

THE WHEELING WORLD
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Crossing Witley Common, a lark, high overhead, sang us a welcome to the Hindhead country, the threshold of which we now were crossing. ----- As We Got Higher. A mile farther on the three-miles climb commenced, and we pushed happily along, with acres upon acres of furze and bracken on either side of us. As we got higher the view opened out. Away on our left was a foreground of wooded hills belonging to Surrey, with a background consisting of half West Sussex. ----- Some of the South Downs—Duncton, Bignor, Rackham, and Chauctonbury—gave a friendly nod across the intervening miles when I scaled the footpath to the top of Gibbet Hill for the view. 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Dust in his coat or mud on his back, either serves only to add an interest to the game of grinding out miles at three minutes a time! ----- A few mornings back, after groping around to stifle the rages of my peremptory alarm clock, I floated mostly away to Arundel in a sea of rain and mud. A hundred miles road race was happening, and I had to visit Marshals along twenty miles of the course. ----- Exchanging mutual sympathies with those at Quingle, declining Sam Cheek's kind offer of liquid refreshment two miles farther on, and getting moisture enough for ten as I splashed along past patiently waiting officials, I reached Arundel. Here a former Mayor of that ancient and respectable borough had been awaiting the riders since half-past five! ----- Soon they came along, one by one, happy though smothered in mud. As I continued my round I passed here and there a man in distress with his tyres, but nary a one was cross. 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