The representative of a leading New York exporting house, who recently returned from South America, says that at present, as indeed has been the case for three or four years past, bicycling in that country is far and away the most popular of the outdoor sports. In the larger cities of Brazil and the Argentines the sport today is at the height of its popularity, and although the women there were at first somewhat in doubt as to the propriety of riding in public, they quickly followed the example of some of the social leaders, who boldly went in for the sport so soon as they had mastered their wheels, and now there are as many petticoats awheel as there are knickerbockers.

Buenos Ayres) is perhaps the greatest cycling center in South America, where at certain hours of the day the entire city seems to be awheel. There are some fine roads leading to beautiful parks in the suburban districts, and along these as well as in the parks the procession of cyclists in the early morning and afternoon hours is almost a never-ending one. The racing end of the sport has developed rapidly of late, according to this traveler, and he is of the opinion that there is material there today capable of giving the fastest men in this country all they want to do to stay in front.

DEWEY ON NEUTRALITY OF NICARAGUA CANAL

New York dispatch. Erection of fortifications would make the canal one of the prime objectives of our enemy's operaations in time of war. Besides their construction would entail enormous expense and necessitate constant expenditure to keep them manned and in proper condition. I see no necessity for them. The neutrality of the canal can be guaranteed by our fleet. The canal is to be a commercial waterway, and neutralization therefore will mean its preservation.

A teacher in an Indian school in Michigan writes that the boys have a sense of humor. "In my flag drill last Friday the partners were a boy and a girl, and where the lines intersect to form the cross I taught the boys to let their partners go first, and hard trouble I had to do it, too. After the exercises Isaac Crane came up to me and, in his solemn way, said: 'Miss B, in letting the girls pass in front of the boys you have struck at the root of an Indian custom. I said, 'How so, Isaac?' and he answered, 'It is the custom for the man go first, carrying his dignity, and for the woman to follow, carrying everything

British yachtsmen interested in the new candidate for cup honors will not allow the yacht to be sailed the first time next Friday, the day on which she will be ready, but will postpone the the first trial trip under canvass till Saturday. The captains aver they are not super stitious, yet see no sufficient reason for "tempting providence by starting her on her racing career on Friday."

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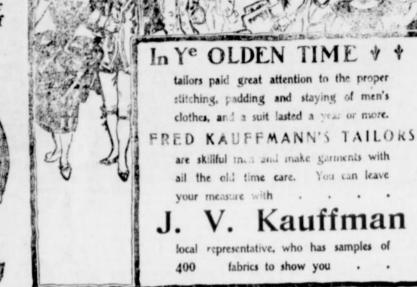
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