OVER THE WHIRLPOOL.

Photographer Dixon of Toronto, Who Walked the Wire.

The whirpool rapids had never been crossed by man until July 17th, 1891, when Mr. Dixon of Toronto, crossed it successfully on a three-quarter inch cable stretched between three and four hundred feet above the roaring tempestuous flood. Mr. Dixon is, from all reports a semi professional. He is about 5 feet 9 inches in height, weighs about 155 pounds, and looks to be about thirty-five years old. He had contemplated doing this most daring act for some time, and had gone to considerable expense and trouble to get everything in good shape. The cable was stretched as taut as could be, and the guys were placed about twenty-five feet apart and fastened to the rocks At an early hour the people from all around the country began to gather at the starting point on the Canadian side, and at three o'clock the road from the Clifton house to the rapids was black with spectators. The start of the daring man was watched with intense interest, and his progress was followed with mingled hope and alarm. When half way across he bowed to the crowds on both sides of the river, and then for a few moments lay prone on his back. When ithin forty feet of the American side be quickened his pace, and in-



creasing it at each stride, he finished the task of going eight hundred feet across the madly rushing torrent on a dead run in 17 minutes 4 2-5 seconds. The water at the point directly under where Dixon crossed is about three hundred

A CUNNING CHAMPION.

Worchester, Mass., Has an Oarsman of Great Skill.

The progress made by Oarsman Thomas Higgins of the Wachusett Boat club of Worehester, Mass., has been more rapid than that of any oarsman in New England, and his many friends have good reason to look on him as a coming champion. He was born at Flushing, L. L. in 1866. Higgins is a boiler maker by trade, stands 5 feet 10 inches in height and weighs about g58 pounds when in condition. His first appearance as an oarsman was in the single-scull race for the fall champronship of New England at Boston on Labor day, 1880, when he finished a good second to Mathew Quigley, the well known stroke of the Atlanta

eight. The way that Higgins walked through that large field of scullers astonished his admirers. In the spring of the following year the N. E. A. R. A held their annual regatta at Worcester on June 17, when Higgins ran away from a large flel a of scullers, and won his maiden race. In the fall of 1890 he again visited Boston and competed in the intermediate single scull race, which he won, defeating all the fast men in that class,

When it was announced that Higgins intended to row in the senior single at Lawrence on July + against Caffrey and Bergen many thought the young man was doing it to please Paul Henery, who is president of the Wa-



chusett Boat club and a genuine sport, but when he took the flyers into camp in fine style on that occasion he was the lion of the hour. Higgins is as modest as he is clever with the sculls, and unlike many successful athletes who have up to a short time led an obscure life, his head is the same size and he knows all of his old friends.

His future as an oarsman will be watched with interest, as he is said to

be rowing very fast. Sunday Ball in Boston.

If Boston was the Puritan place it once was it would be said here that the defeat which one of her base ball clubs suffered in St. Louis day before yesterday was owing to the participation of her club in a Sunday game. anybody is to be punished for this kind of playing, it is but justice that those who come from New Legland should be the first victims, because they have been told better so often at home. But this business of Sunday ball playing is a matter of temperament and of locality largely. At the West they believe in and expect it. Out in California it requires an extraordinary attraction to make a game pay on any day. In Boston we hold differently, or the people who give tone to public o inion do, and, though we much fear that Sunday audiencies here would not be small ones, yet we are inclined to hope that a long time will clapse before Sunday ball is one of the peculiarly Boston institu-

WILL THE SPORT SUPERSEDE ALL OTHERS?

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everybody,

server who thinks the bieycle an ephemeral rage which will soon run its course and die out is probably mistaken. The wheel is positively conquering quering lt has more devotees in England than er eket: it promnes very soon to have more dis-

ciples in Amera than base ball: more lovers in France than the turf. Nor is this at all diffienit to understand. It is a pastime that enwithout distinc-

tion of age, sex, race, color or previous condition of servitude. Cycling is democratic. All the essendoctrines are deffersonian covered in cycling. All men-and the women and children-are free and equal in the employment of the wheel. No privileged class can monopolize it, and none will ever attempt to do so.

Yachting and boating are good, but they are exclusive; only the few can own or hire for use yachts and boats. Horse racing is grand sport, but the million can only enjoy it as spectators. Base ball is democratic, except as to sex; but it draws the line there.

