

Another decided novelty in the wheel line, which appeared in the Park last week, was the Rucker tandem, belonging to Messrs. Will and John Dotter. The appearance of this machine, which has been delayed from time to time owing to various causes, has been anxiously looked for by the local riders, who have been inclined to doubt its practicability. The first sight of the tandem, however, dispelled this idea and convinced the most skeptical that the practical utility of the machine was beyond question. Briefly it consists of the two large wheels of ordinary bicycles, from which the backbones and rear wheels have been removed, connected by a tubular steel bar, with universal knuckle joint. There is thus a perfect immunity from headers and relieved from the friction of the rear wheels the machine showed great speed. Up Belmont avenue grade the two riders led the van on the last club run of the Pennsylvania Club to West Chester, and the hardest riders among the scorchers were hard pushed to keep up with them.

Cyclists impressed by the Rucker tandem.



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