

FORCED MR. ASTOR TO DISMOUNT

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Cyclists Will Be Shut Out from Ferncliff as a Result

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., May 1---The fine roads of Ferncliff, the home of the Astors, at Rhinebeck, are closed to cyclers because of an unpleasant incident a few days ago, which resulted in John Jacob Astor being crowded into the ditch on his own property.

Mr. Astor and his wife are both enthusiastic bicycle riders, and when at home may be seen any pleasant day riding on their wheels, enjoying the air and scenery. On the day referred to, Mr. Astor met a party of wheelmen inside the gate of Ferncliff, who, instead of making room for him, forced him to the side of the road, pocketing him so that he was obliged to dismount.

At once orders were issued forbidding entrance to cyclers to the domain of Ferncliff. The deprivation will be severely felt, as Ferncliff embraces miles of road built with the famous iron ore which abounds in Rhinebeck and makes the smoothest and hardest macadam surface in the world.

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