Tennis is nice - nice is just the word for it. There is an air of aristocracy about it, though, and it has never cap tured the plain people. tricket-well. that's English, you know, and it simply won't go on this side

Foot ball? Yes, excellent for college students and a certain class of robust and ultra muscular men-but it is too fierce a joy for the general run of mortals. Boxing -well, that also, requires a cultivated taste, and only a minority of mankind will ever appreciate it. No; cycling is the outdoor pleasure of all pleasures for the great democratic multitude. The wheel is everybody's servant and plaything.



Osmand Mile Record 2-16

The professionals do not monopolize the wheel as do most other sports. The racers on the einder track do some wonderful things - the best record up to 189) was a mile in 2 min. 20 3-5 sec., and I don't think i has been beaten yet-but the largest part of the popularity of the v heel is quite outside the professional racing world.

The amateur cyclists are "the people" They make and break no records, and care not a fig who does. They ride for health, for fun, for pure air, for country scenery, for a joily

good time-and they get .t. No one who likes the bicycle doubts that the time will come when man can ride faster than the speediest horse can trot. The Eglishman Osmond, ran in n a safety in eight see nds more than the time made by the fleet Maud S. The new English repords are little short of marvelous. That Osmond should do a mile in d minutes 16 seconds is wonderful en ugh, even with the advantages of a perfect track pacemaking and weather conditions, but tout he should ride twenty-four miles in 1 h 40 4-5 sec almost exceeds belief. Have you ever figured out just what that means? When any one here gets below 2 min 35 sec for the mile he is considered "some pumpkins." but when it comes to doing twenty-four successive miles at an average pace of 2 min 31 sec and a fraction, that seems almost beyond belief. And sixty-three miles within three hours, too! The appearance of Osmond on a safety marks an epoch in the history of rac-There is every reason to believe that he has by no means reached his limit, and we can at last entertain reasonable hopes of the trotting horse time being equaled if not surpassed. In his first safety race t smond won apparently w thout being pushed, but with the other men close up; a week so later he did 27 sec in a handicap with seeming case, and it was thought that he could have beaten Jones' 2 minutes 20 seconds that day had he tried. Now he does 2 minutes 16 seconds without being run out, showing a steady improvement. Another gratifying result is that there seems to be a "best man" in England on the safety—one who clearovertops the vulgar herd--and. talk as we may, tout's what we love to see. Who did not have a feeling of regret last fall at seeing Windle dragged from his position of fa-test rider in America, if not the world, even if his downfall could be charged to poor form, and that without a particle of hard-feeling toward Zimmerman? The truth is that we like t have one man to look up to and not divide ur affections between half

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ADVANCE OF THE WHEEL PROF. SPITZKA ON RABIES.

FEAR OF HYDROPHOBIA KILLS MORE PERSONS THAN THE DISEASE.

A Question Over Which Doctors Have of Demonstrating Rabies-Details of an Experiment-The Results.

In the spring of 1886 Miss Morosini, a daughter of Jay Gould's associate, was bitten by a pet dog, which was promptly killed. An autopsy was made by Dr. A. F. Liautard, a veterinary surgeon of this city, who found "one large bird feather" in the stomach. The presence of inedible substances in the dog's stomach was formally accepted as almost indisputable proof that the animal was mad, but Professor Spitzka says he has examined scores of dogs, and he gives the following as the result of such examinations:

"Not one of the animals showed any signs of rabies. There was scarcely one, and certainly not one young dog, in whose stomach I did not find more or less foreign material, I remember that kite strings and top pegs were frequent; that coal, ashes, straw, feathers and cotton spools were occasional findings. Shoe leather, pieces of cloth and, if I remember rightly, a pocket knife, but certainly some unusual article of metal, in a

Yet this dog was pronounced mad, and the case was deemed by her family physician sufficiently grave to warrant the sending of the young lady to Paris for treatment by Pasteur. Meanwhile the brain of the butchered dog was pr served and a healthy dog was inoculated on the brain with a particle of it. At the end of sixteen days this dog was pronounced mad, it having "showed the first symptoms of dumb rabies-that is, paralysis of the lower jaw. The mouth was was slightly open, the jaw hung down, and abundant saliva flowed from the mouth, Still the dog was very affectionate. This is not a quotation from Professor Spitzka, but from the chronicler of the case. This was, of course, accepted as confirmatory evidence that the dog which bit Miss Morosini was mad. Fortunately, however, for that young lady, she had sufficient strength of mind, or enough confidence in Pasteur's treatment, to render her proof against an attack of hy-Concerning this case Professor drophobia. Spitzka says:

