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—A report showing the average wages of women servants in London is interesting to American housekeepers. The general housework girl in London gets $6.50 a month, a cook about $9, a nurse $8 and a laundress $8.25.

—Dr. Chapman shows that the bobolinks which nest west of the Rocky mountains do not migrate southward with the birds of that region, but retrace their steps and leave the United States by way of Florida, thus furnishing evidence of the gradual extension of range westward and of the stability of the routes of migration.

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—At the Victoria institute, London, it was stated that all naturalists now admit that evolution as a working hypothesis has, as yet, proved insufficient to account for man's place in nature. As regards the question of the "missing link" between man and the ape, it has been scientifically demonstrated that in no case had a so-called missing link proved to be other than a human being, with a lesser developed brain than usual.

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The Sister of Italy's King Cuts a Caper on Wheels.

In Consequence of Which the Frolicsome Lady Is Placed Under the Ban of Royal Displeasure and Sent to Coventry.

Bicycles caused no end of bad blood—in more senses than one, it is to be feared—before finally obtaining the right of citizenship among orthodox vehicles of the road; and, universal though they have now become among ordinary mortals, they have still a deal of up-hill work to accomplish before acquiring a status among the surroundings of royalty. Of course, a prince or king may bestride a "wheel," and do anything but break a record or his neck; but were a princess so far to forget what she owed to her house, her dignity and her long line of ancestors as to patronize this democratic means of locomotion, the whole civilized world would be expected to stand aghast at the desecration of royalty implied by the act. And this is the horrible deed that has just been announced by the telegraph, and has thrown Italian court circles into ceremonial convulsions.

The catastrophe, says a Rome correspondent of the London Telegraph, occurred in Turin, and the heroine and victim—the lady is both—is the pretty, accomplished young widow, the duchess of Aosta, who is staying at the castle of Stupinigi. Princess Maria Loetizia is a sister-in-law of the present king of Italy, she having married in 1888 his brother, Prince Amadeo, duke of Aosta, who died in 1890. This lady, who is a Bonaparte, is not merely accomplished and pretty, but is brimful of life and fun, and takes a positive delight in tramping upon the rigid court ceremonial of past ages. The last of her frolics was executed on a bicycle made for one.

She set out a few days ago on one of these tabooed vehicles, accompanied by a maid of honor and two court cavaliers, and after a long ride the party were flying up one of the shady avenues leading to the palace of the dukes of Aosta, when a company of soldiers commanded by a major met them half way, glanced at them furtively, and perhaps a trifle too curiously or critically, and marched on without making a sign. The duchess, rendered more sensitive than usual by the consciousness that she was transgressing the bounds of court etiquette, felt hurt at not being saluted in the approved fashion by the major and his soldiers. This was perhaps human nature, and, as such, excusable. But the lively lady went much further; she actually complained of the conduct of the major, who had, she affirmed, culpably neglected to salute her. The commandant of Turin, Gen. d'Oncian de la Batin, at once summoned the officer to appear before him and explain his conduct. The major said he was guiltless of any offense, as he did not recognize the high-born lady, oddly dressed and seated between two wheels, and would never have permitted himself to think of her highness as a severe bicyclist. Had he known or suspected it was she, of course he would have, etc., etc. Gen. de la Batin, uncertain what course to take, appealed to the Solomonistic wisdom of the war minister, to whom he forwarded a detailed report of the whole occurrence, asking for instructions as to the punishment to be meted out to the major, whom he meanwhile kept in arrest. The minister of war, if not precisely a Solomon, was at least quite shrewd enough to see that the ground he was treading was courtly—if not holy—and instead of taking the responsibility upon himself demanded an audience of the king, before whom he laid the report of the commandant.

The monarch cut the Gordian knot in a twinkling. He sent a telegraphic order to Turin releasing the major from arrest and entirely exonerating him in the matter. This, however, was the solution of only one-half of the question; the remaining moiety concerned the lively young widow; and the king sent his bicycle-loving sister-in-law an order forbidding her to attire herself in red court costume for the space of two calendar months, a prohibition which is equivalent to strict domestic arrest for that period. The princess is therefore absolutely invisible to the good citizens of Turin, who were wont to watch and salute her two or three times daily, as she rode or drove or walked about the streets of the historic old city.

The inhabitants console themselves by gazing for hours through the windows of the photographers' shops, where a series of ten magnificent portraits in various positions and costumes attract hundreds of loyal sympathizers. I now learn that sentence has also been pronounced on one of the court cavaliers who accompanied the duchess on her bicycling expedition. The marquis of Moncrivello has been summarily dismissed from his post by order of the king, who is said to be extremely annoyed at the evident determination of his sister-in-law to put all traditional notions of court etiquette at naught, and to have announced his intention to punish more severely all future transgressions.

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The Atmosphere in Art.

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Walking One Thousand Miles to Church.

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From the Sands.

And apropos of sea bathing, an amusing incident happened on the beach one morning. The girls were drying their bathing suits while sitting a la Turque on the sand, and one who was hatless and stockingless was holding a parasol over her to keep the sun from burning her bare legs and freckling her nose. With hardly a moment's warning it commenced to rain, and there was a gathering up of wraps and a scampering for the bathhouses from all except the maid with the parasol. She danced out into the breakers, parasol and all, and was going to finish her bath in spite of the rain, but she wasn't going to get her "hair out of curl."

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