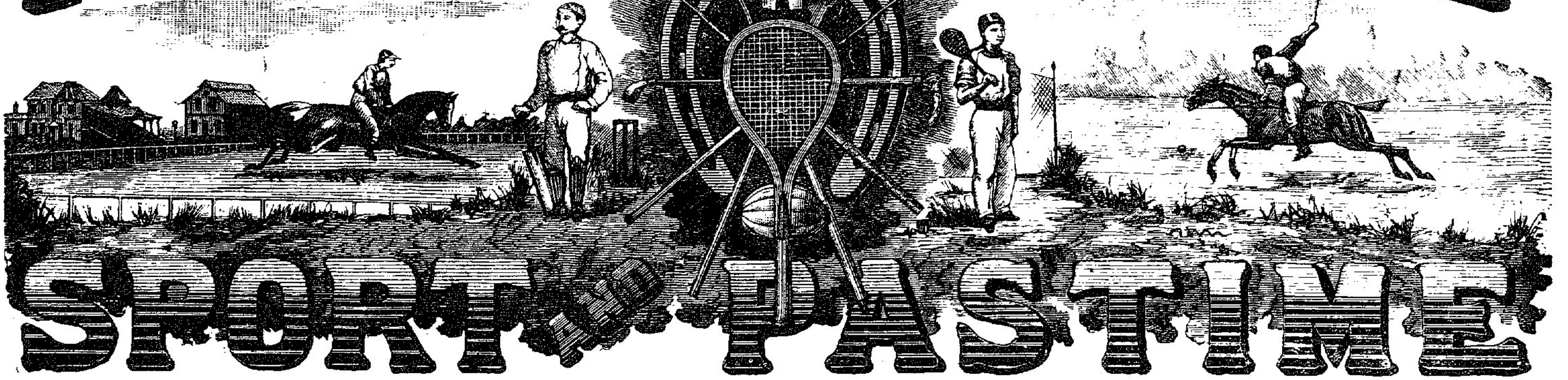


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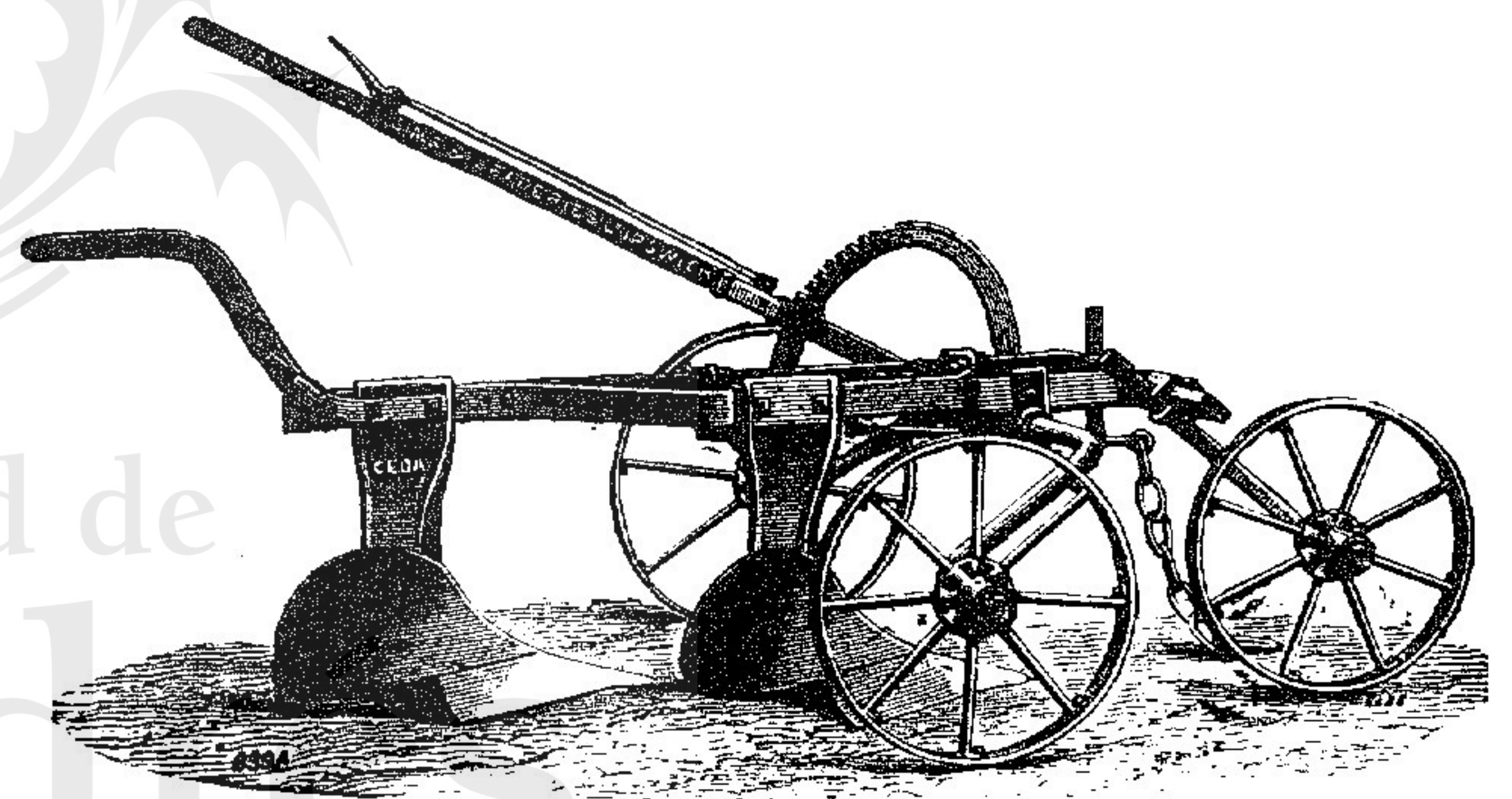
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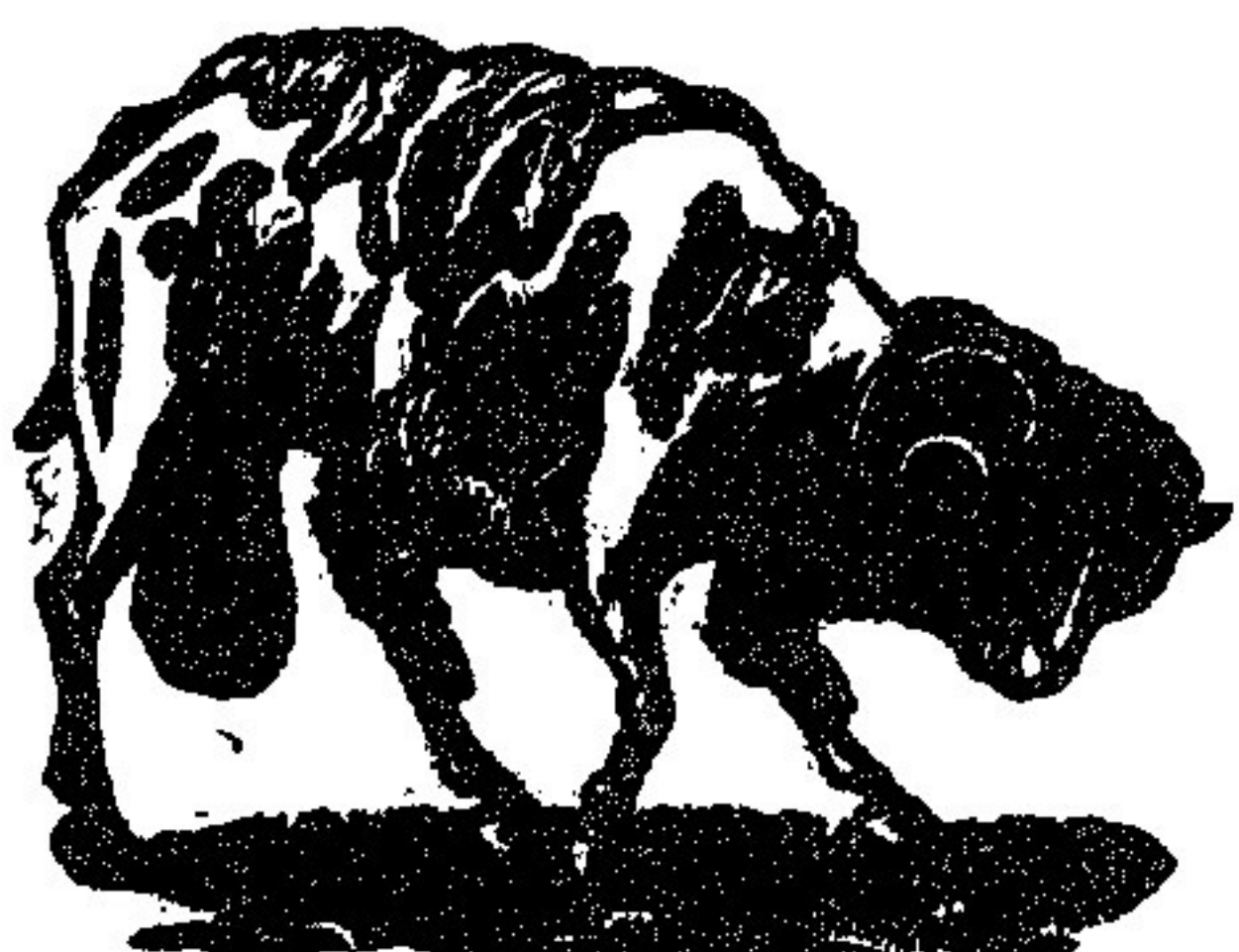
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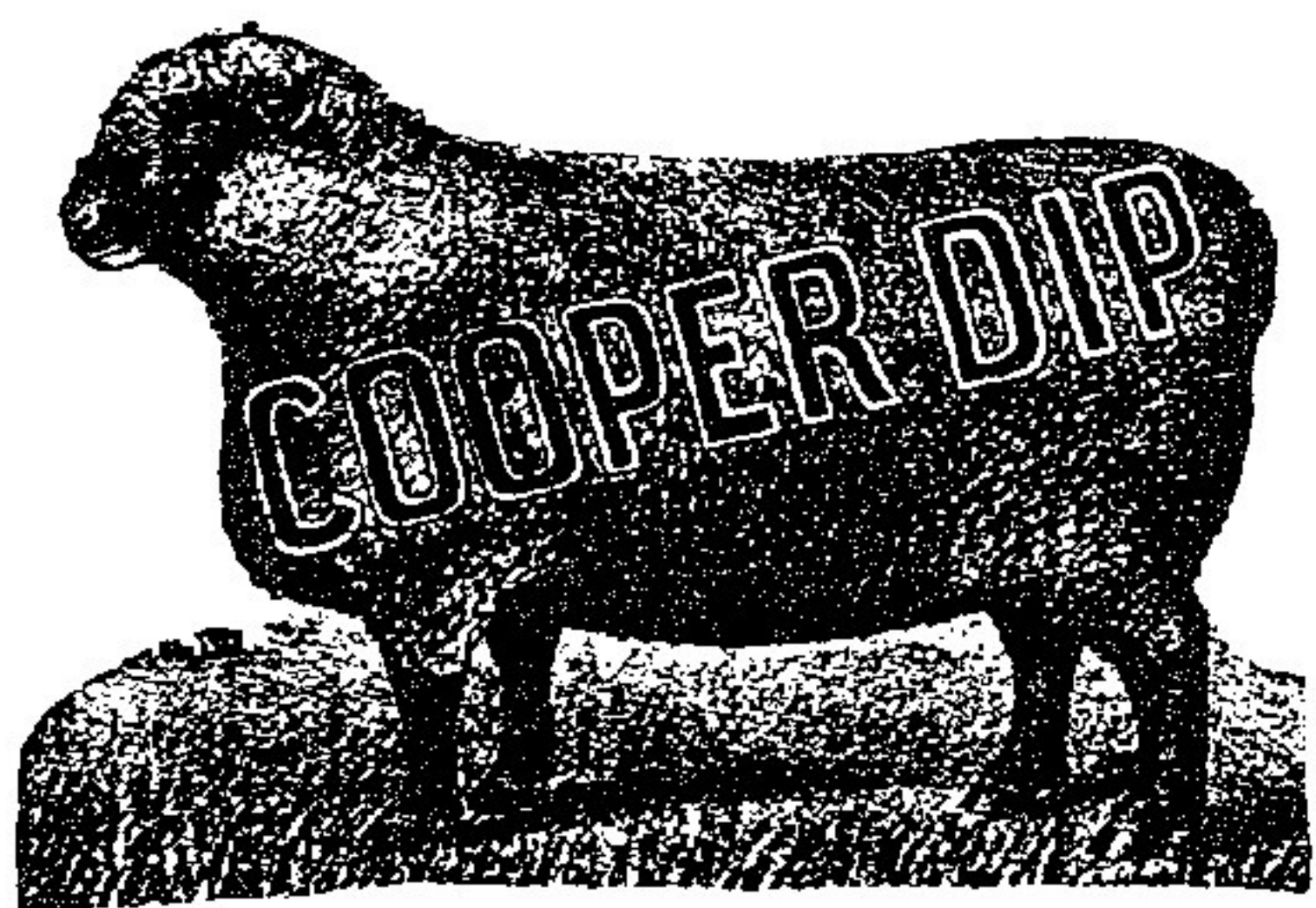
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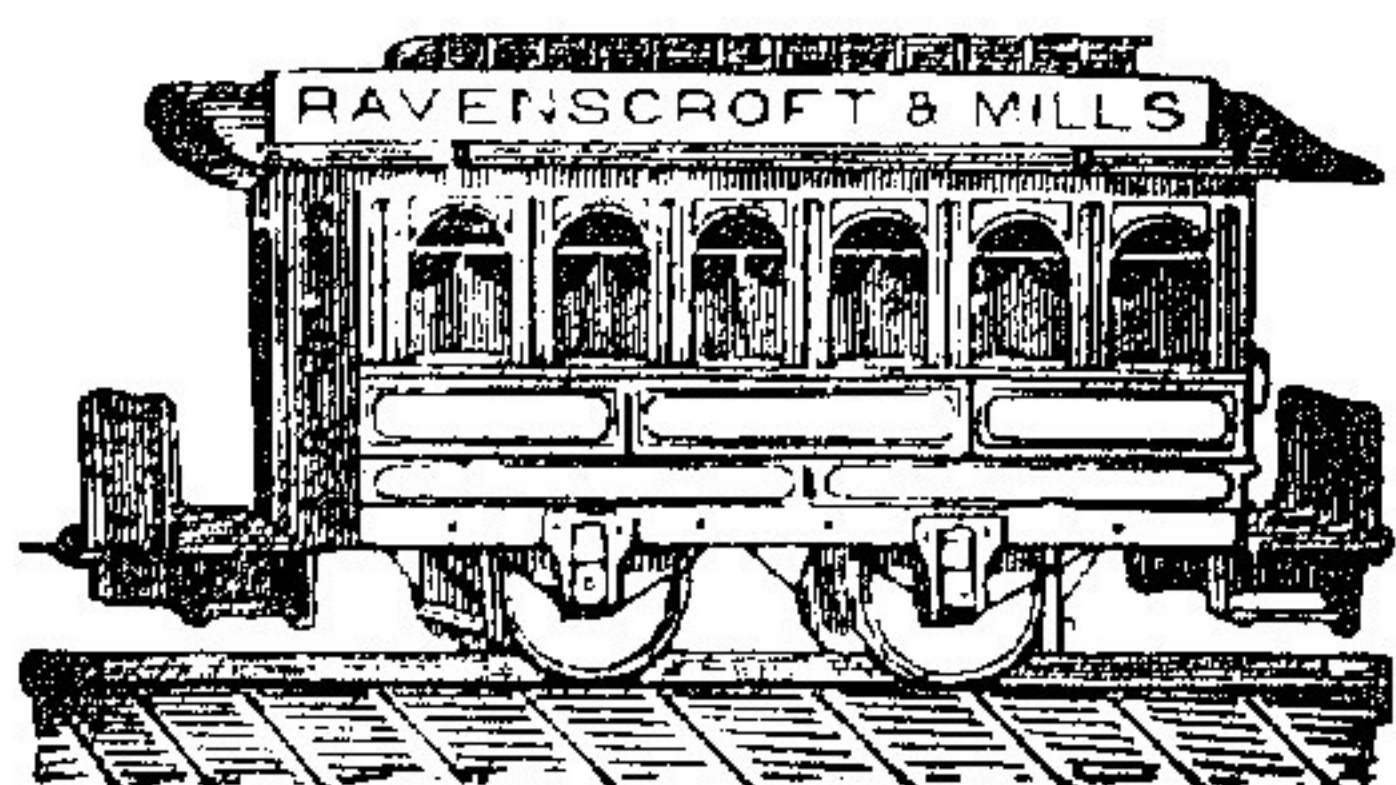
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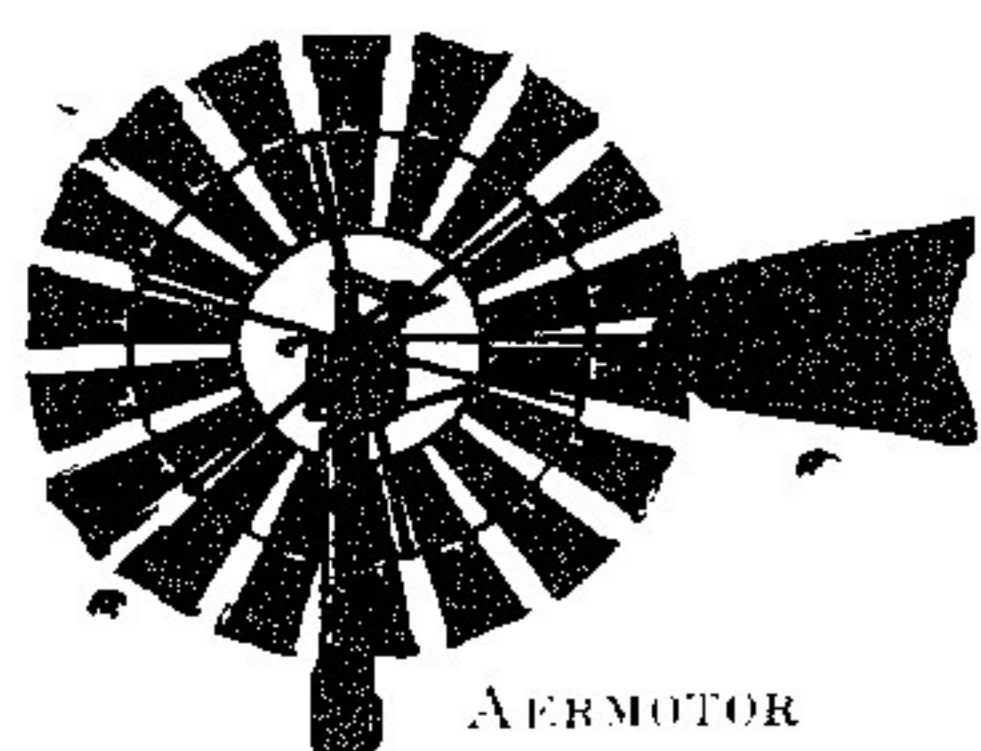
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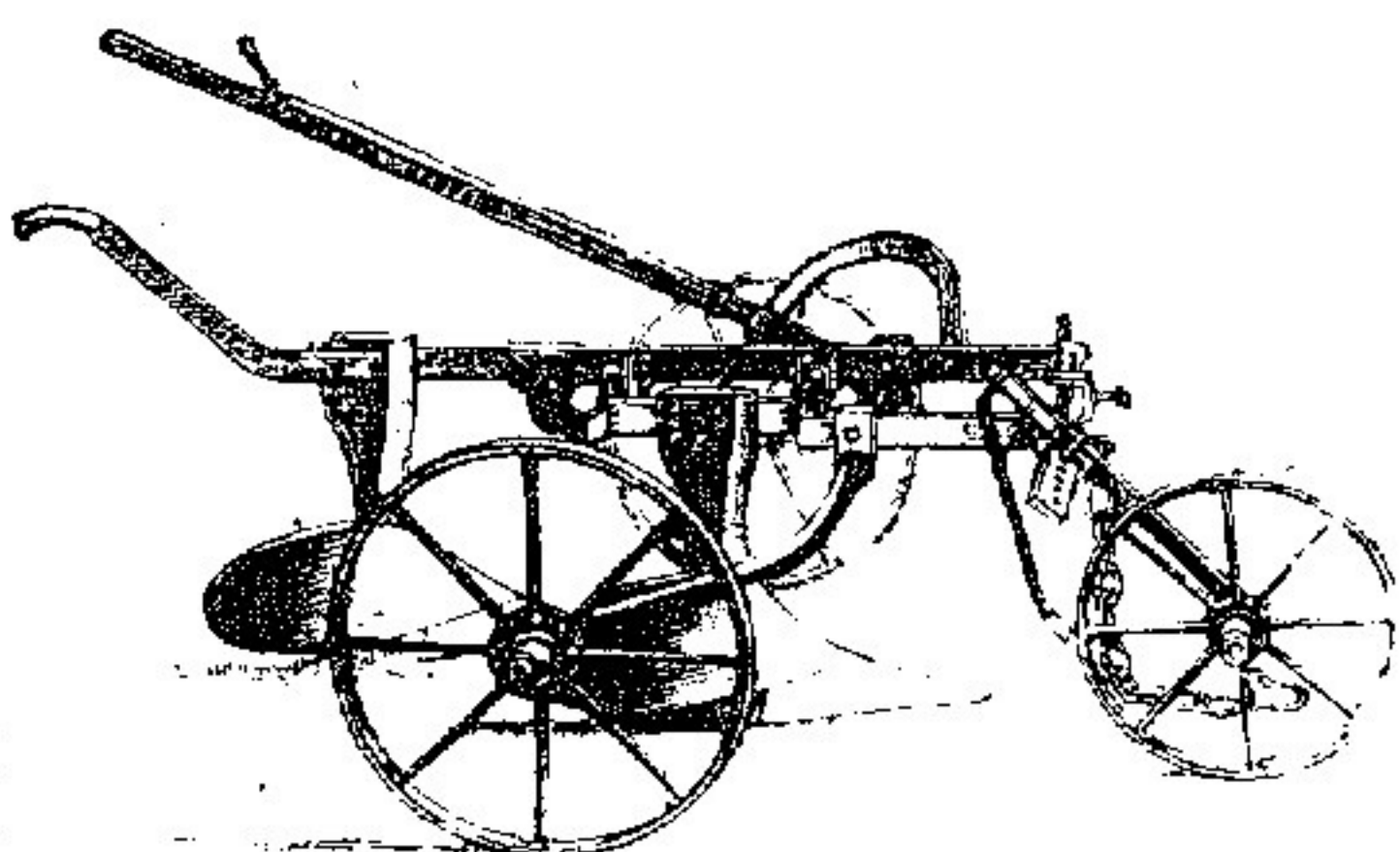
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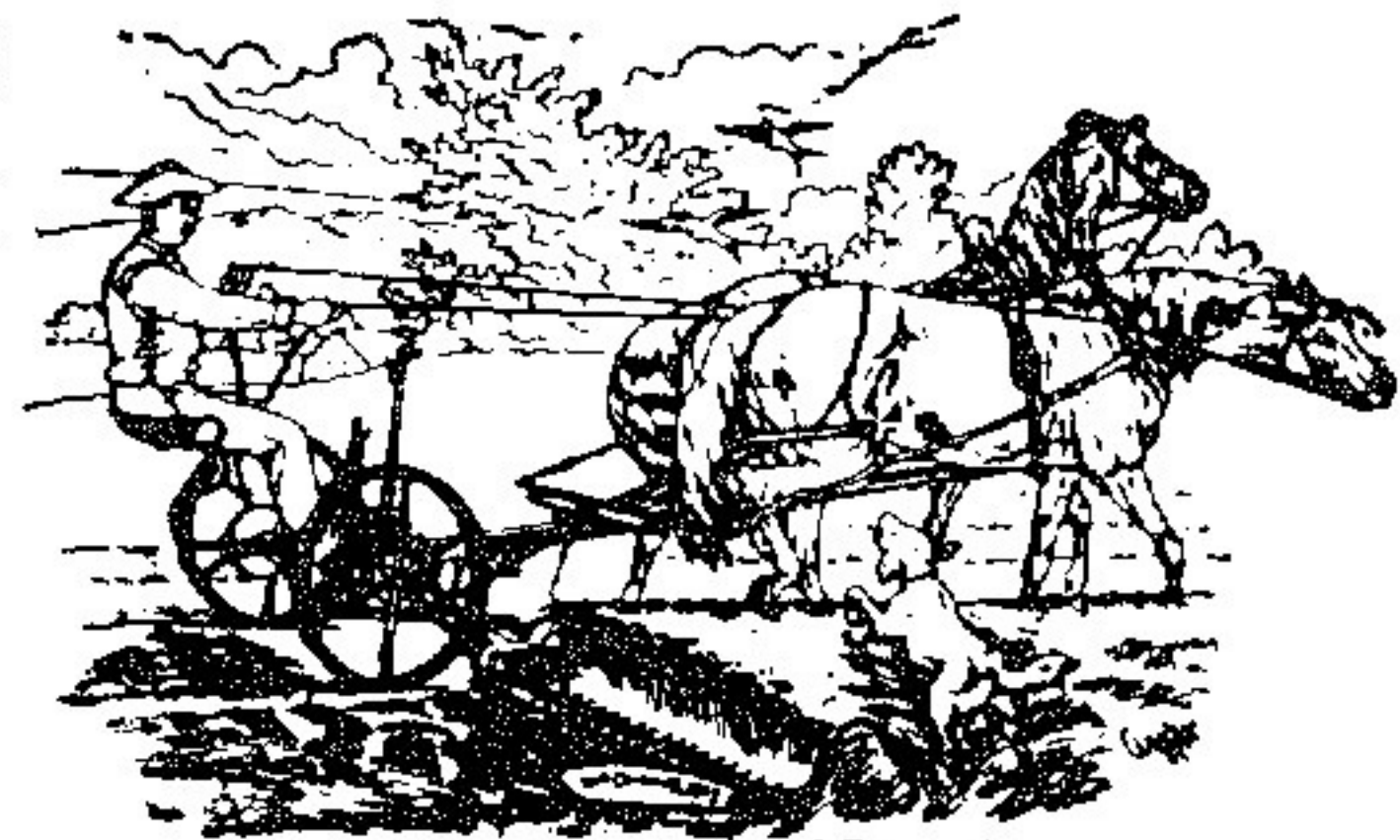
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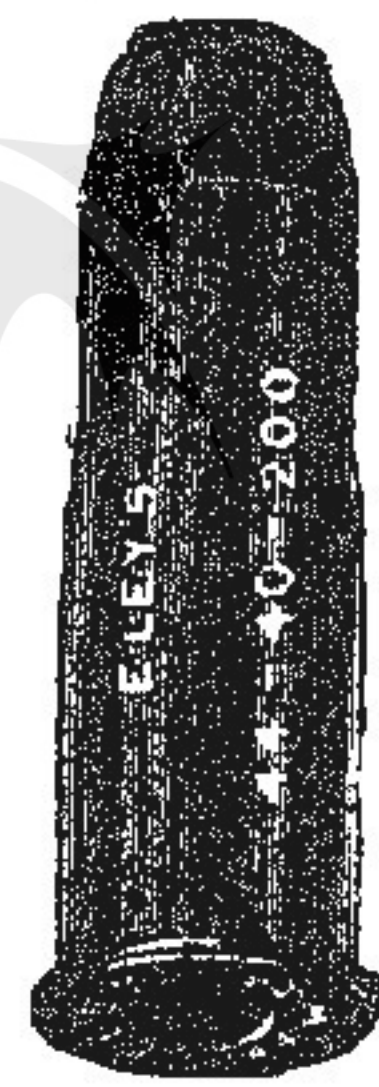
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### RACING

