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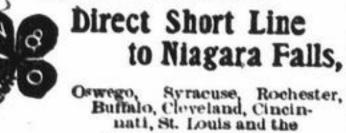
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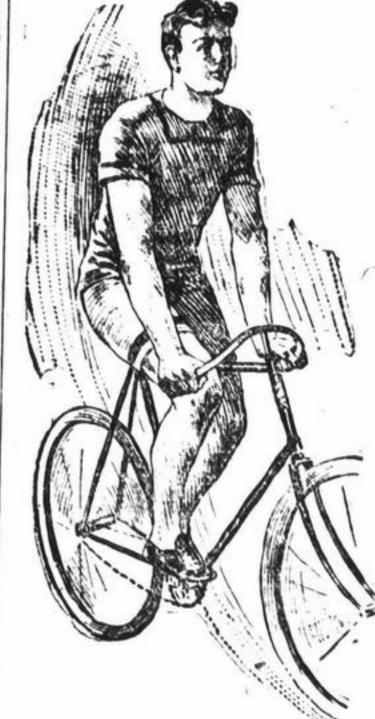
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The coming season promises to be memorable for racing. The middle distance game will be the most prominent, but short distance racing will not be neglected by any means. At present the field of middle distance stars booked for American tracks comprises Jimmy Michael, Tom Linton, Edouard Taylore-each the chainpion of his country-as well as Arthur Gardiner, Eddie McDuffee, Nat Butler and many other American celebrities. In the ranks of the sprinters Bald, Cooper, Ste-



PROPER POSITION IN CYCLING. vens, Kiser et al. will have to contend with such men as Lehr and Kaser, champions of Germany and Switzerland, and if negotiations now in progress are consummated they will have even more formidable competitors-Bourrillon of Paris, the world's champion, and Platt Betts, the star among English short distance and record riders.

The invaders also number among them Jack Chinn, the famous English sprinter; the Jallu brothers of France, Singrossi, the Italian champion, and last and smallest, but not least, little Billy Michael, the younger brother of the American champion, who is shorter and lighter than his more famous relative, but is said to be the the new National Cycledromo track in New York, the new Boston track and in Philadelphia.

The Messenger Boys' Shine.

The messenger boy was shining his shoes in a new way. He was leaning up against the side of a building, with one of his legs drawn up so as to bring a shoe within range of his arms. His outfit consisted wholly of a box of the blacking sold exclusively by street venders. From this box with the aid of a finger he scooped a heaping tenspoonful of gummy contents with which he carefully buttered the toe of one shoe. Then he began to polish this layer of blacking with the palm of his

"Well," I said, "what are you doing?" "Blackin me shoes." "Why are you doing that?"

"Sose they won't make me go ter th' bootblack at headquarters an get me shoes shined an dock me wages 20 cents fur it." "How much do they fine you for dirty

"Nawthin, and I can wash 'em somers." He didn't, however, but, giving them a hasty dry wash on a piece of paper which floated by, he put them in his pockets and strolled away.-New York Commercial

Wire Mats by the Foot or Yard.

Among the curious things to be seen in the hardware stores nowadays are woven wire doormats for sale by the foot or yard. It is only a few years since the mannfacture of the woven wire mat was begun, but these mats have proved to effective as dirt catchers and so light and easily cleaned that their use has spread very rapidly. During the earlier years of their manufacture each mat was woven and finished separately. Now some of the manufacturers are weaving them lengths of 50 feet, and in such a way that they will not ravel when they are cut. The mats are woven in different widths and done up in rolls like carpet.-New York Sun.

Makes His Mark. "Can't you write your own name?" asked the lawyer in surprise. "Pardon me," replied the Boston citizen whose education had been somewhat neg lected. "I sign my name according to the Australian system."-New York Tribune.

Effect of Piscatorial Dreams. Bill-I'm the greatest hand for dream-

ing fish stories. Jill-That's probably what makes you | Point in 1899. lie awake so much.—Yonkers Statesman.

