

a laugh - & all ended well.

I do not suppose any excavation
are on now. On Martin Down

I was pointed out a place you
had surveyed, but my informant
thought you had given over for
season.

One takes so
very much more interest in
looking at 1 finds & models of objects
one has seen in progress.

I remain, Sir,

your obedient servant

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My dear Sir,

On Monday, in taking
a friend round to do 1 rights of your
interesting domain, I had an unfortunate
experience, & as it might occur to any
other careless or over-confident cyclist,
I have thought it advisable to report 1
matter.

To get to King John's from 1
Larmer, we took 1 short cut by 1 carriage
way across 1 park. A sudden &
steep gradient increased my pace, without
any pedalling on my part to a rate of
fifteen miles or so an hour, & on turning
I bent a gate, to my dismay, stood
across 1 road not twenty-five yards
away. 1 machine was beyond my

control, for I had no brake — I
leave it rest to your imagination.

My friend had a brake, so was
able to regulate his pace, & thus
escaped.

I got off with a good shaking
up, a slightly sprained wrist & blow on
1 knee, but my machine was badly
damaged ~~and~~ ^{and} 1 way 1 framework was
bent, showed 1 force of 1 collision was
more than sufficient to mar 1
symmetry of a man's anatomy.

I plead guilty to contributory
negligence, but in this world it is 1 custom
to shield protect careless people from 1
consequences of carelessness, so I suggest
a notice board or any thing better
that may commend itself to your judgment.

If a similar accident should occur
to a lad riding an ordinary at 1

moment of collision he would be shot
like an arrow over 1 handles, with
consequences too unpleasant to contemplate.

My 'cycle' agent tells me such
accidents are common enough — his
experience.

I should like to add that
that O.C. 77, who we happily came
across, quite surpassed 1 civility one
meets in your country. 1 smith was
out on his rounds, but O.C. 77 was
equal to 1 occasion, & ~~both~~ showed us
how to take 1 machine to pieces, & he
put 1 shafts in 1 forge & straightened
them ^{on his} ~~and then~~ ^{did} 1 job well enough to enable
me to ride home.

Pardon me, if I've been
too diffuse. After things were
righted & 1 nervous strain passed, a
comical side to 1 proceedings presented
itself to my companion, so we had