In the World of Sports.

BASE BALL GAMES OF YESTERDAY

Results of the Day in All of the Three Leagues.

NO GAME AT PROVIDENCE, R. I.

Rain Prevented Our Pets from Testing the Ability of the Champions. Wilkes-Barre Put on a Coat of Whitewash and Toronto Administered a Crushing Defeat to the Black Boys of Rochester--Rain Stopped Several National League Games.

Rain again prevented our pets from playing at Providence yesterday and also prevented the Syracuse-Buffalo game at Syracuse. WilkesBarre shut out Springfield in the latter city and Toronto took a very heavy fall out of Dan Shannon's men in Rochester.

The enthusiasts of this city are praying for good weather at Providence today. They are anxious to know what Scranton can do with the champions.

Results.

Wilkes-Barre	3	Springfield	0
Toronto	13	Rochester	5
Providence-Scranton, rain.			
Syracuse-Buffalo, rain.			

Percentage Record.

	P.	W.	L.	P.C.
Buffalo	9	7	2	.778
Syracuse	9	6	3	.667
Scranton	10	6	4	.600
Springfield	10	6	4	.600
Wilkes-Barre	10	5	5	.500
Rochester	12	5	7	.416
Providence	11	4	7	.364
Toronto	13	3	10	.230

Today's Games.

SCRANTON AT PROVIDENCE.
WILKES-BARRE AT SPRINGFIELD
TORONTO AT ROCHESTER.
BUFFALO AT SYRACUSE.

Springfield Shut Out.

Springfield, Mass., May 14.—Wilkes-Barre whitewashed Springfield today through the fine pitching of Coakley and a lucky triple play with the bases full in the first inning. Score:

WILKES-BARRE.

	A.B.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Sharrott, rf.	3	0	0	3	0	0
Gocckel, rf.	4	0	2	8	0	0
Betts, cf.	3	1	1	2	0	0
Powell, lf.	4	0	0	4	0	0
Mills, 2b.	4	1	2	1	2	0
Diggins, c.	4	1	0	4	0	0
C. Smith, 3b.	4	0	2	2	3	0
McMahon, ss.	2	0	0	3	4	0
Coakley, p.	3	0	1	0	1	0
Totals	31	3	8	27	10	0

SPRINGFIELD.

	A.B.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Green, lf.	4	0	1	3	0	0
Scheffler, rf.	3	0	1	1	0	0
Brouthers, 1b.	2	0	0	8	0	0
O. Smith, cf.	4	0	0	3	0	0
Gilbert, 3b.	4	0	0	1	1	0
Fuller, ss.	4	0	1	4	1	0
Duncan, c.	2	0	0	3	1	0
Moore, 2b.	3	0	0	1	4	1
Inks, p.	3	0	1	0	3	0
Totals	29	0	4	24	10	1

Wilkes-Barre .....0 0 0 3 0 0 0 0 0—3
Springfield .....0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—0

Two-base hits—Schiffler, Mills. Three-base hit—Green. Stolen bases—Scheffler. First base on balls—Off Coakley, 3; off Inks, 3. Left on bases—Wilkes-Barre, 6; Springfield, 4. Struck out—By Coakley, 1; by Inks, 3. Hit by pitcher—Coakley (2). Triple plays—McMahon, C. Smith and Gocckle. Time—1.30. Umpire—Knowles.

Rochester-Toronto.

Rochester, N. Y., May 14.—Rochester tried three pitchers today and all of them were hit freely by the tail enders. The home team played poor ball, too, nearly every error resulting in a run or two, and the visitors were easy winners. Score:

ROCHESTER.

	A.B.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
F. Shannon, ss.	5	0	0	3	6	2
Lynch, rf.	3	3	2	2	0	0
Lytle, lf.	5	0	1	2	0	2
D. Shannon, 2b.	5	0	2	0	2	0
Dooley, 1b.	4	1	2	13	0	1
Bottenus, cf.	3	1	2	1	0	1
Richter, 3b.	4	0	0	1	3	0
O'Neil, c.	4	0	1	1	1	0
Herndon, p.	1	0	0	0	2	0
Yerrick, p.	1	0	0	0	1	0
Gannon, p.	2	0	0	0	1	0
Totals	37	5	10	*27	16	3

TORONTO.

