

WEE DORIS AND I.

We're faithful companions, wee Doris and I. And talk to each other, at least, so we try. She uses quaint language when speaking to me.

Aunt Sally's Conscience.

Never was there a better-natured, more conscientious woman than Aunt Sally Warner, relict of Joab Warner, who departed this life after a fall from the roof of his barn.

One day nephew Joe, whose parents lived five or six miles away, arrived at Aunt Sally's on an errand. She was about to set out for the village of Rawsonville to do some "trading," and Joe volunteered to go along as driver of old Rommin.

When they reached town and found things in a bustle, he had to make some explanations. He explained that an exhibition was to be given that afternoon for the benefit of the widows and orphans, but he didn't say too much.

"If there is anything going on for the benefit of widows and orphans I ought to be interested, being as I am a widow myself. Is it a spelling bee or anything of that sort?"

to finish off seven more as soon as possible, she said: "Joe, this is real nice, and I'm glad we came. What are the folks going in to that other tent for?"

"Oh, that's part of the show, you know. There are folks who don't care to look at wild animals, and so they have some riding and tumbling in there for them."

"But why can't we see it?" "We can, and it won't cost a cent more."

They went in and found seats, and the circus performance opened. How was the guileless Aunt Sally to tell that it was a circus? It was her first attendance, and she never even had a performance described to her.

Something really new had come into Aunt Sally's life, and she talked of it all the way home. Joe left her to do most of the talking. He was now preparing for the impending calamity.

"Do you know what you've done, Aunt Sally Warner?" asked the caller in serious tones. "Why, I've had a good time."

"Yes, you've had a good time, but you are going to pay an awful price for it. I wouldn't be in your shoes for all the money this side of Jericho."

"But what do you mean? Isn't it everybody's duty to help the widows and orphans?" "Not if it's going to send your soul to the bad place. Aunt Sally, you've been to a circus!"

"No, I haven't! I wouldn't go to a circus for a thousand dollars, and you know it."

"You've been to a circus—a regular circus—with all its wickedness, and how on earth you are ever going to get forgiveness for it is more than I can say."

Nephew Joe was called in from the barn and the matter put to him, and he had to acknowledge he had worked a plot.

"I never would have believed it of you—never!" wailed Aunt Sally. "To think that one of my own kith and kin would take me to a circus and make me lose my chance of going to heaven!"

"But the animals interested you." "Yes, they did." "And you liked the peanuts and lemonade."

"Alas, but I did!" "And you thought the clown was funny and the riding good."

The Bicycle Causes of Its Fall and Rules for Its Proper and Healthful Use.

By Frank Sargent Grant, M. D.



WHEN Dame Fashion nodded her approval all the world rode a wheel. When later the self-same arbitrary lady frowned upon this newly found means of exercise out of doors, her devoted slaves forthwith dropped their steel steeds like so many hot cakes and consigned them to the dark cellar.

Another reason why the bicycle fell from popularity was on account of its abuse. The sport was wrongly begun, soon overdone, and the reaction inevitably followed. It is quite characteristic of the Americans to take hold of any good thing and make the most of it—indeed, very often, the worst of it.

In the first place, the method of instruction as carried out in nearly all the riding schools was radically wrong. Pupils were taught in a few hours or a few lessons how to mount, balance, gain confidence and then roll around in a circle from right to left rarely reversing the action, until they could do this unassisted. Then they were pronounced adepts, graduated and sent out on the road.

Not an examination was made as to the physical fitness of the pupil, not a lesson was given in the various mounts and dismounts, correct position of the handle bars, proper height and shape of the saddle, and the suitable gear, the art of back peddling, the use of the brake, the rules of the road—in short, on the complete control and management of the wheel.

Reckless riding, brakeless wheels and indifference to the rules of the road have been largely responsible for the present apathy and dislike of the bicycle on the public highways by the lovers of the horse. Another abuse of the wheel was overtaxation of individual power or muscular strength.

The perfect, up-to-date safety provides us with an ideal means of carrying the dead weight of the body with the least expenditure of muscular effort. Because one, however, can cover a number of miles, say twenty-five, after a little practice without apparent fatigue, that is no reason why one should do so. Do not exact from a wheel more than you expect from a horse.

So many who took up cycling overdid the thing. They would ride beyond the limits of their physical endurance, never counting on their return trip. Injury rather than a benefit to health followed in consequence, and later indifference and disgust for the pastime. Indulged in moderation there is no form of exercise so pleasant and so healthful to both mind and body as a mount on a good wheel.

