

A Bicycle in Good Repair

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About the Author:

- Jerome Klapka Jerome was an English writer and humorist, best known for the comic travelogue *Three Men in a Boat*.
- He was born in 1859 in Caldmere, UK.
- His other works include the essay collections *Idle Thoughts of an Idle Fellow* and *Second Thoughts of an Idle Fellow*; *Three Men on the Bummel* etc.
- He passed away in 1927.

About the Story:

- The narrator accepts the invitation of cycling with his friend and starts waiting for him the next day.
- The friend arrives late and inspects the front wheel of narrator's cycle. Not finding the wheel perfect for a ride, he takes out the wheel and struggles to repair it.
- He also unscrews the gear box and stays careless about the screws.
- The bicycle becomes miserable even after so many efforts and narrator's friend even hurts himself in the process. The narrator terms it as Man versus Machine and signs off by saying that he is happy for believing and staying hopeful with his friend's attempt.