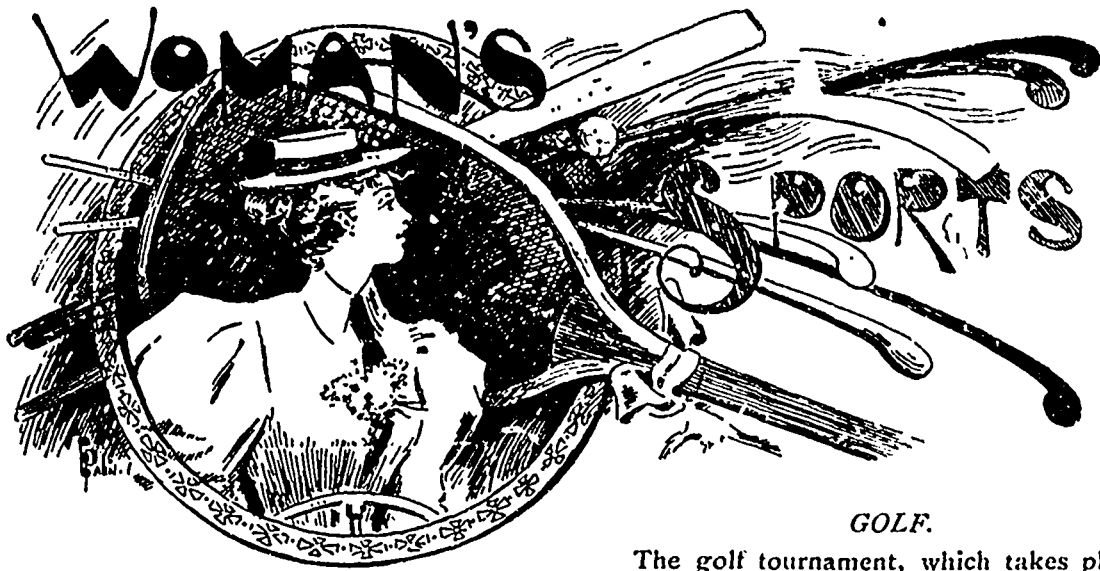




## ON THE WHEEL.

## A FAIR CYCLER.

See her spin down the street,  
Natty from head to feet,  
Saucy, bewitching, sweet,  
Gay as a linnet!  
By all the gods! but I'd  
Mightily like to ride  
By that fair cyclist's side  
Just for a minute!

Ah! what nymphean grace!  
What a pose! what a pace!  
Surely, were she to race,  
She could win medals!  
Gown trim, yet flowing free,  
Hat what a hat should be,  
Boots pressing prettily  
Down on the pedals.

Presto! the vision's gone,  
Passed like the blush of dawn!  
Seem from the scene withdrawn  
Love, light, and laughter.  
Bless me! how glum I feel!  
By Jove! I'll get my wheel,  
Mount in a trice, and steal  
Speedily after!

**A** PAPER chase on bicycles is a novel idea for a wheeling party. The leader makes a good start, dropping the little bits of paper as he goes, doubling, crossing whenever he can, to elude his pursuers, who follow the trail until he is within hail.

Since the success achieved by the bicycle gymkhana at Niagara, this form of entertainment is likely to become popular. People who have travelled over in India inform their friends that the gymkhana was originally a military institution intended to test the skill at arms of the native troops. In time it came to be an athletic meeting, with a few military features thrown in—such as tilting at the ring, tent pegging and the like. But the bicycle gymkhana is different from either of those forms. In its application to bicycles, the gymkhana has degenerated in the comic side of sport, and is little more or less than a series of absurd events in which fun, and not real exertion or tests of strength and skill, is the chief object. The bicycle gymkhana brings such things as bill-posting races, 'egg and spoon,' 'cup of tea' and 'parasol' races, slow races, musical rides and other nonsensical things of the sort. But even if such events are nonsensical, they are not necessarily unentertaining. On the contrary, they are said to be highly enjoyable to both participants and spectators.

