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### Motorised Bicycles

Those of your readers to whom the noise and the smell of a petrol engine is an abomination should pass this letter by; it is addressed mainly to those folk who, though cyclists in spirit, are prevented from being so in deed by reason of age, physical inability, or (let it be whispered) sheer laziness.

As you have probably guessed, I am about to refer to the motorised bicycle; and perhaps it would be as well for me to mention I am not financially interested. Thus, with no axe to grind, I will say that there is no doubt that it fills a definite gap between the bicycle and the motor-cycle proper, and its usefulness cannot be denied.

Naturally, to most young people, the physical side of cycling is its greatest attraction. The thrill of accomplishing a thousand-mile tour made possible by your own muscular ability has to be experienced to be believed. But there is little doubt that to some people the motorised bicycle would be a godsend.

To my mind it will be a minor tragedy if, through the animosity of the clubman, this machine fails to achieve a footing in this country, and so prevents those people, less fortunate than he, from enjoying these isles, which are our national heritage.

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