The last day of the Manchester Whitsuntide Meeting, Saturday, May 19th, saw the death of the unlucky Pensioner. It was in the De Trafford Handicap, in which, thanks to his brilliant form in the Babraham Two Thousand Trial Stakes, at Newmarket, he absorbed the bulk of the speculation. At the start, however, there was evidently something wrong with him, for, after being almost left at the post, he began very slowly, evidently unable to go the pace, and he was toiling far in the rear when the straight was entered. Vigorously driven along from the distance, however, he gamely struggled into third place as Hombre galloped home a clever winner by a neck from Heremon. Before fifty yards more had been gone the reason was painfully apparent, as, before he could be pulled up, General Williams' unlucky horse faltered on to his knees, rolled over on to his side, and died almost without a struggle.

In the principal race of the day, the Whitsuntide Plate, the favourite failed to stay, and Hobbine, who is said to be the best youngster yet seen this season, won a well earned victory.

Details of the two races just mentioned are as follows:—

De Trafford Handicap of 500 sovs; 1 1/4 miles.  
Mr G. Haughton's ch c Hombre, by Peter-Alarm, 4 y, 6 st 2 lb (car 6 st 6 lb)..... H. Toon 1  
Mr J. Lowther's Heremon, aged, 7 st 3 lb (car 7 st 4 lb)..... S. Loates 2  
Gen. Owen Williams' Pensioner, 5 y, 9 st. T. Loates 3  
Mr W. R. Marshall's Ganges, 3 y, 7 st 7 lb. F. Finlay 0  
Mr P. Buchanan's Cardrona, 5 y, 7 st 5 lb J. Woodburn 0  
Mr W. Winn's c by Tertius—Lady Salisbury, 4 y, 7 st 3 lb..... S. Chandley 0  
Betting—11 to 8 agst Pensioner, 5 to 1 each agst Heremon and Ganges, 7 to 1 each agst Hombre and Cardrona, and 10 to 1 agst Lady Salisbury colt.

The Lady Salisbury colt made play from Cardrona. Ganges and Hombre, with Pensioner, who seemed to begin slowly, a long way last, and so they ran to the six furlong post, where Hombre took second place. Entering the straight Hombre assumed the command, attended by Ganges and Heremon, the former of whom was beaten at the distance, where Pensioner took third place. Hombre thence holding his own, and winning cleverly by a neck; three lengths between second and third; Cardrona was fourth, the Lady Salisbury colt next, and Ganges last. Immediately after passing the post Pensioner fell and died.

Whitsuntide Plate of 1000 sovs; for two-year-olds; 5 furlongs.  
Mr C. Trimmer's b c Hobbine, by Despair—Vixen, 8 st 5 lb..... W. Bradford 1  
Mr A. W. Cox's Galeottia, 8 st 5 lb..... M. Cannon 2  
Mr W. M. G. Singer's Telescope, 8 st 5 lb F. Allsopp 3

Mr Dobell's Whiston, 8 st 13 lb..... F. Finlay 0  
Sir J. Miller's La Sagesse, 8 st 10 lb..... S. Loates 0  
Lord Downe's Hagopean, 8 st 8 lb..... J. Fagan 0  
Mr H. McCalmont's Pet of the Chase, 8 st 7 lb T. Loates 0

Betting—6 to 5 agst La Sagesse, 9 to 2 agst Whiston, 6 to 1 agst Hobbine, 8 to 1 agst Galeottia, 100 to 12 agst Pet of the Chase, and 10 to 1 each agst Telescope and Hagopean.