	A.B.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Lush, 3b.	5	3	3	1	2	2
White, R.	2	2	1	2	0	0
McGann, 1b.	5	2	2	10	0	0
McHale, cf.	4	3	3	5	0	0
Baker, c.	2	1	2	3	2	0
Freeman, rf.	5	0	1	0	0	0
Wagner, ss.	5	0	1	1	5	1
Taylor, 2b.	5	0	2	5	2	0
Williams, p.	3	1	0	0	3	0
Totals	37	12	15	27	14	3

*McHale out for not touching first base.

Rochester .....0 1 1 0 2 0 0 0 1—5
Toronto .....2 0 2 4 0 3 2 0 *—13

Earned runs—Toronto, 2. Two-base hits—Bottenus, Lynch, Lytle, McHale, Lush. Three-base hits—Bottenus, McGann. First base on balls—Off Herndon, 3; off Yerrick, 1; off Gannon, 3; off Williams, 2. Stolen bases—Lynch, Lush (2), White (2), McHale (3). First base on errors—Rochester, 3; Toronto, 3. Struck out—By Williams, 2. Sacrifice hits—Lynch, McHale. Double plays—D. Shannon, F. Shannon and Dooley; F. Shannon and Dooley. Passed balls—O'Neil, 1. Wild pitch—Williams, 1. Time—2 hours. Umpire—Keefe.

ATLANTIC LEAGUE.

Lancaster Team Defeats Athletics.

Philadelphia, May 14.—Lancaster won from the Athletics today in an evenly-played game, one of the features of which was a triple play by the home team. Score:

	R.	H.	E.
Athletics .....4 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—	4	9	2
Lancaster .....0 0 4 0 3 0 0 1 *—	8	10	2

Batteries—Jordan and Fox; Yeager and Roth. Umpire—McNamara.

Quarreling the Feature.

Hartford, Conn., May 14.—Quarreling was the main feature of today's game between the locals and Reading, and the latter lost through costly errors. Score:

	R.	H.	E.
Hartford .....3 0 0 1 3 0 0 0 0—	7	9	0
Reading .....0 0 0 0 0 0 4 0 0—	4	13	6

Batteries—McMackin and Roach; Delaney and Kinsella. Umpire—Kline.

Bad Day for Sprogel.

Richmond, May 14.—Richmond batted Sprogel all over the field today and Paterson made errors at critical moments. Score:

	R.	H.	E.
Richmond .....1 4 2 1 0 0 1 4 0—	13	14	0
Paterson .....1 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 2—	4	12	6

Batteries—Lever and Foster; Sprogel and Smink. Umpire—Snyder.

Newark Shut Out.

Norfolk, May 14.—Norfolk shut Newark out in a pretty contest today. Pfanmiller was a complete puzzle. Score:

	R.	H.	E.
Norfolk .....0 0 0 1 2 0 0 0 1—	4	11	1
Newark .....0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—	0	2	1

Batteries—Pfanmiller and Heydon; Wittrock and Hodge.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

By losing a game to Philadelphia yesterday the Louisville club dropped from third to fifth place. Rain prevented the games at Chicago and Cleveland.

Results.

Philadelphia	7	Louisville	1
Pittsburg	7	Washington	1
Cincinnati	6	New York	5
Baltimore	11	St. Louis	7

Chicago-Brooklyn, rain.
Cleveland-Boston, rain.

Percentage Record.

	P.	W.	L.	P.C.
Baltimore	17	14	3	.824
Philadelphia	19	13	6	.684
Pittsburg	16	10	6	.625
Cincinnati	18	11	7	.611
Louisville	15	9	6	.600
Boston	16	8	8	.500
Cleveland	17	8	9	.471
New York	14	6	8	.429
Brooklyn	16	6	10	.375
Washington	16	5	11	.313
Chicago	17	5	12	.294
St. Louis	17	4	13	.235

Today's Games.

