

BICYCLE RIDING.

SOMETHING ABOUT CORRECT AND INCORRECT POSITIONS.

A Doctor's Hints Made Plain by Photographs—Proper Adjustment of the Saddle—The Scorchers.

COMMON sense more than anything else, says the New York Times, should direct the beginner in cycling from the bad to the correct position on his



THE SCORCHER'S POSITION.

remedied by properly adjusting the saddle. "A wrong tilt, or angle, unduly raising or lowering the front peak," says Dr. Dickinson, "calls for attention only because the average woman is not aware how slight an alteration in angle will make a large difference in comfort and safety."

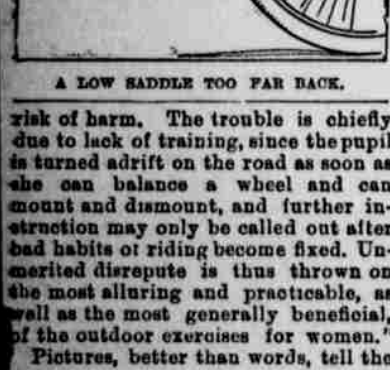
The faults in position of the women are also the faults of the men in this respect. Elderly male beginners particularly run to low saddles. Much has been said by critics in condemnation of the scorcher's position affected by the younger element, but this not so bad as it is painted. It is really injurious only when carried to excess. Take a young man who has been working at a desk all the week and let him get out on Sunday and ride at a fast pace in the scorcher's position over a distance, and he will feel the evil effects. He will have a soreness across the chest, and very likely a slight, hacking cough. When a rider trains for fast work, however, there is a great difference. His muscles are prepared for the contraction which is the result of being low over the handle bars, and the extra fatigue noticeable to the novice is lacking.

A COW'S STRANGE DEATH.

Found Hanging in the Fork of a Wild Cherry Tree.

Bessie was a sleek, glossy Jersey cow owned by ex-Congressman William Ryan, and kept by him on his place in Portchester, N. Y. By the Ryans she had always been treated with the most tender care, and besides, Bessie had a little calf with big, brown eyes to take up her spare time. That a cow with such happy environments as this would deliberately take her own life seems almost beyond reason. But this is what many people in the village think she did. On Thursday morning Bessie was found with her head lodged between the forks of a wild cherry tree. She was dead. The forks of the tree are nearly nine feet from the ground, and to have reached them Bessie had to jump several feet from the ground. The theory that she was trying to eat the leaves was first advanced, but was afterward abandoned when it was learned that ruminating beasts have never been known to eat the leaves of a wild cherry tree. The fence might have aided Bessie in reaching the fork of the tree, but it is not near enough, unless, as some have suggested, she jumped on a curve or did the giant swing.

The curious sight was witnessed by



HOW THE COW KILLED HERSELF.

hundreds of people, who could not fully satisfy their minds as to the real manner of death. The cow remained in her strange position until Friday, when, after fruitless efforts to dislodge her by the aid of a team of horses. It was found necessary to cut off her head. The accompanying portrait was sketched by Miss Susie Marshall, a daughter of Village Trustee Joseph H. Marshall, who was one of the first spectators on the scene. —New York Tribune.

What to Eat.

The carpenter, hardback; the watchmaker, minute pudding; the printer, pi; the wheelman, meets; the upholsterer, stuffing; the plumber, long billed snipe; the blacksmith, hammered steak; the banker, golden pheasant; the balloonist, angel food; the clown, capers; the glovemaking, lady fingers; the shoemaker, soles; political speaker, his own words; the bumper, swallows; the oarsman, crabs; the tramp, any old thing. —Up-to-Date.

The prefect of police of Paris has decided to allow the petroleum horseless carriage to compete with omnibuses and ply for hire.

A KENTUCKIAN'S LONG BEARD.

Eight Feet of Hirsute Adornment and Still Growing.

Fulaski County, Kentucky, has a citizen who rejoices in a beard eight feet long and still growing. Uncle Billy Bryden is his name, and since he was quite a young man he has had a heavy growth of hair all over his face. It is not fashionable to shave up in the mountains where Uncle Billy lives, and most of the men outside of the county allow their faces to appear as nature intended. There are no barbers any nearer than Somerset, the county seat, and if there were no one would be likely to patronize him. Occasionally when the growth gets too thick some men trim their beards out a little with the scissors; but this concession to civilization is not universal. Some years ago Uncle Billy was noted as having the longest and thickest beard in the county. He got to be proud of it, and since then he has not allowed steel, whether razor or shears, to come betwixt the wind and his lylocks.

