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Dick Turpin's Weekly Gossip
Worthing Gazette, 23rd September, 1903

No Turpin Weekly Gossip found for this date – “Wheeling World” by “A Wheelman” appears in its stead.

The Wheelman written style is similar to that of Richard Long, as for example the reference to Boreas.

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Local Notes and Comments.

[By "A Wheelman".]

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Researcher's Note: this piece lacks Richard Long's "Dick Turpin" by-line, but the style suggests that he is the author. JDG.

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AN unfortunate mishap occurred to H. R. Hales, of the Excelsior C.C., last week, whilst cycling back from Henley, where he had been spending a few days in holiday.

He was nearly at the end of a nice spin home, when, on turning Poultry Corner, he collided with a motor car travelling to Worthing by the Littlehampton road.

Hales struck the side of the car with considerable force, but fortunately fell clear of the vehicle and escaped personal injuries. His machine, however, was literally wrecked, as the car passed over it and ruined the front wheel and forks, beside considerably damaging the frame.

The occupants of the car pulled up and took the wheelman and his damaged machine on board, and conveyed both into Worthing.

The plans of the long-distance road-riders have of late been somewhat upset by the troublesome winds which have been experienced, and which tend to considerably reduce the chances of success of the would-be medallist or record holder.

W. Finch set out recently to attempt the twelve hours' ride of the Excelsior Club, and succeeded in riding to Woodhatch and back, sixty-seven miles, inside four and a quarter hours.

But he found Boreas in too vigorous a

humour, and wisely decided against continuing his ride with a breeze which promised to make his task impossible.

G. A. Olley, the famous member of the Vegetarian C.C., was out for the twelve hours' record on the same day, Henson and Peto, of Tarring, rendering him valuable assistance; but he, too, had to forego the attempt, after three punctures and much buffeting by the far from gentle breezes.

On the other hand J. Dudley Daymond, of the Raleigh C.C., who was attempting on the same day as Olley to beat the same record, was successful in riding one hundred and ninety-eight miles in the twelve hours thereby adding five miles to the previous best.

The rider was considerably hindered by the wind—a fact which makes the performance even more meritorious. It is interesting to note that he rode the first ninety-two and a half miles, from Merstham through Crawley, Horsham, and Offington, to Fareham, at a speed of over nineteen miles an hour. The final seven miles, at the end of the day, were reeled off in twenty-one minutes.

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