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## SHAKESPEARE AND THE BICYCLE.

A Demonstration That the Dramatist is not of an age, but of all times.

Shakespeare, it would seem, must have known something about the bicycle, for throughout his plays he makes frequent reference to the wheel. It must be that Hamlet's father had visited a bicycle academy where beginners on the wheel were plenty, for his ghost said:

What a falling off there was. This description is paralleled by another in the same play, in which reference is made to an accident, the new woman of the early sixteenth century being evidently the greatest sufferer. The first player says: "Break all the spokes and felloes from her wheel."

Then the Fool in "King Lear" gives advice to coasters, of the merits of which modern riders may judge for themselves. He says:

"Let go thy hold when a great wheel runs down hill lest it break thy neck with following it."

There was evidently bicycle thieves in those days, and owners had to guard carefully their precious wheels. In the "Tempest" Alonso says to the King:

We, too, my lord, Will guard your person while you take your rest, And watch your "safety."

In the same play Ariel undoubtedly heard the King and his attendants coming on their wheels when he sang:

Hark! now I hear them: ding-dong bell. There is no doubt that Achilles, in "Troilus and Cressida," travelled on a wheel, for he says to his myrmidons:

Attend me while I wheel. It appears from a remark made by the King in "All's Well That Ends Well" that the law required lamps to be carried at night, and that a violation of it was followed by death. He says:

Let me live after my flame lacks oil. Chains were not noiseless and bells were used in the days of the "Comedy of Errors," as is shown by a conversation between the Dromio of Syracuse and Adriana, which runs thus:

"A chain, a chain; do you not hear it?" "What? the chain?" "No, no, the bell."

The availability of wheels in dangerous service is illustrated in "Coriolanus," when the winged messenger says to Cominius—

Hold me in chase, that I had forced to wheel Three or four times, else had I died, Half an hour since brought my report.

The tire of which Shakespeare wrote was evidently filled with his hair instead of air, and even its color was of importance. In "Much Ado About Nothing" Margaret says: "I like the new tire within exceedingly, if the hair were a thought browner."

Puck's prophetic remark about placing a girdle round the world in forty minutes is fully equalled by that of Laurence in the "Two Gentlemen of Verona." He says: "Then may I set the world on wheels." Surely this prophecy has been fulfilled.

## THE LADRONE ISLANDS.

The Resources are Considerable, but the Natives are a Lazy Lot.

The Ladrones group comprises about twenty islands, only five or six of which are inhabited the rest being mere dots on the ocean, the tips of volcanoes which have sunk beneath the sea as the crust of the earth at this point subsided. The principal islands of the group are Guahan, Rota, Aguijan, Saypan and Tinian; but the largest, Guahan, which has an area of only 200 square miles, forms nearly one-half the land area of the entire group.

Lying as they do, almost under the equator, they have every variety of tropical product, and under proper conditions their population might become wealthy from agriculture alone, for no finer cotton, coffee sugar or tobacco can be grown in the world than are raised in the Ladrones Islands, but the curse of Spanish rule has

blighted every industry. The people labor no more than are obliged to, and in the tropics no one is really obliged to work, for an abundant supply of food grows without cultivation, and clothing and shelter are almost unnecessary.

The present islanders are mostly descendants of settlers from Mexico or from the Philippine Islands. The people do not differ materially from the natives of the Philippines, and although the islands have done little or nothing for their improvement. The most considerable town on any of the group is Saypan, on the island of the same name, the houses of which are elevated on piles from two to four feet above the ground. There are few Spanish settlers on the islands, and the hold of Spain upon the group has been for the most part nominal.

It is a singular fact, discovered by Anson, that there are evidences on several of the islands of a former civilization. Cyclopean ruins exist, the architecture and dimensions of the stones closely resembling the great ruins found in the islands of the Greek archipelago. These lonely isles must therefore, at one time, have been a seat of civilization. Perhaps it was before they became islands, for the Ladrones Islands are the remains of a mountain chain, which traverses the Pacific from north to south, having branches to the east in other scattered groups which here and there dot the surface of the sea.

To the United States the value of the islands is at present principally military, as furnishing harbors and coaling stations, but under an enlightened government there seems to be no reason to doubt that with proper cultivation the cotton of the islands would equal that produced along the coast of South Carolina. The sugar would rival that of Cuba and Porto Rico, and it is said that the tobacco of the Ladrones has a flavor equal to that of Vuelta Abajo Valley. Any development within the limits of climate and soil is possible under a civilized government, and the Ladrones may have before them a future as great as that which lies before Porto Rico.

