

Decisions affecting the ubiquitous bicycle and its riders will soon take a volume to themselves. Our friends of the wheel will take some comfort from the recent dictum of a Maryland judge, to the effect that where a street is impassable it is not a breach of a town ordinance prohibiting the riding of wheels on sidewalks, to leave the roadway and use the sidewalk. In the case before him the rider turned on to the sidewalk to avoid a bad place in the roadway, which the evidence showed was impassable for a bicycle. He was promptly collared by a policeman, but it was held that his excuse was sufficient. The question as to whether bicycles are to be classed as necessities for an infant has also recently been discussed. The Appellate Division of the New York Supreme Court recently held that a bicycle is not an article of necessity for a girl seventeen years old, who lives in the house of her employer. It appears that she had agreed to pay \$45 for a wheel, but returned it after paying only part of that sum. It was held that she was entitled, on the ground of infancy, to recover all that she had paid. In England an infant of nineteen, an apprentice, purchased a racing bicycle from the plaintiff company, and having ridden it for some time, and won races therewith, declined to pay the purchase money. The Judge of the County Court at Leicester held that the bicycle was "necessary." This judgment was sustained by the Queen's Bench Division. It would rather seem that here, as in many other instances, hard cases make bad law. We fail to see where the necessity comes in, though many find it a luxury, and a very convenient mode of progression.

A new series of Canadian reports devoted exclusively to criminal and quasi criminal cases has just been announced to be published by the Canada Law Journal Company. It is thought that it will be sure to meet with the encouragement and patronage which a work of such importance demands. The need of a series of "Canadian Criminal Cases," the title very aptly chosen for the work, has been manifest for a long time, but more particularly since the passing of our Criminal