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NOBLE SISTER MARY.

She Cared For Injured Maine Sailors In the Havana Hospital.

While the injured sailors of the Maine's crew were recovering in Havana they were most tenderly cared for by Sister Mary Wilberforce, a trained nurse attached to St. Ambrosia hospital. She is an English woman, but went to Havana because she heard in London that there were 40,000 ill Sister Mary Wilberforce was fitted al-

and wounded men in the capital of Cuba. most by birth for the lifework upon which she has entered. She is the only child of a successful English physician, but she has been an orphan for many years. Her fa-



SISTER MARY WILBERFORCE.

ther was supposed to have left a comfortable fortune, but legal complications following his death swallowed much of it. Her sympathy for the suffering manifested itself early in life, and she spent much time poring over her father's medical books learning how to alleviate pain, and her first practical work was done while she was a schoolgirl in Paris during the

While her mother nursed the wounded she made bandages and taught the convaleseing soldiers to knit socks and comforters for their comrades. About this time she acquired the reputation in her family of being a youthful miser. Not a penny of her allowance was found in her pockets, and she was never known to spend any money. At last she was taken with measles, and then her secret was disclosed. In the bottom drawer of her wardrobe was found a complete miniature hospital, with 36 patients in pretty little wooden bedsteads and with a house surgeon and apothecary. All the figures had been clothed with garments made by her own hands while the other members of her family slept.

She studied for the Indian medical service and graduated, but did not pass in surgery, as she declined to enter the dissecting room or to operate, for as a woman she could not inflict pain, even to alleviate it. After serving through several wars she was put on the list of available nurses of the Greek consul in London.

ULYSSES III.

General Grant's Grandson to Enter West Point and Become a Soldier. Ulysses S. Grant III, son of Colonel

Fred Grant, who is to enter West Point, is a manly young fellow who will be 17 years old on next Fourth of July. Just at present he is a student at a private school in New York city. He is tall and sturdy and looks as if he had the making of a good soldier in him. He is proficient in his studies and expects to be able to pass the rigid examinations which applicants to enter the national military academy must undergo.

The interesting feature about his appointment is that the request which was same kind of a wonder. The preparations | recently presented to President McKinley for the big season have led to great rivalry | was written by General Grant himself and among track owners and promoters, and endorsed by General W. T. Sherman. new tracks are to be built in New York. When Ulysses III was in his fourth year Chicago, Rochester, Boston, Providence and his famous grandfather was nearand other cities to accommodate the crush, ing the summer of 1885, which was to The American Cycle Racing association, prove fatal to him, the latter, who wanted holders are to be counted among the for more familiarly known as the Brady- his small namesake to have a soldier's tunate ones of the earth may be seen when Powers-Batchelder syndicate, has Linton | training, bethought himself of writing a and Taylore under contract and will match | note to the man who should fill the presithem against Michael and other stars at | dent's chair when the youngster was of an age to go to West Point and asking him to favor the boy's appointment. So he dictated the letter referred to in a few brief lines. This was done in the old Grant home, 3 East Sixty sixth street, in New



York. The understanding was that the letter should be delivered to the executive when young Ulysses reached the age of 16. A short while after the boy attained his fourth year General Grant died.

Two years later Colonel Grant asked General W. T. Sherman to add his indorsement to the letter of his old chief, and the latter did so in a brief note, written across the foot of the sheet. This double request would naturally assure U. S. Grant III the cadetship he wants, but he has an even further guarantee in the promise of President McKinley. In the summer of 1896 Colonel Grant passed through Canton with his son, and at that time William McKinley said that he "would be glad to appoint" the grandson of General Grant to the cadetship if he should be elected presi-

The other day Colonel Grant went to Washington and presented the letter. Young Ulysses has a good liberal education on which to build a military career. He learned German during his father's term as United States minister to Austria-Hungary under Harrison, 1889-93. He finishes his course at the Cutler school this year and purposes to study one year at the Columbia School of Mines, going to West

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HE OWNS A REPUBLIC

HOW JOHN JACOB ASTOR AND HIS SYNDICATE CONTROL HONDURAS.

