

NEWS OF THE WHEEL.

Gossip About the 1897 Models—Very Few Chainless Wheels.

In the new models for 1897 it is especially noticeable that great strides toward higher artistic perfection have been made, and have, however, been made in most cases with distinct gain to mechanical simplicity and strength.

Not only are the frames better joined and more richly and smoothly enameled; wheel rims, spokes and spoke fastenings, handle bars, clips and adjustments, name plates, sprocket wheels, are all, as a rule, of more pleasing lines than formerly.

While this is so as applied to the most expensive grades, there is even more progress, relatively speaking, noticeable in the best medium grades.

Considerable improvement in lamps is promised for this year. There are any number of patterns in the market, all warranted serviceable, and all far removed from the clumsy lantern of early days.

Intense interest has been aroused among bicyclists by reports that a number of leading makers were preparing to put chainless wheels on the market.

It seems safe to say now that the American wheel makers, with but one of two exceptions will devote themselves, for the coming year, at least, to making as good wheels as they know how to make on the old lines, and that those who are about to put out chainless wheels will make the experiment very cautiously.

Besides the Howard bevel gear wheel, which was introduced about a year ago, there is not a single chainless wheel now known in the trade, and not one is announced officially as forthcoming by any established maker.

He Desired His Money's Worth. King Milan of Serbia once went to the house of a distinguished lady who was giving a bazaar for the benefit of the poor children of Paris.

Advanced Organ Grinding. A capital story is told of Mascagni and an organ-grinder. Infuriated at the rapid rate at which his "Intermezzo" was being performed on the instrument in question, the composer rushed into the street and, seizing the handle, proceeded to grind the tune at the proper pace, explaining that he had written it, and ought to know; whereupon next day the organ-grinder appeared with the placard, "Pupil of the celebrated Mascagni."

No Room There. "How did you come to move out of that flat?" "Well, you see, we wanted to give the baby room to our teeth."

DIDN'T FORGET HIS MANNERS.



"If you'll excuse me, mum, I'll leave the table."—Harper's Weekly.

BASE BALL.

Manager Joyce of New York, who has been spending the winter in St. Louis, came east last week.

McGann, the second baseman has been released by Boston. Louisville may sign him.

Jimmy Canavan will most likely take Tom Daly's place on the Brooklyn nine. Should Daly be released he has an engagement awaiting him at Milwaukee.

Now that the Maine baseball teams have been refused admission to the New England League, they have formed a League of their own, which will include Portland, Bangor, Lewiston, Belfast, Rockland and Augusta.

A Chicago crank has located "Tip," O'Neill, the champion batter of the old St. Louis Browns. He says "Tip" is anxious to get back into the game, and thinks he could still hold up his end in fast company.

The Carlisle Indian School baseball team will play the University of Cincinnati nine at Cincinnati April 28. It is also quite likely that the Indians will meet the Cincinnati League team some time in April.

Williamsport, it is said will in 1897, have the strongest team that ever represented that city. The Demorests always have been a good club, and with a few good additions this year a good showing is looked for.

Baseball has no charms for Bloombsburg, it is doubtful if a crowd of 400 could be raked together even if a game was to be played between two of the best teams on earth. The people simply won't turn out, and that is all there is of it.

Unlike most proprietary medicines, the formulae of Dr. J. C. Ayer's Sarsaparilla and other preparations are cheerfully sent to any physician who applies for them.

In view of the "providential escape" of his store from destruction by fire John Wanamaker has decided to erect a Presbyterian Church in the southeastern section of Philadelphia.

COURT HOUSE.

We called on Prothonotary Henrie and found that he had issued since those published last week, the following:

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

W. H. Quick of Bloomsburg, to Miss Gertrude M. Miller, of the same place.

Fred Thiele of Briarcreek township, to Miss Maud Hosler, of the same place.

Miles Albertson of Rhorsburg to Miss Della Parks, of Waller.

The man who eats because he is hungry is, thus far, on a level with the brutes. The man who stops eating the moment his hunger is appeased is the wise man.

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ODDS AND ENDS.

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It is estimated that the annual dewfall of Great Britain is equal to 22,161,337.355.

In France 4,000,000 tons of potatoes are annually used in the manufacture of starch and alcohol.

The water of the River Tinto, in Spain, hardens and petrifies the sand of its bed, and if a stone falls in the stream and alights upon another in a few months they unite and become one stone.

Floating beds of seaweed, which are often met with in mid-ocean, have been observed to reduce the height of waves, like oil thrown upon the water.

WISE WORDS.

Whoever has a good temper will be sure to have many other good things.

There is nothing so strong or safe in an emergency of life, as the simple truth.

The violence done us by others is often less painful than that which we do to ourselves.

A man's domestic relations seldom trouble him as much as the relations of his domestics.

To see plum pudding in the moon is a far more cheerful habit than croaking at everything.

No soul is desolate as long as there is a human being for whom it can feel trust and reference.

It is not wise to aim at impossibilities; it is a waste of powder to fire at the man in the moon.

When a man is ashamed to look in a mirror, it is a safe bet that his wife buys his neckties.

The epochs of our life are not in the visible facts, but in the silent thoughts of the wayside as we walk.

A coquette is like a rose. Each lover plucks a leaf; the stem and thorns are left for the future husband.

We see many men who we think are happy, yet we know nothing of the secret workings of the heart.

If death was only a journey to take, whereby one could for a time forget all of life's troubles, "how many who boast of the happiest hearts, would turn them away and die."

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Emma M. Hooper describes "Fabrics, Colors and Gowns" for spring in the February Ladies' Home Journal, and of shirt-waists says: "The comfortable cotton waist will be in vogue more than ever, and will not be confined to percales, chevilles, ginghams and such substantial goods, but dainty dimity and flower-sprinkled organdy, as well as silk gingham, will be called into requisition."

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