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Alexandre de Riquer and the pin-up of the "Salon Pedal" poster.

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The famous "Salon Pedal" poster by Alexandre de Riquer, realized in 1897 to announce a Madrid-based business, is regarded as one of the greatest graphic exponents of Modernisme. In the frontal portrait of a turn of the century cyclist woman, has wanted to see the reflection of a new space –the bicycle races—conquered by the women against the conventions and prevailing gender roles. It might seem that the poster expressed the message of freedom and progress offered by this individual and self propelled transport ... or maybe not. This article provides unpublished documentary sources that outline the story of the "Pedal Room" poster, of the activities of the announced establishment and of the paper assigned to the women in sports and games room events, contributing to offer a distinct and novel interpretation. It is analyzed, in addition, the iconographic representation of frontal cyclist women in the different international variants of Art Nouveau, and its influence on the resources used by de Riquer in formalizing the emblematic poster.

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