The Multimillionaire Inspects His New Domains and Returns to Get Live Americans to Go Down There and Develop the Riches of the Land.

Just as a flier John Jacob Astor has bought a controlling interest in Honduras. Although this little Central American republic has a government of its own, he is as much its dictator in fact as if he were so in name. The syndicate of which he is nt the head not only owns 500,000 acres of land there, besides controlling the railroad, but conducts the business of the Honduras custom house. Recently Mr. Astor paid a visit to his

new possessions, running down in his yacht Nourmahal. First he looked at the railroad. This road, while now only 47 miles in length, cannot by running night and day do all the business offered to it. In the banana business alone it keeps three steamships per week running to New Orleans and two weekly to other ports. Mr. Astor went up to the terminus at Potrerillos the first day and came back on

result was that the present line will be relaid to standard gauge and the plans for the narrow gauge extension to Amapala on the Pacific coast changed to correspond. Next he spent a whole day in investigating the customs service. His syndicate controls the whole export and import business of Honduras by guaranteeing to the government \$500,000 a year. The syndicate has agents in every custom house, spies along the border lines and revenue

the bicycle inspection car. Ho talked with

Chief Engineer Lackie that night, and the

cutters along the coast. Since November, when they took control, the wholesale smuggling that had gone on for years has been stopped, and the duties received jumped up in the first month more than \$12,000. Just how much greater this increased revenue will be when the colonization scheme of the syndicate gets under way can only be imag.

On the third day Mr. Astor and his party attended the official opening of the syndicate's bank, which is started with a capital of \$500,000. The bank will have charge of the customs receipts and will pay off from them, under a new, bond issee, the debt saddled upon Honduras by a ot of foreign sharpers 30 years ago. It is



JOHN JACOB ASTOR ON MULEBACK. this great debt, \$25,000,000, that has kept Honduras undeveloped and so far behind

her sister republics. Outside of these special matters the bank will do a general business. That its stock Guatemala's six banks for the last half of 1856 show on \$10,000,000 capital net earn ings of \$1,450,470,60, making an annual dividend of about 33 per cent.

Guatemala is next door to Honduras and is in nowise ahead of it in natural advantages. All that Honduras wanted was some capital and the energy necessary to lift its debt burden. That once done, and it will be what the great natu ralist and traveler, Humboldt, prophesied. "the richest country of its size in the world."

Again, Honduras is very rich in precious stones and metals, and the 500,000 acre possession runs through the mining districts. When all these things are con sidered and added together, it may be easily seen that Mr. Astor bids fair to be the first American billionaire.

The people of Honduras are delighted with the chances opened up to them by the coming of the American syndicate, and from all along the north coast they gathered to greet the Nourmahal. They were astounded at her size and elegance when she steamed in, and when Mr. Astor good naturedly announced that visitors were welcome they swarmed aboard.

Honduras is just about the size of New York state, and every square foot of the country is marvelously fertile. New York state is not overcrowded with 6,000,000 inhabitants. Honduras has only 350,000 population. Two hundred colonists have gone to Honduras since the syndicate began operations last November, and every steamship from New Orleans now is taking from 25 to 50 settlers. Most of them are fruit growers from Florida. There are a lot of farmers from Illinois and ranchers from Texas, and a group of 20 Cubans have started a tobacco planting colony. The members of the syndicate are now considering further colonization schemes.

"It may as well be understood right here," said one member recently, "that the syndicate is not a charity organization. We will not take settlers down free or give them land or lend them the money with which to start. We want successful farmers and mechanics and tradesmen. We want persons who know their business, and we are quite willing to talk business with all such."

So, you see, Mr. Astor and his fellow capitalists want only such men as may be useful. Many Americans have already made homes in Honduras. They are raising coffee and bananas there. Both are good crops, especially the former. Near Santa Cruz are 60 new coffee plantations. all owned by young Americans. Each plantation has from 10,000 to 60,000 trees. and their owners will after the fourth year have incomes ranging from \$2,500 to \$15,000 a year.

