

Hints on bicycle touring, circa 1883; most hold true today

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"Always use discretion and common sense. Be sure to have a sound and reliable machine.... It makes all the difference between pleasure and anxiety." So wrote F. Freeman of London in 1883 in his essay "Hints on Bicycle Touring" in "The Cyclist and Wheel World Annual." I wonder if Thomas Stevens, left, had read the "hints" before setting off from San Francisco in 1884 to become the first person to ...