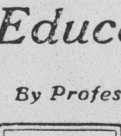
If the following suggestions were faithfully observed, the writer believes the interest in cycling would again be revived and would come to stay. First. Do not ride a wheel before getting a medical opinion as to your physical condition and fitness. Second. Learn to ride properly and thoroughly to control your wheel before taking to the road.

Third. See that your wheel is equipped with some form of reliable brake. Abandon high gears. Fourth. Learn to use and not abuse this wonderful invention and graceful means of locomotion. Fifth. Never exceed your strength. Ride for health and recreation, never for records.

Sixth. Be considerate and thoughtful of women and children, man and beast and fellow wheelers when out on the road. Strictly follow the rules of the road and compel others to do the same.

For Profit—Above All Men Ground Between Economic Conditions and Social Aspirations.

By L. Julian McIntyre, in the New York Times.



ALTHOUGH the bank clerk Ruyvan has been captured, and some unsavory revelations made of his life, yet the force of your article on "Low salaries and thrift" is nothing lessened. The only fault to be found with that article is that it treats of effects only and does not go into the cause of the conditions described.

KEYSTONE STATE CULLINGS

ATTACK ON COURT DECISION Solicitor for Philadelphia County Files Exceptions to Ruling in Two-Cent Fare Case.

City Solicitor Gendell filed in Common Pleas Court at Philadelphia, a bill of exceptions to the decision of Judges Willson, Audenried and Carr in the case of the Pennsylvania Railroad Co. against Philadelphia county to test the constitutionality of the two-cent rate law.

The bill avers the court in this decision erred in 65 particulars, chief of these being the court's refusal to dismiss the bill. Among the exceptions taken by the defendant's attorney is that the ruling of the court that public service corporations in Pennsylvania are entitled to look for a rate of returns, if their property will earn it, is not less than the legal rate of interest.

From that exception on through the entire adjudication of the court, exceptions were made to almost every paragraph. The bill covers 28 pages of closely typewritten matter. It is signed by A. W. Crawford, City Solicitor J. Howard Gendell, Assistant City Solicitor E. Lowengrund and L. Hampton Todd, attorneys for the defendants.

SENTENCED AT BUTLER. Black Hand Operator Given Five Years' Solitary Confinement. Judge James M. Galbreath of Butler sentenced Dominic Zonzotti, who pleaded guilty to cutting with intent to maim, to five years solitary confinement and to pay \$1,000 fine.

Zonzotti lived in Hillsville, headquarters of the Lawrence County Black Hand. At the direction of a Black Hand leader he attacked Antonio Pasquale with a razor. In passing sentence Judge Crisswell said: "A man who is weak enough or wicked enough to lend himself as a tool to such a society is all but equally as guilty as though he had himself deliberately planned the crime."

\$2,000,000 TO MASONS Former Grand Lodge Treasurer Leaves All to Male Orphans. Under the will of the late Thomas R. Patton, treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Masons of Pennsylvania, his entire estate, valued at \$2,000,000, is devised to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, for the education and support of male orphans of Master Masons. Peter Boyd, an attorney, is made sole executor.

Twenty Years Each for Firebugs. Twenty years in the penitentiary was the sentence pronounced at Allentown on Robert Hartsell, who pleaded guilty to 23 charges of arson and theft. Hartsell, with Daniel J. Adams, was arrested recently, charged with setting on fire three business places in Allentown, causing a loss of \$100,000. Adams was tried at Easton for arson committed in Northampton county and also received a sentence of 20 years. Hartsell was sentenced on only four charges, the Court holding the other cases open against him.

Fair Ground for Park. A deal was put through here at Washington whereby local business men secure control of the old Washington Fair grounds, which will be turned into an amusement park. A three-year lease on the property was taken, with the option of purchasing it for \$30,000. The old race track, a half mile course, will be shaped up and the work of installing various amusements commenced. It is the intention to hold big race meets each year.

New Coke Ovens Planned. William A. Wilson and Jacob U. Kuhns of Greensburg, who recently optioned 1,000 acres of the Thaw tract in the Connellsville coke region, have let a contract to H. Frank Stark of Greensburg, for the construction of 100 coke ovens near Hecla. A shaft 250 feet deep will be sunk on the Emanuel Snyder farm. When the coal is more fully developed 500 ovens will be built.

While playing with a revolver, John B. Horton, 6 years old of Washington, accidentally shot and killed his 5-year-old friend, Robert L. Donaldson. The boys had been playing "Holdup."

Fire destroyed the tippie, elevator and other shore works at the Pike mine of the Peoples Coal Company at Brownsville, causing a loss of about \$20,000. It is supposed that sparks from a pump boat caused the fire.

Fifteen hundred persons attended the harvest home services of the forty-seventh annual encampment of the Grangers of Central Pennsylvania at Bellefonte.

