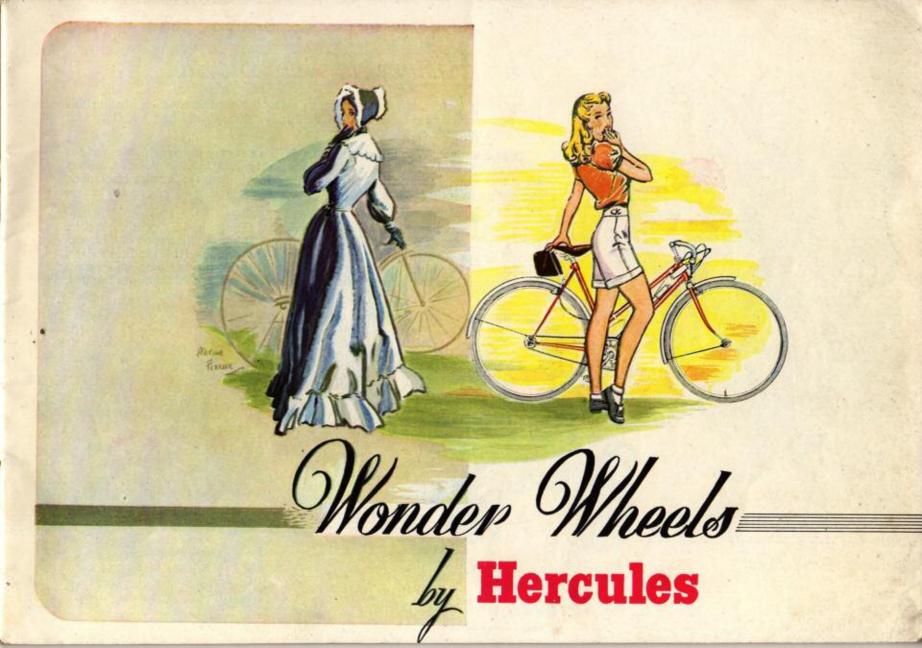
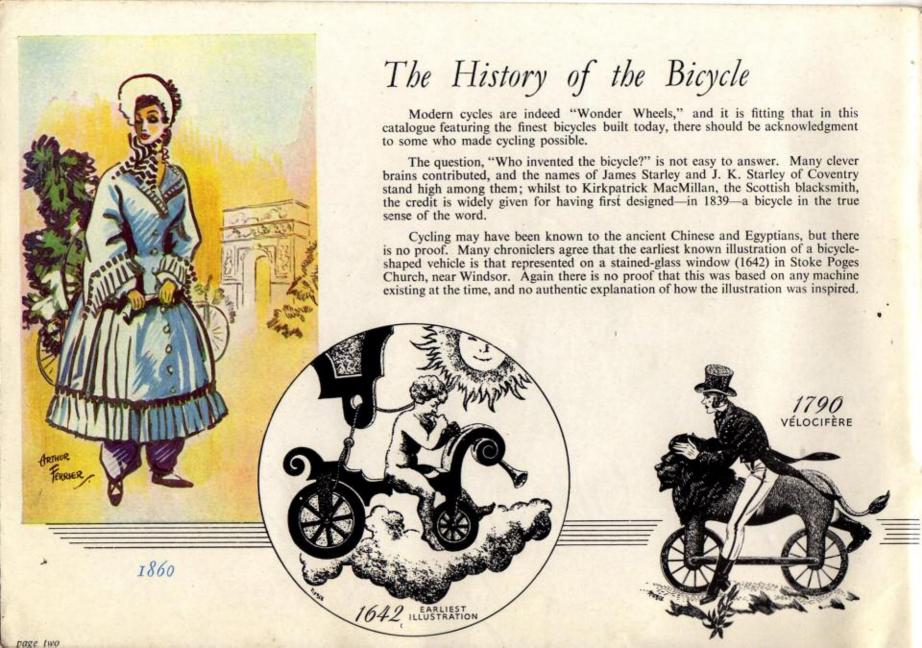


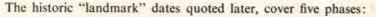
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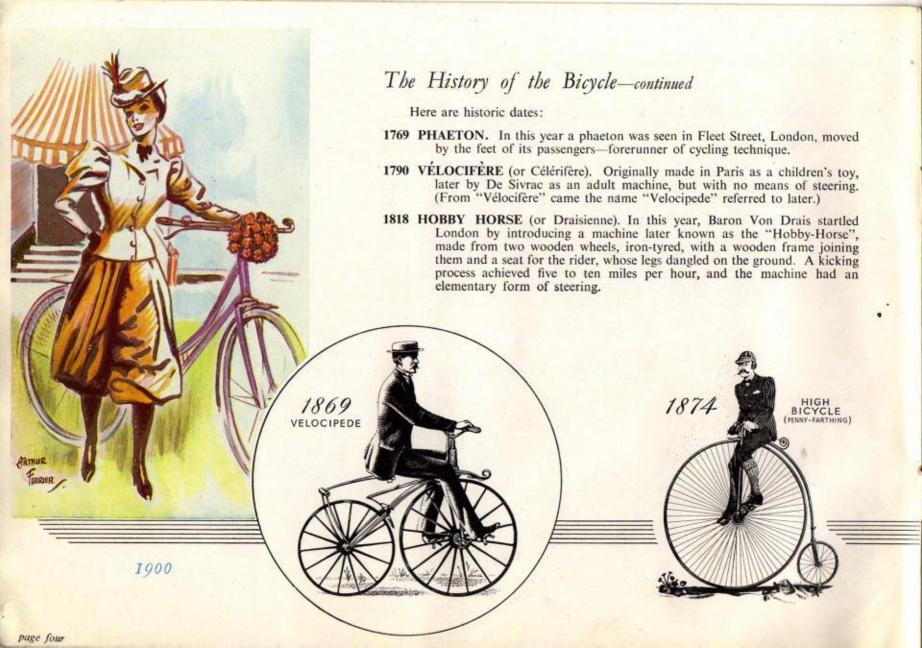


