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A Glimpse at Our Exchanges.

The Cyclists Touring Club now boasts a membership of 20,431.

Several of the British Volunteer Regiments are forming cyclist sections.

About 500 patents on tyres have been taken out in the British patent office..

The Doctors Wheel Club of Buffalo is in need of a tonic as the organization is nearly defunct.

Elwell, the projector of the last European tour, is about taking a party to Jamaica for a winter tour.

The bicycle clubs in New York and vicinity are at present enjoying themselves by holding billiard, pool and bowling tournaments.

The Bicycle Insurance Co. of Washington, D.C., is the latest aspirant for public favor, their object being to insure bicycles against theft.

Our English cousins are, this winter, making the most of the cold weather, and all the bicycling papers are full of club skating-party news.

From the favorable comments of our American exchanges, it is very likely that the L. A. W. meet next summer will be at Detroit. "Griff" is a hustler.

"Old Sitting-Bull is now a corpse,

That poor, old son-of-a-gun:

But we'll see you in Detroit, Mich.,

In eighteen ninety-one."

From a late issue of the *Wheel*, we learn that there are 2,000 bicycle clubs in the United States, of whom 600 have club-rooms or club-houses ranging in value from \$100 to \$40,000.

An Englishman has patented a useful article in the shape of a tool and 'uncheon bag, which can be opened whilst riding. Would it not be very convenient for riders in long distance road races?

Clarence Smith, of Detroit-to-Niagara Falls tour fame, is organizing a European tour for 1891, and has already received a number of applications for places. President "Griff," of the Detroit Wheelmen, being one of the number.

The recently finished Cyclists' Club House at 8 Queen Anne's Gate, London, Eng., valued at \$50,000, was completely gutted by fire on Christmas morning. Fortunately the loss is entirely covered by insurance.

"Gothamite" in the *American Cyclist* says that President Gulick of the Citizen's Bicycle Club, of N.Y., denies that that club is about joining the New York Athletic Club, and hopes "that the statement may turn out correct, as this is no time for wheel clubs to merge themselves into the athletic bodies."

We hear that Messrs. H. P. Davies & Co. have secured the Canadian right for the manufacture of the celebrated Garford saddle, which they intend putting on all their wheels this year. American saddles are recognized as away ahead of all others, and the Garford is one of the best made in the U.S.

The Detroit wheelmen have elected these officers: President, A. H. Griffith; Vice-President, B. J. Holcomb; Second Vice-President, R. T. Deacon; Secretary, George S. Mackay; Assistant Secretary, Louis W. Schimmel; Financial Secretary, Fred Ekkliff; Treasurer, Charles Lawson; Captain, William E. Metzger.

We learn from the *Wheel* that the Comet Cycle Co. have met with such success in their Buffalo branch that they will, this season, manufacture the wheels in that city as well as here. Our old friend, H. C. Pease, has proved a very successful agent, and we have no doubt but that he will be just as successful as manager of the Buffalo factory.

The Stanley show, the great event of the year to the English cycling trade, is now in progress, and no doubt the next few issues of our British exchanges will be full of matter interesting to those who intend purchasing new mounts during the coming season. One feature of the show of interest to all riders will be Mr. Shipton's paper, and the subsequent discussion on "The Great Tyre Question."

That the Safety seems to be destined for use as well as pleasure is being demonstrated more every day. For some time past it has been used in England in various ways as an assistant in delivering small parcels, etc.