

THE WHEELING WORLD

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Olley, the vegetarian rider, has just been indulging in another long speed jaunt on the road, this time with a view of beating the record for twelve hours' riding on southern roads, which has stood for twelve months at one hundred and ninety-eight miles.</p> <p>The air was somewhat heavy at the start near Merstham; but Olley, though feeling the effects of his recent bad fall at the Crystal Palace, kept to his schedule as he rode up to Parley and then returned southwards, continuing, after a detour or two, through Crawley and Horsham to Offington Corner—a spot which is historic in road racing.</p> <p>Here another Vegetarian handed him food and without dismounting—for he had recently lost time through a puncture—he went on to Shoreham Bridge and back.</p> <p>Henson, Stephenson, and other Worthing men now followed him, and he set off westward at a clinking pace. 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But Olley does not stop; he snatches a bite and a bottle, and keeps "riding out the miles.</p> <p>From Offington Corner he starts northward on the last section of the ride, but soon another puncture occurs. This time "Gosser" Green—the king of record breakers—is in attendance with a similar machine to Olley's own mount, so the delay is only a matter of seconds.</p> <p>"Gosser" Green, who breaks records with the ease which proverbially attaches to shelling peas, stops to repair the damaged tyre.</p> <p>At Washington Bostel Sam Clark wishes Olley luck and eases up; thus the last of the Worthing contingent drops behind, and comes home to anxiously await tidings as to the result of the record-breaker's ride.</p> <p>Through Horsham, Crawley, and Redhill, Olley rode out the remaining hours and minutes, and at the call of time it was found he had ridden two hundred and three miles, thus exceeding the previous best by five miles. A fine performance indeed! DICK TURPIN.</p>
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