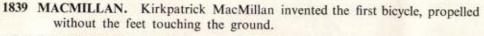




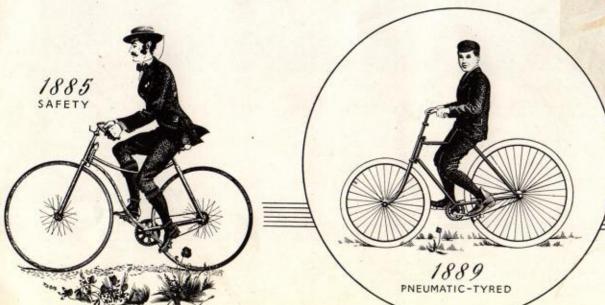
- (a) The period up to 1839, when the rider propelled the vehicle by striking his feet on the ground like a runner.
- (b) Then, on MacMillan's machine, there was a lever-driven rear wheel, and pedals were fitted. A practical success in his own hands, his invention was not seriously developed.
- (c) After MacMillan, development halted and then strayed from his rear-wheel driving idea to such machines as the "Boneshaker" or "Penny-Farthing."
- (d) In 1885, came a return—in J. K. Starley's Rover Safety—to the rear-driven principle and the virtual foundation of the cycle industry.
- (e) The Dunlop invention of the pneumatic tyre in 1888 added greatly to the comfort of cycling, and gave impetus to the industry.







- 1869 VELOCIPEDE (later known as BONESHAKER). With iron-tyred wooden wheels and the drive direct off the taller front wheel.
- 1874 HIGH BICYCLE (later known as ORDINARY or PENNY-FARTHING). Known as the Ordinary to distinguish it from the Safety, it was the adventurous young man's steed.
- 1885 SAFETY. J. K. Starley's Rover Safety was the first really successful commercial cycle.
- 1889 PNEUMATIC TYRED BICYCLE. In this year, W. Edlin & Co. of Belfast made a pneumatic-tyred cycle.





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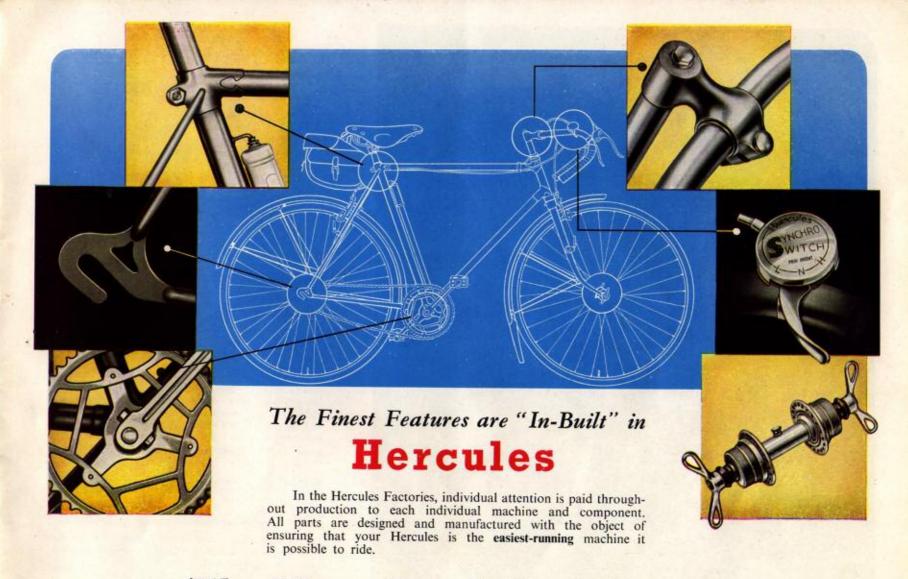
and To-day

Cycling had entered on a new phase, and for years was a fashionable pastime. Cycles, however, were expensive; and it was not until the late 1920's that they were finally produced at a price within the reach of all. From then on, the cycle became not only the principal means of economical transport in this country and throughout the world, but also a major contributor to the growing "out-of-doors" and "keep fit" movements. In 1939, great stimulus was given to British cycling by the unprecedented feat of the Hercules road-record team in breaking, in five months, 20 official long-distance road records from 50 miles to 1,000 miles.