The easy victory of Ladas in the Newmarket Stakes, was the feature of the Newmarket Second Spring Meeting, which was held on May the 22nd, 23rd, and 24th. We read that the horses looked very fit in the paddock, Ladas fitter than he was on the Two Thousand day, and there were a great many unknown, who had come to Newmarket evidently on the chance of Ladas not running, so when the telegraph board announced but five runners, there was an inclination to laugh, and to quote, the *ridiculus mus*. The race, if race it can be called, was most satisfactory. Ladas waited till nearing the Bushes, when he came out and smashed up his field in a very decisive way, winning without Watts having to ask him to gallop. As he was the king in the paddock, so he was race, and the way that, without an effort, he collared the hill was a sight to see.

Newmarket Stakes of 4500 sovs, for three-year-olds; Across the flat (1 mile 2 furlongs).

Lord Rosebery's b c Ladas, by Hampton—  
Illuminata, 9 st..... J. Watts 1  
Mr D. Baird's St. Florian, 9 st..... M. Cannon 2  
Mr D. Cooper's Glare, 8 st 11 lb..... T. Loates 3  
Duke of Portland's Galston, 9 st..... W. Bradford 4  
Mr T. Jennings's Sir John Broad, 9 st..... A. White 0

Betting—100 to 8 on Ladas, 100 to 6 agst St. Florian, 25 to 1 agst Glare, 66 to 1 agst Galston, and 100 to 1 agst Sir John Broad.

The remainder of the racing at Newmarket we may pass over without notice, and will close our notes on the week's racing by detailing the National Flying Stakes, the grand prize of the first day of the Kempton Park Second Spring Meeting on May 25th. This is a new race, and it took on well, sixteen going to the post.

National Flying Stakes, a Handicap, of 1000 sovs, second received 100, third 50; 5 furlongs straight.

Mr R. Lebaudy's ch c Ingrebrigt, by Friar's Balsam—Serpolette II., 3 y, 7 st 4 lb (car. 7 st 5 lb)..... T. Loates 1  
Mr W. Johnson's Royal Mask, 4 y, 7 st 6 lb..... Allsopp 2  
Mr R. A. Oswald's Saltator, 3 y, 6 st 9 lb (car. 6 st 10 lb)..... W. Pratt 2  
Mr J. L. Dugdale's Lady Lena, 5 y, 9 st 5 lb J. Watts 0

Mr J. S. Guthrie's Day Dream II., 5 y, 8 st 11 lb G. Loates 0  
Mr J. Orr-Ewing's The Prize, 4 y, 8 st 8 lb G. Chaloner 0

Col. Heywood's Marnovia, 3 y, 8 st 5 lb..... Calder 0  
Mr Jersey's Milford, 4 y, 8 st 2 lb (car. 8 st 4 lb)..... M. Cannon 0  
Gen. O. Williams's Good Reef, 6 y, 8 st..... G. Brown 0  
Lord Derby's Flare Up, 4 y, 7 st 10 lb..... Finlay 0  
Sir J. B. Maple's Minting Queen, 4 y, 7 st 8 lb Bradford 0

M R. Lebaudy's Simon Renard, 5 y, 7 st 7 lb S. Loates 0  
Capt. Greer's Favour Royal, 3 y, 7 st 4 lb. O'Madden 0  
Mr A. Cohen's Missal, 3 y, 6 st 9 lb..... H. Toon 0  
Mr W. Low's Poor Box, 3 y, 6 st 4 lb..... Payne 0  
Mr G. Scruby's Levallon, 3 y, 6 st (car. 6 st 4 lb)..... Hunt 0

Betting—11 to 4 agst Minting Queen, 7 to 1 agst Ingrebrigt, 100 to 12 agst Saltator, 10 to 1 each agst Milford, Royal Mass, and Missal, 100 to 7 each agst Day Dream II, and Marnovia, and 20 to 1 agst any other.

Won by half a length, a length between second and third.

The weather at home during May seems to have quite spoilt the pleasure of going racing to most people, who cannot enjoy their sport with the thermometer as low as in winter, a cold wind blowing and rain falling. Nothing could have been worse than the weather evidently was at Kempton on May 26th, when the Queen's Prize should have been the attraction. This event produced a wonderful race, the jockey-trainer, Fred Webb, managing to save Best Man from defeat after a grand finish with Court Ball.

Queen's Prize of 1000 sovs; 1 mile.  
Mr W. Johnstone's b c Best Man, by Ormonde or Melton—Wedlock, by Wenlock, 4 y, 9 st 8 lb..... F. Webb †  
Lord Cadogan's b c Court Ball, by Royal Hampton—Polka, 3 y, 6 st, (car. 6 st 4 lb)..... H. Toon †

Duke of Devonshire's Oatlands, 4 y, 7 st 8 lb O. Madden 3  
Mr J. W. Churton's Pennyles, 4 y, 7 st 1 lb W. Bradford 0  
Capt. Machell's Erin, 4 y, 8 st 2 lb..... T. Loates 0  
Mr E. Foster's Queen of Navarre, 4 y, 7 st 5 lb J. Woodburn 0  
Sir J. Thursby's Dornroschen, 4 y, 7 st 10 lb (car. 7 st 11 lb)..... Calder 0  
Mr J. L. Dugdale's St. David, 6 y, 9 st 10 lb..... J. Watts 0  
Mr A. D. Cochran's Egerton, 4 y, 6 st 4 lb (car. 6 st 6 lb)..... W. Pratt 0  
Mr T. Cannon's Melanie, 3 y, 6 st 1 lb..... E. Payne 0

Betting—85 to 40 agst Court Ball, 4 to 1 agst Pennyles, 8 to 1 each agst Egerton and Erin, 10 to 1 agst St. David, 12 to 1 agst Best Man, 100 to 8 each agst Dornroschen and Oatlands, 100 to 6 agst Queen of Navarre, and 33 to 1 agst Melanie.

Three lengths separated the third from the dead-heaters.

York Spring Meeting and Bath Races clashed on May the 29th and 30th, which is to be regretted, as though neither meetings now can claim the importance they once could, yet for their age and old memories they should always be respected. Excellent sport was enjoyed at York where Lord Zetland's Pastorilla won the Zetland Stakes, Mr D. Hollis' Wensley, by Minting, the Craven Stakes, Mr W. Taylor Sharpe's Naiade, by Oberon, the Eglinton Stakes, and the Great Northern Handicap Plate and the Flying Dutchman's Handicap resulted as under. Mr Lowther's victory in the latter event was most popular.

Great Northern Handicap Plate of 500 sovs; 1 1/2 miles.

Mr G. Machlachlan's ch c Weltondale, by Wellington—Flint, 2 y, 6 st 5 lb (inc. 5 lb extra)..... H. Toon 1  
Mr G. C. Scruby's Mouton, 4 y, 6 st 8 lb..... W. Pratt 2  
Mr P. Buchanan's Cardrona, 5 y, 7 st 2 lb (car. 7 st 4 lb)..... J. Woodburn 3  
Mr C. Perkins' Dare Devil, 6 y, 8 st 11 lb..... Fagan 0  
Lord Penrhyn's Quaesitum, 4 y, 8 st 5 lb G. Chaloner 0

Lord Harewood's Nylophone, 4 y, 7 st 4 lb (car 7 st 5 lb)..... F. Finlay 0  
Mr R. C. Vyner's Pickled Berry, 3 y, 6 st H. Chaloner 0

Betting—5 to 4 agst Quaesitum, 4 to 1 agst Nylophone, 8 to 1 agst Dare Devil, 100 to 12 agst Mouton, and 100 to 8 each agst Cardrona, Weltondale, and Pickled Berry.

Won by half a length, a head only divided second and third.

Flying Dutchman's Handicap of 300 sovs; 1 mile.

Mr J. Lowther's ch b First Consul, by Charibert Procella, aged, 8 st 13 lb..... J. Watts 1  
Mr R. Sherwood, jun's Sancho Panza, 3 y, 7 st 3 lb Rumbold 2  
Mr J. Joicey's Peppercorn, 4 y, 8 st 12 lb..... Ricaby 3  
Mr R. C. Vyner's Malchus, 4 y, 8 st 5 lb (car. 8 st 7 lb)..... F. B. Black 0  
Mr J. Bibby's Chin Chin, 3 y, 7 st 7 lb..... T. Loates 0  
Mr D. Hollis' Pimpa, 3 y, 7 st 4 lb..... J. Allen 0  
Lord Downe's Mill Mount, 3 y, 7 st..... J. Harrison 0  
Mr J. G. Baird Hay's Pallanza, 3 y, 6 st 13 lb S. Chandley 0

Betting—9 to 4 agst Chin Chin, 5 to 1 agst Peppercorn, 6 to 1 agst First Consul, 7 to 1 agst Sancho Panza, 100 to 12 agst Pallanza, 10 to 1 agst Malchus, and 33 to 1 agst Pimpa.

Won by a neck, a length divided the next pair.

Doncaster Spring Meeting fell this year on May the 31st and June 1st, when the weather seems to have behaved better and become a little more summerlike. Mr E. Weaver's Dr Talmage won the Hopeful Stakes, in which Rickaby on Tyranny, and Bradford on Powick got nasty falls through the former's horse striking into the heels of the leader and falling, but luckily no serious damage was done. The Fitzwilliam Stakes were won by Mr H. P. Robinson's Ascanius from Benefaction and Uncle Tom. Mr Jersey's Nobleman by Quicklime won the Chesterfield Handicap Plate, Mr A. B. Sadler's Heather Bloom the Don Plate, and Mr Vyner's Aumbry by Minting the Portland Stakes, whilst the Doncaster Spring Handicap Plate resulted as under:

Doncaster Spring Handicap Plate of 1000 sovs; Sandall Mile.

Lord Dunraven's b m Molly Morgan, by Morgan—Sissie, 5 y, 8 st 13 lb..... T. Loates 1  
Mr Manton's Grand Duke, 4 y, 8 st 12 lb..... Bradford 2  
Mr Houldsworth's Bushey Park, 5 y, 9 st..... J. Watts 3  
Mr E. Foster's Queen of Navarre, 4 y, 8 st 1 lb J. Woodburn 4

Betting—Evens on Molly Morgan, 3 to 1 agst Grand Duke, 4 to 1 against Bushey Park, and 10 to 1 agst Queen of Navarre.

Won by a length and a half, three lengths separated the next pair.

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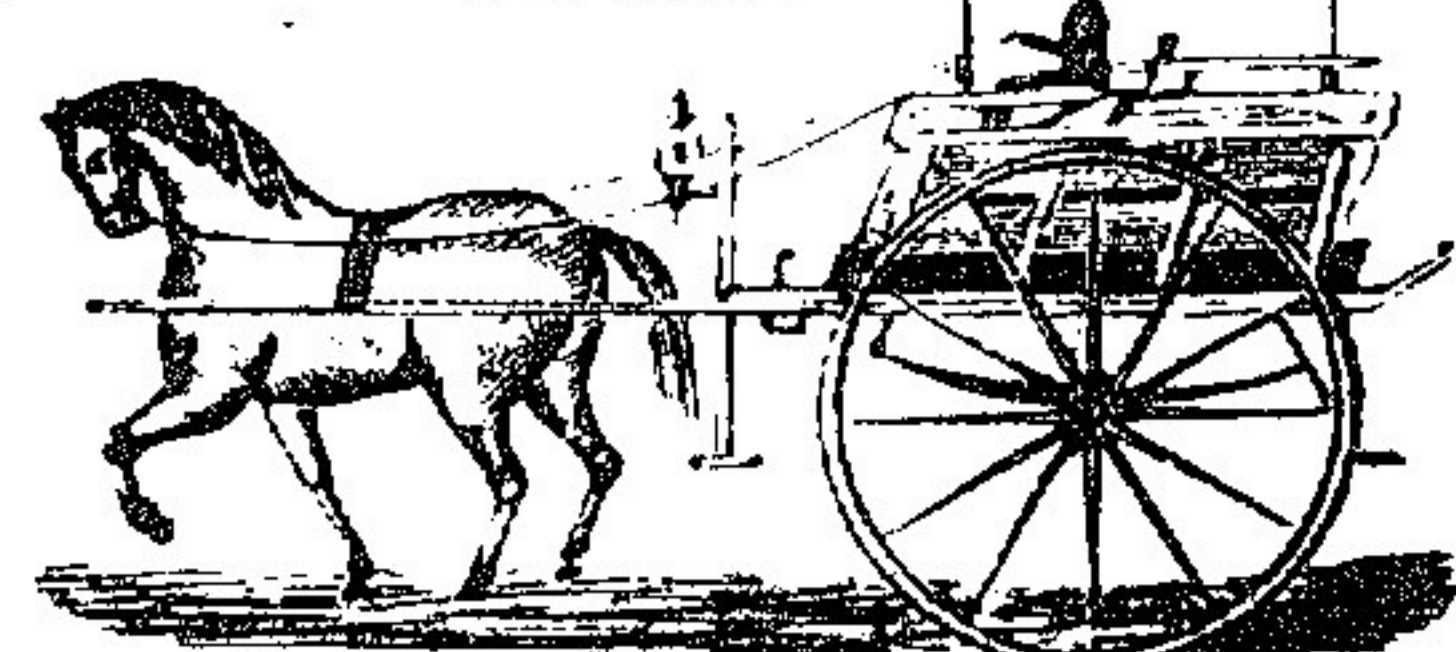
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CRICKET

The feature of the annual match at Cambridge between the University and Yorkshire on the first three days of the week ending on May 26, was the splendid performance of Mr Frank Mitchell for the University, and his admirable displays with the bat went a long way towards securing the defeat of his own county, he being a Yorkshireman born at Malton. He is also qualified to play for Sussex, having for some time resided at Brighton previous to his entering at Caius College last October. In addition to being a first-rate cricketer, Mr Mitchell gained his blue in the October term for Rugby football. His scores in the match under notice, which Cambridge won by 115 runs, were 75 and 92, he played two bats remarkably fine innings, and this phenomenal batsman must have already scored quite 1200 runs since the beginning of the season, a feat that has seldom if ever been accomplished in the same space of time. The request of the Yorkshire executive, that he would give them a show in a Colts' match, was a little too absurd in the face of all he has done during the last month and they will doubtless be glad enough to secure him, in spite of his very proper refusal to go through that formality.

Due chiefly to some extraordinary bowling by J. T. Hearne who captured fourteen wickets for only 66 runs, the M.C.C. inflicted a crushing single innings defeat on Kent on May 16. For the winners A. E. Stoddart (81), Lord Hawke (54), and H. J. Key (42) all did good service, but the representatives of the county simply walked in and out again. Helped by a fine innings of J. A. Dixon (106), Notts made a capital start in the return match with Warwickshire. Still the new first class county was fully equal to the occasion; W. G. Quaife (58) once more came off, and Law (66) and L. C. Docker (70) batted with much success.

This match had to be left drawn in favour of Warwickshire, who had 40 runs to make to win and six wickets in hand. Notts scored 238 and 146, and Warwickshire totalled 248 and 97 for the loss of four wickets.

