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W. King and Co Stanley Show, Agricultural Hall, Islington and the National Cycle and Motor Show, Crystal Palace, Sydenham, both open their doors to the public on Friday, November 20th and close on Saturday night, November 25th. Motor-Bicycles will be numerous exhibited at both Shows, and Light Motorcars will be on view at the Crystal Palace. 1903 Motor Show W. King and Co.'s Exhibits. This firm will have six motorcycles on show at the Stanley. Five of these will have M.M.C. engines and one will be fitted with a 3.75 h.p. water-cooled motor. There will also be a King "Twocar" fitted with two band brakes. Another machine will have a chain drive and two-speed gear allowing of a free engine. Amongst the novelties will be shown a combined stand and luggage carrier, a petrol gauge and drain tap, water tank and special radiator, etc. King were motorcycles produced from 1901 to 1905 in Cambridge. • 1901 The firm started out by producing tricycles but soon moved to motorcycles. • 1903 They produced a model that was a typical primitive. It had a 2.75hp MMC engine mounted vertically, driving the rear wheel by belt. They also offered the option of 3.5hp or 4hp water-cooled engines. 1904 The engines for that year were 2.75hp to 3.5hp from either DAW or MMC. Direct-belt drive or two speed and chain were available, and a forecar was listed. Stand No. 203. W. KING & CO., Bridge Street Motor Garage, Cambridge.

Highest Award, Crystal Palace, February, 1902. Five Motor Bicycles, 2, 2.5, and 2.75 h.p., fitted with combined spring chain wheel and friction clutch. The Albert Brown Run In 1904 Mr Albert Brown, Founder of Brown Brothers, Motor Factors provided a trophy to be presented to the winner of a 150 mile non-stop run from Redbourn to Stony Stratford and back to Redbourn. The most significant condition for entry was "that machines were to be of entirely British manufacture". Seventeen machines entered the first event in 1904 when a Mr W King, riding a King motor cycle won and Mr Brice riding a 3 hp. Brown came in 3rd. In 1905 Mr Brice, again riding a Brown machine, won the event. To commemorate this early competition the Bedfordshire Section holds a run each year.