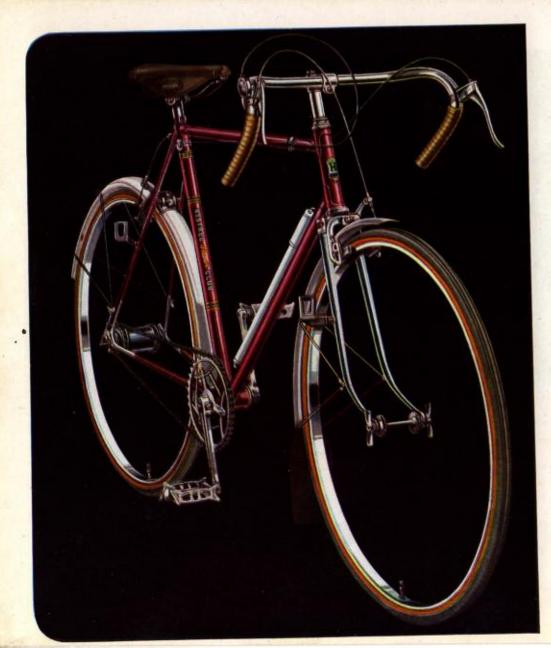
The war years necessitated a high standard of precisionengineering. With their traditional capacity for quality-controlled production, the Hercules factories—which today have the world's largest cycle output—produced during the war years 400 million high-precision aircraft and armament components. To the knowledge then gained, bicycles of today owe even easier-running qualities than ever before.

> The NEW Hercules 1949 "Head Transfer" symbolizes the modern colourful spirit of cycling, and yet retains the dignity associated with the acknowledged leaders of an industry.





The Finest Bicycle Built To-day



The NEW KESTREL SUPER CLUB—531 Tubing

Frame: 22in. 73° head, 71° seat angles, 41in. wheelbase. "531" frame tubes and chainstays with chrome molybdenum seatstays. Brazed-on mudguard eyes. Special cut-away chamfered lugs. Seat- and chainstays pencil tapered with chromium-plated ends. Forks: Fully chromium-plated 531 fork blades tapered 'D' to round section, solid ends with narrow solid cut-away crown. Brazed-on lugs for detachable lamp bracket and mudguards. Wheels: Dunlop high-pressure steel rims 26in. x 11in. Stainless steel double-butted 15/17g spokes. Airlite hubs fitted with track nuts, freewheel and fixed sprocket, or option of Hercules 3-Speed Hub or Hercules Derailleur Gear with Synchro - Switch Handlebar Control. Chainwheel and Cranks: Hercules special flanged design 46T 3-pin with fluted cranks. Pedals: Ultra-lightweight "Philite" racing pattern. Handlebar Bend: Reynold Hiduminium Bailey pattern with Shockstop grips No. 57. Handlebar Stem: Special design "all-in-one" 21 in. extension, Reynold light alloy forging, aircraft specification. Expander type. Brakes: G.B. Alloy with hooded levers. Mudguards: White celluloid with detachable fitments, mudflap. Saddle: Brooks B17.N. Seat-pillar: Reynolds hiduminium straight, dome type. Fitments: White celluloid pump. Finish: Frame in the most attractive "Flamboyant Ruby," with Hercules "club finish" fully-chromed front fork with seat- and chainstay chromium-plated ends. All usual fittings chromium plated or polished alloy. Weight: 233 lb.

PRICE (Including Purchase Tax) Single Speed . £25.5.0

Usual Extra for Hercules 3-speed Hub with Synchro-Switch Control (as illustrated), or Hercules Derailleur Gear with Synchro-Switch Control.

★ 531 Manganese Molybdenum Tubing, of which the Hercules Kestrel is built, combines exceptional lightness with great strength and is therefore ideal for a Club Cycle. Proof of its amazing strength is its use in aircraft construction.



Frame: 21in. and 23in. 70½° head, 70½° seat angles, with "531" frame tubes. fully brazed-up. Double-tapered seatstays. Brazed-on pump pegs and special cut-away lugs. Fork: "D" to round section with solid ends, chromiumplated crown. Wheels: 26in. x 1½in. Endrick rims with wing nuts. Narrow barrel racing hubs. Tyres: Dunlop Sprite. Gear: Freewheel and fixed cog or Hercules 3-Speed Hub, or Hercules Derailleur gear. Chainwheel and Cranks: Special lightweight design, 3-arm, detachable, with fluted cranks. Pedals: Racing rat-trap. Handlebar Bend: Bailey with Shockstop grips fitted on extended reversible lug. Brakes: Hercules caliper with silvered

cables. Mudguards: White celluloid with 2-leg single-stay. Saddle: "Kestrel" racing. Finest quality leather. Fittings: "Kestrel" hold-all, white celluloid pump. Finish: Frame and forks enamelled Polychromatic Gold, with decorative head and peaks, gold finish edged silver, all usual bright parts Chromium Plated. Weight: 28 lb. (single speed). £14.5.0



(See also page 14.)

Frame: 19in., 21in. and 23in., double-tapered seatstays. Entirely brazed-up. Cut-away lugs. Tapered "D" to round front forks, solid ends. Brazed-on pump pegs. Short wheelbase. Wheels: 26in. x 14in. Endrick steel. Tyres: Dunlop Sports. Handlebar: Racing pattern on adjustable extended stem, chromium plated. Brakes: Hercules front and rear caliper. Mudguards: Hercules new pattern steel, white enamelled. Saddle: Racing pattern.

