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#### FAKE CYCLE RIDERS.

How They Make Trips Around the World With Plenty of Rests on the Way.

A traveller just back from Japan says that the passengers on the Pacific Mail and Canadian Pacific steamships get much amusement from seeing the marvellous exploits of the daring men and women who are now making their perilous ways around the world on bicycles in great numbers. Every ship takes several of these herces and hercines. On the way to Asia the passengers do not know the heroes, or even suspect them. As the wheels are stored in the cabin baggage room, it is impossible for the rest of the passengers. looking on at a pallid boy who turns ill at the smell of a cigar, or a girl who lies next to death's door in her stateroom, to dream that these are the people who are going to write home to the papers that they have been chased by Persian bandits and lunched with Kaffir kings as they annihilated Packs's record round the globe. When the ship stops at Yokohama out come the wheels, and the heroes ride the full length of the Bund-a commercial street about a mile long. The rest of Yokohama is on a hill too steep for wheeling. At Kobe and Nagasaki the town sites are more nearly level, and the heroes ride perhaps two mil s, having their wheels lifted back aboard the s'eamer as she voyages from place to place. Having done Japan by going ashore at three points. they forge tearlessly ahead on the steamship, yearning to brave the terrors of China on their flying tires. China they discover to he one of the

finest fields for this phase of reckless deviltry in all the world. The ship takes them to Shanghai, where the Bund is nearly two | miles long and all lined with churches, clubs, tanks, and brokers' and shipping offices-as sate and accidental as Broad-Large Botties. Small Doses. Price only 25c. For sale all over Canada. Address all orders to way. They hear that they can ride five miles on the Maloo and the Bubbling Well road before they come to the muddy towpaths that form the actual roads of that part of China, along which no wheelman can ride With their hearts in their throats fancying every poor devil of a coolie they meet to be a murderer fresh from sacking a misssionary's house, they pedal onward. When they come to the tea gardens, whose gateways swarm with Chinese, they all but faint, and could the Chinese dandies and courtesans at these gates read what the bicyclists afterwards report of their experiences at the time, they would find themselves described as an undisciplined mob of soldiers and lawless retainers in front of a mandarin's palace, with this additional statement : "They scowled so fiercely and made such threathening gestures that only the swittness of my wheel prevented another massacre being added to the list of crimes against foreigners in China." Back to the ship the wheeling hero flies and writes notes of his hairbreadth escapes in central China until the vessel passes Woosungg and begins to rock him back into seasickness. Hong Kong is the next place at which the bicycle is taken out-a British possession no more to be regarded as dangerous for a foreign lady of the most timid temperament to walk about alone in than is the European republic of Shanghai or that haunt of mountain desperadoes in New Jersey called Tuxedo. So the jour-ney ground the world continues-aboard shup with the historic wheel sate in the bagship with the historic wheel sate in the baggage room and only an occasional chance occurring to take it out in places like Singapore, Aden, Port Said, Alexandria, and the rest of the desperate lurking places of European merchants on the way to Europe. Terrible moments are experienced and recorded on the way. For instance, on the Red Sea notes are kept of the ferocious character of the inbabitants of the dark continent. On the Mediterranean the ship passes Greece, with its pirates and Italy with its banditti, each of which savage and relentless bodies of people is worked into the wheelman's or wheelgirl's diary in such an effective way as to almost make the diarist turn pale as he or she reads over what has been written. Finally comes Southampton or Liverpool or Havre, and there the now world-famous wheel makes its last spin-so that its owner can truthfully say that it has "done Europe" -before being hoisted aboard a steamer homeward bound for New York.



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THE GREAT LAKES DRYING UP. But Millions of Years Will Elapse Before

the Water is all Gone. The professors of natural sciences and the editors of the various technical journals,

true to the axiom which says that such persons are the last to grasp an important idea or to let slip an exploded theory, are just awakening to the fact that the amount of water on the earth's surface is fast diminishing in quantity.

