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Dear Miss Jolly

I hope you have quite got over your spill, & did not have to miss any of the fun in towns, where they seem to have been having a very good time; are you going to invest in a bicycle? I send ~~send~~ you my latest fashion plate of a young Lady's Biking Costume on the Rational Principle, although I don't privately re-

commend its adoption, I heard Bessie Riordan was a "Zimmermaness" or I suppose I should <sup>say</sup> ~~say~~ <sup>say</sup> a Zimmerwoman, but it sounds rather too much like Zimnaman to be convenient - Five or six of us are starting on another canoe trip down the Glenelg River, about the 21<sup>st</sup> inst. & expect to have an uproariously good time, but will miss a Spink's Ball on the 28<sup>th</sup> <sup>inst</sup> which is at present exciting the whole County. 40 or more girls, within a radius of about 30 miles, are the Spinkers of various ages from 40 or so, down to 17 & they are all to wear powders & patches, although I know one or two of them, who are regular old cross patches already.

but they are on the 46 mark or very near it, so I suppose we ought to excuse them. Nothing very wonderful has been happening up here lately, & it has been rather too warm to be pleasant, although we do not come any where near N. S. W records, a horse dropped down dead on the station from Sunstroke a week or two ago. There have been 7 different parsons, on trial in Easterton lately, each one having a month of it, a couple of us called on one of them when we happened to know he was out, & with the help of a bank clerk, who lodged at the <sup>south</sup> house as the Parson, man-

-aged to get into the latter's room  
& made an apple pie in his bed  
with a boot or two, a hairbrush &  
a couple of other odds & ends as  
Plums & tied up a sort of surplice  
looking thing (that must have  
done duty for pyjamas) in all  
the most fashionable <sup>knots</sup> we could  
think of; including, Reef, Sailors  
True Lovers & a Granny or  
two, if he was in the habit of  
practising over his Sermons at  
night in his Surplice. I think  
he must have put in an extra  
word or two for the man who  
invented knots, you will see what  
a slow Place Easterton is to go  
to when a fellow cant find anything  
better to do, & privately the Easterton <sup>girls</sup>  
are a sad lot of duffers & the fellows  
like their sisters, but luckily there are  
some A-1 fellows on the stations around.  
Please remember me to all including your-  
self. yrs sincerely Matthew