

## CHAPTER – 9

### **‘A BICYCLE IN GOOD REPAIR’**

#### HANDOUT

*LET'S HAVE A QUICK REVIEW OF THE FIRST HALF...*

#### **KEYPOINTS: -**

1. One evening, the narrator accepted his friend's proposal to go for a long bicycle ride the next day.
2. The friend, as usual, was half an hour late and started to examine the narrator's bicycle. He shook the front wheel with force, not paying any heed to the narrator's request not to hurt the machine.
3. The friend was not a great mechanic, for sure. Yet he was, confident of him repairing the bicycle.
4. He played and twiddled with the front wheel between his fingers.
5. The remnants of the machine were all lying somewhere.
6. Some dozen or so little balls had been unscrewed by him.
7. All the balls rolled all over the path  
and it was a sight worth watching.
8. Impatient and unable to control his emotions, he started searching for the balls.
9. They both grovelled for about half an hour and found sixteen, though unsure of having got them all.
10. All these were then put inside by the writer in his hat, safe for sure.