Within a fortbnight the great Wiggins, he of the "advanced school of astronomical weather prophets." has made the very surprising discovery (?) that the region adjacent to the great lakes is becoming as arid as the plains of Western Kansas and Nebraska, and that that the water surface of the lakes themselves is lowering very rapidly, owing to evaporation and deflciency in supply. We sincerely congratulate Professor Wiggins. These congratulations are not extended on account of his late revelations concerning the arid conditions of the lake regions and our planet in general, nor because of his being an advanced astronomical meteorologist. We bestew our complimer ts solely because his drying-up-of-the-lakes announcement bears evidence of the fact that the professor his been spending the early days of the "sere and yellow leat" in looking over the black files of the secular newspapers. Our only proof of the foregoing lies in the fact that Wiggins has never before advanced the theory that the earth is drying up, whereas it is a well-known fact that the great daily and weekly newspapers have been sounding the alarm for the past ten or fifteen years.

Over 200 years ago the great Sir Isaac Newton first set forth the theory that the earth would eventually become as dry and as lifeless as the moon is now supposed to be; in 1820 Laplace read an article before the Paris Academy of Sciences in which he gave many proofs in support of the opinion that the old age of the earth would be spent in cycles of extreme aridity. Newton's ideas on that score were so far in advance of the scientific knowledge of the time in which he lived that he never sttempted to give reasons for his opinion on that subject. Laplace's proofs and explanations are so burdened with technicalities that they are bewildering to the average intellect. Years ago, perhaps even further in the past than the date set above, the wideawake daily press seized upon the drying up theory as s unique and interesting subject for editorial discussion. Before Wiggins had ever bethought himself to gain notoriety by posing as an astronomical weather profit the great dailies of this city, Chicago, and New York contained pericdical editorials under such heads as "The Earth Drying Up." "Our Arid Planet," "Better Save Water," etc. In January, 1882, more than a year before "Professor E. Stone Wiggins" first made himself prominent by predicting a cyclone of sufficient breadth and power to smooth all he wrinkles cut of the topography of the North American continent, Richard A Proctor, the brainy English astronomical lecturer gave proof that the waters of the earth are diminishing at the rate of the thickness of a sheet of writing paper each year. In view of the above references to the "drying-up theory," is it not plain that Wiggins should be congratulated and and complimented because of his late discoveries in that line ?

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Some time this month cne of the wonders of the world, according to Chinese ideas, will be visible on the eastern coast of the province of Chekiang, some forty miles south of Shanghai.

Twice a year-at each equinox-the famous tides of the Tsien Tang River, that flows from the borders of Kiangsi, Fubkien and Chekiang to Hang-Chow Bay, attain their greatest height, and a bore of sometimes over forty feet in height sweeps irresistibly up its shallow and funnel-shaped estuary, often producing tremendous havoc to the surrounding country-hence its name "money-dyke," from the smount expended in successive centuries on its embankments

It is seen at its best at Hang-Chow, the perfectural city not far from its mouth. Twelve'or tourteen minutes before it is visible a dull, distant roar is heard, momentarity swelling, until the wall of muddy water, tall as the bulwark of the biggest liner, as overwhelming as a glacier, sweeps into sight around the bend a mile away.

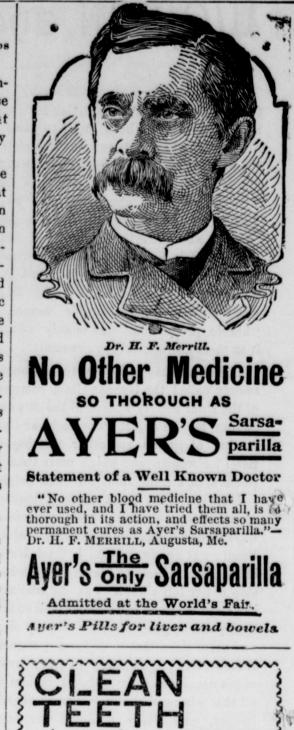
Not a boat is to be seen on the lately crowded river; all are hauled up on-to the huge embankment, and, moored tore and alt with a dozen rattan cables, for none but ocean-going steamers could stem the current, and even they would need skillful navigation.

As the eagre nears the roar becomes deatening as a storm at sea drowning the excited shouts of the thousands who line the walls, until finally it foams past in turbid majesty, hurrying toward the heart of China.

The Chinese annals tell how, a thousand years ago, Prince Wu Shu made 500 "daring" archers shoot half a dezen arrows each at the advancing flood, and then, after praying to Wu T.z.si (the tutelary deity of the stream and originally an upright minister, whose body was cast into the river after Wu had committed suicide) put the key of the dyke water gate into an envelope, and threw it into the stream, whereupon the waters retired !