In selecting a team to oppose the Colonials, care had to be taken not to pit too powerful an eleven against them. To have tried them against such a representative side as has generally been associated with the name of Lord Sheffield would have been absurd; but a very happy medium was struck, the team which took the field being composed of five members of the regular Sussex County eleven, five other players of considerable reputation in Brighton and the neighbourhood, together with John Briggs, the famous Lancashire professional. Outside the player associated with first class cricket there were Mr A. Blackman and Arthur Payne, both of whom have appeared for Sussex in years gone by, Mr A. F. Somerset, who is associated with the Sussex Club and Ground, Bailey, a fast bowler, and Mr Bruce Wentworth, M. P., the junior member for Brighton, who has often scored well in the matches of the Household Brigade. It was thought the batting, would be quite strong enough for the occasion, and in Briggs and Humphreys' Lord Sheffield's Team enjoyed the services of two bowlers, in their different ways, the most skilful in the country. As will be seen from the scores the English eleven won very easily, but the weather which attended the game was of such a disagreeable description that it must have seriously handicapped the South Africans, accustomed to the great heat and glaring sunshine of the Cape. They certainly did not acquit themselves as if they would have any chance of beating a good English county; but it would scarcely be fair to judge their abilities from what took place at Sheffield Park during the match under notice:—

Lord Sheffield's Team.

A. Payne, b Rowe	43
Mr Bruce Wentworth, b Johnson	41
Mr W. L. Murdoch, st Halliwell, b Rowe	21
Mr G. Brann, b Sewell	24
Mr W. Newham, c Johnson, b Rowe	4
J. Briggs, c Sewell, b Rowe	29
Mr A. Blackman, c Halliwell, b Rowe	28
Mr A. Somerset, c Johnson, b Rowe	13
W. Humphreys, c Castens, b Rowe	5
E. A. Bailey, b Rowe	11
H. Butt, not out	0
Byes 11, 1-b 2, n-b 1	14
Total	233

In the second innings of Lord Sheffield's Team Mr W. L. Murdoch scored (not out) 1; Mr G. Brann (not out) 5—total, 6.

South African Team 1st inn	2nd inn	
Mr T. Routledge, st Butt, b Humphreys	50 1-b-w, b Briggs	0
F. Hearne, c Payne, b Bailey	0 b Bailey	0
Mr C. L. Johnson, c Somerset, b Bailey	10 1-b-w, b Briggs	0
Mr A. W. Seccull, b Briggs	19 c Murdoch, b Humphreys	13
Mr E. A. Halliwell, st Butt, b Briggs	0 b Humphreys	20
C. Mills, b Humphreys	7 st Butt, b Humphreys	5
Mr C. H. Sewell, 1-b-w, b Briggs	3 c Bailey, b Briggs	30
Mr H. H. Castens, st Butt, b Humphreys	2 b Briggs	3
Mr G. Cripps, not out	14 c Humphreys, b Bailey	11
J. Middleton, c Bailey, b Humphreys	0 c Somerset, b Briggs	3
Mr G. Rowe, b Humphreys	18 not out	9
Leg-byes	4 Byes 8, 1-b 2	16
Total	127	Total 110

The team of cricketers from South Africa, who arrived in England at the end of April, opened their programme of matches on May the 16th with an engagement against a team selected by the Earl of Sheffield at Sheffield Park, Sussex.

Lancashire and Kent met at Manchester on May 11th, 12th and 13th, and a most interesting match resulted. Lancashire batted first, and, thanks to some admirable batting by A. Ward who made 34, and Backer who carried out his bath for 60, the excellent score of 181 was realised. Martin took 5 wickets for 58, and W. Hearne 3 for 58. Kent responded with 152, A. Harne with 37 being top scorer. In their second innings, Lancashire batted with even more success than in their first. A. Ward, who is one of the mainstays of Lancashire, played a splendid innings of 86, while Tinsley did well with 43. Kent had the formidable task of facing a total of 225 runs, and it was considered that Lancashire had the best chance. However, J. R. Mason and A. Hearne made a start, and put on 35 runs for the first wicket, when Mason was bowled. At 47 Leslie Wilson was out lbw to Briggs, and at 77, Weigall was dismissed. G. G. Hearne then joined his brother, and the score was taken to 127, when both G. G. Hearne and Wright were dismissed. Marchant, the Kent captain, joined Alec Hearne, and at once set to work, but at 172 lost his partner, who had played patiently for 60. Taylor Jones did not stay long, but Martin helped his captain to knock off the remaining runs required, and Kent thus won by three wickets. Mr Marchant played a capital game, and his 72 was a brilliant display of hard hitting.

Yorkshire gained a most decisive victory over Sussex at Brighton on May 25th, in a single innings with thirty-six runs to spare. Unfortunately for Surrey they had their regular first pair of batsmen, Bean and Marlow, disabled, each getting a finger split, the former in the first innings and the latter in the second. Sussex scored 114 and 178, and Yorkshire 328, of which Mr F. S. Jackson scored 131.

F. Mitchell, the Cambridge freshman we have just mentioned played for Yorkshire against Notts, and his inclusion in the team made it the strongest eleven they could put in the field. Notts batted first, and ran up the poor total of 106, of which Flowers made 89 and Robinson 23 not out. Lord Hawke, Jackson, and Mitchell started well, but the remainder of the team failed against the bowling of Hardstaff, and Yorkshire's total only reached 94. The second innings of Notts realised 131 runs, to which Gunn contributed 45 in his old style. Yorkshire had up till now rather the worst of the game, and they began their second innings badly, but Brown, Peel, Wainwright and Mounsey played up well, and the Tykes eventually won by three wickets.

Cheshire, on May 30th, inflicted a severe defeat on Leicestershire at Leicester by ten wickets with 224—19 for no wicket to 172—68. The home team went in first and were not dismissed till they had put 172 runs to their credit, of which Pougher made 40, Warren 38, and Holland 34. Cheshire ran up 224, thanks mainly to an excellent batting display by E. Smith, who went in seventh wicket down and made 103. Leicestershire in their second innings only made 60, which left the visitors wanting 19 runs to get to win.

The weakness of the Cantabs in bowling accounted for the victory of the M.C.C. on May 26th by eight wickets. The light blues have a powerful batting team so the M.C.C. did well in disposing of them in their first innings for 189. Mitchell did not come off and was bowled by Martin for one, but Perkins played a grand innings of 88. The M.C.C. put together 390, out of which W. G. Grace scored 139, and Chatterton 113. The Cantabs in their second innings did slightly better, and made 229. Douglas with 46 and Mitchell with 45 were top scorers. The M.C.C. got the 29 required to win for the loss of two wickets. Martin took 8 wickets for 113, Mead 5 for 45 and W. G. Grace 6 for 82.

Surrey won their first two matches in the County Championship with comparative ease, and when they met Middlesex at the Oval for the third match it was thought there would be a good fight. It proved to be the most remarkable game played yet this season, at one time Middlesex holding a great advantage, while at another Surrey appeared to have it all their own way. However, Surrey finally won by five wickets. Mr K. J. Key, who captained the home team for the first time, lost the toss and Mr Webbe, although rather undecided, sent his side to bat. Stoddart and he faced the deliveries of Smith and Richardson, and the score grew apace. Lockwood was tried in lieu of Richardson and soon got Stoddart caught by Walter Read. He had played fine cricket for 41. C. P. Foley joined his captain, but did not seem comfortable, and Wood standing back caught him off Lockwood. Brockwell disposed of Hayman for a duck, after which Webbe had his stumps disarranged by Lockwood. Rawlin, who had been in some time with his captain, was joined by Henery, who was caught smartly in the slips off Lockwood by Abel, and M'Gregor came in. After making 32 in vigorous style, Rawlin was caught also in the slips by the popular little Surrey man. R. S. Lucas and M'Gregor did some good work when the former was unluckily run out for 29. He shaped exceedingly well. The innings closed for 221 runs. Surrey started badly, Hayward, Read and Walter Read failing to give much trouble, but Lockwood joined Abel and put the game in a more favourable light for Surrey. Hearne caught and bowled the ex-Notts professional, and Key joined Abel, who had been playing very carefully. After making 35 Stoddart got rid of the Surrey captain and Brockwell came in. He played a steadier game than usual, and took some time to compile 41 when Rawlin clean bowled him. The other batsmen

failed to do much with the exception of Smith, who with Abel made a good stand. The innings ended for 300 runs. Abel, who went in first, played a grand innings of 136 not out. He made one hit for seven which was all run out. Middlesex made a shockingly bad start in their second innings, losing Stoddart, Webbe and Foley with the score at one. Hayman and Rawlin stayed together a little time when Rawlin, who received a nasty whack from one of Richardson's balls, was clean bowled by the same bowler. The single innings defeat was just saved with eight wickets down, when R. S. Lucas and Phillips were in together. A most remarkable stand was then made, and all the efforts of the Surrey trundlers were in vain. The score rapidly rose, every hit of Lucas and Phillips being cheered by the crowd, which at the Oval is always impartial. The partnership realised 149 runs, and too much praise cannot be given to Lucas, who coming in at a critical time without being rash made 97 runs in brilliant style. Hearne made 27 very quickly, and was then bowled by Lockwood. Phillips carried out his bat for a useful 67. Wanting 188 to win at no time was the result in doubt, and Surrey won by five wickets. M. Read played a good not out innings of 76, while Abel batted stylishly for 36. For Surrey Lockwood took ten wickets for 178, Richardson six for 161, and Brockwell two for 57, while for the visitors Hearne captured six for 164, and Rawlin seven for 201.

A match between Warwickshire and Essex at Leyton was abandoned through the rain, which robbed the powerful Midland team of a well-deserved victory. Essex in two innings made 133 and 112; Carpenter, Hailley, Lucas, and Burns batted well. Warwickshire, as usual, this season played a fine game and put together 208, of which Bainbridge scored 45, W. Quaife 45, and L. C. Docker 51 not out.

The South Africans paid their first visit to Oxford to play the University on May 28th and managed to run up the capital score of 145 against the Dark Blue eleven. Routledge made 65 and Johnson 36. The Oxonians retaliated with 189, of which Mordaunt made 75 and Leveson Gower 31. The visitors put together 73 runs for the loss of one wicket, when the match was abandoned on account of the rain.

Gloucestershire made their second appearance in London at Lord's on May 28th, 29th and 30th, when they were opposed by Middlesex, who were by no means strongly represented. The home team batted first, and put together the respectable score of 223. Rawlin made 67, Stoddart 45, and Westhorp 39. Gloucestershire scored 72, and, following on, 47. The champion was unlucky, and only succeeded in making 1 in both innings. Hearne took eight wickets for 33 and Rawlin twelve for 60.

BILLIARDS

SPOT-BARRED AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP—Final Heat.

The competition for the title of amateur champion and temporary possession of the Billiard Association's handsome silver cup reached its final stage on May 25, Mitchell, it may be mentioned, had beaten W. T. Maughan and Wisdom, the latter after a most interesting game; "Vinson" practically had two byes, for Pennequick, against whom he was drawn in the first round, was prevented from competing through illness in the family, and Austin retired from the second round after playing the first portion of the heat. The concluding match was one of 1500 up; at the commencement the play was fair only, but late in the afternoon both showed excellent form, Mitchell in 43, 47, and 57, and "Vinson" in 66. The former maintained an advantage from half-way through the third hundred, and at the interval he stood at 750 against 608. Early in the evening the better form was shown by "Vinson" who, amongst other breaks, made an excellent one of 60, and got to within seventy-three points of his opponent. The gap was again widened, and again reduced, Mitchell, with his score at 1029, being only forty-five points to the good. Still the game went on in interesting fashion, Mitchell making 39, 37, 35, and 34, and "Vinson" 45 and 50. Mitchell at 1352 held a lead of fifty-eight points, but this was subsequently reduced, and in the result Mitchell won a capital game by thirty-six points.

GOLF

THE LADIES' CHAMPIONSHIP, VICTORY OF LADY MARGARET SCOTT.

The Ladies' Golf Championship of 1894 was ended in gloriously fine weather on June 1st at Littleton-on-Sea, and, as was the case last year at Lytham and St Anne's, resulted in the defeat of the Ladies' Golf Union's secretary, Miss Issette Pearson, of Wimbledon, at the hands of Lady Margaret Scott, of Cotswood. The terminating tussle, however, was a much closer one this year than last. The loser played with greater confidence, and made a stubborn fight at several of the holes. Three up and 2 to play was the extent of her beating this year, whilst at Lytham, last year, she broke down completely from nervousness, and lost by 7 up and 6 to play. Secretarial work, in connection with the Union and its championship was probably not without its effect on Miss Pearson this year, and she is to be congratulated on making a good fight with one who is *facile princeps* the lady golfer of the day. Match play and medal play are so vastly different. In the former one plays for safety; in the latter for strokes. Consequently scores cannot be taken as a criterion of the excellence of the play. Still, Lady Margaret's 46 to Miss Pearson's 50, going out, and 32 strokes each for the seven holes after the turn, are items of interest de-

serving special mention. The competitors did not play out the bye, and so the full scores for the round can only be conjectured. Something under 90 for the winner, would probably not be far beside the mark. During the week other competitions have been decided. Mrs Willock, of Wimbledon (whose husband—a member of the Wimbledon Hockey Club, as well as of the Royal Wimbledon G. C.—swept the board at one of the Royal Wimbledon meetings some time since, won Mrs Hedderwick's prize, on the ladies' links, on Wednesday, with a score of 91, Mrs Mackern being second with 97; whilst, for Mr Hedderwick's prize, against bogey, round the championship course, on Thursday, Mrs Willock was again declared the winner. She was 7 down to bogey, Miss Welch being second, 8 down; and Miss Edwards, 10 down, third.

After the final tie of the ladies' championship a competition took place for two prizes, each valued at £10, one being for the best scratch score, and the other for the best score under handicap. Between forty and fifty started, and Miss L. Thompson won the scratch prize with a score of 92, and Miss E. P. Ramsay the handicap prize with a score of 94, less 7, 87.

NOTES

An extraordinary general meeting of the members of the Hurlingham Club was held on May 13th for the purpose of altering certain rules of the club to enable the management to acquire more land for the purpose of making a second polo ground. Lord De Lisle, as chairman of the committee, presided, and in an able manner explained the necessity for obtaining the land in question and increasing the number of members from 1500 to 1600 to pay for the additional expense. This was ultimately agreed to, though not without some opposition. Hurlingham will therefore next year be able to boast of two polo grounds.

The new rules and regulations framed by the polo committee will be found in another column.

Every form of athletic sport seems to have its votaries in France just now, and the latest introduction has been a match got up at Bordeaux with the object of proving that a man on stilts could beat a horse in harness over a long distance. Fauconnier, who is noted for his prowess on stilts which are very generally used for getting over the fields divided by narrow canals, and last year, upon stilts measuring 5ft. 8in., he covered 275 miles in eighty-five hours. But he has beaten this record very easily, for last week he accomplished 265 miles in sixty-three hours, and the horse and buggy only beat him by twenty-five minutes.

The sale of the Herts and Essex Foxhounds, the celebrated erst Puckeridge, realised 675 guineas. Twenty-four couple of working hounds, four and a half couple unentered, and several litters of whelps comprised the lot, so perhaps the total price may be considered good.

Now that the cycling season is in full swing, attention may be drawn to the advantages of using pedal blocks attached to the shoe, which prevents "slipping" of pedals, and assists materially in braking the machine without using the mechanical brake, which injures the tire to a certain extent. In Retford's patent adjustable pedal-blocks there are a couple of leather "fingers," so to speak, which grip the treadle and being firmly attached to the boot or shoe, give the rider confidence in riding, and enable him to keep his machine under better control than when his foot is liable to slip off the pedal. The best brake for a cycle is a firm grip of the pedal, and that can be attained by the use of pedal-blocks attached to the shoes, which, in fact, act as "claws."

