

Finding aid for the Michigan Cyclist collection

Collection 039

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Summary Information

Repository	Grand Rapids Public Library, Grand Rapids History and Special Collections Department
Creator	Michigan Cyclist Publishing Company.
Title	The Michigan Cyclist collection
Date [inclusive]	1894-1897
Extent	8.3 Linear feet Two boxes
Language	English
Abstract	<p>The Michigan Cyclist was published by the Michigan Cyclist Publishing Company, Grand Rapids, Michigan. Devoted to the general interest of the sport and trade, the weekly magazine was directed to the followers of bicycle racing and touring and served as a major instrument of advertising for the various bicycle manufacturing companies. The coverage area consisted primarily of Michigan, Indiana and Ohio.</p>

Biographical/Historical note

The Michigan Cyclist was begun in Grand Rapids, Michigan during a time when the interest in bicycles for recreation, sport and transportation was widespread. The Cyclist published the news of developments in bicycles, their parts and accessories, and prices, bicycle racing, both sprints and distance and bicycle touring. The Cyclist served as a clearing house for West Michigan as well as national manufacturers of bicycle parts and bicycles. Competition was fierce among local, regional and national magazines on cycling and the trade and, after a brief existence, The Michigan Cyclist Publishing Company was forced out of business.

Scope and Contents note

The collection consists of volumes 3 to 8, 1894-1897. Feature articles on races, racers, and improvements in the machines are augmented by informative advertisements by bicycle manufacturers, equipment suppliers, and Michigan retailers. Photographs and illustrations are a major feature.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Immediate Source of Acquisition note

Library purchase, accession number 00.000

Controlled Access Headings

Geographic Name(s)

- Grand Rapids (Mich.) -- History

Subject(s)

- Cycling -- History

Collection Inventory

Michigan Cyclist		
	Box	Folder
Vol 3 No 1, July, 1894	1	1
Vol 3 No 2-6, August, 1894	1	2
Vol 3 No 7, 10 September, 1894	1	3
Vol 3 No 11, 14 October, 1894	1	4
Vol 3 No 15, 19 November, 1894	1	5
Vol 3 No 20, 23 December, 1894	1	6
Vol 3 No 24, 26 January, 1895	1	7
Vol 4 No 1, 2 January, 1895	1	8
Vol 4 No 3, 6 February, 1895	1	9
Vol 4 No 7, 10 March, 1895	1	10
Vol 4 No 11, 14 April, 1895	1	11

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Vol 4 No 15, 19 May, 1895	1	12
Vol 4 No 20, 23 June, 1895	1	13
Vol 4 No 24, 26 July, 1895	1	14
Vol 5 No 1, July, 1895	1	15
Vol 5 No 2, 6 August, 1895	1	16
Vol 5 No 7, 10 September, 1895	1	17
Vol 5 No 11, 15 October, 1895	1	18
Vol 5 No 16, 19 November, 1895	1	19
Vol 5 No 20, 23 December, 1895	1	20
Vol 5 No 24, 26 January, 1896	1	21
Vol 6 No 3 and 5, 6 and 20 February, 1896	1	22
Vol 7 No 1, 2 July, 1896	2	23
Vol 7 No 3, 6 August, 1896	2	24
Vol 7 No 7, 10 September, 1896	2	25

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Vol 7 No 11, 15 October, 1896	2	26
Vol 7 No 16, 19 November, 1896	2	27
Vol 7 No 20, 24 December, 1896	2	28
Vol 7 No 25, 26 January, 1897	2	29
Vol 8 No 1, 2 January, 1897	2	30
Vol 8 No 3, 6 February, 1897	2	31
Vol 8 No 7, 10 March, 1897	2	32
Vol 8 No 11, 15 April, 1897	2	33
Vol 8 No 16, 19 May, 1897	2	34
Vol 8 No 20, 23 June, 1897	2	35
Vol 8 No 24, 26 July, 1897	2	36