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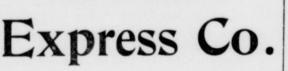
Fourt een years ago the Republic, then the Missouri Republican, used the following language in an editorial on this subject : STAR LIFE face of the whole earth is being rapidly lowered. \* \* \* This diminution in the water supply is fast becoming appreciable \* \* The level of the great lakes is falling year by year." We quote the passage

in order to draw the attention of the scientists of the present decade in the fact that years ago somebody knew that the great lakes were slowly drying up.

We advance no theory of our own in explanation of this idea that the earth is losing its water supply. We will say, however that Professor Proctor the great astronomer quoted above, was of the opinion that as the earth's interior fires die out it becomes porous and the waters sink entirely out of reach cf surface nhabitants. At the rate it is now disappearing. Proctor said that it will take 15.000 000 years to obliterate every trace of water from our planet. If the above figures had the ciphers cut off we should be a little careful about wasting water; as it is we shall not use a smaller glass for drinking purposes or forego the the luxury of a bath for several years to CHARLES A. DANA- Editor. come. - St. Louis Republic.

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chant leaped into the river, like another Marcus Curtius, to avert the annual disaster.-London Black and White.

#### Sin is Pink, Not Scarlet.

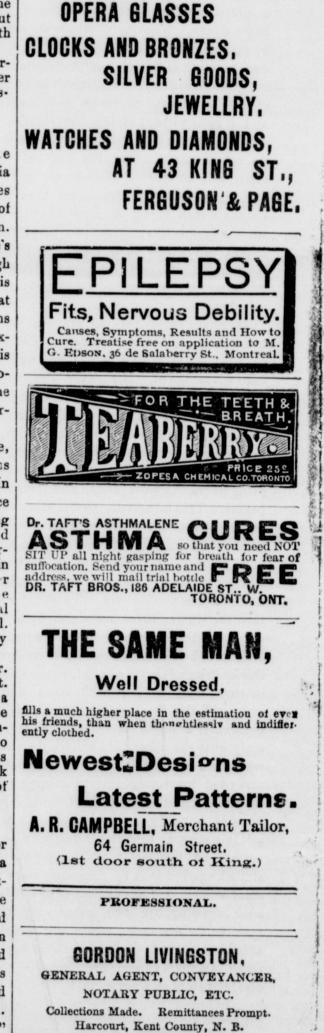
Among the most interesting of the scientific men who have made Philadelphia their home is Dr. Elmer Gates. Dr. Gates was formerly connected with the Bureau of Ethenology of the Smithsonian Institution. Not the least startling of Dr. Gate's conclusions is that one reached through experiment to demonstrate that scarlet is not the distinctive color of sin, and that the Bible expression, "though your sins be as scarlet," is simply a rhetorical exaggeration. Dr. Gates has found in his study of the brain that each definite emotion produces chemical products in the secretions and excretions which are characteristic of those emotions.

The evil emotions produce, for example, a poisonous product, while happy emotions produce life-promoting compounds. In other words, every emotional experience creates brain structure, the refunctioning of which reproduces its characteristic good and bad chemical products. The perspiration for example, he found to contain different volative organic compounds und r the influence of different emotions. These products may be detected by chemical analysis in the perspiration of an individual. Dr. Gates has discovered more than forty of the bad and as many of the good.

Of the chemical products which Dr. Gates has found that of guilt is the worst. It a small quantity of the perspiration of a person suffering from conscious guilt be placed in a glass tube and exposed to contact with selenic acid it will turn pink. No other poison, similarly generated, exhibits the same phenomenon. Accordingly, pink is apparently the characteristic color of sin, not scarlet .- Philadelphia Press.

The Texas Peccary.

Of the few American quadrupeds for which an intelligent hunter entertains a certain amount of respect the collared peccary is one. Although he is only a tittle flat-sided, high-shouldered hog, wild and uneducated, he is a plucky fighter when angry-and like a true child of the Wild West, he gets mad quite easily. It always annoys him very much that any one should dare to go a gunning for him, and Mr. A. B. Baker, of the Washington "Zoo," points to a long slit in the side of his leather leggins as an illustration of what a Texas peccary can do when he is very angry. This species has a very wide range. being found from the Red River of Arkansas as far south as Patagonia. In Texas jungly bottom lands along the Rio Grande.



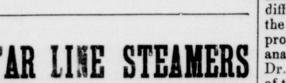
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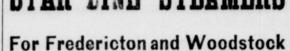
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