According to a Galveston telegram the Prince of Wales has arranged a match with the Britannia against Mr George Gould's Vigilant. The match will be sailed at Cowes on the 23rd of July.

The two principal racing clubs in Victoria, in compiling their programmes for the following year, are cutting down stakes to a marked extent. First and foremost, the Melbourne Cup is to be reduced to 5000 sovs. This is a great falling off from the handicap of 10,000 sovs, added to a sweepstake of 50 sovs for starters and minor forfeits, which started the racing world during the height of the land and silver booms. Now the 5000 sovs stake is merely guaranteed, the club taking the sweepstakes, etc. In a similar way the Caulfield Cup has been reduced from 3000 sovs to 2000 sovs value.

In the De Trafford Handicap at Manchester on May 13th, Pensioner, who had started favourite and finished third to Honbre and Heremon, dropped down dead after passing the post. It was at first thought that heart disease was the cause of the sudden death of the horse, but a subsequent autopsy hinted at poisoning, which, however, had to be proved by analysis.

We also read that an Australian celebrity, the six-year-old gelding Titan, by Chester—Tempe, by Somnus, fell dead from heart disease, after a gallop, at Dowling Forest, Ballarat, last month. Titan was bred by the late Mr James White, for whom as a two-year-old he carried all before him. On the dispersal of the famous Kirkham stud, Titan was purchased by a young Victorian for 4000 guineas, the highest price, with one exception, ever paid for a gelding anywhere. In his new owner's hands Titan proved a signal failure, cutting up very badly in the Melbourne Derby, and after the break-up of the stable in question he became the property of Mr D. S. Wallace, owner of Carbine. Then he mended his manners, and won several valuable races, in Melbourne and Sydney. During the last A. J.

C. autumn meeting, at Sydney, Mr Wallace was offered 1000 guineas for Titan, on behalf of a racing man at the Cape but nothing short of double that figure would buy him.

In a match played at Cambridge on May 13th, between Crusaders and Christ's College, the former scored 392 for two wickets, Mr N. F. Druce making 223 not out, and Mr R. S. Ranjitsinhji, 103 not out. The innings was declared closed, and six wickets of the other side obtained 93 runs.

On May 14th, during the race for the Derby at Vienna, Fezenyrek fell when nearly a mile had been travelled, bringing down with him five others, the result being that four only of the ten starters came home, of whom Magus was winner, Ausnarker second and Adonis third. The singular part of the accident is that no serious injury happened either to jockeys or horses. The following day the Vienna Jockey Club held an inquiry, and they fined the jockey who rode the winner 1000 florins for careless riding, in forcing Fezenyrek against the rails, thereby causing the latter to fall.

Week by week T. Loates has been increasing his lead in the winning list of jockeys since the season began, and with the useful addition to his score made lately he improves his advantage over M. Cannon, the score of the latter on June 2nd standing at 35 against 56. Finlay still holds third position, followed in order by S. Loates and Bradford, while J. Watts comes in the first half-dozen with 24. Then follow Allsopp and Chandley, with Calder, who has had a fair average of wins lately, in front of G. Brown.

They have been trying camel racing in Australia, and the result shows that the "ship of the desert" is not a safe animal to back heavily. One of the camels was romping in an easy winner, when it suddenly sat down and refused to move.

EN PASSANT.

If we may judge from reports from many vessels plying around Cape Horn, and between Europe and Australia, the Antarctic regions furnish a most extraordinary supply of icebergs. The masters of nearly 200 ships sailing during the last year and a half report having met with ice, ice floes and icebergs extending over an area of apparently several millions of square miles, say from 40 degrees to 60 degrees south latitude and from 158 degrees west longitude to 50 degrees east longitude. The icebergs were of astonishing dimensions, some not higher than the sea level, others rising to a height of 1500 feet, and in bulk from 1000 feet square to twenty-five miles or more square. Many of the ships were exposed to great danger. Some of them, indeed, collided with icebergs and were lost; others were greatly damaged from the same cause. Ships would be sailing along, and, being overtaken by a fog, would run into the bergs. Sometimes great bergs would be seen to capsize and the under part then became the top, appearing to be covered with earth and rocks, so that they looked like dry land.

We are on the eve of a revolution in the construction of carriages. After years of labours the ball bearing has been successfully applied to heavy vehicles. The pneumatic tyre has been made practicable for the same purpose. The combination of these two will result in a marvellous reduction in weight; a still more marvellous reduction in the draught on horse, complete noiselessness, increased speed, and perfect comfort. The general use of light pneumatic tyred vehicles will react beneficially on cyclists. Pedestrians will learn to look round before rushing across a street, and vehicle owners will take greater interest in the condition of the highways.

This column was the means of my discovering the plant wait-a-bit. I would now ask the generous public to inform me as to the nature of the hedge, which forms a hazard on the Lomas Golf green, and called by your Golf reporter, "Sino-Sino." I have searched all the books in the public library but nowhere can I find any information about it, or even mention of its existence. One of my friends noted for his keen perception of a joke told me he had heard of a plant called something like "Sino-Sino," because it has thorns growing on it, and the chances are about even whether one can get through it, or not, by contracting the expression "A que si!, A que no!" into "Sino," you arrive at a very plausible explanation of the name. There is a very useful plant which grows into capital hedges in this country called Cina-Cina which also has thorns, perhaps the Lomas fence is a relation living under an assumed or changed name.

The Danube's mails arrived here in a sorry mess after a thorough soaking in salt water; going from Flores Island to Montevideo the launch they were in ran foul of something and took in a lot of water, the post office people say there are over four thousand letters in such a state that they cannot be delivered, this is pleasant reading for those who expect news from their friends, a bit of everything that can be deciphered will be published in the papers so some of the four thousand will probably reach their destination after more or less of delay. The difficulty is that the letters are all stuck together and the envelopes get torn trying to separate them. The trouble and confusion the loss of a mail like this occasions, is easier imagined than described.

All good Englishmen and Englishwomen will join in the general rejoicing at the birth of another heir to the throne, the happy event came off on Saturday 23rd June, and the telegrams report the Princess May and her son of York, as doing well. It will be a long time, I hope, before the boy is called upon to take the reins as King, as there are his father, his grandfather and his greatgrandmother yet to run their race. It must be very satisfactory for the Queen in her declining years to see the succession so satisfactorily arranged for so far ahead. If all her successors prove as good as she, during her long reign, England will remain a monarchy until the end of all things.

In the days when conversation was an accomplishment, which people took trouble to cultivate and acquire, a poet, I can't say which, wishing to be polite to a lady who was no longer young, flattered her by saying: "The sphere of wisdom is the sphere of age." I don't mean to say this paper has arrived at it's Zenith, but as it gets older I honestly think it shows signs of improvement. As the anniversary of its birthday takes place on the second Wednesday in July the management, in a burst of generosity, has made up its mind to publish a special number of a larger size than usual and give away two pictures to mark the funeral of the third year. It was intended to give photos of the well known sportsmen of the River Plate, but as the originals have not all come to hand something equally interesting will be given instead.

A feeling of ghastly horror took possession of everyone on Monday morning who opened a paper and saw the telegram announcing the assassination of the President of the French Republic, M. Sadi-Carnot, by an Italian youth in Lyons on Sunday, 24th June. The man's name who committed the fell deed is Giovanni Sauto, or John Saint in English; it is a remarkable coincidence that the day of the crime was St John's day. M. Carnot had gone down from Paris to Lyons to inspect an industrial exhibition, which he appears to have been much pleased with. At 7 o'clock on the Sunday evening after visiting the exhibition a banquet was served to M. Carnot in the Chamber of Commerce, it was when leaving the building at 9 o'clock the same evening to attend a performance at the theatre that while he was being cheered to the echo by his own countrymen the foreigner forced his way through the crowd and stabbed him through the liver. He died in the greatest agony at 12.40 the same night. The prefect of the department, M. Rodano, knocked the assassin down, the police had the greatest difficulty in rescuing him alive from the crowd, who wanted his blood on the spot. He is said to be an Anarchist but he refuses to speak, so his motives for committing such an act are not known.

The feeling between the French and Italians at the best time is none too good, as can be seen from the constant trouble that is occurring between the workmen of the two nations, so it is very much feared that in the excitement of their grief the French may make things unpleasant for any Italians they find in France; in fact, they began on Sunday evening by trying to loot a café in Lyons kept by an Italian. The murder is the more ghastly because M. Carnot was such an estimable good man and so beloved by the French people. He is comparatively young, being born in 1837 makes him only fifty-seven. He commenced life as a civil engineer, at which profession he made a very good name for himself. His political career commenced after the Franco-German war in 1871, when he was elected deputy to the National Assembly. He was appointed President of the Republic in 1887, from when up to

death he lived an exemplary life of a very high order. He was gifted with a diplomatic tact that was of very great service to his country, and his urbanity and kindness were proverbial amongst all classes.

I think one might say of Carnot:—

I've scanned the actions of his daily life  
With all the industrious malice of a foe;  
And nothing meets my eye but deeds of honor.

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The social event of the moment, in the absence of Cinderellas, or other lightfooted amusements, is the Ladies Bracelet to be run for at Hurlingham on Friday 29th of this month, eleven ladies have entered ponies and I am told all are sanguine of success in catching the judges eye first, were I a sporting prophet or a tipster I might vouchsafe a shot at the name of the winner, but my "tame" tout has advised me, not being a society man, to abstain from hazarding stray darts at the name of the winner, he is probably right, the men in the know tell me there is very little to choose between a lot of them, what is expected, I am told, is a big attendance. If I might suggest to the courteous management at Hurlingham, if it be possible to arrange such a thing as a hot dish for lunch, it would be a very acceptable innovation, as in this cold weather after a not over warm journey in the train, cold meats, excellent though they generally are, do not create in one's body the same generous glow of warmth as one plate of, shall I say for the sake of naming a dish what I always enjoy so much at the Waterloo Cup meeting, "Lob's Sauce" I am not sure about the spelling or the apostrophe, but the flavour eaten on the Fromby flats on a cold day is a thing not to be forgotten. Lob's Sauce is merely, as eaten at coursing meetings, an Irish stew. I expect somebody will probably write and say it is a marine dish and give a receipt for making it, I hope they will as I have eaten of both during my travels, and enjoyed them equally, but I think the shore one would be more suitable, to the tastes of the racing community who frequent Hurlingham. This suggestion, I offer with all humility to the "Powers that be" at Hurlingham knowing full well their desire to please the public in all things.

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The National Liberal Federation at home have had a general meeting at Leeds to form their programme for the next general election. They have made up their minds that the House of Lords must be done away with, and issued an edict to their followers to that effect. We shall see what the result will be. It is generally admitted that two houses are necessary for the Government of a country. So far I have not heard of any rational proposition for a suitable substitute for the Lords. No doubt the National Liberal Federation will make proper arrangements in good time.

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I am glad to see that very excellent paper of Sydney, N.S.W., called *Truth*, seeks a reliable source of information when writing about matters Argentine. I was struck with the accuracy of a passage about Jabez Balfour, which I noticed they acknowledged from these columns.

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It is a common thing to hear said of anyone "he has told that story so often he really believes it." Here in the national industries names have been adopted until people really believe they manufacture the real original article, that is where they do not think their article really superior to the original. For instance some one writing in the "Prensa" of various native manufactures states "we also found in our peregrinations round the wholesale houses Chester cheeses made in the country, good looking and of excellent taste, selling with great advantage over the imported article." There is an unaffected simplicity about the statement that speaks volumes for the gentleman's patriotism but rather shows up his want of knowledge of Chester cheese.

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Everyone who travels between the River Plate and Europe will be rejoiced to hear that an application has been made by some one, in a good position, to be allowed to pull down the present shelters on Flores Island and put up a good Hotel. It is devoutly to be hoped the request may be granted. While on the subject of quarantine there is likely to be another interchange of letters between the Health board here and that of Montevideo on account of the latter having

resolved to give free access to ships coming from the Brazilian ports, while here no ship is allowed "pratique" under ten days from a Brazilian port. Thus we have some passengers by the Danube on shore at Montevideo and others in quarantine here, but those in Montevideo are not allowed to come up here under the penalty of the boat they travel in being sent into quarantine on arrival here. The ridicule of the thing is too apparent to write about.

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There is a project on foot to take a census of the Nation as soon as possible. It will be interesting to know the proportion of foreigners to natives living in the country, though it will be somewhat difficult to get at the exact number of natives as those living in ranchos in out of the way places are not likely to come in to a common centre to register their existence, they will be frightened if the authorities know they live that they will be wanted for the National Guard on occasions.

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The schoolboy of the country is a student, and a student is, in his own opinion, a man whose dignity is proverbial. The report I have seen does not relate in what way this tender spot has been touched in the youth of Rosario, but something appears to have annoyed those pursuing the paths of learning in the national college of Rosario, to such an extent that they determined the head of the school and all his subordinate masters should resign. To avoid any chance of their wishes being misunderstood they arranged amongst themselves to take a timely opportunity of surprising their learned pedagogue and his ushers and insisting upon them all resigning their posts, not verbally but in writing, in case persuasion failed arms were to be produced and intimidation resorted to in order to get the written resignations. As often happens, a Judas was in the camp and betrayed the plot and five students have been convicted as leaders. It was proposed to expel them but the rector and the vice, so reads the report, being desirous to mollify, as much as possible the punishment, referred the matter to the Minister of Public Instruction. Are these men wiser than Solomon that they bring up boys without the rod? Their system up to the present has not proved a success, I should strongly recommend them to resort to the good old fashioned cane, if sufficiently used the "dignidad de hombre" would make way for a feeling of self respect, and we should see a race of boys spring up worthy of the name.

### Herr Dowe's Bullet-Proof Breast-Plate.

We ("The Shooting Times") were invited by the Alhambra Theatre to witness the tests of the bullet-proof cuirass invented by Herr Dowe. There were a large number of military and naval experts present, including His Royal Highness the Duke of Cambridge, Colonel FitzGeorge, General Sir Redvers Buller, V.C., Lieutenant-General Sir Evelyn Wood, V.C., Major-General Chapman, Sir W. A. Mackinnon, General Lord Roberts, Dr. W. H. Russell, Admiral Saumarez, Sir Arthur Haliburton (Under-Secretary of State for War), Lord Methuen, Admiral Ingfield, and others.

Mr Moul the manager, addressing the meeting, stated that there was no trick or conjurer's dodge whatever about the invention, and asked if anyone had come prepared with arms and ammunition distinct from those used by Captain Martin Western to produce them, in order that there should be no question about the thoroughness of the trials, whereupon Mr C. F. Lowe, a Queen's Prizeman, rose and stated that he had brought the English military rifle and cartridges with him to test the cuirass.

A committee was then formed, consisting of Admiral Saumarez, Sir Baker Russell, Captain Dutton Hunt, Captain Conder, R.E., and Mr. C. F. Lowe.

The first experiment consisted of firing at logs of wood at short and long distances with rifles and ammunition, consisting of the English Lee Metford rifle with Cordite charges, and the German regulation rifle with smokeless powder. The firing was first against logs of wood two feet in length, and afterwards against logs two feet six inches. The two-foot logs were penetrated, and the larger ones nearly so. When it was demonstrated that the hardest wood could not withstand the force of the bullets, Herr Dowe placed the breast plate upon the target. This cuirass, by the way, is just sufficiently large to cover the chest and is about three inches thick, covered on the outer side with black cloth and on the inside with white calico. It weighs 12 lb. but Herr Dowe announced his intention of reducing the weight to 9 lb. The same tests were then applied to the cuirass. Captain Hunt loaded all the English rifles and handed them to the marksman. They were fired from a dozen yards range, and they did not penetrate, and they were fired from the dress circle with the same result. Captain Dutton Hunt then accompanied Captain Western to the dress circle, loaded his own rifle with his own cartridges, and waited by his side whilst it was fired; still there was no penetration. Herr Dowe then offered to put on the cuirass and be fired at point-blank

by anyone present with any rifle or ammunition, but the Duke of Cambridge objected, and said he would not allow any such experiment.

