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Finding aid for the

The Michigan Cyclist. Collection

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Abstract

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.

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Donor: Library purchase

Span dates: 1894-1897

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Size: 8.3 linear ft. (10 inches)

Box Summary

Box No.	Description of Contents	Box Description
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Box inventory 8/2009		
1	1894-1896	Standard
2	1896-1897	Standard

History

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 Content

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.

Contents

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Description</u>	
		Vol. No.	Date
1	1	3 1	July, 1894.
1	2	3 2-6	August, 1894.
1	3	3 7	10 September, 1894.
1	4	3 11	14 October, 1894.
1	5	3 15	19 November, 1894.
1	6	3 20	23 December, 1894.
1	7	3 24	26 January, 1895.
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1	9	4 3	6 February, 1895.
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		Vol. No.	Date
1	30	8 1	2 January, 1897.
1	31	8 3	6 February, 1897.
1	32	8 7	10 March, 1897.
1	33	8 11	15 April, 1897.
1	34	8 16	19 May, 1897.
1	35	8 20	23 June, 1897.
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