New York at Cincinnati.
Boston at Cleveland.
Philadelphia at Louisville.
Washington at Pittsburg.
Baltimore at St. Louis.

HUGH DUFFEY,
The Man Who Is the Captain of the Boston Team.

Another for Louisville.

Louisville, Ky., May 14.—Frazer's wildness in the first inning and the home teams inability to hit Fifield was the cause of their defeat today. Score:

	R.	H.	E.
Philadelphia .....4 0 1 0 1 0 1 0 *—7	11	0	
Louisville .....1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—1	5	2	

Batteries—Fifield and Boyle; Frazer and Wilson. Umpire—Sheridan.

Pittsburg Defeats Washington.

Pittsburg, May 14.—Pittsburg made three hits and three runs in the first inning, four hits and four runs in the fifth and did nothing more. Score:

	R.	H.	E.
Pittsburg .....3 0 0 0 4 0 0 0 0—	7	7	1
Washington .....0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0—	1	5	3

Batteries—Hawley and Merritt; King, German and Farrell. Umpire—Lynch.

New York Went Down at Cincinnati.

Cincinnati, May 14.—Four thousand people saw the Reds again defeat the Giants in an interesting game of eleven innings. Score:

	R.	H.	E.
Cincinnati .....1 0 2 1 0 0 0 0 1 0 1—	6	10	2
New York .....2 1 1 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0—	5	10	0

Batteries—Rhines and Schriver; Meakin, Sullivan and Wilson. Umpires—O'Day and Emslie.

Rallied in the Seventh.

St. Louis, May 14.—After St. Louis had scored seven in the first two innings, Baltimore rallied in the seventh and jumped on Donahue for five singles, which netted as many runs. Score:

	R.	H.	E.
Baltimore .....2 1 0 0 1 0 5 0 2—	11	9	1
St. Louis .....4 2 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—	7	17	3

Batteries—Nops and Clark; Donahue and McFarland. Umpire—McDermott.

LOST THE LAST GAME.

University of Pennsylvania Defeat Their Brothers from Virginia.

Philadelphia, May 14.—The University of Virginia lost the last game of its northern trip to Pennsylvania today. Hoxton was batted hard in almost every inning. Score:

	R.	H.	E.
Pennsylvania .....2 3 0 2 0 3 5 0 2—18	18	6	
Virginia .....3 0 0 0 1 0 1 0 2—	7	10	3

Batteries—Brown and Hoffer; Hoxton and Cochran.

ROSE IS A GOOD ONE.

Made an Excellent Showing Against One of Philadelphia's Crack Fighters at Last Night's Tournament.

The South Side Athletic club's first public boxing tournament was given last night in Germania hall and it proved to the four hundred people who attended that the club can purvey some excellent entertainment in this line, and also that one of its members is a fighter that no club need feel ashamed to pin its laurels to.

This member is Chris Rose, who met Fred Stricker, one of the best men of the famed Caledonian Athletic club of Philadelphia, and gave him as hard a battle as he possibly ever had. It was Rose's first appearance in the ring, and he lacked generalship, but in the matter of strength, grit and hard hitting he showed up even better than his most sanguine friends expected. The fact that he got a draw with a seasoned and clever fighter like Stricker is evidence that he has a future in the ring.

The mill was a ten-round go for a purse of $100. The men weighed in at 4 o'clock and both were under the prescribed weight 145 pounds, Rose being three pounds of a margin and Stricker two. Rose, however, had the advantage of height and reach.

Both men are heavy hitters, who give little time to love taps and as a consequence there was some fierce and hard fighting. Stricker started in to force things but when he felt the force of Rose's swinging objections he became a little more wary, and though he was the agressor all through he did not attempt to rush things after the first round.

As the fight progressed Rose grew stronger and more confident and in the eighth round he had Stricker guessing. The Philadelphian was afraid of Rose's terrific swings and did not care to risk getting in the way of one, in consequence of which the round ended without a good lead, during the whole three minutes.