Pedals: Racing rat-trap. Fittings: Inflator, hold-all bag and spanner. Finish: All usual bright parts Chromium Plated. Price: Finished Standard Black enamel £11.9.4 Finished Maroon, Royal Blue or Princess Blue, double panel lining, silvered £11.19.5 Finished Pearl Green or Pearl Blue £12. 4.5 extra, £1.19.2 Hercules 3-Speed Hub Usual extra £13.18.7



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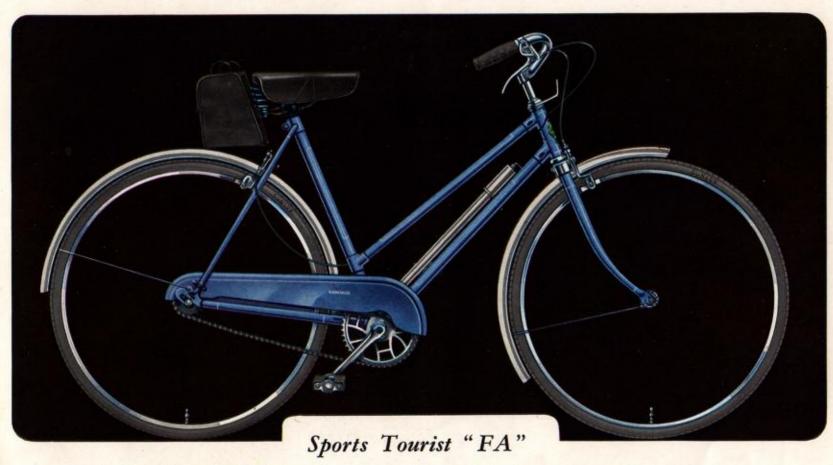
Frame: 19 in., 21in. and 23in., double-tapered seatstays. Entirely brazed-up. Specially cut-away lugs. Low bracket. Short wheelbase. Brazed-on pump pegs. Wheels: 26in. x 11in. Endrick steel. Tyres: Dunlop Sports. Handlebar: Racing pattern, chromium plated, on adjustable stem. Rubber grips. Brakes: Hercules front and rear caliper. Mudguards: Hercules new pattern steel, white enamelled. Saddle: Racing pattern. Pedals: Rubber. Fittings: Inflator, hold-all bag and spanner. Finish: All usual bright parts Chromium Plated. Price: Finished Standard Black enamel Finished Princess Blue, Maroon or Royal Blue, double panel lining, silvered cables Hercules 3-Speed Hub extra, £1.19.2 Hercules Derailleur Gear . . . Usual extra As illustrated, finished Pearl Green . .



Frame: 19in., 21in. and 23in., double-tapered seatstays. Entirely brazed - up. Cut-away lugs. Low built. Short wheelbase. Brazed-on pump pegs. Wheels: 26in. x 1\frac{3}{8}in. Endrick steel. Tyres: Dunlop Sports. Handlebar: 18in. "Comfort Pattern" raised. Brakes: Hercules front and rear caliper. Mudguards: Hercules new pattern steel. Saddle: Spring seat. Pedals: 4in. rubber. Fittings: Inflator, hold-all bag and spanner. Finish:

All usual bright parts Chromium Plated. Price: Finished Standard Black enamel, double panel lining £11.0.6

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Frame: 19in., 21in. and 23in., double-tapered seatstays. Entirely brazed-up. Low built. Short wheelbase. Brazed-on pump pegs. Wheels: 26in. x 1\(\frac{2}{3}\)in. Endrick steel. Tyres: Dunlop Sports. Handlebar: 18in. "Comfort Pattern" raised. Brakes: Hercules front and rear caliper. Chainguard: Metal. Mudguards: Hercules new pattern steel. Saddle: Spring seat. Pedals: Rubber. Fittings: Inflator, hold-all bag and spanner. Finish: All usual

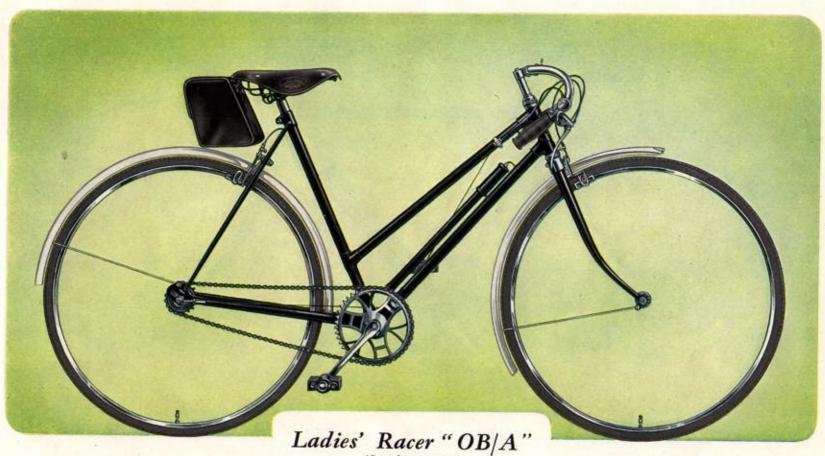
bright parts Chromium Plated. Price: Finished Standard Black enamel, double panel lining £11.3.8

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(See also page 10.)

Frame: 19in., 21in. and 23in., double-tapered seatstays. Entirely brazed-up. Cut-away lugs. Tapered "D" to round front forks, solid ends. Brazed-on pump pegs. Short wheelbase. Wheels: 26in. x 1¼in. Endrick steel. Tyres: Dunlop Sports. Handlebar: Racing pattern on adjustable extended stem. Chromium plated. Brakes: Hercules front and rear caliper. Mudguards: Hercules new pattern steel, white enamelled. Saddle: Racing pattern.



(See also page 11.)

