

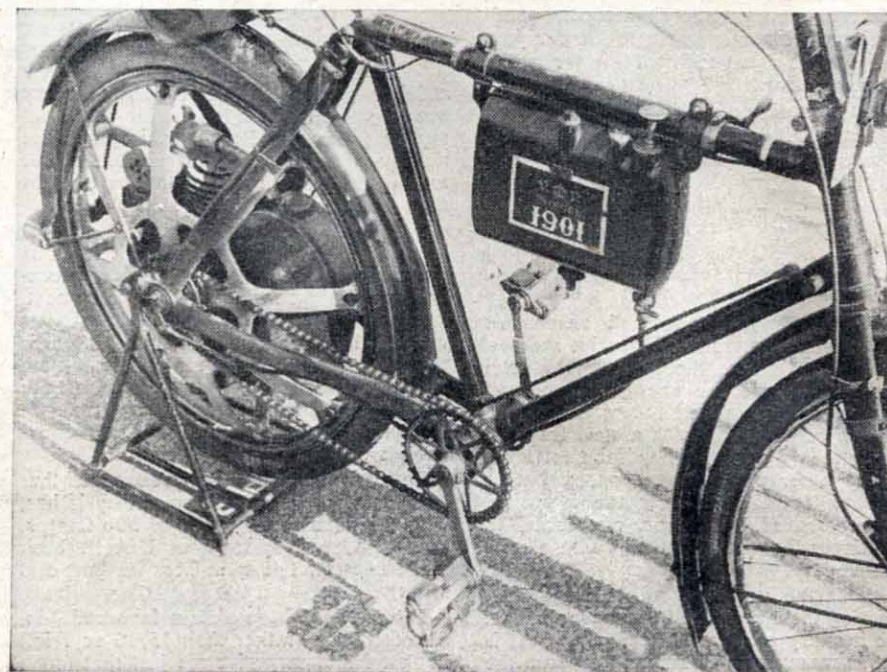
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*Power-assisted bicycles were popular
over 60-years ago, says John Thorpe*

...after skulking ... com-
parative safety at the rear.

But, to return to our two-wheelers,



These pictures taken in the recent Pioneer Run from Epsom to Brighton show (top right) a 1902 Minerva and (right) a Singer which features the engine built into the wheel.

one of the finest examples of engineering in the powered bicycle field appeared from the famous Singer factory in 1901. This was a beautifully made 198 c.c. machine with the engine completely enclosed in a specially designed rear wheel. This was made of two light-alloy castings, bolted together, and it was indeed a fine piece of craftsmanship.

ship. Several examples were used by the Army at that period—amongst the first despatch riders' mounts. Two-strokes were not yet common in those days.