Miller's Compound Iron Pills have such firtue that everyone should try them Sold by all druggreen. A Weich member of parliament has that Spain stands the highest. Upper Canada college authorities have for members on the railroads of the united

THE TUFTED TITMOUSE.

His coat is like a wintry sky When once the sun has set, And in the west a single line Of red is smoldering yet. Above his black, courageous eve

He wears his soldier's crest; No bitter, rude, nor screaming wind Can daunt his martial breast. I met him in a leafy dell-

In winter's frost we met again, When every leaf was sear. "Where is your heavenly country now?" He answered, "Here, here!" -W. C. McClelland in St. Nicholas.

the Mountain Lion.

A number of sportsmen were recently talking over the good times they had had duck shooting last fall when the conversation turned on hunting big game in the west. Some thrilling adventure was related by every one in the group but an elderly man, and he in turn was asked for a

"I don't suppose," began the silent man, "that any of you young fellows ever ran across a mountain lion, as they are becoming rather scarce now in the west. But early in the fifties, when I first went to Colorado to hunt for gold, these animals were quite numerous. I recall on one occasion having a little adventure with a lion that almost scared me out of my wits. With a partner I was working a claim in the mountains near Ouray, and one day before the very cold weather of the winter set in we both went to town to get some supplies, leaving our little cabin on the mountain side alone.

It came on to snow so hard soon after we arrived in Ouray that we did not get a chance to return to our claim for three days. On our return journey we noticed as we were climbing the hills the tracks of a mountain lion leading toward our cabin. Presently, however, as we got nearer and nearer to our little home we lost the track of the animal, and the sight of an open window, which had been carefully closed on our departure for town, caused us to forget all about the lion and its presence.

"Well, I had reached the window and was just about to put my head into the apartment when there came a terrible growl and the next instant a great yellow body sprang through the opening right on my back, its claws catching my buckskin coat and ripping it open to my waist, turning me completely over and into the snow. My partner took the dangerous situation in at a glance and whipped out his gun. Then the infernal lion turned on him, making a fearful leap in his direction. Before he could fire the infuriated beast was upon him, and, seizing him by he were but a rat. I was on my feet by this time, and, drawing my revolver, I sneaked up and put a bulllet right through his head. The animal grouned and fell back dead and my partner drew his breath free once more. It was a close call, but neit or of us was hurt, and the lion's skin in another week was serving as a rug at the foot of my bunk."-Washington Star. ___

The Gargoyle.

It is only recently that the word gargoyle has found its way into our dictionaries. Even technical glossaries of repute passed it over a few years ago. But now it is not only included, but chosen for illustration, in lexicographical works that are enlivened with woodcuts.

We find our predecessors not only contrived a means to prevent the damp that would have ensued if rainwater had not been diverted from falling off their roofs into the foundations of their buildings, but so treated these discharging spout heads from their gutters as to make them give considerable ornamentation. The application of the term gargoyle to these contrivances is said to be due to the dragonlike character that was at first given to them, coupled with the fact that there was a particular dragon known by that name that kept the district around Rouen in trepida-

Those who have studied the subject aver that many of them are fine work sof sculpture, and they are often so adroitly placed as to bring out the salient points of a fabric and conduce to its pleasing effect. They were employed from about the middle of the thirteenth century and were gradually improved in form and delicacy of design and execution. At first they were somewhat short and thick, but after a time were made longer, to project farther with more elegant details.—Chambers'

Throats and Electric Lights. The difference in the condition of the throats of public speakers and singers since the introduction of the electric light is most marked. They have less irritation and less weariness during and after their performances. This is accounted for on the theory that gas and other flames dried out the atmosphere and consumed atmospherical elements necessary to the best condition of the organs. In addition to this, the temperature is more even, and there is less danger from air currents. Where any great number of gas jets are used, the air at the ceiling of a room has the vitality totally burned out of it and is heated to a very high temperature. An open door or window letting in fresh air. creates violent agitation in the air, sometimes sets gusts of air whirling through raised portion where the performers are situated. A specialist in throat troubles thinks that what is known as singers' sore throat may become much less frequent when electric lights are universally adopted .- New York Ledger.