There was evidently still some doubt, and Lord Methuen asked that Captain Dutton Hunt might be allowed to load his own rifle, with his own ammunition, which was never to leave his hands, and to fire point blank at the cuirass at a few feet away. After some discussion this was agreed to, and Captain Dutton Hunt loaded his Government rifle with tested Government ammunition, took a less than five yards aim and fired into the cuirass. There was no penetration whatever.

Here much amusement was caused by a gentleman in the audience rising and asking how far the bullets had penetrated the "coat," and, receiving no reply, resumed his seat.

A live horse was then produced and the cuirass hung against its side. Again Captain Martin took aim at an eight yards range, and the horse, with the exception of a little temporary excitement, showed no indication of damage.

The experiments then terminated, and several members of the meeting examined the breastplate, which only showed the holes where the bullets had entered, for it must be understood that the bullets do penetrate the cuirass a little way, but are then stopped by the denseness of its composition, which is at present a close secret. We may say that we were thoroughly satisfied with the thoroughness of the tests, and that, as far as we could judge, there was no trickery about the affair, and the high standing of the members of the committee was a guarantee that there was no nonsense about the matter. As for the utility of the invention it is difficult to speak, as the weight of the cuirass is a great obstacle to its general adoption, but there is no doubt that the contrivance is a wonderful one, and its inventor deserves hearty congratulation on its resistance to the severe tests it underwent.

## TIGRE BOAT CLUB

Members are advised that the CLUB RACES, announced for next Friday, have been POSTPONED until the 8th SEPTEMBER next.

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## River Plate Sport and Pastime

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27, 1894.

### SPORTING NOTES

The club races arranged by the Tigre Boat Club for Friday next have been postponed till the eighth of September. By the way Mr W. E. O'Haxell, Calle Rivadavia 423, is again acting as honorary secretary of this club.

On the 17th a party of five guns consisting of Messrs Sumner, Penrose, E. R. Gifford, J. Gifford, and Dr Watkins shot 170 snipe at Pacheco, and on the 24th six guns, Messrs Penrose, E. R. Gifford, Sumner, and Drs Watkins, and Newman Smith bagged on the same ground 194 snipe, three partridges, and four ducks.

The last mentioned bag of snipe is the biggest I believe, made round Buenos Aires during the last five years. On both days birds were fairly plentiful, on the 17th especially, but wild. Altogether from this shooting ground alone seven hundred birds that we know of have been bagged during this month.

A Committee Meeting of the Amateur Athletic Association was held at Piedad 559 last evening. Two men who have lately raced at meetings held under the auspices of the Association were reported as being professionals, and proper steps were taken to get proofs together, and the men reported were written to.

The championship events for the Championship Meeting at Montevideo, on Wednesday, August the 15th, were arranged as follows, the times and distances quoted by us being those in which or under in the case of times, and in which or over in the case of distances or heights, the performances must be made to constitute championships.

The 100 yards, 10.3-5 seconds; Quarter Mile 56 seconds; Half Mile 2 min 10 seconds; One Mile 55 seconds; Long Jump 18 feet 6 inches; High Jump 5 ft 1 inch; 120 Yards Hurdle Race, 19 seconds; Putting the Shot 32 feet; Throwing the Hammer 75 feet; Pole Jump 8 feet 6 inches. From this list it will be seen that the standards

are yearly improving, so that in a very short time we may reckon here on having some records for a few events which will take some beating anywhere.

On Friday there is a race meeting at Belgrano under the auspices of the Hipodromo Nacional Club, when the classic race of the day will be Premio Lavalle. For this meeting only three horses have declared forfeit out of the seventy-nine handicapped, which says something for the handicapper's good judgment.

Primera will not run in the Premio Lavalle on Friday, but Sr Zubiaurre has Rastreador, General Lavalle and Portena to represent his stable. On July the 1st the Premio Produccion Nacional will be decided at Palermo, where a fairly good programme has been provided.

The number of two-year-olds brought to the hammer this spring will probably be much smaller than has been the case for several years, as the year in which they were born, 1892, was the year, it will be remembered, when the terrible disease which attacked mares all over the country was at its height and during which so many thousands of foals, from thoroughbreds to Criollos, were lost.

Better prices may result, however, for those which are brought up, and as there is a certain amount of money to be spent in buying them, I don't suppose breeders will be so very much out of pocket as at first sight it would appear, at least I hope not, as of late they have not been making fortunes by any means.

The Hurlingham programme for Friday will be found in another column, and a very attractive one it is. I hear that the attendance at the races is expected to be a good deal larger than usual. The Ladies' Bracelet is a great attraction, and it certainly is one of the most open of pony races I ever remember to have seen at Hurlingham, and the class is good enough for anybody, as all the best ponies are numbered amongst the eleven entries.

To give tips on the races is more difficult than ever, especially without knowing in what sort of condition the ponies will be brought to the post. One meeting an owner will take it into his head to train his ponies, and he probably wins something, the next time the same ponies are run untrained with a very different result, and vice versa. I am glad to see that those good ponies Ramadan and Huérano, which have won many a race for Baron Peers, have found a home in this part of the world, as a little new blood at Hurlingham is always welcome.

The victory of Hurlingham over Buenos Aires at Flores on the 24th, under Rugby Rules, came as a surprise to many. It was a treat to see the way the Hurlingham representatives, I mean the real Hurlingham representatives, the men who are living at, and came from Hurlingham, went to work and carried everything before them. It was a forwards' game all through and the Hurlingham forwards proved the best.

The military sports announced in the papers to take place at Hurlingham in August, have not yet been definitely arranged so the announcement was somewhat premature, though by next week I hope to be able to publish the programme. The sports will be taken part in by the cadets of the military school at San Martin and other officers, and Captain Olivera Cesar, a capital horseman and sportsman is the prime mover in the interesting function, the first of the kind, I believe, ever held here.

Hurlingham lends itself particularly well to a meeting of this kind, which will include flat races, hurdle races, steeplechases, a Victoria Cross race, and other suitable events, and it is expected that a considerable number of visitors, both Argentine and English, will be present at the gathering, to see how the young Argentine soldiers acquit themselves in exercises to which they have hitherto been quite unused.

I spent a very interesting half hour last week at the Military School in San Martin, where the cadets, lads who had only mounted a horse for the first time a few weeks ago, were drilling on young horses which had only arrived from the camp, perfectly unbroken and unhandled, twenty-four days before. Not only were the horses doing their work well, and the boys riding them well, but they were jumped over bars and ladders only some four yards wide and without wings on either side. The fences were not high and were easily knocked down, so many ran through them, but the majority jumped remarkably well.

The Beagles met on the 24th at the Belgrano station of the Rosario Railway. A good field were out and the run was very enjoyable. Scent was good all through, but so good near the finish that the pack tailed off somewhat. The line took the field to Villa Devoto, back to Catalinas, then round close to the "Village of the Heights" again. There was plenty of jumping but the going was a bit hard.

The following will be the final days for playing off the different rounds of the Albion Club Billiard Handicap:—

First round	Monday July 2nd
Second	" " 9th
Third	" " 16th
Final	on or before " 23rd.

It is not often that a racehorse dies in saddle and bridle, as did General Owen Williams' Pensioner on May 12th, after finishing third in a race at Manchester. Tommy Loates was on his back at the time, and had a nasty fall, but was able to ride in the next race. A similar case, when, curiously enough, Loates was also the jockey, occurred some eight years ago at Stockbridge. This was a two-year-old filly named Counterpane, the property of the Prince of Wales. Pensioner had made a fine start this season by winning the Babraham Plate, and shortly afterwards the Two Thousand Guineas Trial Plate at Newmarket. Then came the fatal race of last month. Last Goodwood he scored a very popular win in the Chesterfield Cup. The cause of his sudden collapse was discovered on post mortem examination to have been caused by poisoning, and all sportsmen will be disgusted to hear of the manner of good horse's death.

To show how reports get mutilated when they have been copied from their original source I quote the following from the "Irish Times Sportsman" of May 26th:

They must take their cricket pleasures sadly at times in South America, if the details of a journey of a team out in those parts are at all true to life. The following was the experience, at least, of a mixed party tackling the Andes on Mules to play a cricket match with Santiago and Valparaiso teams. By mixed, of course, I only mean that it included a number of the fair sex. Coming down the mountain slopes the fun began with a vengeance. The men were continually rolling off their steeds into the snow, with no worse harm than a shaking; and the ladies who were among the party had an exciting time. One of them was thrown off the mule at the beginning of the descent, after which she positively refused to mount again, and made the rest of the journey on foot, holding the hand of a guide. For three days and a-half the travellers were unable to wash, partly for want of water, and partly because they had been warned that it was dangerous to do so on account of the biting winds. The four days which were passed at Valparaiso were made exceedingly pleasant by their hosts, who arranged all sorts of entertainments for them. At one of these they were regaled with milk punch, which was served up in glasses, each holding half a gallon.

This afternoon the produce of Finance, Nogal, and Hanover will be sold at Messrs Funes and Lagos' at two o'clock. The horses, all come from Sr Mariano Marengo's breeding establishment, Santa Rita.

We are promised a novelty in the shape of two unpublished waltzes by Mr F. M. Still, to whom the success of the Belgrano Cinderellas is mainly due, in addition to the already famous Eileen, which I notice has found its way to the music shop windows of the Calle Florida. I trust we may be afforded many more opportunities to applaud the works of our English Ramento.

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**ARGENTINE ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL LEAGUE**

**JUNE**

Fri. 29—Lomas A.C. v. St. Andrews F.C., at Lomas.  
 Fri. 29—Rosario A.C. v. Retiro A.C., at Rosario.

**JULY**

Sun. 1—B. A. and R. Ry. v. Lomas A.C., at Belgrano.  
 Sun. 1—Flores A.C. v. Retiro A.C., at Flores.  
 Sun. 8—Rosario A.C. v. Lomas A.C., at Lomas.  
 Mon. 9—Lobos A.C. v. Rosario A.C., at Lobos.  
 Mon. 9—St. Andrews A.C. v. B. A. and R. Ry., at Lanus.  
 Sun. 15—Lomas A.C. v. Retiro A.C., at Lomas.  
 Sun. 22—Rosario A.C. v. St. Andrews F.C., at Rosario.  
 Sun. 29—Lobos A.C. v. Lomas A.C. at Lobos.  
 Sun. 29—Flores A.C. v. B. A. and R. Ry., at Flores.

**AUGUST**

Sun. 5—Retiro A.C. v. Lobos A.C., at Retiro.  
 Sun. 12—  
 Wed. 15—St. Andrews F.C. v. Flores A.C., at Lanus.  
 Wed. 15—Lobos A.C. v. B. A. and R. Ry., at Lobos.  
 Sun. 19—Flores A.C. v. Lomas A.C., at Flores.  
 Sun. 19—B. A. and R. Ry. v. Retiro A.C., at Belgrano.  
 Sat. 25—Buenos Aires v. Montevideo (Inter-City), at Flores.  
 Sun. 26—Scotland and Ireland v. England and Wales. at Lomas.  
 Wed. 29—Rosario A.C. v. Flores A.C., at Rosario.  
 Wed. 29—St. Andrews F.C. v. Lobos A.C., at Lanus.

**SEPTEMBER**

Sat. 8—St. Andrews F.C. v. Lomas A.C., at Lanus.  
 Sat. 8—Lobos A.C. v. Flores A.C., at Lobos.  
 Sat. 8—B. A. and R. Ry. v. Rosario A.C., at Belgrano.  
 Sun. 9—Retiro A.C. v. Rosario A.C., at Retiro.

**RUGBY**

**JULY**

Mon. 9—Hurlingham v. Lomas, at Hurlingham.  
 Sun. 15—Private Firms v. Public Companies, at Flores.  
 Sun. 22—Lomas v. Buenos Aires, at Flores.

**AUGUST**

Sun. 5—Rosario v. Buenos Aires, at Rosario.  
 Sun. 12—Scotland and Wales v. England and Ireland, at Flores.  
 Wed. 15—Old Bedfordians v. Buenos Aires, at Flores.

**RUGBY**

**BUENOS AIRES v. HURLINGHAM.**

On Sunday last this match, which had been looked forward to with great interest, took place on the Flores Athletic Club ground, before a large number of spectators. Three o'clock was the appointed hour to commence, but owing to many members of the Buenos Aires team being Guardias Nacionales the leather was not started before 3.47 p.m.

G. Anderson, on winning the toss, elected to play with the sun at his back. Fothergill kicked off for Buenos Aires, and from the first it was clearly seen that the Hurlingham forwards were far and away better than their opponents.

After seven minutes' play an appeal was made for touch, and the Buenos Aires men all stood still, meanwhile S. Gibson got the ball, and running down the touch line dodged the back and secured the try. Rath failed to convert.

From the kick off the ball almost immediately found its way into the Buenos Aires half, when Ravenscroft made a good run and was neatly tackled by the back. Several scrummages then ensued in front of the Buenos Aires goal, and Rumboll securing the ball scored the second try for Hurlingham, which was not improved upon. Buenos Aires managed at last to get the ball into the Hurlingham half, when Jacobs passing well to A. Anderson enabled the latter to run dangerously close to the Hurlingham goal line, but the forwards soon relieved and the ball once more returned to the Buenos Aires half, where from a loose scrum G. Anderson dribbled well down the touch line, the Buenos Aires back tried to stop the ball with his feet instead of falling upon it, which let Anderson score his try, the third for Hurlingham. The try was not improved upon, and after a few minutes' more play half time was called, leaving Hurlingham with nine points to Buenos Aires nil.

After some minutes interval G. Anderson kicked off for Hurlingham, sending the ball behind the Buenos Aires goal line, and forcing Buenos Aires to touch down. From the drop kick by Jacobs Rath returned well, and Buenos Aires had to defend nearly all the second half. Seymour playing a hard game worked his way through the scrum, and picking up the ball charged, but was brought down by the Buenos Aires back just inside their goal line, and thus secured the fourth try. The place kick failed. The game was kept still in the Buenos Aires half until their men managed to work the ball into the Hurlingham twenty-five, when Fothergill scored the first point for Buenos Aires from a pottry run, and converted it into a goal. Nothing further was done, and thus Hurlingham won by 12 points to five. The Hurlingham forwards won the match undoubtedly; it would be unfair to say that one played better than another, as both individually and collectively they played a real good game.

Rumboll, at half back, had his work cut out to mark Gwyther. H. Anderson played a good three-quarter game, but when he kicks he should try more to find touch. Ravenscroft, as usual, was a host in himself, and Rath at back was also decidedly good.

For the losers the less said the better, the forwards were completely outclassed. Gwyther and Wilson at half back were the only two players on their side worthy of mention, as they did yeoman service.

It is only fair to mention that five of the Buenos Aires team had just come from doing three hours' drill, and in the first quarter of the game they played three men short, and at the end were still without one man.

Mr Adam Goodfellow kindly acting as referee, Messrs. Anderson and R. Rumboll officiating as linesmen. Mrs Hughes, Sr., kindly provided tea. The teams were as follows:—

**Buenos Aires Football Club—**  
 R. W. Anderson, back.  
 F. W. Fothergill, A. Anderson, F. Jacobs, three quarter backs.

H. Gwyther, E. L. Wilson, half backs.  
 F. Gilderdale, E. W. E. Hannay, M. Caldwell, E. Kinch, A. Brodie, J. Weinberg, W. King, E. Chantrell, forwards.

