

cent. after the inhalation of chloroform. Often where no albuminuria was detected, the urine contained renal epithelium and tube-casts. Tube-casts were found as frequently after the use of chloroform as of ether, being present in 28.3 per cent. of the cases; but they disappeared from the urine more quickly after ether anæsthesia.—*University Medical Magazine*.

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BICYCLE ACCIDENTS.—Fatal fractures of the skull have been reported several times as a result of the meeting of a pair of "scorchers" riding full tilt, with their heads low and eyes upon their front wheel instead of upon the road ahead of them. It might seem almost impossible to fracture a skull thick enough to permit indulgence in such practices, but the bicycle fool at full speed has been able to accomplish it. Accidents while coasting also occur at high speed, and are proportionately serious. In coasting a certain amount of control of the wheel is lost, and the accomplishment of sharp turns to avoid obstacles at the foot of a hill becomes impossible. No rider who is unwilling to risk the loss of his life, or serious interference with the regularity of his features, will coast except on good roads, with straight easy hills, and no crossings. Although the worst casualties usually occur to riders going at high speed, there are certain conditions which render falls even when going at a low rate of speed serious and disfiguring. Of these the principal is that in a large number of cases, particularly those which are due to suddenly running into an obstacle, the weight of the head and body being carried high, and the legs arrested by the handle-bars, the head, and particularly the face, is the first to reach the ground. A man taking a "header" from a horse starts from such a height that he may turn a complete somersault and land in a sitting posture, but the bicycle is so low that the victim strikes the ground face first, and when he has ploughed over a few yards of gravel or pavement, his physiognomy is naturally somewhat altered. A particularly dangerous accident is the breaking of the front fork of the wheel. Here the victim never has time to get his hands before his face, and fracture of the nose and jaw with serious laceration of the soft parts almost invariably results. These falls are so quick that before a man has time to let go of the handle-bars, his face strikes the ground. In fact in headers from the bicycle generally, there is no time to let go of the handle-bars in order to protect the face. Sprained wrists and broken arms are therefore comparatively rare, while broken noses and serious lacerations of the face, mouth, and eyelids are common. Bruises, sprains, and abrasions of the shoulders occur if the face escapes. The danger from the breaking of