Rose's great weakness was his inability to take advantage of openings. Several times if he had followed up his man he would have possibly won the fight.

As both men were on their feet at the end of the tenth round the referee declared it a draw, the men having agreed to this before the battle.

Rose was handled by Dick Eavers and Toby Gardner. Harry Marx, of the Caledonian club, Philadelphia, and Tony Gardner looked after Stricker.

The premilinaries consisted of club swiging by Professor Carl Staiber, the club's athletic instructor; wrestling exhibition by R. C. Schaeffer and Fred C. Neuls; fencing bout between Professor Carl Staiber and Ed Eisele, the latter of the Turners, and friendly boxing bouts between "Billy" Smith, of the Scranton Athletic club, and Harry Marx and Toby Gardner and Tim Harrington, of the Crib Athletic club, Boston.

Some tumbling by two little boys, John McCann and Robert Campbell, was an interesting feature of the evening.

BALL PLAYERS AND BIKES.

The Use of the Wheel Cripples Their Base-Running Powers.

Manager Griffin's idea that wheeling is injurious to ball players during their regular practice or when the championship season is on is shared by ball players in general.

"The wheel is good enough at the right time, but I wouldn't think of riding after I began active practice," remarked Maguire a few days ago. "Why," I rode ten or twelve miles early in the spring, and after I had finished my lefts felt sort of puckered up and I felt like sitting down. If a player wants to kill his speed as a base runner let him stick to the wheel."

Harvard Defeats Pennsylvania.

Cambridge, Mass., May 14.—Harvard defeated the University of Pennsylvania at cricket today, after a close and interesting close. Harvard played loosely in the field, while Pennsylvania's agile fielding was in sharp contrast. At the end of the morning's play, Pennsylvania was still at the bat, with only six wickets fallen, and with 78 runs to the credit. When they were finally retired they had rolled up a total of 108 runs. The fine batting of Adams and Dupont for Harvard won the game. Score: Pennsylvania 108; Harvard 109.

TRACK AND STABLE.

Instead of going to Columbus, O., as at first reported, Orrin Hickok will take his stable to Lexington, Ky., when he arrives from California.

The big Austrian trotting meeting begins May 16. The purses aggregate $158,700, $82,500 for home-bred and $76,200 for foreign-bred trotters.

Last week the fast pacing mare Whisper, 2.08¾, dropped a fine filly by Baron Wilkes, 2.18. She is the property of S. Hyde, Fall River, Mass.

William Jones, of Wellsville, N. Y., is working Moonstone, 2.09; Red Ball, 2.22½; Pansy L., 2.23½, and three or four youngsters at the Wellsville track.

Californians say the little mare She, 2.14¾, by Abbottsford, that Monroe Salisbury will bring east, will make some of the 2.10 trotters step to beat her.

A. H. Mills, well known as a writer on turf subjects, has been appointed clerk of the scales for the spring and fall meetings of the Fort Erie (Ontario) Jockey club.

James Evans, of Atlantic City, will place Lady Garrison, pacer, in Millard F. Sanders' hands shortly. Lady Garrison can show a 2.15 clip on the Atlantic City beach.

Tommy Burns, a very good light, weight jockey, who takes desperate chances, was suspended at Memphis for foul riding, and it may be a long time before he gets reinstated.

The celebrated Temple Bar case, in which Dr. M. S. Sale, of Lexington, Ky., is plaintiff against the Cleveland Driving Park association, will come up for trial in a few days.

Trainer George Resseguere is preparing a select stable at Millers, N. Y. Playful, 2.27¼, by Play Boy, 2.18½, dam Deception, by Pluto, heads the list. This mare has shown miles in 2.20.

Cloud Pointer brother to Star Pointer, 2.02½, has been shipped from Meadville, Pa., where he has been receiving some track education from J. D. Heard, to his owner at Chicora, Pa.

Joe Kinlig, of York, Pa., has bought of parties in Kentucky the gray gelding Prince W., by Philips Blackwood' dam, the dam of Morning Star, 2.24, and Blackwood Belle, 2.20, by Horace Greeley.

