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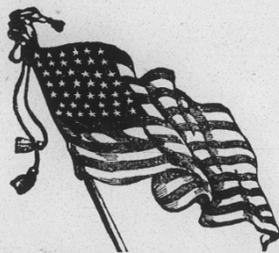
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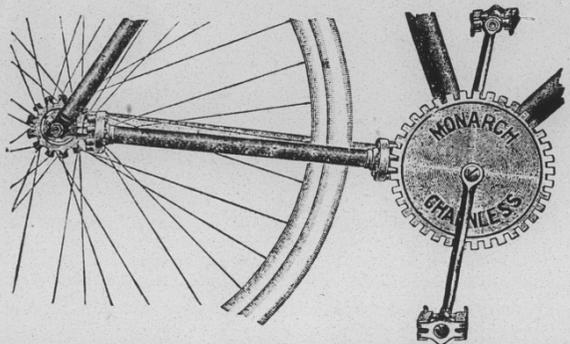
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In their indiscriminate haste to announce the making of chainless wheels, some manufacturers have tumbled over each other in the endeavor to be in front. To be in front is a spasm, to "keep in front" is a slogan. To utter a truism is one thing, to live up to it is another.

The spirit of the aphorism of the Monarch Cycle Manufacturing Company, "Ride a Monarch and Keep in Front," is well illustrated in its latest product, The Monarch Chainless. Alive to the times, the company will produce a chainless bicycle which has been proven by repeated tests to be superior in its class, in every particular.

Two surfaces that will roll on each other will transmit motion from one to the other. If the surfaces are comparatively smooth, the motion is transmitted by friction. But, when the surfaces are provided with projections, the motion, although it is unchanged in nature, is transmitted by direct pressure, and it is irregular unless the acting surfaces of the projections are carefully and exactly shaped to produce an even motion. It is the difficulty which is experienced to produce these perfect projections, when bevel gears are used, which leads the experienced mechanic away from them. Long experience in Sewing Machine manufacture has taught the Monarch Company that whatever transmission was used, bevel gears were not to be considered if easy running was to be thought of. The result has been a driving gear which is excellent in its easy running qualities.

The mechanism is simple. The crank axle and hub gears somewhat resemble the familiar sprocket wheels, the noticeable difference being the teeth which are closer together and V shape in cross section instead of four sided. The shaft connecting the two is provided at each end with a pinion having roller pin teeth which run in and out of the wide angle openings between the gear teeth. Each set of gears is enclosed

but should they from any cause be exposed the action of the pin teeth is such that they are self-cleaning, forcing mud and dirt out from between the teeth. One of the chief objections urged against chainless wheels by mechanics is that should the rear frame become twisted or out of line, there would be a consequent binding of the mating gears. The Monarch chainless is entirely free from this objection inasmuch that the junction of the pinions and gears form a type of the ball and socket joint, thereby permitting free running under the conditions usually met with in bicycle riding. A particular advantage which this gear has, and which gives it the highest efficiency, is the direct lift as against the end thrust which is common to all bevel gearing. This end thrust is a prominent factor in friction and frame strain.

Another point to be counted in favor of the Monarch gear is, that it is not of delicate construction although comparatively light in weight.

As stated by Grant, the well known authority on gears, "The pin gears particularly valuable when the pins are made in the form of rollers for then the minimum of friction is reached." The friction between the tooth and pin, otherwise a sliding friction at a line bearing is, with a roller pin, a rolling friction. When properly made, there is no form of tooth that is superior to the roller pin tooth.

While the Monarch company is warranted from the study of experts in placing its chainless machine on the market as the best type of that class, its faith in the chain wheel is in no way diminished. It will continue to keep them in the forward ranks of that type of bicycle which is yet the choice of the majority of the people. In line with the general policy of the Monarch company, the price of its chainless will be \$100.00, which will give a complete line, including chain machines, ranging from this price to \$40.00.

FROM OUR SOLDIER BOYS.

An Hour on Lookout Mountain.— Interesting Letters From the Sunny South.

EDITOR STAR:—On the morning of August 4th Theodore Ringler and I departed from our little quarters in the National Park of Georgia, where pleasures are few and troubles are many. We left the large invading army of famine and disease, also the many punishments of the disobedient soldier boy, such as the shovel and pick brigade, the guard house, the letter "S" of the soldier alphabet, etc.

But as our furlough is of a short duration, we have not time to look back any longer on the land of Sodom and Gomorrah.

As our pocket-books had not been fed since we left our Somerset houses, their stomachs are very weak, and we found that the greatest of economy was necessary. But who cares?

We took passage on Walker's hack for Lytle, Ga., a distance of four miles, where we took the train for Chattanooga, Tenn. After spending a short time in this southern city of 60,000 inhabitants, we took passage for Mt. Lookout, and a half hour later we were ascending the mountains, whose peak extends 1,700 feet above Chattanooga and 2,400 feet above sea level.

The historical sights of the north are not "in it" with this. In less than ten minutes we stood on the old battle ground. Here we were joined by a friend from a Kansas regiment, and all being entire strangers in this vicinity, our attention was directed to Mr. Shaw, a colored liveryman, who with his steeds escorted us around the mountains and explained the different sights.