Now Uncle Billy has got a beard for



UNCLE BILLY BRYDEN.

your whiskers—so to speak. It is eight feet long, and when he lets it out he has to step around as gingerly as a lady who dons a dress en train for the first time. He generally wads up the lower portion, confines it with a ribbon and stuffs it inside his vest.

Oldest Living Preacher.

"Probably the oldest living preacher who is still actively engaged in the ministry is Father Waugh, of my town," said R. P. Cannon, of Sonora, Cal., at the Elbitt. "He is ninety years of age, and has been in the ministry for seventy years. He was raised in Virginia, and sixty years ago preached in Washington. He edited a religious paper, which was so pronounced in its anti-slavery views that he was compelled to leave Virginia, going to Missouri and taking his pulpit decidedly into politics during the troublous times of the Missouri compromise discussion. Again, he left, by request, and went overland to Sonora, where he has resided ever since. Now, at the age of ninety years, he attends all conferences of the Methodist Church, looking hale and hearty, and feeling, as he says, 'like a boy.' He has never used tobacco or liquor in any form, and attributes his remarkable health to that fact. He knows almost all of the Indians left in Southern California personally, and is almost worshipped by them." —Washington Star.

An Independent Subject.

King Leopold of Belgium has one subject who is ready to show his independence. M. Vandendriessche bought a lot in front of the King's villa at Ostend and built a house on it that interfered with the King's view. The King remonstrated, whereupon M. Vandendriessche pulled his house down and built a twelve story iron hotel on the lot.

Amazing Headdress of African Dudes.

The New York World presents two cofitures which are fashionable in certain sections of Africa. The hair that grows on the head of an American could not be arranged in such a style with ease. That is where the African has an advantage. The stiff hair that grows on the heads of the natives of Africa is so thick and luxuriant that no hat or bonnet is needed or worn. It lends itself to the erection of amazing structures much more readily than the fine hair found on civilized folks' heads.

Such a headdress would serve much the same purpose as the huge hats formerly affected by the members of volunteer fire companies. It would



AFRICAN HEADDRESSES.

take a tremendous blow to injure the cranium of the African with such a shock of thick and matted hair as is shown in the pictures. Even a sharp battle axe might be turned by such hirsute adornment, and the rays of a tropical sun would have slight effect through such a thick covering.

MODISH WAISTS.

THE LATEST DESIGNS FOR LADIES AND MISSES.

A Color Innovation for a Misses' Waist, With the Fashionable Skirt of Circular Shape—Ladies' Draped Waist.

ONE of the latest innovations in the color scheme that embraces the exquisite autumn tints is here represented in the beautiful fabric called Melange, writes May Manton. The trimmings are of velvet, of a darker shade with a full vest of creamy satin. The trim adjustment is accomplished by single bust



MISSES' WAIST WITH CIRCULAR SKIRT.

less back being rounded at the waist line while the jacket fronts are slightly pointed to just below the waist line. The full vest is gathered at upper and lower edges and falls gracefully over the crushed belt in blouse style, being arranged over fitted linings that close in centre-front. The stylish sleeves, close-fitting to above the elbow, are topped with short puffs of moderate fulness that are quite the latest style.

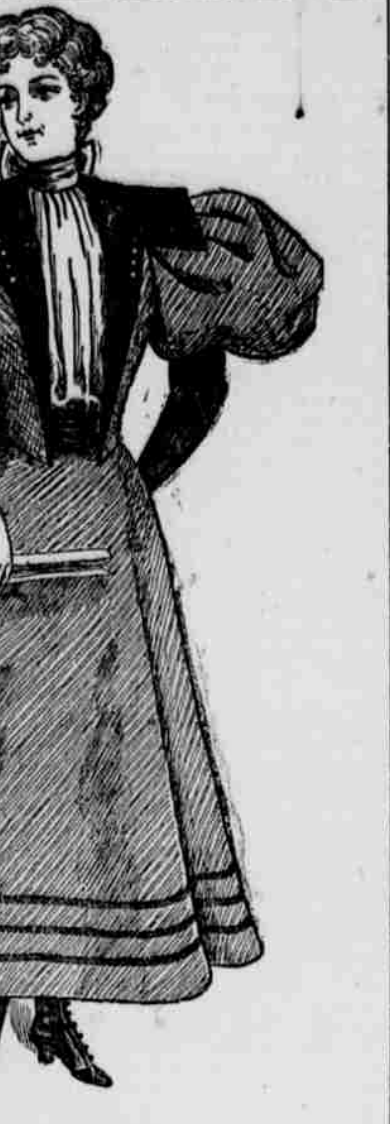
The skirt of circular shape presents the fashionable flare at the lower edge. The top fits smoothly across the hips with gathers on each side of the placket which is finished in the centre back seam. The mode is exceedingly "chio" and becoming to young misses.