"The method of demonstrating rabies by direct inoculation of the brain is fallacious. The conclusion drawn by Liautard, from an experiment thus performed, that the Riverdale dog was mad was obtained by misleading methods. With regard to the dumb rables which Dr. Liautard thought he had produced in the second dog, every physician familiar with the researches of Schiff, Flourens, Hitzig, Fritsch and Goltz will recognize in it the ordinary results of experimental and inflammatory disturbance of the brain functions in the dog. According as the irritating injection affects one certical field or the other the paralysis will vary, but paraplegia is quite characteristic of meningitis and encephalitis in the dog,"

In plain language, the inflammation of the brain set up by the placing of a foreign substance under the skull and in contact with the brain matter is sufficient to account for all the symptoms displayed by dogs experimented on and commonly pronounced those of genuine rabies. This was eventually proved quite satisfactorily by Professor Spitzka and his associates. They obtained a number of healthy dogs and inoculated their brains with various substances, such as a particle of the spinal cord of a healthy calf, an emulsion of calf's cord, an emulsion from the brain of a man who was supposed to have died of hydrophobia, a piece of common veilow soap and stale uremic liquid. The effects of the inoculations with these various substances were substantially the same as that of the virus from the supposed mad dog which bit Miss Morosini. In fact Professor Spitzka says there were no symptoms of hydropaobia related of Dr. Liautard's animal which were not present in these dogs. He was inclined to pronounce the mental disturbances resembling dumb rabies, so called, much greater than the animals he experi-

These dogs were confined in the veterinary infirmary of Atcheson & Hamill, on Fourteenth street, near Avenue A, and some of them may still be seen there. A mongrel buildog, inoculated with healthy ealf's cord, manifested on the third day a slight droop of the left upper eye lid, the eyes appeared dull, there was manifest paralysis of the hind legs, the tail sometimes fell between them, the disposition was exceedingly friendly, he wagged his tail feebly, crawled forward and fawned as soon as the door was opened. On the seventh day he manifested a desire to devour foreign substances. On the eighth day, although his disposition toward the experimentalists was unchanged, he quarreled with another dog over food. On the eleventh day the paraplegic gait was very marked. The dog seemed to be acting impulsively at times; attempted to swallow a dry drumstick of a fowl, and would have eaten other foreign substances if not prevented. A mongrel Spitz, which had been noted as rather an aggressive animal before the operation, became, in three days, entirely changedfawned, wagged its tail, and clung to any one who would give it a friendly word. On the eleventh day the paraplegia was more marked, the animal was unable to jump down a distance of two feet, but let itself down on its fore feet and then slid down the rest of its body. At the same time it had become shy, avoided visitors, crouched and concealed itself.

Here is the seventh day's record of a large cur inoculated with twenty drops of an emulsion of calf's cord:

"The animal is very stupid, runs against objects, does not avoid obstacles and exhibits decided manege movements, running in circles to the right. On being roused, when lying down, which is the animal's usual position, it rolls over and frequently slips with its hind legs, which tremble a great deal. At night this dog howls a great deal and growls at people entering the court at all times. There is a question as to whether it is able to see well; but owing to its stupidity, it is difficult to settle this point satisfac-

A large dog inoculated with a piece of common yellow soap showed on the seventh day the drooping jaw, and its tongue often protruded between the teeth. It ran around aimlessly, and arriving at a running hydrant stood still as if pensive, but did not drink. The animal inoculated with uremic liquid died on the seventh day of blood poisoning. Parts of the brain and spinal cord were found reduced to pus. The rest of the dogs recovered, and some were subsequently exhibited by Professor Spitzka before the Society of Medical Jurisprudence and State Medicine.

A Leap Year Problem.

"Suppose that during losp year a young woman proposes to a young man and marries him. After a year or two he finds that wedlock, so far as he is concerned, is a delusion and a snare. He applies for a divorce and gets it."

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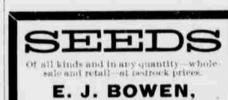
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