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Spider-Crabs of Japan.
The crab spider inhabits the ocean bed, terrifying the submarine world. It is hideous in appearance and habits. It is the most formidable and repulsive creature in the seas.

More than one daring pearl diver and coral hunter has battled with this hairy monster and been driven to seek the safety of a boat's deck.

Though frequently found in cool waters, the great spider-crab flourishes and attains his greatest size in the waters of the Japan seas.

Though often encountered by coral and pearl hunters, the monster is seldom trapped, and so only four specimens of full-grown spider-crabs are to be found in this country.

A fine specimen is in Rutgers' College Museum of Natural History. Two are in the collections of the Leland Stanford and Cornell Universities. The fourth specimen is in a private collection in Philadelphia.

While the largest and most ferocious of deep-sea crustacea, the spider-crab is the most defenseless. Nature has not provided it with a single weapon of defense against its many enemies.

Still, the appearance of the spider-crab is his best defense, and he is master of the sealed and finned things that live in the ocean's depths.

The spider-crab is so named because of its strong resemblance to the familiar spinning insect. Its habits are, however, those of the crab family. The long legs, which often exceed forty feet in length, are thickly covered with coarse black hair. The body, often fifteen feet in circumference, is also covered with hair, in which barnacles, seaweed and tiny shellfish make their home.

The spider-crab when attacked exudes an overpowering odor, which permeates the water around it, while it flashes its long, hairy, fearsome arms until the water seethes.

The food of the spider-crab is for the most part decayed animal matter. The creature is abnormally indolent. It will fasten on a clump of coral and remain there immovable for many hours.

The Japanese pearl divers assert that the touch of the spider-crab is as fatal as the sting of a cobra's fang, but the usual fighting method of the monster is to embrace its enemy, fish or human, in its huge, hairy tentacles, where death by smothering comes slow but sure.

The spider-crab's human victims are not numerous, though just how many coral and pearl hunters have been suffocated in its terrible arms no one will ever know.

Shaving.

Man is said to be the only creature that shaves. But this is not so. A South American bird called the "motmot" actually begins shaving on arriving at maturity. Naturally adorned with long blue tail feathers, it is not satisfied with them in their natural state, but with its beak nips off the web on each side for a space of about two inches, leaving a neat little oval tuft at the end of each.

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THE WOMAN A-WHEEL

WHAT SHE WEARS WHEN OUT FOR A SPIN.

Petticoats Hold Their Own with Bloomers and Outnumber Them in Most Cities—Voluminous Wardrobe of the Sporting Lady.

New Things in Cycle Skirts.

BICYCLING has made the athletic side of the fashionable woman's life to be quite as important as the purely social, but in no phase of her varied existence does she ever divest herself of the never-falling query: "What shall I wear?" Nor is it possible for the most mildly athletic woman to provide herself with a single costume, saying, "This is my gown for athletic exercises," for such costumes are as varied as the flowers of the field, even when designed for the same kind of exercise. There are as many different kinds of cycling costumes, for instance, as there are bicycles, and as much dif-

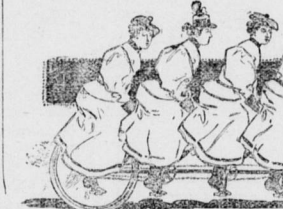
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A SEXTET OF NEW YORK SOCIETY LEADERS.

self by the gradual wane in popularity of the bloomer. Take the percentage of the skirts and knickerbockers in any large city, and the petticoat will be found to do much more than merely hold its own.

First, there is the ordinary short skirt, not very full, and without any unbecoming modifications. In spite of assertions to the contrary, this is the skirt which is worn by the general run of people. Prominent fashionable women have not been riding the wheel for very long, and are not ready for the advanced costume yet. Nor does the everyday woman wish to make herself conspicuous by appearing in public in the much criticized bifurcated costume. Mrs. John Jacob Astor wears a skirt when she rides. So do other ladies of fashion. This much must be said for the bloomer, however, that it usually goes with the petticoat but does not appear except in cases of emergency. Some women have adopted the practice of wearing a skirt while riding in the city and then removing it and rolling it up in the carrier provided for the purpose by enterprising inventors.