## Ready For Any Old Job.

A distinguished musician was waited upon one day in his study by a rather seedy-looking stranger, who said to him, with what seemed to be a genuine emotion:

"May a humble brother musician claim your sympathy for one moment? I don't ask you to give me anything, but will you lend me a dollar or two? You can command \$10 a lesson, or as much more as you choose to ask, while I think myself fortunate if I can get a pupil now and then at a half-dollar sitting."

"My friend," said the other, touched by this appeal, "Perhaps I can help you better than by lending you money. What is your branch of music?"

"I give lessons on the violin."

"Well, we will see what you can do. Here is a violin. I will sit down to the piano and we will play a duet."

He whipped a fine violin from his case, handed it to the stranger, seated himself at the piano and placed a sheet of music before him. The caller rasped the bow across the strings, leaped forward, looked at the composition and shook his head.

"Sharps?" he said. "Sharps? I never play in sharps."

The distinguished musician took the violin from him, replaced it in its case and coldly remarked:

"My friend, what you need is a job as night watchman in a soap factory."

"Will you get it for me?" eagerly asked the caller.

## Canada Helps the U.S. Out.

The New York Sun says that Canada is benefiting by the Spanish-American war, so far as the mineral wealth of the country is concerned. Every year Canada exports from the eastern townships to the United States between 35,000 and 40,000 tons of copper pyrites. As the ore is sent over in its crude state, it contains a certain amount

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of sulphur, and this mineral, when extracted, is employed in the manufacture of gun powder. Spain has latterly supplied the United States with sulphur, but since hostilities began the Spaniards keep their sulphur to themselves. Thus Canada's mineral trade is rapidly increasing through the United States seeking Canadian sulphur for the manufacture of gunpowder.

## RUM AND COCONUT MILK.

A Combination Which Events at Santiago May Render Popular Soon.

From the fact that it has not been mentioned in despatches from the front, I should judge that our troops on the south coast of Cuba have not yet been introduced to Santiago rum, said a man who has frequently visited Cuba. "It is the cheapest and best drink that I know of in the tropics, and I shall be very much surprised if it does not become popular in New York after the war. Santiago rum costs about a third as much as cheap whiskey and is exceedingly smooth. The best drink that I know of for a warm climate is Santiago rum and fresh coconut milk. I never have been able to get fresh coconut milk here, and I suppose that New Yorkers who do not go to a cocoanut country can never know the delights of this mixture. The milk when fresh is almost as colorless as water, and when a little rum is added to it the combination beats a gin rickey, even though it may not be cooled by ice. You will find that all the small passenger steamers which sail down through the West Indies are well supplied with Santiago rum, but the demand for it is almost exclusively from men who have become familiar with its merits by living in a tropical climate. Whiskey and brandy, although the latter is a very popular drink all through the tropics, are exceedingly dangerous, and one is very much better off without them. At one South American port where I used to call regularly the favorite drink was vermouth straight. A large proportion of the population was French, and every afternoon the men and women would drive out to the roadside cafes and sip vermouth. It was served in a tall thin glass which was half filled with ice. The ice made it expensive."

## The Ancient City of Barcelona, Spain.

The ancient city of Barcelona, Spain, is very admirably situated on the shores of the Mediterranean, from which it is separated by its harbor of some 300 acres, which is larger than the three harbors of Marseilles put together. Round this old town, which dates from the time of the Romans, and which is rich in antiquities of every description, including a very early Gothic cathedral, the undulating plain is covered to right and left with wide-spreading modern suburbs. Though the old town can

still lay claim to half the entire population, the suburbs exceed it in fold in area. These extramuros, with their very numerous factories, often of considerable size, are also well furnished with modern public buildings and country houses, as well as with artisans' dwellings. At the back, some five miles from the sea, the town is enclosed by a range of high hills, which do much to shelter it from the cold winds of winter and to provide it with a healthy, equable climate.

Despite its advantages of situation and its commercial importance, Barcelona has always been famous as a turbulent town. Revolutions, combined with barricades and fighting in the streets, it has seen many. It is indeed, still looked upon as a hotbed of sedition.—New York Commercial Advertiser.

## Lincoln's Pioneer.

Abraham Lincoln's Western pioneer always on the lookout for danger and ready to magnify it beyond its true proportions, is only one of a large class people who use up, in one way and another, a good deal of vitality which might be profitably applied. Mr. Lincoln's old backwoodsman had very heavy, overhanging eyebrows, and wore big spectacles with brass rims. One day he came rushing into his cabin, and seizing his rifle, aimed it carefully through a crack of the door at a great oak tree that stood near, and fired.

"What is it?" he asked.

"A wildcat, Sairy, the ornierest wildcat you ever see, an' I missed him!"

He hastily loaded and fired again, and again.

"Now hold on, Joshua," said his good wife.

