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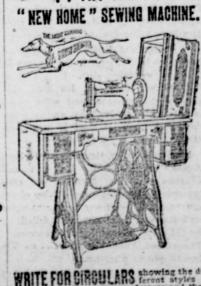
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Had you passed me all unseeing
In the Maytime of your being
I'd not say these rhymes of mine
Had been fewer by one line,
That my heart had gone unsung
All the rlooming ways among,
Had you passed me by unseeing
In the lovetime of your being.
Only, had you never come,
Just one heart beat were unsettreed,
Just one chord had waited dumb,
One song failed to find its word.

\*Charles Washington Coleman in Harper's
Magazine.

### RACE FOR A WIFE. "Two offers of marriage in one day! Well, which suitor is to receive the

happy affirmative, Meta?" The speaker, a middle aged woman, regarded the gir! before her with evident admiration and affection.

Meta Raudall's fair face wore a per-

plexed expression, and her sweet voice trembled as she replied: "If I only knew, auntie!" To one even less versed in the character of the girl than Mrs. Preston the sincere regret in her tore would have

been ample assurance that neither coquetry nor vanity had induced such a reply.

The elder lady observed her curiously for a moment and then said: "Since both men are bandsome and

equally eligible, you should trust entirely to your heart to decide." "But, contie dear, my heart speaks as favorably for one as the other. Henry and Philip have been my comrades, my cavaliers, from childhood. It would seem unnatural not to love them both. I feel that I could marry either tomorrow and never regret my choice. I am sure I love them equally. Was ever a poor girl in such a pitiable condition of uncertainty? Do choose my husband for me!" she entreated, as she dropped upon a cushion at Mrs. Preston's feet. The aunt gently patted the head upon

"It's a great responsibility, Meta, to place upon my shoulders. What if, after all, I should choose the wrong one? But I have a plan, at least. How feasible it may preve you are the one to de-

As Mrs. Preston unfolded her scheme Meta's drooping head was lifted; then smiles of delight chased each other over her features, and finally, as the elder woman finished speaking, she sprang to her feet, exclaiming joyously:

"Just the thing, you dear, original auntie! Now take this and this and this!" and, laughing merrily, she kissed her again and again. "There, sweetheart, there! Better wait and learn the succes exclaimed Mrs. Preston. "Those letters

must be answered immediately," she added, pointing to the crumpled missives on the floor. "Yes indeed!" the girl replied as sho picked up the letters. "Oh, it's too

she added as she ran gayly funny !" from the room. That evening, in response to the invitations she had sent to them, Henry Davis and Philip Stanton called upon her. Mr. Davis arrived a few minutes later than Mr. Stanton, and a look of disappointment was plainly apparent upon the face of each at the unexpected presence of the other. Miss Randall, however, was in the best of spirits, and she talked gayly upon minor topics until a feeling of mutual followship was apparently established between the Then, with womanly tact, she gravely introduced the subject which

concerned them all.
"Henry-Philip," she began, have invited you here, not indeed to answer the question which both of you have so honored me by asking, but to make a proposition to you. You will think me an odd girl perhaps, but at least you cannot repreach me for either coquetry or dishonesty when I tell you that my answer holds a condition. First I want to ask you one question: Have I ever, by word or look or action, signified to either that he was a favorite in my regard? In all the years of our friendship have I ever manifested any affection for one that I have not as free-

ly accorded to the other?" The flush which gradually suffused her face displayed the excitement her candor had provoked, and she drew a deep breath of relief as both men simultaneously answered:

"Thanks. Now, listen to my frank admission. As far as I have been able to analyze my feelings, I am sure I love you both equally. As I can accept but one, the question must be decided for hence the condition. If either or both refuse to accept it, I must stipulate that our past harmonious relations be surtained without any future reference to the possibility of marriage with either. And now the condition!" 'The condition!' both men quickly

"I propose a bicycle race between us three. I am to have the precedence of one block in starting. It is to be a three mile race, upon the macedamized read between this house and Crystal spring. The one who overtakes me before or as we reach the spring will not only he the winner of the race, but also of a wife.

repeated.

you will draw lots to see who is the The faces of the men were an old ex- Platt Guyten in Waverly Magazina. victor." pression, but they promptly exclaimed: "We agree."

If you overtake me at the same time,

It was a beautiful May morning, and the picturesque road leading to Crystal spring was an appropriate one for a race which must in any case afford a rementic ending. It was bordered with any. nedges and stately trees odorous with tender buds and leaves, from among

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The novelty of this race for a wife

excited much pleasant comment from the group of friends and cyclists who

had gathered in Mrs. Preston's front

yard, responsive to her invitation to

watch the start of the trio and accom-

pany them upon the race.