Any one of the plain or mixed dress fabrics may be employed in making, embracing cheviot, etamine, mohair, serge or tweed, in tones of tan, blue, green, heliotrope with velvet or ribbed silk for trimming.

LADIES' DRAPED WAIST.

Figured violet silk, satin ribbon and chantilli lace are delightfully blended in this stylish waist, which is fanciful enough, according to May Manton, to be worn at concert or indoor social functions. The dainty lace, arranged in fans, falls over the full puffed sleeves. Broad satin ribbon outlines either side of the draped front and encircles the waist, while coquetish bows at the shoulders, waist and

well to the centre back. The front is smoothly-fitting at the top with slight fulness at the waist line. The charming drape (an innovation that promises to be exceedingly popular), is included in the right shoulder seam and diagonally to the waist line. At the neck is a standing collar covered by a wrinkled stock of ribbon that is bowed stylishly at the centre back. The fitting sleeves provided with gracefully full short puff at the top are among the advanced models and are completed at the wrists with frills of soft creamy lace. The mode is adapted to all reasonable fabrics and offers charming facilities for the execution of individual taste and various styles of decoration. To make this waist for a lady in the medium size it will require three and one-quarter



MISSES' WAIST WITH CIRCULAR SKIRT.

yards of forty-four-inch wide material.

AN ATTRACTIVE DRESS FOR GIRLS.

Simplicity and daintiness are stylishly combined in this attractive little gown. The materials chosen are all-wool plaid of a diminutive pattern showing deep garnet, ecru and green, with pout-de-soie in stem green, ecru lace contributing the decoration. The waist is provided with a fitted lining, which closes in the centre back. Over this lining the material is applied, having the fulness across the bust and shoulders collected in gathers at the waist line beneath a narrow belt of silk. The ripple collar, included with the standing collar at the neck, and decorated at the free edges with lace and ribbon, falls both back and front in a deep point reaching a trifle below the waist line and continuing in ripple effect to form similar points over the short puffs of the stylish sleeves. A standing collar of silk completes the neck.

The plain full skirt is gathered at the top and adjusted to the lower edge of the waist, with the fulness evenly distributed. It may be deeply hemmed or trimmed with alternate rows of ribbon.

Charming little gowns may be fashioned after this model in shot mohair, tweed, serge, Henrietta, crepon, etc. When developed in suitable materials the garment will serve admirably as a school frock, and it is so simple in construction as to be readily executed by the home dressmaker.

NEW HAT CROWNS.

Hat crowns are constantly growing

KEYSTONE STATE NEWS CONDENSED.

PENNSYLVANIA'S VOTE.

Official and Estimated Returns from All the Counties.

The following table gives the vote by counties, mostly official, for McKinley, Bryan and Palmer:

Counties	Rep.	Dem.	Gold
Adams.....	4,168	3,758	95
Allegheny.....	76,961	29,109	452
Armstrong.....	6,325	3,996	32
Beaver.....	6,842	4,322	37
Bedford.....	4,990	3,554	42
Berks.....	14,318	18,099	415
Blair.....	10,263	4,294	167
Bradford.....	4,422	4,988	55
Bucks.....	9,738	6,685	312
Butler.....	6,334	4,837	25
Cambria.....	8,965	6,844	61
Cameron.....	9,225	633	6
Carbon.....	4,507	3,547	126
Center.....	4,884	4,463	93
Chester.....	14,188	6,904	248
Clarion.....	3,338	4,097	20
Clearfield.....	7,954	6,141	210
Clinton.....	3,485	3,051	104
Columbia.....	3,951	4,808	77
Crawford.....	7,851	8,376	149
Cumberland.....	6,164	6,147	102
Dauphin.....	14,952	6,516	461
Delaware.....	33,952	4,071	245
Elk.....	2,905	2,678	6
Erle.....	11,738	5,774	140
Fayette.....	9,230	8,905	61
Forest.....	1,224	805	6
Franklin.....	6,726	4,385	189
Fulton.....	1,080	1,228	5
Greene.....	2,438	4,128	21
Huntingdon.....	4,839	2,058	30
Indiana.....	5,906	2,523	13
Jefferson.....	5,482	3,422	125
Juniata.....	2,057	1,797	23
Lackawanna.....	35,391	11,628	390
Lancaster.....	94,337	8,145	498
Lawrence.....	6,228	3,013	13
Lebanon.....	7,286	2,819	68
Lewiss.....	4,997	9,318	325
Luzerne.....	22,599	16,807	294
Lyoncoming.....	8,045	7,128	167
Mechanic.....	1,687	1,567	5
Merger.....	7,215	5,319	27
Mifflin.....	2,658	2,021	78
Monroe.....	1,447	2,886	74
Montgomery.....	17,334	9,957	533
Montour.....	1,357	1,164	24
Northampton.....	9,763	10,929	348
Northumberland.....	8,630	7,159	120
Perry.....	3,525	2,423	55
Philadelphia.....	177,032	63,538	2,613
Pike.....	773	1,124	24
Polk.....	3,231	2,128	25
Schuykill.....	16,985	14,612	359
Snyder.....	2,555	1,287	33
Somerset.....	5,862	2,294	67
Sullivan.....	1,307	1,247	28
Susquehanna.....	5,320	3,902	46
Tioga.....	7,922	2,303	73
Union.....	2,567	993	54
Venango.....	5,132	4,000	32
Warren.....	4,846	3,047	32
Washington.....	10,764	7,128	83
Wayne.....	3,708	2,408	21
Westmoreland.....	14,809	10,320	30
Wyoming.....	2,373	1,957	17
York.....	11,896	12,865	359
Totals.....	727,951	425,886	10,938
	425,986		