The covered track at Jewettville is now like the proverbial deserted village. Over forty trotters and pacers have been worked through the winter season, and have now departed to regular tracks.

The stewards of the Jockey club have appointed J. L. Hall paddlock and patrol judge for the meetings of the Westchester Racing association and the Brooklyn and Coney Island Jockey club.

RED MAN SOCKALEXIS.

He is the Phenomenal Fielder of the Cleveland National League Club.

This is bounding Sockalexis,
Fielder of the mighty Clevelands.

Like the catapult in action,
For the plate he throws the base ball,
Till the rooters, blithely rooting,
Shout until they shake the bleachers
"Sockalexis, Sockalexis,
Sock it to them, Sockalexis!"

Like the bison on the prairies,
Plunging from the ames up-leaping,
Snorting at the crimson billows
That his hinder members frizzle,
Till the condor notes the odor,
And his wings flap in the prescience
Of a rich and luscious banquet—
So spry Sockalexis capers,
Leaving far behind the whirlwind,
When he starts upon a home run.

All the crowd cries: "Sockalexis,
Sockalexis, Sockalexis!"
When he circles like the eagle
Round the bases, or serenely
Slides upon his solferino
Pie and doughnut-padded stomach,
Wiping all the glaring war paint
Off his nasal in a jiffy.

Such is merry Sockalexis
Who can bat and knock the home run,
Who can scalp the blooming umpire
Till the rooters in their glory,
Knowing no fit terms of praise, all
Lift their voices: "Sockalexis,
Sockalexis, Sockalexis!"
Till the welkins madly splitting,
And the purple cave of echo
Sends back all the surging chorus:
"Sockalexis, Sockalexis,
Sock it to them, Sockalexis!"
—R. K. Munkittrick, in New York Journal.

LOCAL AND GENERAL GOSSIP ON WHIST

News of Interest to Students of the Elevating Game.

SCRANTON WHIST CLUB'S ELECTION

Ex-Judge H. A. Knapp Chosen President--Hamilton Club's Celebration of the A. W. L. Victory--An Instance of Sticking Too Closely to a System. A Remarkable Deal -- Discussion of Some Peculiar Hands.

The Scranton Whist club held its annual meeting on Thursday evening. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Hon. H. A. Knapp; vice president, Dr. P. F. Struppler; secretary, C. R. Fuller; treasurer, C. B. Penman; whist committee, J. W. Dusenbury, L. G. LaBar, E. K. Hall; trustees, Eugene Heeley, I. H. Allabach, T. H. Dale; membership, F. A. Hintermister, J. H. Dusenbury; committee, C. A. Godfrey, H. S. Robinson, George Waters, jr., J. F. Broadbent, Thomas Evans. A game of compass whist was played during the evening. Top score was made by C. B. Penman and Fred Price. At the compass game on Tuesday evening the top score was made by Price and Allabach.

On Wednesday evening between fifty and sixty members of the Hamilton club of Philadelphia, gathered at Essington to celebrate the success of their team in capturing the American Whist league challenge trophy for keeps. The festivities included a "shad dinner," a base ball game, trick bicycle riding and an oration on whist by the only member who "never lost a trick." Both the Hamilton and the Challenge trophies adorned the table.

The return match between the New York Whist club and the New Jersey Whist club was played at Newark last Saturday, resulting in a victory for New Jersey by one-half a trick. High score was made by Otis and Aymar for New Jersey.

In a recent game between the Hamiltons and the Art Whist club of Philadelphia, there was a difference of four tricks, caused by the opening lead in the following hand. The leader held:

Spades—Ace, Jack, 5.
Hearts—7, 5, 2.
Clubs—King, Queen, Jack.
Diamonds—King, Jack, 10, 2.
The Queen of hearts turned.

The Art club player opened Diamond 2, and the Hamilton led club king, the latter being the winning lead. This was an instance of sticking too closely to system.

