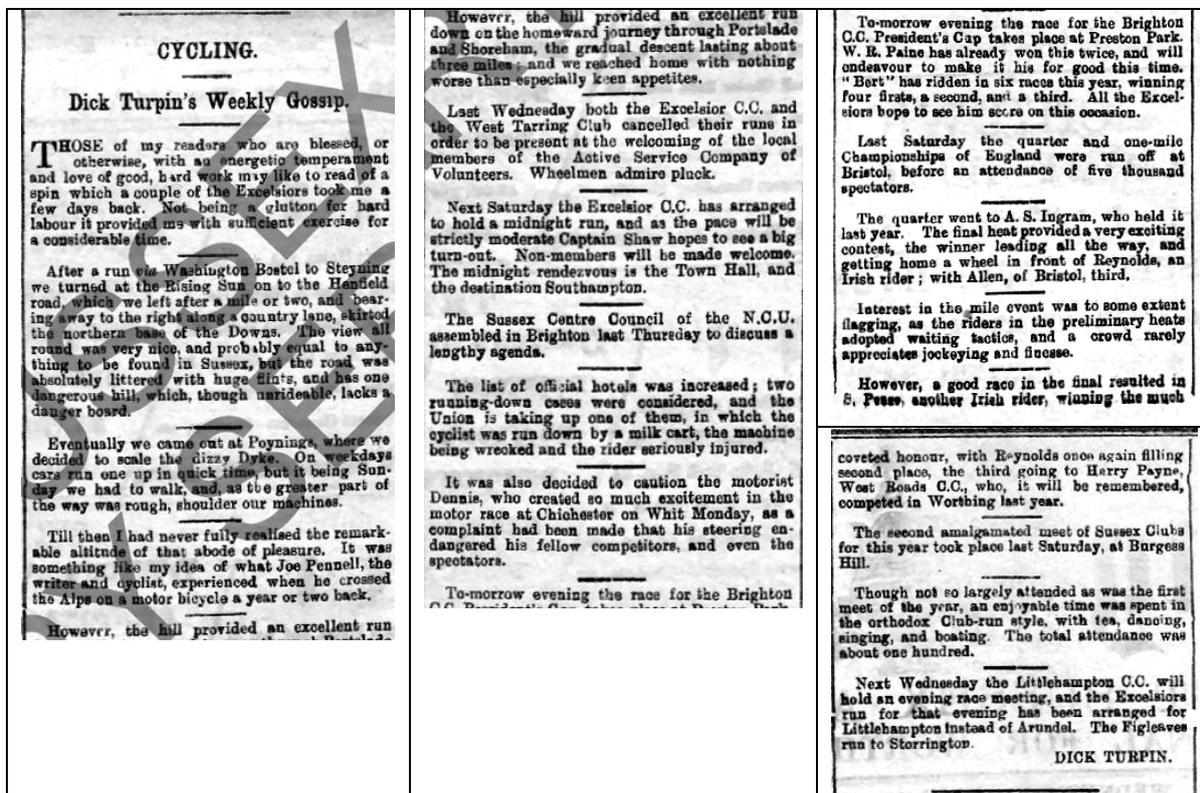


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THOSE of my readers who are blessed, or otherwise, with an energetic temperament and love of good, hard work may like to read of a spin which a couple of the Excelsiors took me a few days back. Not being a glutton for hard labour it provided me with sufficient exercise for a considerable time.

After a run via Washington Bostel to Steyning we turned at the Rising Sun on to the Henfield road, which we left after a mile or two and bearing away to the right along a country lane, skirted the northern base of the Downs. The view all round was very nice, and probably equal to anything to be found in Sussex, but the road was absolutely littered with huge flints, and has one dangerous hill, which though unrideable, lacks a danger board.

Eventually we came out at Poynings, where we decided to scale the dizzy Dyke. On weekdays cars run one up in quick time, but it being Sunday

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The list of official hotels was increased; two running-down cases were considered, and the Union is taking up one of them, in which the cyclist was run down by a milk cart, the machine being wrecked and the rider seriously injured.

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Though not so largely attended as was the first meet of the year, an enjoyable time was spent in the orthodox Club-run style, with tea, dancing, singing, and boating. The total attendance was about one hundred.

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Till then I had never fully realised the remarkable altitude of that abode of pleasure. It was something like my idea of what Joe Pennell, the writer and cyclist, experienced when he crossed the Alps on a motor bicycle a year or two back.

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