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The possibilities in the direction of improvement in bicycles for next season are great. Competition in this, as in every other line, is growing more keen as each year passes into history. It is safe to say that the spring of next year will see the greatest variety of the silent steed for the would-be purchaser to select from that has ever yet been served up on the bicycle bill-of-fare. While there are numerous novelties on the way having reference to tire construction, there seem to be few changes pending in the style of the reigning monarch, the Safety. For the lover of the Ordinary, there is now on the English market a machine called the "Geared Ordinary," which appears to be something of a cross between the old Ordinary bicycle and the Safety, the makers claiming for it equal speed, with all the other advantages of the dwarf, and the additional comfort incidental to the high wheel of the past. The opportunity of selection in next year's mount will be great, but do not put off your decision too long, for if you do, you will certainly be even more undecided four or five months hence, in consequence of the many new machines that have yet to be heralded, but will surely appear as "the best."

Not Proud.

In the last issue to hand of the *Irish Wheelman*, "The Scorcher" says:—"But if it be true that after death our spirits pass into other bodies, I hope mine won't get into a human being. I have had enough of that game, or will have had when I am through with my present journey. Human life has

too many ups and downs, especially downs. I think, on the whole, that I would rather be a pig than anything else. I thought of being a well-bred dog; but even admitting that he has a good time, a valuable dog has so much care taken of him that his life must often be a burden to him. He is physicked, and rubbed down, and trained, just like a racing cyclist or a boxing man. A pig has absolutely no worries. Of course I don't mean an out-and-out road hog, but a respectable pig. He hasn't to bother about "copy," or to wash or shave; and influenza and other epidemics are unknown to him. He doesn't want bovril, and, no matter how bad the sanitary arrangements are, he doesn't suffer. You might heap mountains of dirt on him and he would glory in it. He is fattened and sent to the show, and stout men gather round, and all but worship him; and when he does die, he does so quickly, and instead of being stuffed into a hole, he is washed and portioned out, and perhaps in the finish is eaten in sandwiches by some beautiful maidens at a dance supper, a fate that thousands of fellows would give their very eyes for. Yes, if my spirit is to inhabit anything after I go, I hope it shall be a pig-skin."

Trade Notes.

Mr. Sam Bulley, of the T. B. C., has gone into the bicycle business, with Mr. McLean late of Brooks and McLean, and the firm's title will be McLean & Bulley.

A new cycle company will be opened in a short time on Lombard St. and will manufacture a wheel to be called the "Wanderer." The manager will be Mr. Henry Cutler.

"CYCLING'S" representative was shown through H. P. Davies' factory the other day and was agreeably surprised at the completeness of things. Mr. Davies is building a wheel of his own for next year and claims it will compare favorably with any on the market.

The Comet Cycle Co. state that they have now got their new tire perfected and have fitted it with an improved valve, the invention of Mr. Lavender, which stands the most severe test without leaking. Their new wheel for 1892 fitted with this tire is certainly a very handsome wheel. It is on exhibition at their factory, 24 Adelaide St., and is well worth seeing.

The cycle agents round the city are already pretty busy booking orders for 1892 mounts, to be delivered in March and April.