In a whist game played in Germantown recently the leader found himself with the Ace, King and Queen of trumps and ten cards in one plain suit, the Ace, Queen and Jack being the missing ones. As the cards happened to be, a lead from the plain suit dropped these three cards, the partner having the Ace. He then leads trumps (which were evenly divided) and thirteen tricks were corralled. A trump opening would realize but five tricks.

"A Chester correspondent says that the following deal was recently played at the Penn club in that city:

Trump—Jack Diamonds. Leader—East.

THE HANDS.

North.	East.	South.	West.
S. 8 4 3	6	K J 10 7 3	A Qu 9 2
H. K J 8 3 2	Qu 7	10 9 5	A 6 4
C. J 7 2	A K Q 10 8 3	9	6 5 4
D. 8 A J	K Qu 7 3	9 6 4 2	10 8 2

The score varied from eleven to six tricks, East and West.

We think the King of diamonds is the correct opening, and that eleven tricks should be made, East and West."

The above opinion by work is of interest; but we are brave enough to differ slightly, and advocate leading the club queen followed by the trump king. If the club should not hold good the strong trump hand will naturally be forced, and partners will not be in doubt as to the course to be pursued.

The following by the same good authority is a valuable bit of discussion of a common situation and we heartily concur in every word:

We have preached many a whist sermon on the text "Don't open new suits," and as an example of our doctrine, we give a deal recently played in a progressive game which exemplifies our ideas. The dealer held the following hand:

Spades (trump)—Ace, Queen, Ten, 8, 4, 3.
Hearts—Queen, 8, 7.
Clubs—Ace, 2.
Diamonds—7, 5.

The orignal lead was the Queen of clubs; the partner played the Eight, the third hand the Five, and the dealer won with the Ace.

The Question is, What should the dealer lead Trick 2? At most tables the trump was opened, but at one the club was returned. This we consider the only sound play in the hand.

There is absolutely no reason for opening trumps in the dealer's hand, and if it is done it must be on the gamble that the partner has a great suit. In view of the double trump tenace in the dealer's hand and the chance for a call, this possibility hardly seems to justify the play.

If the club is returned the orignal leader is tempted to make two mistakes, viz.:
(a) Finesse.
(b) Win and lead trumps.

Even if he does not fall into either of these traps, he must either open a new suit (which is always disadvantageous) or continue the club, in which case the dealer is almost sure to get a discard. There is just one more chance, though rather remote, and that is that the partner may trump the second trick.

Take it all in all, the club seems clearly the sound play, and in this particular hand it gained two tricks.

FOR WOMEN CYCLISTS.

Mrs. J. A. Lacher, of Maysboro, Minn., in the eyes of a good many women, is both a heroine and a martyr. The village in which she lives is rather limited in size. The bicycle population of the place is limited to three—Mrs. Lacher, her husband and her son. As a result the other people in the village regard the Lachers as indulging in a luxury bordering on extravagance. Mrs. Lacher was recently seen riding through the village wearing bloomers, which created considerable excitement. Several wardens of the church saw her and were shocked. The morals of the place had been corrupted in their opinion, and they quickly got together and held a meeting. After much secret discussion, by and with the advice of the pastor, they annulled the church membership of Mrs. Lacher. The matter was announced from the pulpit and created an even greater sensation than did the victim in question when she appeared on the highways in the rational costume. Mrs. Lacher is the wife of a prominent citizen of the place, and the mother of seven children. Her husband, it is understood, will not let the matter rest as it is.

According to an exchange a philosopher, whose insight into human nature is deep, has reached the very logical conclusion that fair woman, being a lover of jewels, is naturally infatuated with the diamond-frame bicycle. As it is impossible for her to ride in skirts a bicycle of that design, she has turned her attention to the rational costume. Bloomers and knickerbockers therefore, are not the outcome of progressive ideas, but the necessity born of admiration of precious gems. This is one view of the matter.

