

Wasting Time.—Philanthropic Caller (at jail)—"My friend, have you any religious convictions?" Avery Baddun.—" Well, I reckon that's what you might call

Tribune.

The street car struck the rear wheel of the bicycle. The bicyclist described a parabola and fell upon a pile of brick. The bicyclist raised on one ellow, reached back an arm toward a rear pocket of the knickerbockers, and collapsed, insensible. A sergeant of police felt in the pocket and drew out a silver cocktail flask labelled, "J. J. Jones, 400 Bonton Avenue."

'em. I was sent here fur robbin' a church."-Chicago

"Go to 400 Bonton Avenue," said the sergeant to a police officer, "and tell Mrs. Jones that Mr. Jones has——"

The sergeant paused and drew a hand mirror from the other rear pocket of the knickerbockers.

"-Tell Mr. Jones that Mrs. Jones has---"

The druggist who was assisting tickled the bicyclist's lip with a feather he was trying to burn under the nostrils. The bicyclist smiled and murmured: "Charlie!"

"-Tell Mr. and Mrs. Jones that Miss Jones has met with an accident."-Life.

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"Who is the athletic-looking young man singing" A Lule on the Ocean Waver" "Why, that's the chap who was so ill on the steamer yesterday afternoon." - Boston Traveller.

Nipped in the Bud.—Mudge—Which is proper to say: "Lend me \$10" or "Loan me \$10?"

Wickwire—It won't do you any good to say either.
—Indianapolis Journal.

No Mercy there.—"Well, boys, you've got me all right; and now that's just one favor I want to ask of you. Don't take me back to my home county to be tried."

"What's the reason, old man?"

"Well, you see, they've gone an' 'lected my old woman prosecuting attorney."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"Yes," said the man, "I realize that cycling is a great thing. I used to be sluggish before the cycle craze, but now I'm spry and energetic."

"I didn't know you rode."

"I don't. I dodge."-Philadelphia Record.

Bizzly—"You must dislike Newcomb very much." Grizzly—"I hate him as fiercely as a barber hates a bald-headed man with a full heard,"—Truth.

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