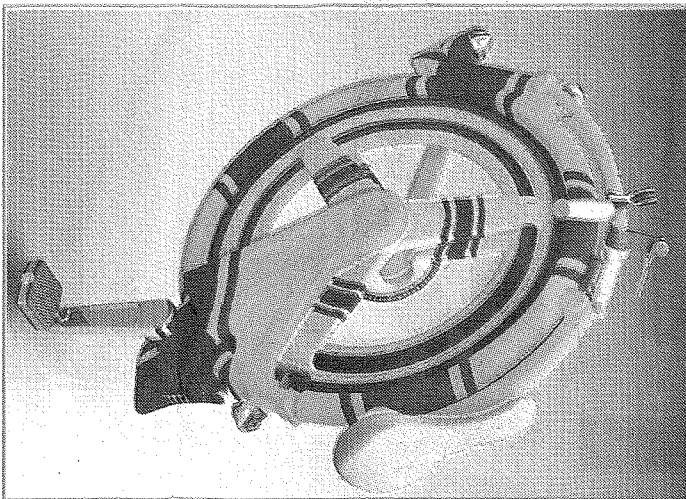
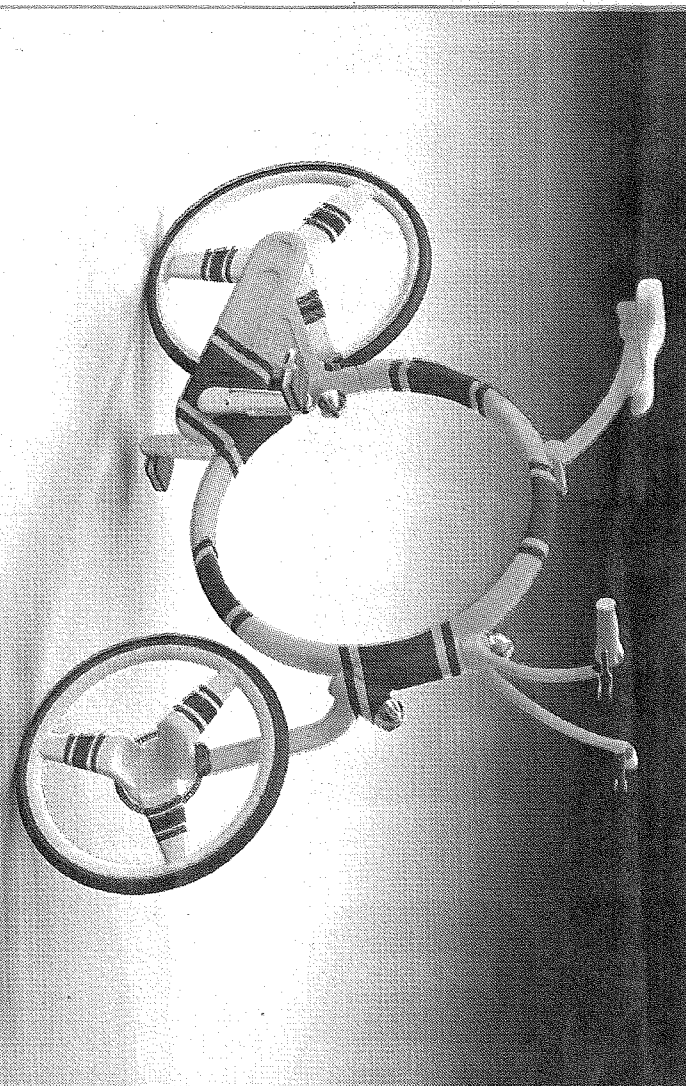


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# Bike in your handbag



**Bag a bike: The Locust Bike comes wrapped up to handbag size, left, and unfolds to prove ready to ride**



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WOMEN'S handbags are about to become even more Tardis-like –

after an inventor came up with a bike that can be kept in a bag.

This Locust Bike is designed to fold into a neat, round package that fits into a 'normal-sized bag'.

Inventor Josef Cadek says it could mean the end of congestion in cities around the world (he's obviously never been to China).

And, while it might be even more garish than even the brightest lip-

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stick it will be sharing its new home with, Czech inventor Mr Cadek said that should not put cyclists off.

'The colouring works as a safety feature,' he explained.

The Locust rides like any normal bike but the handlebars, saddle and wheels collapse in on themselves, allowing riders to fold the bike into a compact circle.

It is perfect for storing in railway

carriages or car boots, according to Mr Cadek. And it can fit into a small rucksack, as well as a normal-sized handbag – though we suspect that might be a bit of a squeeze.

'This kind of bike will be welcomed by people in congested cities, by young people and students on campuses,' he said.

Mr Cadek also predicted a rise in 'parasitic travelling' – commuters driving to the fringes of city centres then continuing on two wheels.

## Train pain: Drain fails to take strain

A TUBE line that reopened on Monday after a £40million upgrade was suspended during the morning rush-hour yesterday – after a signal failure and a stalled train. The Waterloo and City line, which runs from Waterloo Station to Bank, was upgraded by Tube group Metronet during a five-month closure. London Underground boss Tim O'Toole called on Metronet to sort out the problems. Metronet apologised for the hold-ups on the line, which carries 37,000 people a day and is known as the Drain.

## Climate change 'a danger to trees'

DROUGHT conditions and pest problems caused by mild winters and dry summers are putting Britain's trees at risk, experts warned yesterday. Staff at the Royal Botanic Gardens in Kew, Surrey, said several species were suffering from global warming. Gardeners are working hard to keep enough moisture in the ground for birches and rowans to survive and to stop the leaf miner moth, which has arrived from Eastern Europe, stripping the leaves off horse chestnut trees.

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