Frame: 19in., 21in. and 23in., double-tapered seatstays. Entirely brazed-up. Specially cut-away lugs. Low bracket. Short wheelbase. Brazed-on pump pegs. Wheels: 26in. x 1½in. Endrick steel. Tyres: Dunlop Sports. Handlebar: Racing pattern, chromium plated, on adjustable stem. Rubber grips. Brakes: Hercules front and rear caliper. Mudguards: Hercules new pattern steel, white enamelled. Saddle: Racing pattern. Pedals: Rubber.



Frame: 19in., 21in. and 23in., double-tapered seatstays. Low built, with short wheelbase. Entirely brazed-up. Cut-away lugs. Brazed-on pump pegs. Wheels: 26in. x 13in. Tyres: Dunlop Roadster. Gear: Hercules 3-Speed, Synchro-Switch Control. Cranks: 63in. Gearcase: Hercules detachable oilbath. Handlebar: "North Road" high raised. Rubber grips. Brakes: Front and rear roller-lever. Saddle: Spring seat. Pedals: Rubber.



Frame: 19in., 21in. and 23in., double-tapered seatstays. Entirely brazed-up. Low built. Brazed-on pump pegs. Short wheelbase. Wheels: 26in. x 1\frac{3}{8}in. Endrick steel. Tyres: Dunlop Roadster. Gear: Hercules 3-Speed, Synchro-Switch Control. 44T chainwheel, 6\frac{1}{2}in. cranks, 18T sprocket. Gearcase: Hercules detachable oilbath. Handlebar: 18in. "Comfort Pattern" raised. Brakes: Hercules front and rear caliper. Saddle: Spring seat.

Pedals: Rubber. Fittings: Inflator, hold-all bag and spanner.

Finish: All usual bright parts Chromium Plated.

Price: Finished Standard Black enamel . £13.17.1

As illustrated, finished Olive Green, gold lined . £14.9.0

Gent's Sports Tourist De Luxe P, finished Olive

Green, gold lined £14.9.0



Frame: 19in., 21in. and 23in., double-tapered seatstays. Specially low built. Short wheelbase. Entirely brazed-up. Cut-away lugs. Brazed-on pump pegs. Wheels: 26in. x 1\frac{3}{8}in. narrow section Westwood. Tyres: Dunlop Sports. Handlebar: "North Road" high raised. Rubber grips. Brakes: Front and rear roller-lever. Saddle: Double texture spring seat. Pedals: Rubber. Fittings:

Inflator, toolbag and spanner. Finish: All usual bright parts
Chromium Plated. Price: Finished Standard Black
enamel, double panel lining . £10.15.0

Finished Princess Blue, Olive Green or Maroon, double panel
lining, silvered cables £11.5.1

Hercules 3-Speed Hub extra, £1.19.2

As illustrated, with 3-Speed Hub and finished Princess Blue . £13.4.3



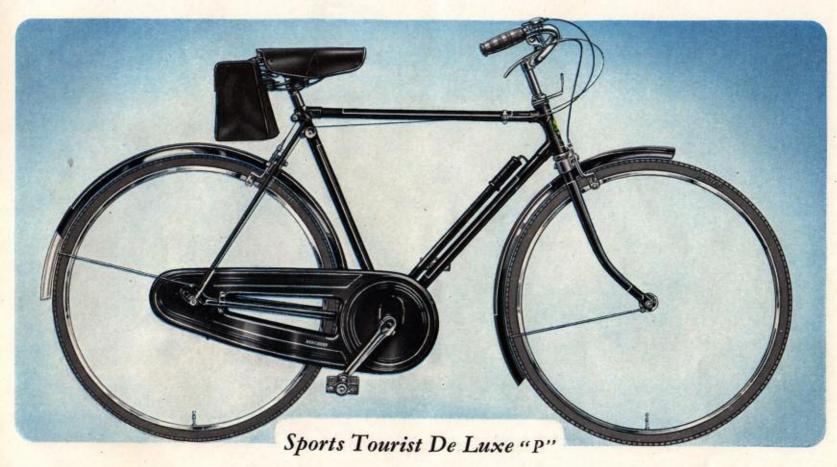
Frame: 19in., 21in. and 23in., double-tapered seatstays. Low built bracket. Brazed-up seat- and chainstays. Cut-away lugs. Brazed-on pump pegs. Short wheelbase. Wheels: 26in. x 13in. narrow section Westwood. Tyres: Dunlop Sports. Chainguard: Metal. Handlebar: "North Road" high raised. Rubber grips. Brakes: Front and rear roller-lever. Saddle: Spring seat. Pedals:



Frame: 19in., 21in. and 23in., double-tapered seatstays. Low built bracket. Brazed-up seat- and chainstays. Cut-away lugs. Brazed-on pump pegs. Short wheelbase. Wheels: 26in. x 13in. narrow section Westwood. Tyres: Dunlop Roadster. Gear: Hercules 3-Speed, Synchro-Switch Control. Cranks: 61in. Gearcase: Hercules detachable oilbath. Handlebar: "North