This is the season for beginning in cycling, and here are some good suggestions from an instructor who is regarded as one of the best in the city of New York: 1. Grasp the handle bars lightly, and do not stiffen the muscles of the arms or shoulders. 2. Turn the wheel gently in the direction in which you feel you are falling; never jerk it, and never turn it in the opposite direction. 3. Do not be afraid to bear down on the pedals; the faster you go the more easily you will find it to control your wheel. 4. Always look ahead, or rather toward the point to which you wish to go; if you look down you are almost sure to get "rattled," and if you fix a terror-tricken gaze on any object you wish to avoid you are almost sure to run it down.

Out in Milwaukee bicycle parties are the latest fads of society, the fad coming into vogue as early as March, when the wind was blowing hard enough to make the male riders turn up their coat collars to keep warm. Scores of young women could be seen riding through the frozen streets of the city. The run generally ended at some place where refreshments could be served, after which the entire party would listen to some lecture on cycling, the correct manner of mounting and dismounting, the position in the saddle and similar points, or else talk of the formation of a summer cycling club, or perhaps indulge in a general all-around gossiping match.

A New York bicycle club captain, who is on a pleasure visit to Paris, has written home to some of his friends giving the news of interest to the cycling fraternity. He states that all of the women wear bloomers, and the people take such a sight in the ordinary everyday sense. In fact, a woman who appeared in the streets in a skirt costume, such as worn in this city, would attract as much attention as the woman in this city who dares to go out on the thoroughfares with a full set of bloomers.

The English have all along praised the riding abilities of their females, claiming that they were able to withstand a great deal of riding. The last report of the Century Road Club of America has stunned them. Standing eighth on the list is the name of Mrs. A. E. Rhinehart of Denver, Col., who has ridden 118 centuries. The English cycling press looks at this aghast, and, though, not openly, intimates that some mistake has been made. No English woman has ever been known to ride that distance in England. While the riding of Mrs. Rhinehart is meritorious there are a number of other women who have done good riding. Mrs. George Bunker, of Chicago, has ridden ninety centuries, and Mrs. J. W. Roth, of the same city, has ridden fifty-six centuries. Mrs. M. J. Kelley, of New York, has covered fifty centuries, while Mrs. C. M. Fairchild, of Chicago, has covered fifty-one centuries. Miss Lizzie Hegerty, of Bloomington, Ill., is the only unmarried lady mentioned on the list, and she has ridden thirty-five centuries. All of these are members of the Century Road club.

There is a general opinion among persons on, as well as off, the wheel that riding will contract the chest, unless the wheelwomen sit bolt upright. This may be so, inasmuch as a girl who sits in a chair in a round-shouldered position will pgobably not abandon her favorite attitude because she is riding a bicycle. However, there is no necessity for sitting bolt upright, for a slight bending forward from the hips, with the back flat and the shoulders well back, gives a better position on the wheel, while there is no danger of contracting the chest.

The question of dress creates additional interest with the wheelwomen as the army of riders of the fair sex becomes larger. There was a time when the female riders rode in their street costume. Some, of course, still adhere to this, but the great majority of riders have their bicycle dress, and it is, indeed, a complicated arrangement. Bloomers has practically gone out, or, more properly speaking, have withdrawn from sight, as they are now worn under the skirt as a general rule. Perhaps the most popular costume of today is the blouse or loose waist, knickerbockers or bloomers, leggings and a bicycle skirt, which is made somewhat shorter than the ordinary skirt. There have been costumes worn by some female riders which may have caused the machine to turn a vivid color under its enamel, but few of this character have been shown in this city. Among the striking combinations recently seen at St. Louis was that of a young girl whose hair and bicycle were of a decided vermillin. Dressed in a snug-fitting suit of black, trimmed in red of the same shade as her wheel and hair, she attracted no end of attention. Nevertheless, the effect was good, and her manner of riding much better than the ordinary.

There are a few of the wheelwomen of this city who are riding in bloomers, but they are so full and are such near relations to the divided skirt that very few can tell the difference. The popular color of the wheeling costume appears to be a light graw or fawn color, or one of those fetching mixtures which become any woman and which do not show the dusts. When out on the road the costume of the male rider is liable to get covered with dust. Under the same circumstances the costume of the female would present a sad sight. There are perhaps very few women who have considered this matter, but it is well worth some attention.

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