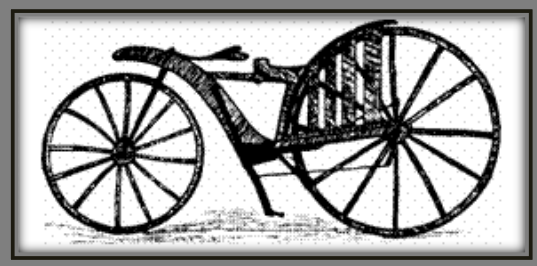


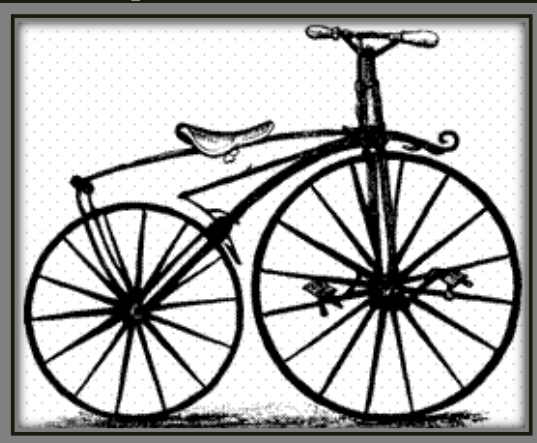
*The Origin of the
Bicycle*



1817 Hobby Horse



1846 Replica Kirkpatrick Macmillan's
Hobby Horse incorporated cranks
and pedals for the first time



1860's French Boneshaker



Eighteen year-old John Kerr of Perth,
Ontario photographed himself on
one of the earliest velocipedes in
Canada, 1869.



Modern bicycles still resemble the beginning



The beginning of human power over land....



1817 Hobby Horse



1870 Ordinary, Penny Farthing or High-Wheeler. The large diameter front wheel enabled the bicycle to travel further each revolution, which also increased the bicycles speed.



1860's example of a Velocipede at the Museum of Science and Technology's "The Wheel Story" exhibit in Ottawa.



1888 Whippit, with front and rear suspension.

John Dunlop patented his invention for the pneumatic tire in 1888 making for a much more comfortable ride.

The Hobby Horse paved the way for modern bicycles.

The bicycle has provided freedom, and transportation for countless generations throughout the years. The exact origin of the bicycle is shrouded in mystery, and the fact is we may never know exactly when the first bicycle was created. There was a time in the development of the bicycle when it became apparent, that it was possible to raise ones feet off of the ground, and coast along on two wheels while balancing and moving forward at the same time.



The Hobby Horse, Velocipede or Draisine consisted of two wooden wheels with a steel tread attached to a frame constructed of wood. The rider sat on the seat and used his feet to propel himself forward like Fred Flintstone.