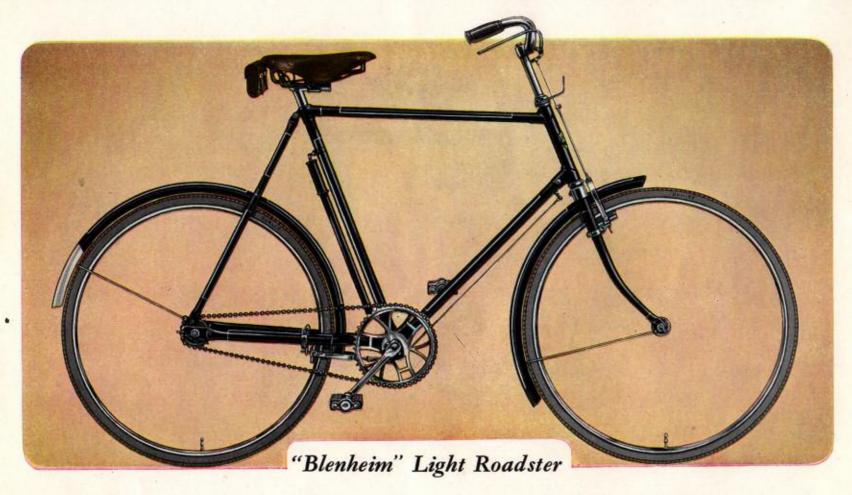
Road" high raised. Rubber grips. Brakes: Front and rear roller-lever. Saddle: Spring seat. Pedals: Rubber. Fittings: Inflator, toolbag and spanner. Finish: All usual bright parts Chromium Plated. Price: As illustrated, finished Standard Black enamel, double panel lining . £13.11.5

Gent's Safety De Luxe "U" £13.11.5



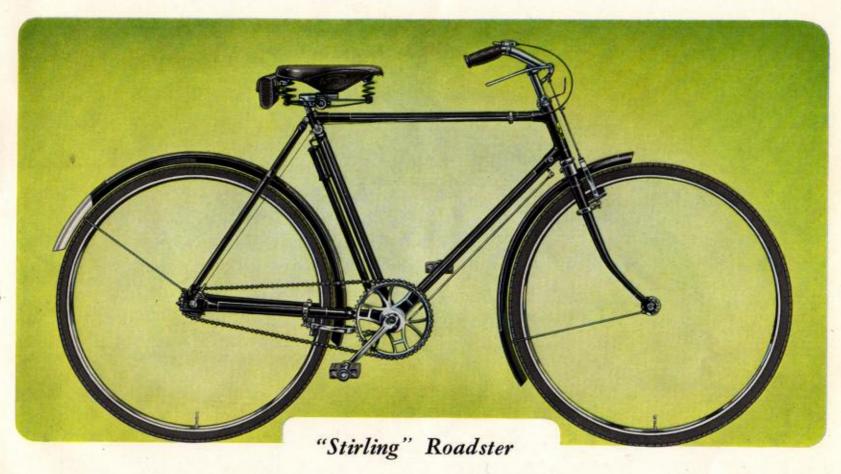
Frame: 19in., 21in. and 23in., double-tapered seatstays. Entirely brazed-up. Cut-away lugs. Low built frame with short wheelbase. Wheels: 26in. x 1\(\frac{2}{3}\)in. Endrick steel. Tyres: Dunlop Roadster. Gear: Hercules 3-Speed Synchro-Switch Control, 48T chainwheel, 18T sprocket. Gearcase: Hercules detachable oilbath. Handlebar: 18 in. "Comfort Pattern" raised. Brakes:

Hercules front and rear caliper. Saddle: Spring seat. Pedals: 4in. rubber. Fittings: Inflator, hold-all bag and spanner. Mudguards: Hercules narrow steel. Finish: All usual bright parts Chromium Plated. Price: As illustrated, finished Standard Black enamel, double panel lining . £13.17.1 Ladies' Sports Tourist De Luxe "PA" £13.17.1



Frame: 22in., 24in. sloping top tube. Wheels: 26in. x 13in.

Tyres: Dunlop Roadster. Handlebar: "North Road" high raised. Brakes: Front and rear roller-lever. Saddle: Hercules 4-wire. Pedals: Rubber. Fittings: Toolbag, spanner



Frame: 22in., 24in. and 26in., with 28in. wheels. Tyres: Dunlop Standard Black enamel, gold and red lining Roadster. Brakes: Front and rear roller-lever. Saddle: Hercules Hercules 3-Speed Hub . extra, £1 . 19 . 2 3-coil. Pedals: Rubber. Fittings: Toolbag, spanner and inflator. Finish: All usual bright parts Chromium Plated. Price: Finished As illustrated, with 3-Speed Hub. . .

All prices include purchase tax.

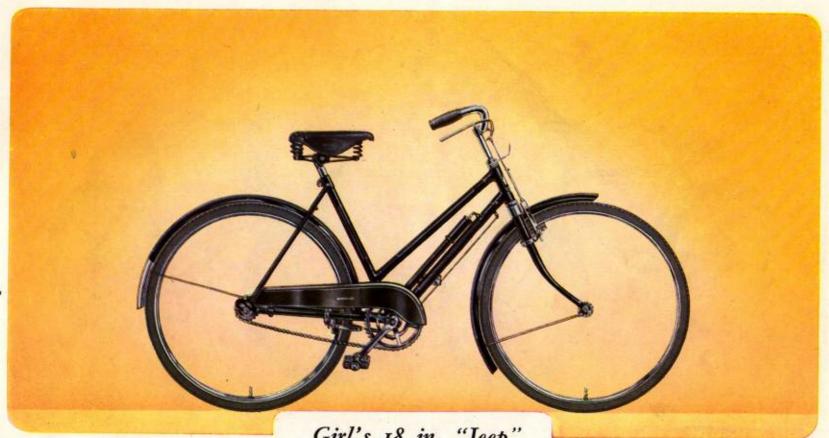
£10.14.5



Frame: 18in. double-tapered seatstays. Brazed-up seat- and chainstays. Cut-away lugs. Brazed-on pump pegs. Wheels: 24in. x 13in. Tyres: Dunlop Juvenile. Handlebar: "North Road" high raised. Rubber grips. Mudguards: Racing pattern. Brakes. Front and rear, roller-lever. Saddle: 3-coil. Pedals:

Rubber. Fittings: Inflator and spanner. Finish: Standard Black enamel, all usual bright parts Chromium Plated. Price: As illustrated (without toolbag). £10.14.2

In producing this Boy's Bicycle, suitable for Boys 7-9 years of age (according to the boy's height), Hercules engineers have specially studied safety and strength so that the rider can have the full benefit of the healthy recreation of cycling.