It was just 10 o'clock when Meta
Randall, neatly attired in a cycling suit

of olive green with glinting silver trim-

ming, passed out of the house and greet-

ed her friends with a pleasant good

the feminine portion of the company as

she stood for a brief second beside her

wheel. Self possessed but modest, in the cool green of her costume she ap-peared a part of the natural picture which surrounded her. A bed of daffo-

dils grew close to her feet, and she

stooped and gathered a bunch of the

them securely at her belt.

brave yellow blossoms and fa tened

Then, with a merry laugh and a graceful toss of the head toward Davis and

Stanton, at the quick ring of a bicycle

ly down the road. She had nearly reach-

ed the first corner when, at a second

mounted, following as rapidly as possi-

ultant blood leaping through every ar-

Faster and faster she flew along, un-

So completely did nature's influence

enthrall her that no thought of the ride,

its purpose or the two men who were speeding so closely behind her entered

her mind until a shout informed her of

the fact that Davis was ahead of Stan-

ton and rapidly gaining on her. Then,

quicker than a flash of light, came that

for which she had previously so longed

-the knowledge that one of these men

was dearer to her than the other. Pure,

tender and sweet, yet full of fear it

came, causing a quick gasping for

breath and a deepening finsh upon the

cheeks as she realized that perhaps the

knowledge came too late, and that if

Harry Davis won the race the happiness

of two lives must certainly be wrecked.
With a voiceless prayer more fervent

than any she had ever breathed before,

she redoubled her own efforts to reach

the spring as she heard the gentle whiz-

zing of a wheel behind her. "Philip,

Philip, Philip!" appealingly resounded through her brain like a human voice.

In agony she clutched more firmly the

handle bars, bent her body forward as

she exerted every muscle to the utter-most, and pedaled with the greatest rapidity in her determination to win

ed, there was one more chance for Stan

ton to win by drawing lots.

arm, and next-

goal ahead of Davis. If she succeed

But the spring was just in sight and

now so near that she fancied she could

hear the crystal water as it tinkled soft-

ly into its rocky basin. If Dayis should

"Oh, no! Not that!" she whispered.

She was trembling with excitement.

A sudden mist clouded her sight, a

rumbling in her ears partially deafened

her, when-oh, thank God, the goal was reached! Then there was a faroff

shout, the heavy breathing of a man

beside her, a gentle touch open her

A sense of dizziness and the recellec-

tion of falling from her wheel came to

her as she epened her, eyes and saw-

not Davis, but Philip Stanton, bending

over her with tender solicitude and ut

tering loving exclamations. - Luma

Mamma-Johnny, see that you give

Ethel-Mamma, he hasn't given me

Johnny-Well, that's all right. Lions

Ethel the lion's share of that orange.

don't eat oranges. -- Stray Stories.

Johnny-Yes, ma.

"What a glorious spin!" the

with the exuberant joy of living.

ble the two flying contestants.

A murmur of admiration rose from

Lane County, Oregon.

LONG DISTANCE MAILS. which busy little builders caroled merry accompaniments to their unceasing la-

> A letter sent from New York to Bang-Siam, travels overland to San Francisco and thence by water, reaching its destination in about 48 days, having been carried nearly 13,000 miles. A letter mailed here for Adelaide, Australia, also goes via San Francisco, travels 12,845 miles and is delivered asnally within 25 days. New York mail lestined for Calcutta goes by way of London, traveling 11,120 miles in 29 days, while mail sent from this city to Cape Town, goes 125 miles farther in

two days' less time.

Mail communication between New
York and Hongkong ordinarily connumes one month of time. The letters to by way of San Francisco and cover 10,500 miles of distance. To reach Melbourne, Australia, from this city a letter will travel 12,265 miles in about 82 days, and to reach Sydney a letter will travel 11,570 miles in 31 days. The mail route from New York to Yokohama, via San Francisco, is 7,348 miles long, and about 22 days are consur in transit. To go to Honolalu from this city a letter trave's 5,645 miles in 18

bell, the signal for starting, declining the proffered assistance of the competitors, she mounted her whoel and sped quick-Leaving New York on steamer days, mail matter is scheduled to reach Rome in about ten days, Madrid in t signal, the two men were away. A London and Liverpool in eight days, third ring, and the merry company Rotterdam in nine days, St. Petersbu in 11 days, Vienna in nino days, Paris in eight days, Eerlin in nine days and Athens and Alexandria in 14 days. Meta, as the swift motion sent the ex-Communication with South Ameri ports is much slower. It takes 24 days tery, and every fiber of her body thrilled or a letter to go from New York to Rio Janeiro, which is only about 50 miles farther from this city than is Alexantil her efforts seemed involuntary. To herself she seemed impalpable and en-dria. Mail matter going from New dowed with a freedom as perfect as the York to Buenos Ayres, which is 8,045 breeze which fanned her crimson cheek and tenderly lifted the ourls about her miles distant, consumes 29 or 30 days. -New York Times.

A Polite Obstacle. An incident reported to have occur in Japan exhibits an enviable sta of courtesy on the part of the moof that country which is respect submitted to that outraged pedes the wheelman's victim. An An riding a bicycle in Tokyo accide knocked down a venerable native. aged victim gathered himself together, deferentially approached the rider and humbly begged pardon for being his honorable way."



# Ropeiess and Reipiess

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