A more convenient arrangement than this is the new Bygrave skirt, named after its inventor, who is an English woman. The skirt is the product of her own experience and is very simple, yet very effective. The idea was to arrange the skirt in such a manner as not to interfere with the free management of the pedals and to prevent its catching on the wheels. The skirt is practically converted into a pair of bloomers by drawstrings running up and down the middle of the front and back of the skirt. These strings may be



EXTREMES IN CYCLING COSTUMES.

pulled as tight as is desired, raising or lowering the skirt at will, and they are provided with catches to hold them in place. The skirt may thus become a pair of knee bloomers, or be allowed to hang loose like a divided skirt; and when worn amid "the busy haunts of men" it appears as a plain, ordinary

skirt with never a suspicion of masculinity about it.

The divided skirt comes in two varieties, thus making up the four mentioned at the beginning. These are the



IDEAL AMERICAN WOMAN CYCLIST.

regulation Jeness Miller skirt, and the one that is only divided in the back.

The latter style is the special property of a large New York store, and has many qualities in its favor. Off the wheel it hangs like an ordinary skirt, and on the wheel it stays put, in exactly the same folds each time, being cut and fashioned to fit the saddle. In the front this skirt usually has a broad box pleat to admit of the free action of the knees while pedaling. Some of these bicycle skirts are surprisingly full around the bottom, being stitched down in box pleats from the top, and then allowed to flare for about fourteen inches.

The girl who rides a diamond frame gets no advantage from this Louis skirt, as it is called, because of the undivided front. Nothing but bloomers or wholly divided skirts will serve her. One can buy bloomers just like a pair of trousers, separate from the rest of the suit. The best material is alpaca, but they are made of satin for the extravagant few.

The English tweeds in pepper and salt mixtures are the favorite materials, brown and white being the fashionable as well as the serviceable colors. Whipcords, chevrons, brilliants and corduroys are also popular. Mrs. Langtry wears a corduroy suit with leggings of the same. Some of the prettiest corduroy suits are double breasted, and but-



A TYPICAL ENGLISH WHEELWOMAN.

ton up diagonally to each shoulder. This style is more sensible than the Eton jacket, which flares open and catches the wind. The Norfolk jacket is very popular because, besides being well adapted to the use for which it is intended, it affords such good opportunity for the display of the new belts which are so pretty and so plenty this year.

Leggings usually match the suit with



A TYPICAL ENGLISH WHEELWOMAN.

which they are worn, but they can be bought separately in any material desired. Most of them are buttoned up on the outside. Others lace up part way and are then fastened with Foster hooks, with a couple of straps at the top. It seems to be the general verdict, however, that knee shoes are preferable to leggings and low shoes. As to hats, the public favor is divided between the Alpine hat and the Tam O'Shanter.

A pretty hat that combines the advantages of both is now on the market. It has a rolling, narrow brim that is stretched to make it stiff, with a Dresden silk Tam O'Shanter crown. It is trimmed with a couple of quills standing up on one side. These hats are more becoming to most people than the English hat, and at the same time furnish a good shade for the eyes. Bicycle caps seem to have entirely gone out of use among feminine riders.

Perforated gloves are among the novelties invented for the comfort of luxury-loving wheel-women. An experienced wheelwoman recommends an outfit for a feminine cyclist which seems very reasonable: A full suit of cheviot or tweed, with an extra pair of bloomers and two pairs of equestrian tights. With these a pair of high bicycle shoes and one pair of low shoes with

leggings to admit of changes in the event of being caught in a rain storm while riding at a distance. A couple of hats and one pair of gloves especially devoted to cycling, whether perforated or not, complete the outfit.

The sweater is worn by enthusiastic cyclists, and there are many new designs that are very attractive. Some of them are made with a blouse effect which is rather prettier for the purpose intended. They can be bought for almost any price from \$1.98 to \$5 or \$6.