Girl's 18 in. "Jeep"

Frame: 18in. double-tapered seatstays. Brazed-up seat- and chainstays. Cut-away lugs. Brazed-on pump pegs. Wheels: 24in. x 13in. Tyres: Dunlop Juvenile. Chainguard: Metal. Handlebar: "North Road" high raised. Rubber grips. Mudguards: Racing pattern. Brakes: Front and rear, roller-lever. Saddle: 3-coil. Pedals: Rubber. Fittings: Inflator and spanner.

Finish: Standard Black enamel, all usual bright parts Chromium Plated. Price: As illustrated £10.17.5 (without toolbag)

This Girl's Cycle suitable for Girls 7-9 years of age (according to the girl's height) is of exceptionally neat and attractive uppearance-safe and easy to ride. Note the extended "Hockey Stick" Chainguard, giving added protection.



Boy's 16 in. "Ranger"

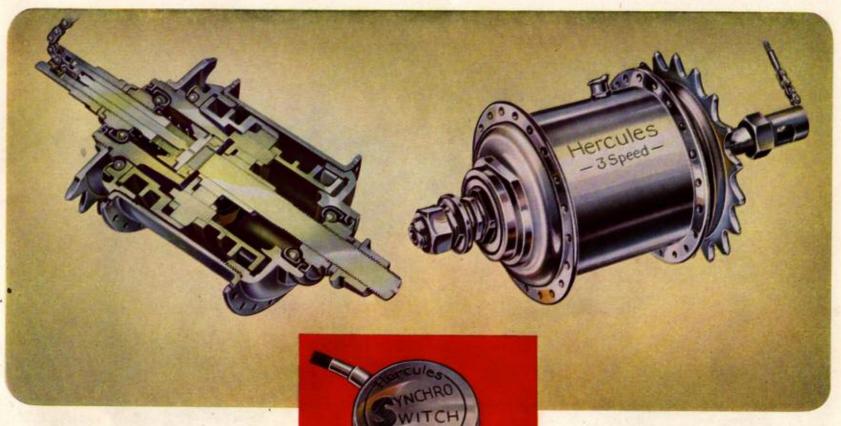
Frame: 16in. built with adult-size tubing and brackets. Wheels: 20in. x 13in. Junior. Tyres: Dunlop Junior. Chainguard: Metal, half-pattern. Handlebar: Juvenile upturned. Brakes: Front and rear roller-lever. Saddle: Leather, single spring. Pedals: 31in. Rubber. Fittings: Toolbag, spanner, white celluloid pump. Finish: Olive Green, Maroon or Royal Blue, all usual bright parts Chromium Plated. Price: As \$\mathcal{c}\$10 2 1

Suitable for Boys 5-8 years of age (according to the boy's height—see also Boy's 18in. "Jeep," page 24). The very attractive "Ranger" Pictorial Transfer on the bottom tube of this model is a thrill in itself for any boy.

Girl's 16 in. "Ranger"

Frame: 16in, built with adult-size tubing and brackets. Wheels: 20in, x 1gin. Junior. Tyres: Dunlop Junior. Chainguard: Metal, half-pattern. Handlebar: Juvenile upturned. Brakes: Front and rear roller-lever. Saddle: Leather, single spring. Pedals: 31 in. Rubber. Fittings: Toolbag, spanner, Leather, single spring. Pedals: Salli Russon, Royal Blue or Orange, white celluloid pump. Finish: Maroon, Royal Blue or Orange, all usual bright parts Chromium Plated. Price: As £10.4.10 illustrated

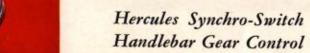
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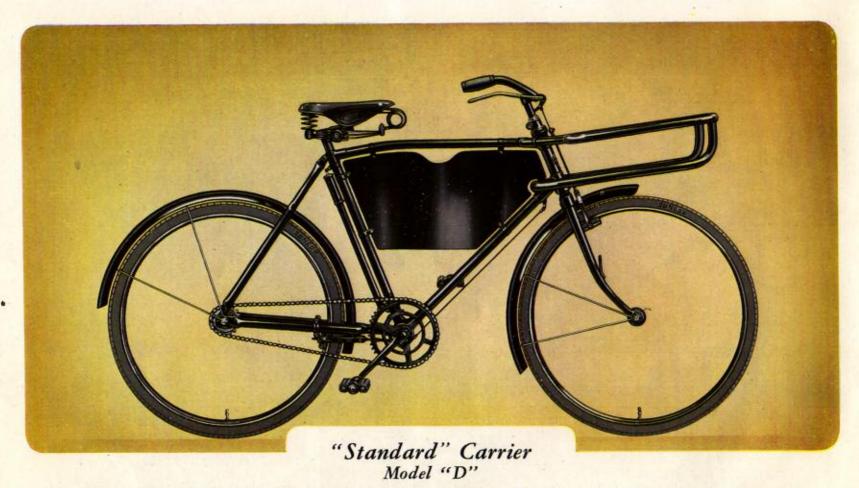
Hercules 3-Speed Hub

(Shown in half-section and complete.)