McKinley's plurality, 301,965

In addition to the above it is estimated that there were about 19,000 votes cast for the Prohibition ticket, and about 10,000 for other candidates and "scattering."

Louis Doerfl, aged 67 years, and Bertha Miller, aged 4 years, all of Philadelphia, were asphyxiated, and Mrs. Doerfl may be the third victim. A daughter found the father and child dead on the floor, and the mother unconscious. A stop cock in the boiler had been accidentally opened and the resulting gas overcame the three occupants of the room.

Fink Conwell, of Dunbar, was arrested on a charge preferred by Mary Conwell, his wife. She charges him with assaulting her with a broad knife. The knife is about two inches long. She escaped with two cuts on the arm. She also alleges that within the past few weeks he has made several attempts on her life. He is in jail.

Robert Welch, a coal dealer at Everett, bet Howard M. Weaverling, a groceryman, that Bryan would be elected. Welch filed Weaverling's coal house the morning of the election and agreed if McKinley was elected he would not charge anything for the coal, but if Bryan was elected Weaverling should pay two prices for the coal.

The case of Joshua Wright, the Washington banker, convicted of receiving deposits when he knew he was insolvent, was reopened and the court intimated that if the depositors were reimbursed and the costs paid the whole matter might be dropped.

Asa T. Deamer, who recently died at Manor, bequeathed to Mrs. Kesler, the nurse who attended him during his illness, \$1,300; to his sister, Mrs. Best, \$1,000, and the balance of his estate, amounting to about \$2,000, to a fund for cripples.

Two Italian brigands attacked John Devine, a nurse at the Miners' hospital at Fountain Springs, near Pottsville, as he was driving along a lonely road. He shot both, wounding them badly, and they were afterwards captured.

Thomas Haggerty and James Clark, the two men captured in the act of burglarizing the United States express office at Washington, pleaded guilty in court. Jesse Miller, arrested as an accomplice, is having a trial.

The coroner's jury found that overindulgence in alcohol caused the death of Fred Green at Ford City on Sunday morning, notwithstanding reports of the administering of anesthetics.

M. S. McCreight, cashier of the Dubois Deposit National bank, is the father of twin boys, born the day after election. He has named them Mark McKinley and Hanna Hobart.

F. W. Lowery of Butler, has been announced a candidate for reading clerk of the senate to succeed James M. Carson, of Pittsburgh, who is the present incumbent of that office.

The official vote for congressman for the Erie-Crawford district was canvassed with the following result: Sturtevant, Rep., 18,840; Sibley, Dem.-Pop., 15,114; Mason, Pro., 531.

The Valley Power and Light Company of Beaver Falls, capital \$3,000, has been chartered. Directors, William A. McCoil, H. W. Reeves and Hunter Eckert, Beaver Falls.

The houses of John Dampman, Al. Hawk, A. Sweeney and F. Lauby, at Freeport, were robbed by burglars Sunday night and attempts were made on two other houses.

The mineral wool plant of Wheatlan' shipped a car of mineral wool to Honolulu this week. This is the second car that has gone to that place from Wheatlan.

While a party of men from Apollo were hunting rabbits Dave Olinger's gun was accidentally discharged and Ed Artman was instantly killed.

W. H. Wauker, in jail at Altoona for reason on his wife, was turned out on a charge of sending an obscene letter through the mail.

The borough of West New Castle has voted to enter the city of New Castle, which will give the latter about 22,000 population.

Galco Vandoro, a cigar maker at Corry, killed himself by shooting his brains out. The act is ascribed to desipation.

John Graham of Knou Valley, was bitten by a horse, his right eyelid and a large part of his forehead being torn off.

The postoffice at Dushore was robbed of \$60 in cash and stamps, the fifth time it has been robbed in five years.