Any costume described may be worn for other purposes, but in general it is better to keep it for its special use, though it adapts itself to hunting and mountain climbing better than other athletic exercises.

A lady's sporting wardrobe bids fair to become very voluminous. What with her yachting costume, her tennis gown, her yachting rig, her bathing costume, her golf, rowing and hunting



SARAH BERNHARDT ON HER BICYCLE.

gowns, she will need several trunks to carry them, and not have much room or time for the old delight for gauze and ribbons and lace.

SOUTH AFRICAN RUINS.

Buildings at Zimbabwe that May Be of King Solomon's Time.

It would seem that, at some far distant date, a people more civilized than any of the present Kafir tribes had penetrated into the region we now call Mashonaland, and had maintained itself there for a considerable period. Remains of gold-workings are found in many parts of that country, and even as far as the south-western part of Matabeland—remains which show that mining must have been carried on, by primitive methods, no doubt, but still upon a scale larger than we can well deem within the capabilities of the Kafir tribes as we now see them. There are, moreover, in these regions, and usually not far from some old gold-working, pieces of ancient building executed with a neatness and artistic effect, which are entirely absent from the rough walls, sometimes of loose stones, sometimes plastered with mud, which the Kafirs build to-day.

These old buildings are, with one exception, bits of wall inclosing forts or residences. They are constructed of solid blocks of the granite of the country, carefully trimmed to be of one size, and are usually ornamented with a simple pattern, such as the so-called "herringbone" pattern. The one exception is to be found in the ruins of Zimbabwe, in southern Mashonaland. Here a wall thirty feet high, and from six to twelve or fourteen feet thick, incloses a large elliptical space, filled with other buildings, some of which apparently were intended for the purposes of worship. There are no inscriptions of any kind, and few objects, except some rudely carved heads of birds, to supply any indication as to the ethnological affinities of the people who erected this building, or as to the nature of their worship. Such indications as we have, however, suggest that it was some form of nature worship, including the worship of the sun. We know from other sources (including the Egyptian monuments and the Old Testament) that there was from very early times a trade between the Red Sea and some part of East Africa; and as we know also that the worship of natural forces and of the sun prevailed among the early Semites, the view that the builders of Zimbabwe were of Arab or some other Semitic stock, is at least highly plausible.

Two things are quite clear to every one who examines the ruins, and compares them with the smaller fragments of ancient building already mentioned. Those who built Zimbabwe were a race much superior to the Bantu tribes, whose mud huts are now to be found not far from these still strong and solid walls; and those other remains scattered through the country were either the work of that same superior race, or, at any rate, were built in imitation of their style and under the influence they had left. But whether this race was driven out or peaceably withdrew, or became by degrees absorbed and lost in the surrounding Bantu population, we have no data for conjecture. If they came from Arabia they must have come more than twelve centuries ago, before the days of Mohammed; for they were evidently not Mussulmans, and it is just as easy to suppose that they came in the days of Solomon, fifteen centuries earlier.—Century.

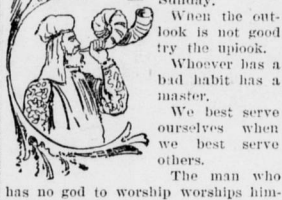
He Got It.

Dick—You know that feller wokin' in shaft 17 who was always kickin' for a raise?
Mick—Yes.
Dick—Well, he kicked over a can of dynamite to-day and got it.—Up-to-Date.

A woman who is too old to wear a sailor hat is also too old to wear an accordion pleated skirt.

TRUMPET CALLS.

Ran's Horn Sounds a Warning Note to the Unredeemed.



THE devil works the hardest on Sunday. When the outlook is not good try the spook.

Whoever has a bad habit has a master. We best serve ourselves when we best serve others.

The man who has no god to worship worships himself.

A fault will attract more attention to us than a virtue.

The man who has the "big head" often wears a small hat.