This enclosed epicyclic hub is a high-precision engineering product, manufactured throughout by Hercules. Ratios: high gear 33\(\frac{1}{3}\) per cent above normal, low gear 25 per cent below normal.



An exceptionally neat Control. Clicks easily into each position, and can be secured to handlebar in any position to suit rider. Fits any variable 3-speed gear.



Frame: 22in. Registered Design No. 724921. High-grade steel tubing, with cranked seat- and chainstays, and specially strengthened joints. Carrier: Heavy 18 gauge, brazed on to frame, with mud-splash plate under basket-carrier. Hubs: Hercules Carrier, waterproof and oil-retaining, with chrome steel cones, \$\frac{1}{2}\times\$ in. balls, \$\frac{2}{3}\times\$ in. spindles. Freewheel: Hercules Carrier. Two full rows steel balls. Rims: Dunlop, heavy gauge, 26in. x 1\$\frac{2}{3}\times\$ in. enamelled. Tyres: Dunlop Carrier. Pedals: Hercules Carrier. Chain: Best British

heavy-type roller, ½ in. x ¾ in. Brakes: Hercules, special carrier; double roller-lever. Saddle: Leather 65/2. Nameplate: Five-clip fastening. Finish: Rustproofed by the latest process and finished with four coats best quality Black enamel. Fitted with Complete Set of Accessories, including Pump, Toolbag and Spanner.

Price: As illustrated . . . (Basket, £1.3.8 extra.) £11.0.4

(No Purchase Tax Payable.)



Model "K" (Small Front Wheel and Basket)

Frame: Size 22in. only. Registered Design No. 724921. High-grade steel tubing, with cranked seat- and chainstays, and specially strengthened joints. Carrier: Tubular, brazed on to frame, with mud-splasher under basket. Size: Width 23in., depth at front 12in., length 19in. Fitted with specially improved double-sided swinging prop-stand, quickly and easily placed into position. Front Fork: Specially reinforced to accommodate heavy loads. Hubs: Hercules Carrier, waterproof and oil-retaining, with chrome steel cones, {in. balls, {in. spindles. Freewheel: Hercules Carrier, with two full rows of steel balls. Wheels: Built with Dunlop rims, heavy gauge, 26in.

x 13in, rear; 20in, x 2in, front. Spokes: Front: 13 gauge; Rear; 14 gauge. Tyres: Dunlop Carrier. Pedals: Hercules Carrier. Chain: Best British heavy-type roller, gin. x gin. Brakes: Hercules Special Carrier, double roller-lever. Saddle: Leather 65/2. Nameplate: Five-clip fastening. Finish: Rustproofed by the latest Bonderizing process and finished with four coats best quality Black enamel. Fitted with Complete Set of Accessories, including Pump, Toolbag, Spanner and Basket. Price: As illustrated, including Basket . £13.10.1

(No Purchase Tax Pavable.)



Metallurgic Tests

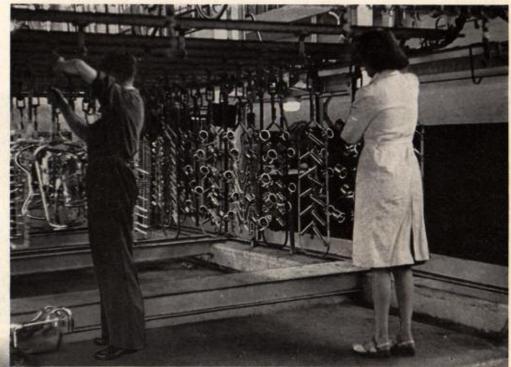
The most up-to-date metallurgic tests are scientifically applied to every batch of steel and metal used by Hercules.

HERCULES Development Departments keep constantly abreast of the latest in cycle design. Their "planning" is carried into practice by craftsmen and operatives skilled in **precision**-engineering who have the benefit of expensive technical equipment unique in the industry.

Controlled by Chemists

Continuous control by qualified chemists of Hercules processes of nickelling, chromium and cadmium plating, ensures very high quality of "finish."

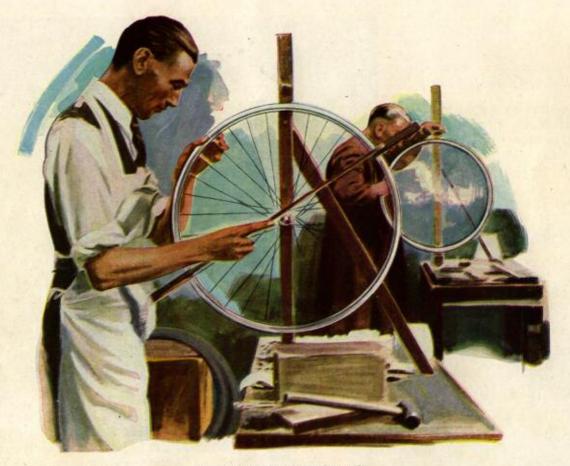




THE success of Hercules high - lustre chromium plating lies not only in the efficiency of Hercules fully-automatic plating plant, but in the skill and care with which the high-grade steel is previously nickelled to prevent possibility of tarnishing.

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