**Hurlingham—**  
 P. Rath, back.  
 H. Webster, H. Anderson, J. Ravenscroft, three-quarter backs.

E. Rumboll, J. K. Gibaud, half backs.  
 G. Anderson, V. Ker-Seymer, W. Leslie, P. L. G. Bridger, F. Cassini, S. Gibson, K. Moscrop, L. Jacobs, Tracey, forwards.

**ARGENTINE ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL LEAGUE**

The following table shows the present positions of the clubs competing in the League Competition of this season:

Club	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points
Flores	6	5	1	0	10
Lomas	5	4	0	1	9
Rosario	5	3	1	1	7
Lobos	6	3	3	0	6
St. Andrews	6	3	3	0	6
Retiro	6	1	5	0	2

B. A. and R. Ry. have scratched all matches. Flores stands at the head of the list at the present moment, but as they have played one more match than the others they are not unlikely to give way to Lomas after they have played their next match against Retiro.

**P O L O .**

**THE NEW RULES OF POLO AT HURLINGHAM CLUB.**

**NEW RULES AND ALTERATIONS.**

(The numbers refer to new books).

Rule 2 (addition).—A full-sized ground shall be 300 yards long by 200 yards wide.

Rule 7 (new rule).—The duration of play in a match shall be one hour, divided into three periods of twenty minutes, with an interval of five minutes between each period of play. The two first periods of play shall terminate as soon as the ball goes out of play after the expiration of the prescribed time, any excess of time in either of the first two periods due to the ball remaining in play being deducted from the succeeding periods. The last period of play shall terminate immediately on the expiration of the hour's play, although the ball is still in play. In the case of a tie the last period shall be prolonged till the ball goes out of play.

Rule 8 (new rule).—As soon as the ball goes out of play after the expiration of the first ten minutes of each period of play the game shall be suspended for sufficient time (not exceeding two minutes) to enable players to change ponies. With the above exception play shall be continuous, and it shall be the duty of the umpire to throw in the ball punctually, and, in the event of unnecessary delay in hitting out the ball, to call upon the offending side to proceed at once. Any changes of ponies, except according to the above provision, shall be at the risk of the player.

Rule 9 (new rule).—A bell shall be rung to signify the time for changing ponies and at the termination of each period of play.

Rule 11 (alteration).—In all tournaments the game, in case of a tie after an interval of five minutes, must be played on till one side obtains a goal.

Rule 12 (alteration).—A goal is gained when a ball is driven between the goal posts and clear of the goal line by any of the players or their ponies.

Rule 16 (alteration).—When the ball is hit out of bounds it must be thrown into the ground by the umpire from the exact spot where it went out of play, in a direction parallel to the two goal lines and between the opposing ranks of players. There must be no delay whatsoever nor any consideration for absent players.

Rule 18 (new rule).—No player shall crook his adversary's stick unless he is on the same side of the adversary's pony as the ball, or in a direct line behind.

Rule 20 (alteration).—No player shall seize with the hand, strike, or push with the head, hand, or arm below the elbow.

Rule 21 (new rule).—A player may not carry the ball. In the event of the ball lodging upon or against a player or pony it must be immediately dropped on the ground by the player or the rider of the pony.

Rule 22 (alteration).—Any infringement of the rules constitutes a foul. In case of an infringement of Rules

17, 18, 20, and 21 the umpire shall stop the game; and in case of an infringement of Rule 19 the umpire shall stop the game on an appeal by any one of the side which has been fouled. On the game being stopped as above, the side which has been fouled may claim either of the following penalties (a) (b).

Rules 30, 31, 32 (Transferred from bye laws).

**BYE LAWS.**

Rule 6.—Add Blinkers.

**COUNTY CLUB CUP.**

Rule 1 (alteration).—Any member playing for his club must be a resident in the county where such club has its grounds, or reside within 50 miles of the club ground.

Rule 8 (new rule).—In the event of one of the players being prevented from playing from some bona fide good reason the polo committee may, if they think fit, allow another man, properly qualified, to be nominated in his place, such substitute must not, however, be taken from among the players selected in any other team.

The bye-laws for play in cup matches and all tournaments are expunged.

From the above new rules and alterations it will be seen that the question as to the height of ponies and the measuring of same has not been gone into. The new rules are a great improvement on the old ones, but we think that they might yet have been made a great deal more full.

**QUILMES.**

One of the best and fastest games we have seen this season was played on the Bernal ground on the 24th. The ground was in good order, the weather perfect, and we were pleased to see such a large number of on-lookers, who were evidently greatly interested in the game. The teams were:

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| <b>A</b>         | <b>B</b>        |
| 1. J. Bennett    | 1. T. Rose      |
| 2. F. J. Bennett | 2. J. Lean      |
| 3. A. M. Hudson  | 3. W. D. Bailey |
| F. Rooke back    | T. Murray.      |

In the first quarter, after a lot of fast up and down play, Lean scored for his side.

The second quarter was a good one, every one playing up well. Murray got one through for his side, the score standing A 0 and B 2 at the call of time.

In the third quarter J. Bennett was successful in scoring, and Murray got another through for the B's. Score—A 1, B 3.

In the last quarter the A team tried hard to make matters even, and Hudson got one through, but Bailey immediately after retaliated with a good one for the B's, a hard fought game ending therefore with the score B 4, A 2.

**ATHLETICS**

An influential and well-attended meeting took place on Sunday, 24th inst., at Mercedes, to take steps for forming an athletic club there. The following gentlemen were named as the first committee:

- President—James McLoughlin.
- Vice-President—James Bolster.
- Honorary President—Nicolas Lowe.
- Honorary Vice-President—T. O'Reilly.
- Treasurer—G. Foley.
- Secretary (pro tem.)—G. Carey.
- Captain (Football)—J. Mackinson
- Committee—J. Gahan, W. Rail, P. Murphy, J. Cotter, M. Doherty, C. Garrahan, H. Morrogh.

At the meeting some fifty gentlemen placed their names on the list of membership, and it is confidently expected that that number will be doubled at least at the second meeting to be held on Friday the 29th.

A sub-committee was appointed to take the necessary steps about the buying or leasing of a suitable piece of ground. To show the enthusiasm that exists in Mercedes about the new club it is only necessary to say that even before the meeting was called one gentleman had already bought balls, goal posts, and other appliances for every game, and that practice football matches will be played on Friday and Sunday next.

**PONY RACING.**

**HURLINGHAM JUNE 29.**

12.45 p.m.  
 A HANDICAP for Ponies of 53 inches and under: a Sweepstakes of \$10 each with \$50 added: 500 metres.

- Mr W. Lacey's bay L. B. W., 53 in, 60 k
- Mr F. Franks' bay Baccarat, 53 in, 63 k
- Mr Launbuschini's roan Inquieto, 53 in 67 k
- Mr M. G. Fortune's brown East Nook, 53 in 69 k
- Mr T. Jefferies' black Garryowen, 53 in, 72 k

1.15 p.m.  
 MEMBERS' CUP, Handicap, value \$250, added to a Sweepstakes of \$20 each: for Ponies of 56 in. and under, the property of and to be ridden by Members of the Hurlingham Club: 1200 metres.

- Mr H. Scott Robson's piebald Moloch, 56 in, 67 k
- Mr J. Ravenscroft's white Daiman, 54 in, 70 k
- Mr E. Hick's brown Whitelegs, 56 in, 70 k
- Mr W. Paats' (jun.) black Brandyball, 55 in, 72 k
- Mr J. Ravenscroft's black Ramadan, 56 in, 73 k
- Mr F. Frank's chestnut Cigarette, 55 in, 75 k

1.45 p.m. A MAIDEN HANDICAP, for Ponies of 56 in. or under that have never won a race on the flat under Hurlingham Rules a Sweepstakes of \$10 each with \$50 added; 1500 metres.

- Mr F. Goeter's Passe par Tout, 56 in, 66 k
Mr P. Schuren's white Flecha, 54 in, 68 k
Mr J. Ravenscroft's Merlin, 56 in, 70 k
Mr F. Furber's black Nigger, 56 in, 70 k
Dr Newman Smith's dun Crucifix, 54 in, 70 k
Mr A. McKill's bay Tommy, 56 in, 75 k

2.30 p.m. THE HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE, open to all comers (thoroughbreds excepted), a Sweepstakes of \$25 each with \$50 added; about 2500 metres.

- Mr J. Ravenscroft's bay Gil Blas, a, 70 k
Mr H. H. Ewen's brown Rama Negra, a, 70 k
Mr C. Paats' bay Arlequin, 5 y, w.a., 72 k
Mr H. C. Plews' roan Regent, 4 y, 74 k
Mr W. Paats' Jr., brown Sultan, 3 y, 75 k
Mr H. C. Thompson's brown Felisa, a, 80 k

3.00 p.m. LADY'S BRACELET, of \$150, a Handicap Sweepstakes of \$15 each, for Ponies of 56 in. or under. Each pony to be nominated by a lady. The nominator of the winner will receive a bracelet or other prize selected by her. 700 metres.

- Miss Balfour nominates Mr F. Frank's Baccarat, 53 in, 60 k
Mrs H. Gibson nominates Mr F. Furber's The Beagle, 56 in, 63 k
Miss Olga Paats nominates Mr Schuren's white Flecha, 54 in, 64 k
Mrs Williamson nominates Mr Fortune's brown East Neuk, 53 in, 65 k
Mrs Balfour nominates Mr Balfour's bay Patchwork, 55 in, 71 k
Mrs Mills nominates Mr Ravenscroft's white Daiman, 54 in, 71 k
Miss Jefferies nominates Mr T. Jefferies' Garryowen, 53 in, 68 k
Miss Hallett nominates Mr Ravenscroft's black Ramadan, 56 in, 76 k
Mrs Robson nominates Mr H. S. Robson's roan Huerfano, 56 in, 77 k
Mrs Robson nominates Mr H. S. Robson's dun El Pobre, 56 in, 78 k
Miss M. Hecker nominates Mr W. Paats' jr's black Brandyball, 55 in, 72 k

A HANDICAP HURDLE RACE, for Ponies of 56 in. and under; a Sweepstakes of \$15 each with \$50 added; 1600 metres.

- Mr W. Paats, jr's black Brandyball, 55 in, 70 k
Mr E. Hicks' brown Whitelegs, 56 in, 72 k
Mr F. Frank's chestnut Cigarette, 55 in, 70 k
Mr F. Goeter's Passe par Tout, 56 in, 65 k
Mr A. McKill's bay Tommy, 56 in, 73 k

RACING

PALERMO—JUNE 24.

Last Sunday's meeting at Palermo was enjoyable in many ways, with which perhaps the weather had most to do, as it was delightfully warm and springlike. Sport, too, was excellent, and the fields were above the average size. This latter circumstance may have accounted for the very bad starting which was so noticeable all through the afternoon, and we are afraid that the official starter will never manage to get his horses off together till he adopts the plan of starting them from a walk, every other system is open to dodges which the most careful jockeys cannot always be blamed for trying on.

Buenos Aires won the classic race of the day in very easy fashion, without being asked to go at the finish. The son of Chivalrous is undoubtedly the best horse of this year as he was of last, and we can only again regret the death of his sire, who has shown he can get horses not only fit to carry everything before them here, but also to show the way over the cream of Leicestershire, and over some of our stiffest steeplechase courses at home.

Mignonette won the Premio Haras Nacional also very easily from Pichincha, who, however, ran out with Cordelia at the bend, and there are many who said the Gladiateur mare ought to have won. This, however, we do not think possible, as a glance at the time will show, and it is impossible to say how much the Indecis' filly had in hand at the finish, as she is an undoubted stayer, and the further she goes the more she will win by is our opinion. Besides is she not the only two-year-old that can lower Primera's colours?

Huri put her foot in a hole in the Premio Haras Casey, and came down very heavily. Her jockey got a nasty crack on the head, but we hear he is little the worse except for the shaking. The race was won by Maraton very easily, though he was lucky in getting rid of his most dangerous opponent in Huri

Details are as follow :-

PREMIO HARAS CURUMALAN, a handicap for all horses that have not won more than \$3000 before the day of the race, \$1700 to the 1st, 170 to the 2nd, 1500 metres.

- Ecurie Azur's ch m Rosemary, by Phoenix—
Rosiere, 3 y, 55 k. A. Libonati 1
Ecurie Prisonero's Tambor, 5 y, 54 k. P. Orofia 2
Stud Carpintero's Charante, 3 y, 51 k. R. Bastiani 3
Ecurie Prisonero's Banderola, 3 y, 56 k. E. Gonzalez 0
Ecurie Sans Pour's Bayard, 3 y, 55 k. R. Garrido 0
Stud Yuqueri's Simoun, 3 y, 54 k. J. Viera 0
Ecurie Titan's Trebol, 3 y, 53 k. I. Diaz 0
Ecurie Camors' Lynham, 3 y, 54 k. P. Aguilieri 0
Stud Painé's Lighthouse, 3 y, 52 k. G. Morales 0
Stud Santa Fé's Santa Fé, 6 y, 52 k. N. Sosa 0
Stud Temerario's May Blossom, 3 y, 51 k. C. Peñalva 0
La Petite Ecurie's Bijou, 3 y, 51 k. P. Torres 0
Stud A. Lincoln's Neptuno II, 2 y, 50 k. A. Muzio 0
Stud A. Lincoln's Argentina, 3 y, 50 k. N. Grigera 0
Ecurie Lucullus' Silvertail, 4 y, 49 k. L. Gonzalez 0
Stud Sultan's Hierofant, 5 y, 48 k. P. Lara 0

Silvertail was first away and kept in front till reaching the paddock, where he had enough, and left Rosemary and Tambor to fight it out, and the former getting the best of the struggle won by a length, Charmante half a length away being third.

Tickets—Rosemary with 351 win and 274 place, Tambor and Banderola 553—647, Charante 123—337, Bayard 1031—1020, Simoun 81—179, Trebol 674—1012, Lynham 100—201, Lighthouse 314—531, Santa Fé 110—304, May Blossom 62—140, Bijou 125—263, Neptuno II. and Argentina 42—55, Silvertail 342—508, Hierofant 140—150. Totals 4078—5621.

Dividends—Rosemary \$2.91 win and 11.24 place, Tambor \$5.91 place, Charmante 9.51 place.

PREMIO HARAS KEMMIS, for two-year-olds that have run, without having won before the day of the race, colts 54 k, fillies 52 k, \$1800 to the 1st, 180 to the 2nd, 1000 metres.

- Ecurie Gladiateur's br f Pichincha, by Zanoni
Rosa, 52 k. I. Diaz 1
Stud Las Ortigas' Bordeaux, 54 k. P. Aguirre 2
Stud La Contianza's Estudiante, 54 k. J. Bayardi 3
Stud Orissa's Neron II, 54 k. C. Bueno 0
Sr F. Marquez' Fontenoy, 54 k. J. Cardoso 0
Sr E. Casal's Napoleon, 54 k. Nazella 0
Stud El Plata's Maria, 52 k. T. Lopez 0
La Petite Ecurie's La Favorita, 52 k. P. Torres 0
Sr E. Acebal's Mucama, 52 k. J. Paez 0
Ecurie Indecis' Ballmanca, 52 k. R. Garrido 0
Ecurie Camors' My Darling, 52 k. P. Aguilieri 0

Pichincha made all her own running and won in a canter by a length, Bordeaux beating Estudiante half a length for second place.

Tickets—Pichincha with 3190 win and 2491 place Bordeaux 1093—1224, Estudiante 282—393, Neron II, 52—76, Fontenoy 123—315, Napoleon 129—225, Maria 55—142, La Favorita 416—757, Mucama 100—192, Ballmanca 799—1102, My Darling 99—221. Total 6338—7138.

