

rural highway and resteth his gaze upon the verdure of the distant hills, when lo, the earth riseth up and smiteth him in many places.

He falleth upon his right side and bruisseth his left ear; he rideth over a brick and skinneth the palms and backs of both hands simultaneously.

He contesteth the law of the public highway with the driver of a hansom cab and weareth his leg in a plaster cast for many moons thereafter, while it becometh necessary to melt the bicycle over.

He goeth like a prince to the League meet and returneth to his wigwam with an enlarged head and a dark brown taste in his mouth. He sendeth a message to the Boniface of the League hotel to secure a lovely boudoir on the second floor overlooking the park, but when he arriveth there he ascendeth on a creaking lift to the dominions of the attic and sleepeth on a cot in a large room with many noisy arabs and night-blooming terriers.

He toureth for many miles during the month of August and when he asketh the simple farmer the route to Guryiwump he is directed down a warty road which endeth at a pair of bars and a dry well.

He loaneth his wheel to a verdant countryman whom he thinketh will surely break his neck but who fooleth the wheelman by riding away in the distance.

He coasteth down a steep hill and collideth with a funeral procession, and yea, though the "elixir of life" be applied to his lips, he drinketh not, which meaneth that he is surely dead, and he is carried within the cemetery gates and planted beneath the blue grass and dandelions, with his feet toward the eastern clime of eternal summer where bicycling is one limitless delightful coast and accidents come not; where no municipal ordinances are enforced by Celtic clubbers.

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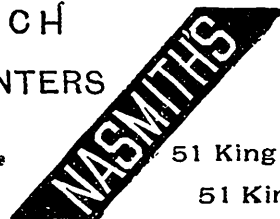
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