Plague of Caterpillars. Travelers in the Wodonga and Barnawartha districts find it difficult (writes the London Mail's Melbourne correspondent) to get their horses to face the caterpillars that swarm the country roads. They are denuding vegetation, and it is feared the vineyards will be devastated. An excursion train, when seven miles from Peshhurst, was brought to a standstill through dense masses of the insects blocking the rails. The wheels, crushing them to death, skidded from the rails.—New York World.

GIRL ASKS BIG DAMAGES

Minister's Daughter Plaintiff in a Breach of Promise Suit. Suit for \$50,000 damages for breach of promise to marry was filed at Uniontown on behalf of Miss Mercedes Gladden, daughter of Rev. W. H. Gladden of Youngstown, O., against I. C. Smutz, a business man of New Haven, Pa. It is claimed by the plaintiff she had promised to marry Smutz, and they had agreed on Wednesday, Sept. 11, as the date for the wedding at the bride's home.

She says the arrangements were all made, many of the wedding presents received and some of the guests had arrived at Youngstown. On the day before the intended ceremony, the plaintiff charges, she received a telegram from Smutz notifying her that he could not be present and breaking off the engagement. She says a letter followed in which Smutz admitted he had done her an injury, but gave no reason for his action. Smutz, who is a widower, is not at home. He is supposed to be in Michigan.

LEFT HIM KNIFE AND FORK Divorce Defendant Accuses Wife of Making Clean Sweep. In his answer to a suit brought by his wife for divorce on the ground of non-support, Thomas R. Strain of Hanover township, Washington county, makes unusual charges against his wife.

Strain declares he was forced to sell his farm of 127 acres and give the money to his wife, leaving himself penniless; that the woman beat him frequently with a poker, refused to cook his meals and tried to prevent him from cooking any himself. Strain says his wife burned up his corn and farming implements for fuel; that she left him a few weeks ago, taking with her all the furniture which he had bought, leaving him nothing but a knife and fork, and destroying such things as she did not wish to take away with her.

BREAKFAST FOODS NEXT Pure Food People Want to Learn Just What Is in Them. Dairy and Food Commissioner Foust has sent to Prof. Frank Frear samples of 75 brands of breakfast and other patent foods for analysis. These samples were taken as the result of an agitation which was begun some time ago to know what was in them. The samples were secured all over the state, every known brand being taken. Prof. Frear will ascertain if they are true to name, if chemicals are used, whether they are bleached and what they contain. This will clear up questions of what breakfast foods are made of and if cornstarch is used in some of the patent foods.

GAS HEARING SEPT. 30 Philadelphia Co. Charter Fight Date Fixed by Todd. The hearing on the application of the city of Pittsburgh for a writ of quo warranto to declare the charter of the Philadelphia Company null and void on account of the alleged exorbitant price of gas will be held before Attorney General Todd on Sept. 30.

Bids Are Asked. State Highway Commissioner Hunter is asking for bids to construct the new state road from Irwin to the Allegheny county line near McKeesport. This will give the people of Pittsburgh a new route over the pike eastward and will cut off the big Turtle Creek hill on the present route. The project includes macadamizing the pike from Irwin to Circleville, one of the worst stretches of road in Western Pennsylvania.

Largest Mennonite Bequest. The will of Adam Landis of Lancaster county, who committed suicide a week ago by hanging himself in his barn, because of ill-health, leaves \$100,000 to the old Mennonite home at Oreville, Lancaster county. It is the largest bequest ever made to a Mennonite institution anywhere.

Blame Brakeman for Wreck. The coroner's jury investigating the wreck of two engines in the Pennsylvania yards at Altoona, in which Engineer Kinch was killed and two other trainmen were seriously injured, placed the responsibility upon Brakeman W. B. McCartney. The testimony showed that McCartney threw a switch without orders.

Dr. C. O. Dillenbeck of Strattonville was replenishing his automobile tank with gasoline, when the fluid ignited from the heat of the machine, and his right arm was so burned that amputation was necessary.

Henry Jones was acquitted at Somerset of the murder of George Spivok. He was charged with murder by Spivok's wife and admitted that he killed Spivok in self-defense on May 26 last.

Harnett station, on the Bessener railroad, was burned. The blaze was caused by a defective lamp that exploded. Frank Fingleman, the night operator, was severely burned before he could escape.

A new postoffice has been established at Manifold, the new mining town in South Strabane township, Washington county. G. M. Dodd is named as postmaster.

Uniontown council has adopted a motion to exclude newspaper reporters from meetings of council.

Styles in women's clothes in Japan have not changed in 2,500 years, avers the Kansas City Star. What a snap the editions of the Japanese fashion magazines must have!