

Cyclists' Waterproof Suits.

The Gutta Percha & Rubber Co., of Toronto, have recently put a really ingenious waterproof suit, for the use of cyclists, on the market, which can be put up in very small space, and easily carried during touring. The suit comprises of cap, cape and leggings, and when worn will encase the wearer so thoroughly that it is impossible for the rain to penetrate at any point of the body. The leggings reach considerably over the knees, and the cape, being made long and roomy, will droop over the handle bars, thus also protecting the nickled parts of the wheel. The cap is drawn over the head, completely covering the back of the head and neck, and in the front leaving an open space for the eyes. Every cyclist should carry one of these suits on his wheel, and then the rain would not give him much concern. They are sold at a very reasonable price.

Chicago will have a track next year in the centre of the city, probably on the baseball grounds.

Zimmerman has personally confirmed the report that he will go in for broad jumping at indoor games this winter.

The Leyland Rubber Co., of Leyland, Eng., have patented a nonvibrating pedal, which will be on view at the Stanley show.

The proposed Zimmerman-Sanger race, which was discussed so freely in the daily press, turns out to have been without foundation in fact, the Chicago Associated Press reporter probably being short of copy.

The National League of Good Roads was formed in Chicago on Thursday, Oct. 20, with headquarters at Chicago next year and Washington thereafter. An executive committee will control its affairs.

The number of wheelmen in the New York parade seems to be a variable quantity, so far as the cycling press is concerned. At first the number was given as 5,000, then a week later as 3,000, and last week 1,500. We may say, however, the last figures are from a Chicago contemporary.

At the meeting of the L.A.W. racing board in Chicago, Windle's records were passed as follows: One mile, standing start, 2.05 3-5; half mile, flying start, .57 4 5; one mile against time, 2.02 3-5; two miles against time, 4.28 3-5; three miles against time, 7.04 3 5; four miles against time, 9.26 3-5; five miles against time, 11.41. Johnson's records were referred back for correction, the names of officials having been printed in typewriter instead of signed. J. P. Bliss and Roy Keator were suspended.

In a recent issue of the *Atlantic Monthly* Prof. Shaler, of Harvard, declares that "in its social importance the bicycle deserves to rank next to the railway and the telegraph among the inventions of our waning century. Every cyclist becomes a critic of the highway he traverses;" and since the bicycles in use are now, as Prof. Shaler says, "probably to be reckoned by the million," he ascribes the recent remarkable growth of interest in the movement of highways to their introduction.

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