The hot August weather has checked the enthusiasm of all except the most ardent wheels-women, but with the incoming of September, it will receive a fresh impetus, and long country rides will be the most popular form of social activity.

## GOLF.

The golf tournament, which takes place at Niagara, opening on Sept. 2nd, and continues until the 5th, is exciting much interest. Mr. Hiram Walker is presenting a handsome silver cup as first prize for ladies' competition. The same gentleman will also give two medals for amateur and professional champions respectively. The design of the medals is a handsome carnelian centre surrounded by heavy gold band, with inscription on the reverse side.

Full particulars of the issue of this match will be given in our next number.

Golf is rapidly developing a peculiar symptom among some of its devotees, which, for the lack of a better name, may be called 'the golf eye.' It is a peculiar and perhaps unclassified form of disease, if indeed it can be called a disease, and may exist at any period of a golf player's career. In brief, it is the faculty of seeing an object without having the eye communicate the fact to the brain.

Take any golf course in the country and let a person walk around it, keeping within the playing bounds of the links. Without making any perceptible efforts at searching, the chances are that the pedestrian will be able to pick up several golf balls. Those balls have been lost during play, and have occasioned the loss of no end of time and temper to the players and caddies who have searched industriously for them. The chances are that each golfer who lost a ball saw the exact spot where it dropped and that his forerunning caddy was within a distance of 50 feet of it when it struck the ground. Yet, notwithstanding these facts, a perfect stranger to the location of the ball may walk around two days after it was lost and without a search see the ball revealed to his eyes at the very place the golfer and his caddies had tramped up and down in rain for 15 minutes.

Golf or 'goff,' as a Scotch friend of mine declares it should be correctly pronounced, shows a girl's disposition as no other game can do. The temptations to exasperation are many. A mishit, or to have your ball obstructed by sandhill or bunker, incites to anger that is hearty if not healthy. A girl wants to count that restraining 'ten' many times during the progress of the game; or let the quiet stamp of her foot become her safety valve.

## OTHER SPORTS.

On Tuesday, 25th ult., the tennis tournament at Niagara-on-the-Lake opened. It continued until the 29th and closed with a hop at the Queen's Royal hotel.

The Country and Hunt Club has arranged with the O. J. C. Executive to give a fall race meeting on the Woodbine course on Saturday, September 26th; Wednesday, September 30th, and Saturday, October 3rd. A good programme

will be drawn up at once, and some excellent sport may be looked for under the active energies of the Hunt Club committee.

More entries were received this year for the Island amateur sports entertainment, especially in the double (ladies' and gentleman's) canoe races, than in any former season. This is probably due to the fact that the water in the lagoon is higher, and the course much improved. The stands were as usual prettily decorated; and the large new stand was especially serviceable.

The gymnasium classes in connection with the Y. W. C. Guild will reorganise early in September under a new teacher, Miss Browne. A medical examination of the incoming pupils will be conducted by Dr. J. Palmer, before permitting them to practise, in order to guard against injurious effects. These classes are open to all young women at the reasonable fee of \$1 for the season.

Professor Goldwin Smith should include this young lady among his "new women who demand suffrage":

Jessie Findley is the champion girl cowboy of the west. She is only 17 years old, but as a horse-breaker she has no rivals among her own sex, and but few among the sterner sex. She is a product of Oklahoma. She has lived an outdoor life always, and the broncho does not buck that she fears to tackle.

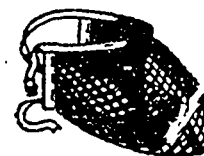
On one occasion she rode 250 miles in five days, and wore out the men who accompanied her. At another time she rode her pony into the north Canadian river when it was bank full, and swam across. No one of her male companions dared to follow her lead. She has great success in taming bucking ponies which male owners can do nothing with. She seems to have a hypnotic influence over them they cannot resist.

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