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Dirac classified the 3-connected graphs with no pair of vertex-disjoint cycles. We provide analogous theorems that relate to a fixed edge in a graph. For example, we determine when a 3-connected graph contains an edge that possesses the property that there exists no pair of vertex-disjoint cycles whose union contains the edge. (Received February 09, 2018)