It is not the longest prayers that are answered quickest.

The sermon falls that does not tell somebody that God is love.

The spots we see on others are nearly always on our own glasses.

No man who is trying to serve the Lord doubts that there is a devil.

Get in the habit of resting all your weight on the Everlasting Arms.

Every man who does wrong is helping to lead an army of boys astray.

Wherever Jesus went, the devil took pains to send some scribes and Pharisees.

There are people who never care for music except when they play the first fiddle.

The man who is doing the thing God wants him to do is engaged in a great work.

The devil's presence in the heart is often shown by what comes out of the mouth.

The man who is sure that there is no hell will generally be found trying to make one.

The man who works for the Lord by the day will never be satisfied with the pay he gets.

The man who is trying to hide behind a hypocrite now will not do it in the judgment.

The man who is willing to do God's will will not long be kept in doubt about what is God's will.

Some people talk much about what a happy place heaven is, and do nothing to make their homes resemble it.

It will be time enough to talk about giving up the Bible when we find something better to take its place.

When the devil knows that a man is kinder to his mule than he is to his wife he likes to hear him talk in church.

Men do not have to commit all known crimes to miss heaven. It is lost by having nothing heavenly in the heart.

It sometimes takes a moderate drinker a long while to find out that the devil's claws have been run through him.

The people who go to sleep under the preaching, will be wide awake when they watch the preacher's practice.

The devil would have been whipped long ago if he had not always been able to find something good to hide behind.

Instead of praying for their daily bread some men tell the Lord what kind of weather is needed to make a wheat crop.

Uncle Sam's Menagerie.
The sovereign power of the government has won a victory in a legal controversy which is officially labeled "the United States vs. seventeen boxes of snakes and twenty-three monkeys." It was a peculiar case, and appears to have been the outcome of the jealousy of a clique of importers of snakes and monkeys in New York toward a rival.

The members of the clique made up their minds that they would not tolerate a new dealer, who might become a formidable competitor in the market. When they were called on as experts to fix valuations they named their estimates so high that the consignee of the snakes and monkeys could not afford to pay the duty assessed. The goods were detained by the custom-house authorities and placed in bond. Government officials did not know how to take care of the goods. Snakes should have a bath every day, and these did not get proper treatment. The monkeys, too, were not well cared for. The result is that about all the reptiles are now dead, and the decision of the court is that the government need not make good the large loss of the consignee. This may be good law, but wherein the justice of it consists it is impossible to see.—Buffalo Express.

The Eskimo Character.
We found the Innuits very quick-witted and intelligent, with unvarying good nature and a keen appreciation of fun, they proved themselves companionable in spite of their uncleanliness. Their skill manifested itself in many ways during these long excursions. Later in the year it showed itself, on one occasion, in a particularly interesting way.

Having found it necessary to cross a glacier on a hunting trip, our Innuits passed at the edge and hallooed to ascertain the direction of the echo. On the return a storm of snow and fog had obliterated all landmarks, but the Innuits easily found the way by means of the echo.

There was always a charm in their strange melodies, and particularly at night, as they slowly rowed along the black waters among ghostly, beautiful icebergs, under the starless sky. And such melodies! They were like the sighing of the winds, low, contented, full-breathed, yet with an undertone of sadness. But at times their songs are vehement with joy and action.—Century.

Or course there is such a thing as love, or there wouldn't be so many divorces.

Old age is like the whooping cough; everybody gets it.

A Great Inventor.
The Stark Bros., Naveset, this city and Rockport, Ill., is a veritable beehive. The propagating plants of the "Two Pikes," enlarged "Old Pike" salesmen work from New York westward. The office force is busy turning out 5000 new-style canvassing outfits, photos of fruits, trees, orchards, packing, fruit painted from nature, etc. Several departments give all their time to securing salesmen. Stark Bros. have room for energetic collectors. With such progress, and millions of fruit trees, dull times unknown.—Louisiana Missouri Press.

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Pill Clothes.

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