

A
Confidential Talk with the Boys

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FRIENDS AND FELLOW-CITIZENS,—

Lend us your ears. As we pen these syllables, mantles of snow adorn mother earth, and mantles of seal and coon adorn Toronto Venuses. Bicycling is almost at a stand-still. The last man was out yesterday, and collided with a Scarborough farmer's waggon. He walked home and hung his 52-incher up by the heels during the winter of his discontent. But the cold winds will, almost ere we retire it, be changed into glorious summer. What then? Why, "merely this and nothing more," we are preparing for your cycling wants by laying in an immense stock of bikes and trikes of all kinds, beginning with the grand old Rudge, which wings its rider over the country faster than any mythical Pegasus ever carried its load. We sold one last summer to an experienced wheelman in Kingston, and he not only says he never knew what wheeling was until he straddled his tangent-spotted beauty, but he has reserved a paragraph for us in his last will and testament. In fact, during the last season we can boast that we spread a vast amount of happiness over this Canada of ours by selling a heap of Rudge Light Roadsters and American Ridges. Then, next spring, we will have in stock the new Rudge Safety, which we can recommend, without bursting the elastic strings of our already tender conscience, as the cutest, fastest, lightest, and best wheel of the kind in the market. As to tri-cycles, the new Rudge Tandem (which we keep on hand) is a \$175 thing of beauty and a joy forever. The old-fashioned Kerridge must go. An advancing civilization cries aloud for Tandem Tri-cycles, and if civilization will call on us, we will wipe its tears away.

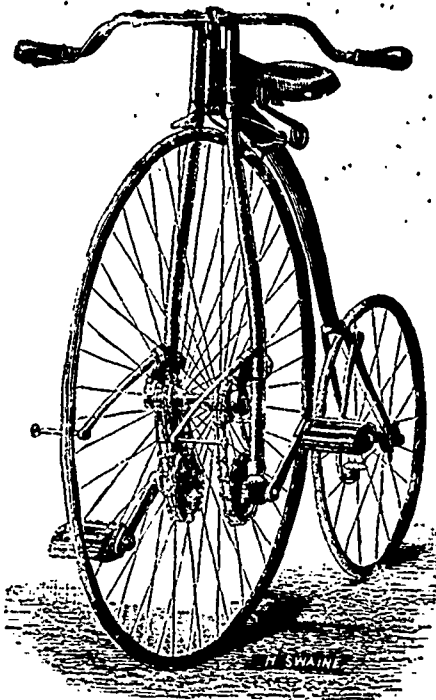
We will now pass to another branch of the subject, or branches, to speak properly. We will not reveal this month *all* the treats we have in store for you next spring. Too good news cannot always be safely heard. But when we tell you that we will be prepared to rent bicycles, racers and tri-cycles by the second, minute, hour, day, week, month or year; that we will have a complete news stand, where single copies of all the cycling periodicals can be purchased (not *sponged*); that we will repair every thing but a broken head or an obliterated nose; that we will grant you accident insurance policies to cover bicycling; that we will sell your wheels for you on consignment, and that we'll furnish you with suits, caps, belts, shoes, stockings, sticking plaster, badges, gold and silver medals, &c., &c., we have not told you the half. In the meantime, send us a stamp for our new Illustrated Catalogue descriptive of ten different makes of machines, besides innumerable extras and new cycling novelties. When in Toronto, come in and talk with us, but for goodness' sake don't all come at once! We have provided a counter for your special edification, high enough to allow your feet to hang over without touching the marble floor.

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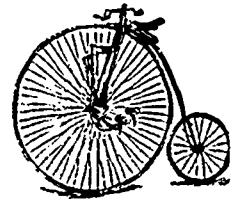
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