

Around the Trade . . .

UNIQUE FRENCH LIGHTWEIGHTS

First Models Seen in England

FIRST of the French Caminargent bicycles seen in this country was brought to THE CYCLES offices this week from Messrs. Hicking, of Hayes, Kent, who have been appointed sole agent for England for the machines. The fundamental features of all Caminargent bicycles are the same; they are constructed of octagonal Duralumin tubes, bolted together in such a manner that the machine may be taken to pieces in a few minutes. The construction is unique.

Three models are illustrated in the catalogue issued by Hicking, of Hayes, and all can be purchased from that firm. The most popular machine with English riders will probably be the "Randonneuse" grand luxe. This is a machine which typifies the products of the firm manufacturing the Caminargent models, and embodies all the outstanding features of the machines. Its appearance is certain to strike the English rider as a trifle strange, but it cannot be denied that it is a smart job. The approximate weight is 14 lb. (for road work).

Light, But Rigid

The alleged loss of rigidity in a bolted frame is certainly not evident in these machines. Lightness goes hand in hand with stability.

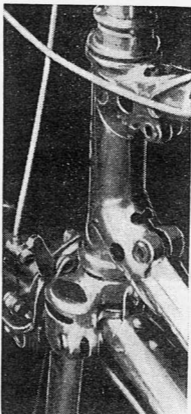
The use of cork in the lugs, where in the ordinary way the joints would be brazed up, is largely responsible for this satisfactory state of affairs. Practically the whole of the machine and accessories are in Duralumin, and the polished metal gives an attractive appearance. Machines can, however, be also obtained in three colours: blue, red, and black.

Danger as to the difficulty of obtaining spare parts for these cycles does not arise, as the English agents are able to supply exactly what is wanted. Any part of the cycle can be supplied in-

dividually, including even such items as top bars. A variety of handlebars are available.

Strange Appearance

There are many features which will be new to the majority of cyclists, and which combine to

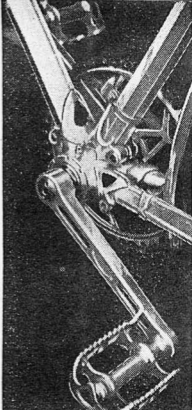


A photograph showing the lugs at the head of the Caminargent cycles

give these machines what has been described above as a strange appearance.

With the machines is supplied a spanner which in itself is as much a novelty as the cycles. It can be taken to pieces, and in its various combinations can be used to unbolt any part of the machine.

Prices and further details can be obtained from, and machines can be seen at, the premises of Hicking, of Hayes.



The bolted frame at the bottom bracket

NEW CONSTRICTOR SPOKING

AT the Cycle Show, at Earl's Court last year, the Constrictor Company displayed a new method of wheel building, employing two spokes in one length, with a complete circle in the middle. The idea of the new method is to avoid the continual trouble of spoke breaking.

In the design of this new method of spoking, advantage has been taken of the wide flange hub idea introduced by Constrictor about nine years ago. Collars, or shoulders, have been fitted in holes cut in the flanges, and these are used to hold the spokes at the centre. The flanges are built separate to the hub itself.

As regards the building of the wheels, it should not be more difficult than at present. If a new spoke is needed it can be fitted without having to remove the cog or free wheel (as the case may be). Spokes at present being sold are of a plain gauge of 15, 16, or 17 in. It is hoped later to introduce a spoke of stainless steel.