

### The Belles of Wheeldom.

Being Mr. Patrick O'Hara's horrified reflection after reading the following in *Irish Society* :—

"Why should we not have a Ladies' Cycle Race in Dublin? The proceeds, if held on the Ball's Bridge Grounds, might be devoted to the fund for the Masonic Bazaar. It might be started under the auspices of the Ohne Hast Club."

Och, the faymale haroes of ancient Pharaohs  
Or murtherin' Naro's nefarious reign,  
Would stand confounded in wondher drowned  
An' quite astounded wid surprise an' pain;  
That gay young jaynus, the purty Vaynus,  
Whose gallivantin' sint men's hearts awhirl,  
Would feel vexation, and desolation,  
In contemplation of the modern girl!

Wid larn'd divinity in the vicinity  
Of good ould Thrinity she won't agree.  
But Annie Besant she considhers pleasant  
In spaches incessant on Theosophy—  
Sure Nebacudnazzur or Julius Sayzur  
Could never plaze her, but aich give offence,  
And as great men's aigual her claims she'll make well—  
So the present sayqual is the consequence.

Faix, it's cycle racin' she's now embracin',  
Beguilin' the Mason (for she knows the knack),  
An' deaf to sneerin' her pneumatic steerin'  
Madly careerin' on the Ball's Bridge thrack!  
Och, Mister Mecraydy, let no young lady  
Of your Oney Hasters for to be so bould—  
If the darlin' crathurs pose as gladiathors  
Sure the spectathors will a sight behowld!

—*Irish Cyclist.*

### Bicycle Lanterns.

Lights upon bicycles are intended more as a prevention of accidents than anything else. It is useless to expect from the very nature of the vehicle itself, and from the smallness of the lamp, any other than just a sufficient amount of light to prevent the wheelman from running into or being himself run over by other vehicles. Such being the primary and real cause for the existence of a cycling lamp, the first thing to be considered is the securing of a steady and permanent light, rather than an exceedingly brilliant one. Oil does not accomplish this in as satisfactory a manner as some modification of the modern carriage lamp would where the candle is depended upon for the illuminating agent. At first sight this may not seem to our readers to be an improvement, and yet we believe that the idea is worthy of some attention. With a candle a sufficiently powerful

light can be obtained for the purpose it is used, it will not be so likely to be put out by vibration; there will be no leakage, consequently it is cleaner. When touring good candles can always be had where good oil cannot, so if the candle had no other advantages than these it would be worth a trial by those wheelmen who do not favor the present form of oil lantern. Let some progressive manufacturer supply the trade with a neat, inexpensive and properly constructed lantern intended for the employment of a candle instead of oil as an illuminating agent and he will not regret the experiment.—*Bicycling World.*

### HIDDEN FOES.

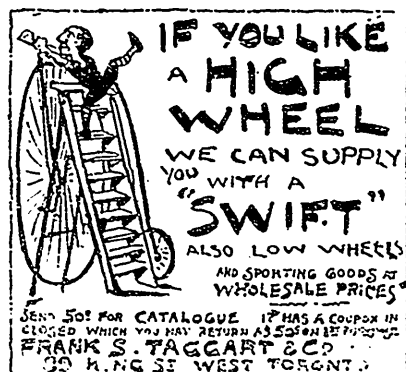
Among the many foes to human health and happiness, dyspepsia and constipation are twin enemies greatly to be feared. With B. B. B. to drive them out of the system, however no danger need be anticipated, as every dose brings the sufferer a long step further on the road to perfect health and strength, and a permanent cure always results.

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