Mr. Shaw first informed us that the mountains were from one to fifteen miles in width and 85 miles in length. As we ascended we gazed to the west and beheld the wide expanse of the Wahatchan valley, bordered by the Sand, Raccoon and Cumberland mountains, and its fertile lands moistened by the winding channel of the Tennessee. In connection with this point of interest we placed our feet on the great Sunset Rock, extending into the aerial kingdom 400 feet. From this rock the beautiful visions of sunset have never been painted by the artist.

As we proceeded on our journey we passed many mansions, whose occupants were people from Pittsburg, Pa., until we came to the apple orchard where General Bragg threw up intrenchments for the protection of his army. These earthworks are still reserved for the wanderer of curiosity.

At this juncture we were obliged to step from our carriage and wend our way around the cliffs until the "Natural Man of the Mountains" appeared before us, who has battled with the storms of life until his head is bald, if he ever had any hair. We cannot criticize nature, but stand dumb before its arts and say: "Ask me no questions and I'll tell you no lies."

Next we proceeded through the "Lion's Jaws," a cliff of rock the very image of a lion's head with extended jaws; and from here we went to the Confederate Hospital. This ancient building was located here on account of the scarcity of water.

To the right of this building we found the "Natural Bridge," a construction which nature placed there with her own hands. This bridge extends across a deep ravine, over which the soldiers of '63 passed, and it is as perfect as though the architect of to-day had designed it. Descending beneath this mammoth stone construction we find a grand spring of ice-cool water, which was a welcome sight, as this was the first time since we left Pennsylvania that we had an opportunity to quench our thirst with water like that of Somerset county.

From this place our guide ascended the cliff through the "Fat Man's Misery," to "Telephone Rock." I am afraid some of our Salisbury people would not be permitted to see this rock, as they would have to leave their "bay windows" behind. This rock is 25 feet in diameter, and through it passes a chamber about 4 inches wide, from which it derives its name.

As our time is consumed and we have quite a distance to return, we retrace our steps toward the famous Lookout Inn, situated at the incline. This structure is five stories high and contains 350 rooms. The entire house is supplied with the finest equipments, and it has become quite a resort for the soldier boys.

At six o'clock we laded in camp, ready for our mess. We are all well and happy.

E. L. MILLIRON.

CHICKAMAUGA, Aug. 1, 1898.

Mr. D. I. Hay, Elk Lick, Pa.

Dear Friend:—None of us have written to you, and as it is now raining, we have assembled in the tent to drop a few lines to you through our attorney-at-law, I. J. Engle.

We are having very wet weather here just now. It has rained every day for more than a week. This makes camp life somewhat disagreeable.

All of the Salisbury boys are feeling tolerably well. In fact the whole company is pretty hearty. Only two out of the 108 went to the hospital this morning.

I think you get to hear some exaggerated stories from our camp. Lots of

them are false reports. Some fellows have no other motives than to write untruths. We do not care whether you believe all you hear or not. Nevertheless it is not all true. Not one of the Salisbury boys have been down that they could not move around. Of course we had our ills, as well as others, but there is only one man from the company in the hospital, and he is improving.

It is reported that we will move out of this part of the Park to-morrow, and locate near Snodgrass Hill. But as to moving to Cuba or anywhere else outside of the United States, we have little hope. At one time, however, we thought we would get to go, but our hopes were blasted. Some of the authorities say we will move back to Pennsylvania; others say we will stay right here and fix up the grounds the other troops have left.

Some of our men are out to-day building corduroy bridges, and a detail under Lieut. Hoblitzell was to work on the ground the South Carolina regiment left.

"Dutch" Cochrane makes speeches in the tent on current topics, and a better lecturer you will not find, for "Dutch" is a well-read man.

Miller dons that necktie you were kind enough to give him.

Enos is as lively as any man in camp. The boys are all lively.

Some one asks in a letter whether it is so that Blake crossed the lines and got shot. It is not so; it is a lie, and whoever tells such stuff has nothing else to do. We like a joke occasionally, but such news as that may cause anxiety among the mothers of the boys.

Everybody has his uniform, I believe, and we will get on heavy marches three times a week from now on.

Our entire outfit for each man weighs 85 pounds. The articles it includes you will read in THE STAR.

Day before yesterday we were out for a sham battle. Our line of skirmishers was over 1½ miles in length, consisting of about 10,000 men. You should have seen the army of rabbits we chased up. They were jumping in every direction. Some of us tried to punch them with our guns, but none were killed.

A march of eight or ten miles you will say is not long. Yet, when you consider the load a man has to carry, and the heat here, you will admit that it is a pretty long march. It makes a person's feet sore when it is so hot. One good feature, the roads are not sandy, but are solid lime stone. This is the cause of soreness in the feet; but were it sand, your feet would get blistered, which would be much worse than it is with the solid road.

You should see our male family. We drive all four-mule teams, and drive in a trot nearly all the time, for these roads are nearly all level and smooth.

The sun is shining now again, but there is no telling how soon it will rain. The temperature ranges from 90 to 120 degrees in the shade, but we do not mind the heat much. It is very hot sometimes, but most of the time there is a breeze, which makes it very pleasant.

Our food, I think, is of the very best. It consists of beef, potatoes, beans, oatmeal, bread, salmon and coffee. It is plain food, but it is what a man should use. "Nicknacks" don't help one to stand the blunts of army life.

We sleep five in a tent on the bare ground, with a gum blanket and a woolen blanket to cover us. The nights are cool and we all sleep soundly. I have not heard one of the boys complain of the beds yet.

We send our best respects to all our old friends and acquaintances in Salisbury and Elk Lick.

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