

will be smoked and friendship and good fellowship reign on all sides. We will have good singing, recitations, boxing, fencing, bowling, billiards, and an opening address by one of the cleverest speakers of the day. We hope you will all join us in our initial club night. We will ensure you a good time, and it will not be our fault if the evening is not an enjoyable one.

Saturday evening, 22nd inst., we held the second of our club nights. Judging from the happy and smiling faces of those present it was a great success. The ladies were there in full force, envying the men the enjoyment they have in their club, and wishing that the time might come that they can have their club to go to. One lady made the remark, she would hardly blame the men again for spending so many of their evenings at the club when they have such a beautiful place, and can spend the evening as pleasantly as they do at the Athenæum.

We are no longer to be known as the A. B. C., having at our last monthly meeting changed it to A. C. C., in other words, Athenæum Cycling Club. This we think will be satisfactory to all our members, as many objected to having A. B. C. on their tunic. It was supposed at the time the boys were afraid they might be mistaken for some junior club instead of the Great Well, we won't say any more.

At the Hamilton meet last year the "small boy" would call out: A. B. C. What is it? Is it alive? and a few more objectionable remarks to hurt our feelings. It being our first trip as a club we wanted to cut a dash. We would like to have been taken for the Manhattan A. C. or the New York A. C.; instead of that they thought we belonged to Hamilton.

Two of our members started on a "century" last Saturday week, completing it in good form and feeling no bad effects for their long run. They were Messrs. Sherris and Shaw.

Scorcher Higgins was to have gone with them, but as the boys left from the Gerrard street bridge at 6 a.m. he said he had a previous engagement which would keep him from enjoying such a pleasant run.

Mr. L. F. Riggs presented the club with a very handsome photo of some members of the Press C. C. of Buffalo and A. C. C. boys. It is handsomely framed and adorns the board room. A vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Riggs for his generous gift.

We would like to see other members follow his lead, as these pictures are very pleasant to look at and help to entertain visitors to the club.

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## Patents.

During the present year more rapid strides, towards the perfection of the bicycle, have been made than during any corresponding period in the past. Some of the more important improvements have been made by Canadians, and these improvements have been recognized by the leading makers and riders of the world. The most of these improvements have been patented, and the patents obtained through Mr. Charles H. Riches, Patent Attorney, 57 King Street west, Toronto, who is an active member of one of the local clubs and thoroughly conversant with all matters—mechanical and legal—relating to patents. Anyone having inventions which they are desirous of patenting could not do better than entrust their applications to Mr. R.

Mr. Harry English has presented the Toronto Bicycle Club with two more handsome frames containing a number of his photographs. One of the frames contains the Club racing men, while the other contains general specimens of his work, among them being several of the pictures which he exhibited at the Industrial.

On the cash prize question "Ariel" in the *Bicycle World* says: "I know one man who do not hesitate to express his opinion of the cash prize league and of its aims, objects and methods, and his name is W. W. Windle. Mr. Windle has long been one of the brightest ornaments of the American racing path, and it is refreshing to find him array himself on the side of the L. A. W. He declared to me, last week, that he did not believe in cash prizes; that he was opposed to the professionalism which they would entail; and would retire from the path sooner than ride for them. He said that the moment you entered a field of men for a divisible prize, that moment the races would be all arranged before they were run. Was he far wrong?"

The Americans are still going on in the old sweet way about safety rests for use when the rider is mounting or dismounting, or desirous of standing still. They invent them and advertise them and buy them—but as to whether they are used or not, one may be pardoned for feeling a little sceptical. Imagine the effect of suddenly letting down one of these "legs" in the middle of traffic, when the rider wished to pause for a minute! Unless the greatest possible care was exercised, the only possible result would be a sudden deposit of cyclist and cycle down among the horses' hoofs. As to mounting and dismounting, any cyclist, man or woman, who cannot master these exceedingly easy feats, had much better stick to the tricycle, or else not ride at all—preferably the latter—*Irish Cyclist*.