by its chain," says a foreign contemporary, arguing that a maker won't put a very expensive chain on a poor machine.

The clergymen of Pueblo, Cal., have formed a bicycle club, and the editor of a paper published in a nearby town is unkind enough to remark that it takes modern appliances to fight the devil in Pueblo.

Bicycling World, the oldest American wheel paper, and the official organ of the L. A. W., will be the first American wheel paper to put in a plant for its own exclusive use. More power to its elbow.

Danish women are beating the record now in cycling. The principal club has about thirty lady members, and the craze is spreading to the provinces, where peasant women ride to market town.—*Ladies Home Journal*.

Buffalo is to have a big road race on Decoration Day—distance thirty miles. The prizes will be wheels, and some of the cracks are expected to take part. What is the matter with a few of our Canadian riders taking a hand in?

Mr. Blotterwick (looking up from his paper):—I see they are going to use bicycles in the next war in Europe.

Mrs. Blotterwick:—A war with bicycles? How odd!

Master Blotterwick (gloomily):—I don't think so. There's been war in this house ever since I asked for money to buy a bicycle.—*Exchange*.

Mr. F. H. Bettys, of the West End Bicycle Club, Rochester, General Manager of the Western New York Bicycle Exposition, which took place at Washington Rink, Rochester, Feb. 29 to March 5, remembered us by sending an exhibitor's ticket to CYCLING.

From our American exchanges we learn that Neil Campbell, of Banker & Campbell, was arrested on the charge of obtaining wheels on credit and selling them for cash, without making returns. Mr. Campbell denies any dishonesty in his transactions.

Captain Hunter, of the Wanderers, intends to encourage slow riders on club runs this summer. If it takes six hours to reach Whitby they will all arrive together. Members will be invited to bring along their cameras and go out for enjoyment instead of "scorching."

It is said that Actor Thomas Keene, at a recent performance of "Richard III." in a Western city, knowing that there were a number of wheelmen in the house, made the famous lines, "A horse," etc., read "A wheel! a wheel! a kingdom for a bicycle?"—*Sport, Music and Drama*.

We were favored with an invitation to attend a smoking concert on the 9th inst. at the Newmarket Bicycle Club Rooms. We are sorry that we could not be present as a good smoke is something we particularly enjoy, and we would certainly have had a good one with the N. B. C. members.

Sterling Elliott's "Dark Secret," at Philadelphia, was one of the most ingenious things we have seen. In one corner a space was completely enclosed in such manner as to make it perfectly dark. The spectator walked down an aisle and came in full view of a skeleton mounted on a hickory wheel, quietly pedaling around the room. The phenomenon, despite the dense blackness was plainly visible, and the experts are now figuring out the whys and wherefores.—*Referee*.

The Ramblers Cycle Club, of Halifax, N.S., held their annual meeting and dinner at the Lakeside Hotel, St. Margaret's Bay, on February 17th. At the meeting much important business was transacted, and it was decided to purchase a pneumatic machine for the use of all racing members. The election of officers resulted as follows: G. T. Beamish, Captain; W. H. Schwartz, First Lieutenant; W. E. Crowe, Second Lieutenant; P. T. Pender, Secretary-Treasurer; Executive Committee, the officers, with W. R. McCurdy and A. M. Hoare. There are now forty-two members on the roll.