Chollie-Maud has to wear glasses. The oculist said she had been using her eyes

Charlie-I should say so! You ought to have seen her at the dance the other night. She was just surrounded by men all the M.P.P., at Picton on Sunday. time.—Harper's Bazar.

A Dramatic Episode.

The duration of sunshine in the various countries of Europe was recently discusse at a scientific meeting. It was shown The traffic on the Suez canal fell off greatly in 1897, the amount being the smallest in fifteen years.

A brook ran sweet and clear. As if he called from paradise,

He shouted, "Here, here!" In busy thought the moments flew; I pondered, "Then so near?" Far o'er a hill his voice replied, "'Tis here, here, here!"

A CLOSE CALL

Nip and Tuck Between the Miners and

ion. Directly these fantastic spouts came into use they were treated as works of art, in a constant to the second to

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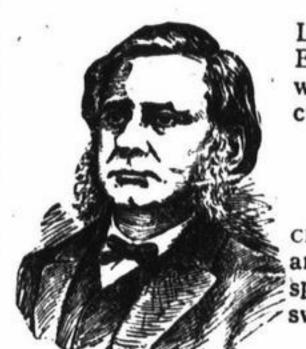
How She Used Them.

"The outgoing tour," Mr. Barnes Tormer explained, with his usual cheerfulness under the usual circumstances, "was headed by me, and the return trip was footed by everybody."-Indianapolis Jour

A Remedy. "Yes," said Quiggles, "I have a good deal on my hands, just now." "So I perceive." replied Fogg. "Why don't you try a little soap and water?"-London Fun.

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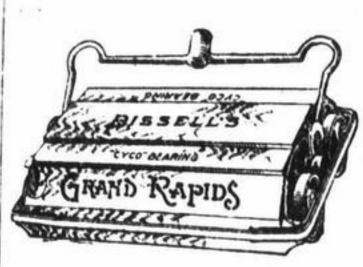
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BLOOMFIELD BIOGRAPHIES.

The Death Of Aaron Insley-Diplomas

Have Been Obtained. BLOOMFIELD, April 13.-Fine spring weather is being enjoyed and farmers are putting in the season's crop. The Libby glas: blowers were in the village all last week and gave exhibitions afternoon and evening of each day. Their work was much admired. Students were home to spend Easter. Albert college students returned to resume studies Tuesday. Clayton Burr, Albro Thorn Slwood Kelly received their diplomas from the Ontario business college, Belleville, last week. Albro Thorn leaves for Toron to this week. He intends travelling there on his wheel. The choir gave an appropriate song service in the Methodist church on Sunday evening. The community has received a shock in the sudden death of Aaron Insley, an old and respected regident of this place. He called at Jory's office on Monday morning complained of not feeling we! the doctor helped couch in his office where he soon expired. Mr. Insley leaves a widow, one daughter, Mrs. Knapp, and two sons at present in the western states. The funeral took place from his late residence Wednesthe room, especially at the somewhat day afternoon. Malcolm Fenemore, Niagara Falls, is visiting at home. On Saturday evening a meeting was held of the stockholders and patrons of Bloomfield cheese factory to consider the starting of a butter factory. A resolution was adopted approving of the scheme and preparations are being made to have it carried out. A new engine will be purchased and altogether the cost will be about \$1,200. Sprague, Ameliasburgh, a prominent dairyman, was present and addressed the meeting. Quite a number from here attended

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The Versel Released HAVANA, April 15 .- A British small craft named the Arrow was captured some time ago with the five men composing her crew near Santa Cruz by the Spanish cruisor Dependients, it being alleged that she was loaded with contraband of war. But owing to the representations of the British

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