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MOTOR CYCLE ROUGH-RIDING

It's the motor-cycle cross-country championship of France, you'd have to go a long way to find a road like this and, really, would it be worth it? Unless you're a dead-end kid trying to get some feeling out of life.

It's as easy as falling off a cycle - but twice as dangerous.

But Maurizio Mingardi has lots of fans because he doesn't fall off a bicycle. Only 6, he's already a wizard on wheels, and even motor-pacing finds him quite at home.

When he gets bored Maurice pulls out and really gets cracking. If the grown-ups look like catching up, a handy level-crossing puts things right.