"Let me look at you. Why, lawd-a-daisy, it's nothin' but a little bug on one o' your eyebrows!"

## Strategie.

"Does your wife ever ask you to do shopping for her?"

"Not since last week. Then she asked me to match a piece of ribbon at Hargain and Co's, and I inquired if she had bought it of that pretty little curly-headed girl near the front entrance, and she said I needn't bother, she'd go herself."

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If these directions are strictly followed and Fleischmann's or fresh home-made Yeast is used, nature to produce a bright, sparkling, foaming and refreshing drink is an impossibility.

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## ROMBUTO.

JULY 20.—Rev. John Gee of Springfield, N.S., occupied the pulpit of the Methodist church on Sunday evening last. Mr. Gee with his two daughters are visiting in town, guests at the Parsonage. Rev. Wm. Lawson has gone to Springfield in exchange of pulpits with Rev. Mr. Gee.

Mrs. James Forster of Dorchester is in town guest of Mrs. J. Cochrane.

Mr. Harry Brine of Canoe, N.S., is here renewing old acquaintances. Harry, who is in connection with the Cable company, is a son of Dr. J. F. Brine a former resident of this town.

Mr. Geo. V. McIsney, M.P., went to Moncton on Tuesday.

Mrs. H. Lawrence and Miss Dawton of Winchester, Mass., are in town guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Davis.

Mrs. John Sutton of Moncton is visiting friends in town.

Messrs. E. A. Chapman of Moncton, J. S. McLaren of St. John were in town on Tuesday. Mr. David Dearborn of Boston is in town, guest of Miss Martha Fowell.

Mrs. W. E. Forbes gave a delightful sailing party to Harbor last Wednesday afternoon.

Miss Mary Connaughton of Charlottetown is in town for some days having come to visit her mother who is seriously ill.

Mr. W. D. Carter spent last week on the north shore.

Mr. and Mrs. James McKinley and family left on Monday for Deaktown where they will reside. Mr. John Nichols is lecturing here in the interest of the temperance cause and is the guest of Rev. A. H. Week.

## WINDSOR.

JULY 20.—Dr. Bret Black of Truro spent Sunday here.

Miss Dexter spent several days with Mrs. Henry Blanchard at her summer residence in Ellen House. Mr. and Mrs. Paula left on Monday for a tour through Cape Breton after which they will spend a few weeks in Sydney. They were accompanied by Miss Paula and Master Bradshaw.

Miss Harding of Los Angeles Cal. who has been visiting her aunt Mrs. Young of Falmouth left on Wednesday for Digby where she will spend part of the summer.

Miss Madeline Beech is the guest of Miss Snook, Truro.

Mrs. Baird of Toronto arrived on Wednesday and is entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Russell.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Scott are being congratulated on the arrival of a young visitor a son.

Miss Alice Lawson went to Bedford on Monday to visit her aunt who is at the Florence hotel.

Miss Jean Smith returned from Parrboro Tuesday.

Mr. Norman Dimock is on a business trip to New York.

In the absence of Archdeacon Jones the service on Sunday was taken by Mr. Cox, a young graduate of Kings who has an excellent voice and gives promise of being one of the foremost among the clergy of his church.

Mr. Hancomebody head master of the collegiate school is enjoying a well earned holiday but I fancy is combining business with pleasure and looking after the interests of his school as well.

Miss Nora Blanchard went to Truro on Saturday and spent Sunday with her parents there.

## DORCHESTER.

[PROGRESS is for sale in Dorchester by G. M. Fairweather.]

JUNE.—Mrs. R. P. Foster gave a dance on Monday evening to a number of her friends, as it is the first dance we have had in Dorchester for some time it was very much enjoyed. Mrs. Foster is a most do lightful hostess. Among the guests were, Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Teed, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tait, Mrs. McGrath, Mrs. Deane, Miss Forester, Miss Welsh Miss Clara Welch, Miss Robt. Miss Hamington, Miss Florence Palmer, Miss Chandler, Miss Weiden, Miss Miss Ethel Emerson, Judge Hamington, Dr. Teed, Messrs. Wilcox, G. R. Fayant, A. L. McLeod, C. L. Hamington, H. S. Murray, Gideon Palmer, J. Forester, W. Forester, M. Forester, Messrs. Morhew, B. B. Teed, G. B. Chandler Backville. The grounds were very prettily decorated with Chinese lanterns. It was voted a very pleasant dance by all those who attended.

Mrs. C. N. Chandler and Miss Miriam Chandler of Moncton are visiting the Misses Backhouse at "The Cottage."

Mrs. Lewis of Niagara is visiting her daughter Mrs. C. S. Hickman.

Miss Hamington of Moncton is visiting her mother Mrs. D. L. Hamington.

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