

# Cycling

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TO THE INTERESTS OF CYCLISTS  
IN GENERAL

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## Race Meets.

We presume it is almost unnecessary to again call attention to the races of the Canadian circuit. Those at Seaforth and Hamilton have been successful in every way, and the interest excited will have a tendency to aid the other events at Toronto, on the 13th and 15th, Sarnia on the 17th, Newmarket on the 24th, Montreal on the 27th and Kingston on the 29th. Certainly we are enjoying the most successful racing season yet held in Canada.

## A Cure for Loafing.

*Cycling* (Eng.), in discussing the subject of loafing in the recent English Championship races, makes the following suggestion: "The remedy we propose, and which has long been a pet idea of ours, is that pacemakers should be permitted in scratch races. If we thought loafing could be killed without the adoption of this expedient we would willingly urge some other course, but we fear it is too late in the day to suggest any combination of the racers themselves to stamp out this evil. Last Saturday's long-distance event at Herne Hill has, however, cleared the way somewhat for the reform we are advocating. Pacers were permitted in the Cuca Cup race, and if the scheme was practical then, it is equally so in shorter contests. So long as the pacer wears some distinctive colors, and drops out before the final struggle begins, there should be no difficulty at all, and the alacrity with which men will always volunteer to assist by pacing a fellow rider, and which was well exemplified last week-end at Herne Hill, when men remained on the track all day, in order to lend a helping hand in this

manner, proves conclusively that no difficulty would ever be experienced in securing a pacer. We should very much like to see the experiment tried in the near future, and commend the idea to the racing world. Pacing in path contests will kill loafing. Try it!"

## Hill Climbing.

"As lazily as you can" is the best motto for the cyclist who is intent on scaling a long hill of fairly steep gradient. The slow even stroke, kept up almost all the way round, without straining, spurting, or kicking, will carry him easily up, where a more powerful but less regular stroke would fail. When a bad bit is reached, the "lazy" style (especially with long cranks) will not do; but even then, it is impossible to make a concentrated effort if the rider relies on a succession of violent plunges. Sheer brute strength may shove a cycle up a steep bit of hill in this way; but an even continuous effort, which does not allow the machine to lose way between each stroke, is far more likely to do what is wanted. This may sound like a truism; but eight out of ten average cyclists (as may be seen on much-frequented hills any Saturday) rely entirely on the plunging method in hill-climbing.—*Exchange.*

## Advice About that Chain of Yours.

A correspondent writes: "I have noticed that you frequently advise your readers to lubricate their chains with a mixture of black-lead and oil, and I should like to say that the very best possible thing to do with a chain, in my opinion, and from my experience, is to black-lead it with ordinary black-lead mixed with water, and when dry, thoroughly polish it with a soft brush. The housemaid's ordinary stove cleaning apparatus is all you need in the way of materials, and it is by no means necessary to constantly repeat the operation. I have just returned from a four days' tour, and my chain runs as freely as when I started, no dust whatever having accumulated."—*Cycling.*

Each year marks this age of progress with some new improvement, and the pretty announcement of the T. B. C. meet, for 1892, far surpasses any of their previous efforts in that line, and is fully equal to anything of the kind we have yet seen.