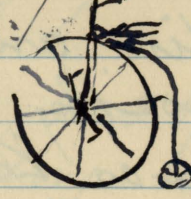


about four foot six inches in diameter. From the axle were fixed two pedals, one on either side ~~and~~ and these attached to the forks which were connected with the framework of the machine. A simple illustration  It was necessary however that the person riding it ~~it~~ sit very upright, but not too far forward otherwise, the little hind wheel and frame, would buck up & of course over would go the rider. The height of fall would be very considerable and serious accidents would be the result. But it was not very long before a person could be come an expert rider. The getting on the machine was the difficult part for a beginner, but it was accomplished by the rider taking hold of the handles, getting a good run alongside, and then with one foot on the pedal take a good spring and straddle across the seat. It was here that a good balance was a necessity.

Later there came what was called the safety bicycle about the same height as the present kind, but with no free wheel. Then came the modern kind with the free wheel & brake. It was at this time that cycle racing became all the rage. And in sporting events there were what were called pacesetters. They would be mounted on ~~mounted on~~ elongated frame work. Really three and four bikes, one behind the other all connected and a rider on each. With these the powerful unimpeded peddling, a very great pace was the

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the result. The racer himself had these as a guide. It was after the advent of the motor bicycles about forty years or so ago, that this form of pacing became obsolete. But this depression is a little from the point of applicability of farm life & conditions. With our present conditions of ^{of locomotion} life with the motor car, and transport facilities, ~~with~~ our concrete and tar ceiled roads. The person of the future, especially in ~~say~~ the regions of my early experience in Canterbury, might ask what is the meaning of so many pits all up and down the district and surrounding ones. Well, these had their origin, in the methods of road making that had to be done in the opening up of the country for settlements. It was absolutely necessary that when a block of land for farming purposes or otherwise, was taken up, it became necessary that these properties should be enclosed by fencing, and subdivision so as to give security from trespassing stock, and that each owner should be able to keep his own within bounds. To get to these properties it was absolutely necessary when surveying these various holdings that provision should be made so as to have easy access to their various homes or homesteads. Hence the provision made that every holding

Roads & gravel pits.