

and for any amount from \$100 to \$500, at any time or place. I would like to hear from some of those so-called Canadian riders.—W. G. Hurst, champion fancy bicycle and unicycle rider of Canada."

A new and improved pedal has been placed on the market by the Pope Manufacturing Co. It has a double-grip rubber which prevents slipping.

The latest railway lines that have announced their intention of carrying wheels free are the Bennington & Rutland and Hoosac Tunnel and Western R.R's.

A number of professionals contemplate visiting England next season. Woodside will sail in April, while Neilson and Prince may depart these shores at later dates.

Wheeling's new editorial staff will include W. McCandlish, F. Percy Low, and E. A. Lloyd, who go to it from the *Bicycling News*. This will make a strong team for *Wheeling*.

Says the *N.Y. Wheel*: The Canadians are not ambitious. It is strange that no attempts are made to reduce the 20-mile record which at present stands to the credit of H. Davies, the time being 1.13.53.

The bicycle business of Messrs. Rudge & Co. has increased to such an extent that it has been deemed advisable to form the firm into a corporation. During the last three years they have actually made and sold upwards of twenty thousand machines.

The N.C.U. and the A.A.A. of England have settled the quarrel which has been waging between them for many months. The former will regulate and control cycle racing, and the latter will attend to athletic sports. This is as it was, before the war.

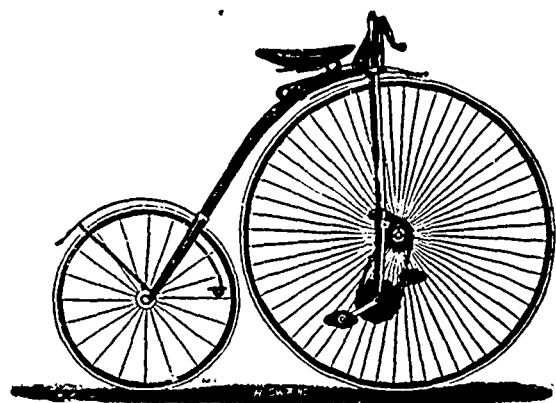
The cycling rivalry between Chicago and St. Louis is not on the wane, as several have intimated. Just the contrary, in fact. St. Louis still boasts of her Whitty, Chicago of her Van, while a few novices who have lately made their appearance quietly talk of usurping the places the aforesaid worthies hold in the hearts of the wheelmen.

If the management for the Big Four next season decides upon the route through Virginia the participants will have cause, by comparison, to think that the roads through Canada last year were a perfect paradise. The roads of old Virginia were never intended to be traversed by cyclists. It is a beautiful country to travel through, but I can say from experience that the only way to tour is on horseback.—*Wheel*.

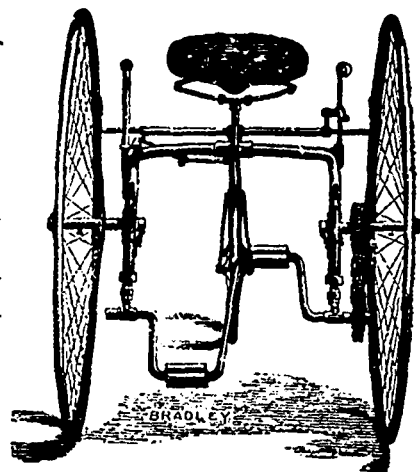
The Springfield Club is said to be arranging to hold, in connection with next year's tournament, a grand one-mile professional race for the championship of the world that will put in the shadiest of shades anything heretofore attempted in that line. A prize, consisting of some thousands of dollars, will be offered as a bait for all professional riders in England, America, Germany, France, and all other far-away countries that can boast of fast men, including Canada.

At the end of 1885 the American (U.S.) Division of the C.T.C. numbered 669 members, and the Canadian Division 56 more, making a total of 725 in America north of Mexico. Strange as it may seem, all other foreign countries, outside of Great Britain, could only muster 875 members, thus showing that the United States and Canada furnish nearly one-half of all the members of the C.T.C. who, living outside of Great Britain, are looked to to warrant the organization in claiming to be an international one. In the United States there are at present 30 C.T.C. hotels, 81 local consuls, and six repair shops.—*L.A.W. Bulletin*.

The promoters of the Big Four tour for 1886 have all sorts of routes under contemplation. The one under most favorable consideration is as follows: Niagara Falls to Rochester, thence through Central New York, *via* Canandaigua and Watkins Glen, to Elmira, thence down through the Lehigh Valley to Philadelphia; from Philadelphia over the Lancaster Pike to Lancaster, Pa., thence to Gettysburg, Pa.; from Gettysburg to Harper's Ferry, and thence down the Shenandoah Valley, *via* Luray and Staunton, to the Natural Bridge, Va.; thence to Richmond and Norfolk, taking steamer to New York. A proposition is on foot to wind up the tour at Springfield, by taking round steamer for New Haven, thence wheeling through Connecticut, stopping at Hartford, to Springfield, in time to take in the tournament.



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