Dividends—Pichincha \$3.57 win and 2.61 place, Bordeaux 3.26 place, Estudiante 5.92 place.

PREMIO SAN MARTIN, for three-year-olds, and upwards, three years 53 kilos, four years and over 57 kilos, winners of more than \$10,000, and under \$15,000, 3 kilos extra, of between \$15,000 and 25,000, 5 kilos, of over \$25,000, 8 kilos, \$4000 to the 1st, 500 to the 2nd, 3rd saves his stake, 2500 metres.

- Sr. J. B. Zubiaurre's b h Buenos Aires, by
Chivalrous—Sarsaparrilla, 3 y, 61 k. P. Aguirre 1
Stud José Maria's Revancha, 3 y, 58 k. J. Laeruz 2
La Petite Ecurie's Alejandria, 3 y, 56 k. P. Torres 3
Ecurie Gladiateur's Clermont, 3 y, 58 k. L. Diaz 0

After one failure the lot were despatched, and Clermont at once began to cut out the work from Revancha. Buenos Aires and Alejandria following in the order named. At the turn Revancha challenged Clermont, and the others began to draw up to the leaders. Coming down the straight it looked anyone's race, but opposite the stand Buenos Aires' jockey called on him, and the horse answering gamely came away and won by between two and three lengths, Alejandria a length off third.

Tickets—Buenos Aires with 7070 win, Revancha 2602, Alejandria 1236, Clermont 2952. Total 13,860.

Dividend—Buenos Aires \$3.52 win.

PREMIO HARAS OJO DE AGUA, an open handicap, \$1800 to the 1st, 180 to the 2nd, 1000 metres.

- Ecurie Prisonero's br m Alfa by Keir—
Miss Ormerod, 3 y, 50 k. J. Garcia 1
Stud El Plata's Antropofago, 3 y, 57 k. T. Lopez 2
Stud Santa Fé's Sud America, 6 y, 57 k. N. Sosa 3
Ecurie Titan's Chiliarch, 6 y, 60 k. I. Diaz 0
Ecurie Indecis' Lambaré, 3 y, 60 k. R. Garrido 0
Ecurie Indecis' Atila, 3 y, 58 k. C. Braseco 0
Stud Esperanza's Muchacho, 4 y, 46 k. Cevia 0
Ecurie Camors' Whitethorn, 4 y, 55 k. P. Aguilieri 0
Stud La Confianza's Aprendiz, 3 y, 48 k. Maza 0
Ecurie Azur's Friedland, 3 y, 53 k. A. Libonati 0
Stud Carpintero's Bumblybuss, 3 y, 50 k

- R. Bastiani 0
Ecurie Prisonero's Pirata, 5 y, 46 k. C. Gomez 0
Stud Painé's Opal, 3 y, 48 k. A. Saavedra 0
Stud Orissa's Orissa, 4 y, 46 k. R. Saavedra 0
Stud Monte Grande's Florido, 4 y, 46 k. J. Paez 0
Stud Niño Dorado's Zorro, 3 y, 45 k. R. Silva 0
Stud Richman's Prim, 3 y, 45 k. G. Laporte 0

Alfa jumped off with the lead, but being steadied gave way to Whitethorn and Bumblybuss who raced together till in front of the paddock, where Alfa again

assumed command, and although resolutely tackled by Antropofago held her own to the finish and won by half a length. Sud America making his effort too late could get no nearer than third, a length behind the second.

Tickets—Alfa and Pirata with 823 win and 989, place, Antropofago 509—913, Sud America 233—300, Chiliarch 512—355, Lambaré, and Atila 1966—2210, Muchacho 273—375, Whitethorn 2557—2067, Aprendiz 245—373, Friedland 228—386, Bumblybuss 628—700, Opal 290—409, Orissa, 206—465, Florido 199—307, Zorro 290—440, Prim 89—116. Totals 8748—10405.

Dividends—Alfa \$19.13 win and 6.82 place, Antropofago \$7.23 place, Sud America, 17.91 place.

PREMIO HARAS NACIONAL, for two-year-olds, colts 54 kilos, fillies 52 kilos, winners to carry 3 kilos extra for each race won, \$2000 to the 1st, 200 to the 2nd, 1100 metres.

- Ecurie Indecis' ch f Mignonette, by St. Mirin
Mignon, 58 k. C. Braseco 1
Ecurie Gladiateur's Pichincha, 52 k. I. Diaz 2
Ecurie Indecis' Indecis, 57 k. R. Garrido 3
Stud Hatteras' Cordelia, 55 k. I. Diaz 4
Stud Hatteras' Zizanka, 52 k. P. Torres 0
Stud Yuqueri's Entreriano, 57 k. J. Viera 0
Stud Sultan's Dionisio, 54 k. P. Lara 0
Ecurie Camors' Consul, 54 k. P. Aguilieri 0
Ecurie Prisonero's Sultan, 54 k. P. Orona 0
Ecurie Anacoreta's Silver, 54 k. Cevia 0
Ecurie Anacoreta's Mayonnaise, 52 k. G. Ales 0
Ecurie Argentino's Alsatia, 52 k. C. Lopez 0
Stud Las Ortigas' Mimi, 52 k. P. Aguirre 0

Cordelia dashed off with the lead closely followed by Mignonette, the others being all together with the exception of Sultan who never was in it. Cordelia and Pichincha both ran wide coming in to the straight, giving an opportunity which Mignonette's jockey quickly took advantage of, and coming on, won with the greatest of ease by a length from Pichincha. Indecis who had trouble in finding an opening, came very fast at the finish, and collaring Cordelia beat her a head on the post for third place.

Tickets—Mignonette and Indecis with 3951 win and 3484 place, Pichincha 2226—1934, Cordelia and Zizanka 1170—1413, Entreriano 371—535, Dionisio 111—200, Consul 103—209, Sultan 509—472, Silver and Mayonnaise 1075—993, Alsatia 95—143, Mimi 558—969. Totals 10,169—10,392.

Dividends—Mignonette \$4.63 win and 2.48 place, Pichincha 2.87 place, Cordelia 3.20 place.

PREMIO HARAS LAS ORTIGAS, an open handicap, \$2000 to the 1st, 200 to the 2nd, 1750 metres.

- Ecurie Camors' br m Cantiniere by Plutus—
Old Maid, 4 y, 49 1/2 k. P. Aguilieri 1
Sr. E. Casal's Ravachol, 3 y, 51 1/2 k. P. Aguirre 2
La Petite Ecurie's Wagram, 3 y, 56 1/2 k. P. Torres 3
Stud Entre Rios' Satanelia, 5 y, 58 1/2 k. J. Romay 0
Ecurie Les Ardennes' India Muerta, 5 y, 57 1/2 k
A. Sosa 0
Ecurie Indecis' Infernal, 5 y, 53 1/2 k. R. Garrido 0
Ecurie Anacoreta's Nubifer, 6 y, 48 1/2 k. Cevia 0
Ecurie Gladiateur's Silex, 4 y, 48 1/2 k. I. Diaz 0

On settling to work Cantiniere took the head of affairs, and never being caught, won comfortably by about three parts of a length from Ravachol who beat Wagram half a length for second place.

Tickets—Cantiniere with 1421 win and 941 place, Ravachol 2348—2311, Wagram 422—353, Satanelia 1736—1058, India Muerta 2705—2990, Infernal 853—768, Nubifer 298—515, Silex 1139—861. Totals 10,922—9,797.

Dividends—Cantiniere \$13.83 win and 7.91 place, Ravachol 4.40 place.

PREMIO HARAS CASEY, a handicap for all horses that have not won more than \$12,000 before the day of the race, \$1800 to the 1st, 180 to the 2nd, 1600 metres.

- Ecurie Gladiateur's br h Maraton, by Gay Hermit
Barleybreak, 3 y, 57 k. I. Diaz 1
Stud Capitan Black's Cero, 3 y, 53 k. I. Diaz 2
Stud Painé's Lighthouse, 3 y, 45 k. R. Saavedra 3
Stud Las Ortigas' Danseuse, 3 y, 55 k. P. Aguirre 0
Ecurie Titan's Demos, 5 y, 54 k. P. Torres 0
Ecurie Argentino's Huri, 3 y, 54 k. E. Lopez 0
Stud Orissa's Bogey, 3 y, 51 k. C. Bueno 0
Ecurie Azur's Rosemary, 3 y, 49 k. G. Laporte 0
Ecurie Prisonero's Tambor, 5 y, 48 k. G. Gomez 0

Lighthouse was sent to the front, and brought his field along smartly until well into the straight, when he was passed by Maraton, who won easily by two lengths from Cero, who came very fast in the last hundred and fifty yards. Lighthouse third. Huri fell.

Tickets—Maraton with 3838 win and 2368 place, Cero 816—739, Lighthouse 513—825, Danseuse 1360—809, Demos 451—467, Huri 852—776, Bogey 299—317, Rosemary 1308—1462, Tambor 663—796. Totals 10,100—8559.

Dividends—Maraton \$4.73 win and 3.05 place, Cero \$5.40 place, Lighthouse 5.04 place.

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## ESTANCA AND COLONY.

The Curamalan Company will hold their general meeting on the 13th of July, at 25 de Mayo 51, to hear the report for the past year and to pass the accounts, to elect a president in place of Mr Kelsey who resigns, to elect three new directors in the place of three retiring, and to name an auditor.

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Some useful horses from Sr. Casares' estancia, San Martin, Vicente Casares, were sold on Wednesday last at an average price of \$563 each, the total being \$13,010. One pair of mares fetched \$1825 each. Amongst the buyers of the lot were Messrs Mussini, Achaval, Boyé, Diaz Velez, Ducheron, Kingsland, Almeida and others.

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Two bulls, which have been lords of the harem on Sr. José L. Faye's estancia, Establo Rural, in Mercedes, were sold by Messrs Bullrich the other day for five thousand dollars, to Don Pedro Gandiglia. A very good price in these hard times.

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An interesting sale of rams was held by Messrs Bullrich and Co. last week. The rams were Rambouilletts imported from North America from the United States, and they fetched an average of \$810 each. The prices were as follows: One sold to Mr J. Sewell at \$800, one to Sr. L. Pereyra at \$1250, one to Sr. Inas at \$2600, one to Sr. Salaberry at \$400, another at \$370, and two others at \$300 each, and one to Sr. L. Ciorelli at \$460. The total sale reached \$6,480.

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We are sorry to hear of "grano malo" in the department of Colon, Entre Rios, where the terrible disease has attacked several peones in General Victoria's camp. We trust that those estancieros who have cattle affected by the disease will have the carcasses of the dead animals properly burnt so as to prevent as much as possible a spread of the epidemic.

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Twenty young bulls sold by Messrs Funes and Lagos realised \$150 each, General Julio A. Roca being their buyer. The bulls all came from the Cabaña Laura.

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Twenty-five Lincoln ewes (imported), sold last week at \$82 each, to Mr J. C. Cook; ten Lincoln ewes from the Santa Teresa (Sr. Boneo's), Mr Acuña bought at \$25, and ten borregas from the same estancia sold to the same gentlemen at \$21 each.

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Our attention has been called to an abuse now existing in connection with the Central Produce Market. It appears that a comisario has been placed in the market by the Provincial Government and this gentleman is levying taxes on each product which comes into the market from outside the Province of Buenos Aires whether in transitu or not.

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Surely the finest market in South America deserves better support from the Government, who should be most interested in its success, than the levying on produce brought into it of taxes which are neither right nor legal. Surely to goodness the poor Santa Fé farmer has to pay quite enough in the way of taxes without having to disburse yet another on every thousand kilos of produce he may send to the Central market to sell. We hope the Rural Society will take immediate steps to have this new tax on the fruits of the country removed.

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Many plants are sensitive to other influences than light. Some will close their leaves on being carried in a cart. The jolting seems to disturb their equanimity, though after a time they become apparently unconscious of and insensible to it.

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Plants often exhibit something very much like intelligence. If a bucket of water during a dry season be placed a few inches from a growing pumpkin or melon vine, the latter will turn from its course and in a day or two will get one of its leaves in the water. If a prop or support of any kind be placed within six inches of a climbing plant, the tendrils of the plant will surely find it, even though its position be shifted every day.

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The productiveness of the pastoral industry of Queensland has been largely promoted by the supply of artesian waters. The "Brisbane Courier" gives details of the bores in the different districts. Nine Government bores have been tested, ranging from depths of 691ft. to 3232ft., yielding together nearly 5,000,000 gallons daily, of which the Charleville bore gives 3,000,000 gallons. Three other Government bores are in progress. It is computed that there are nearly 300 private bores in Queensland from which over 1,000,000,000 gallons are flowing daily, the Charlotte Plains No. 2 at a depth of 1848ft. and the Burrenville No. 1 at a depth of 1811ft., each yielding a supply of 4,000,000 gallons daily, being the most prolific. Details of 40 of the private bores, yielding 70,000,000 gallons daily, are given. Other bores are being sunk in all directions. If the supply of water be as stated, it is equal to the opening up of a large river, though of much greater importance, because, being at many places, the waters have been made available for very large areas of country.

Messrs Antonio Lombardo Federico Thomas Ruiz and Ciro Placo de Suipacha have laid a petition before the government of the province, a project at once useful to the province and their own town. The project is for the Government to sell on very easy terms the government lands there, for which a rent of from fifteen to eighteen thousand dollars annually are only being received, whereas to sell with a "plazo" of from fifteen to twenty years the government would receive 35 or 40,000 dollars annually, some \$26,000 in interest, and \$6000 in taxes.

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The London papers give particulars of the new Argentine Joint-Stock Company, under the style of the English and River Plate Estancia and Land Company, Limited. Registered 16th May. Capital £50,000 in £10 shares. Object: To acquire by purchase or otherwise, manage, lease, turn to account, dispose of or otherwise deal with, estancias, lands, stock, stations, wool, cattle, sheep, agricultural produce, merchandise, etc. in the Republics of Argentina and Uruguay or elsewhere; and to carry on the business of farmers, graziers, meat and fruit preservers, planters, miners, metallurgists, mine owners, brickmakers, etc. (rather a large order). Signatories:—

J. Fair, 11, King's Gardens, West Brighton, 1 share.  
J. G. Fair, 11, King's Gardens, West Brighton, 1 share.

Miss B. A. Fair, 11, King's Gardens, West Brighton, 1 share.

Miss M. J. Fair, 11, King's Gardens, West Brighton, 1 share.

T. H. Jones, 22, Holland Park Gardens, W., 1 share.

R. E. Cunliffe, 48, Chancery Lane, W.C., 1 share.

W. F. Cunliffe, 48, Chancery Lane, W.C., 1 share.

There shall not be less than three nor more than six directors. The first are James Fair, Robert E. Cunliffe and Thomas H. Jones. Qualification £200. Remuneration as fixed by the Company.

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The shares of the new company which Mr Kingsland is forming to work the business of the Anglo-Argentine Live Stock Agency have been so quickly taken up in England that he is afraid that many of the applicants for shares here will not be able to have their shares allotted in full. This is very satisfactory, to all but the applicants for shares here, especially to our cattle and mutton raisers.

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We have received a letter, which we publish in another column, written by one of the New Australian Colony administrators, who is now on his way out to Australia. The writer has read the letters published in the newspapers by several discontents, amongst whom it is easy to see he does not number, and he wishes to show that the movement is not the failure many people may have been led to believe it to be; on the contrary, he assures us it promises to be one day a very great success.

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Messrs Bullrich and Co. sold twelve Rambouillet rams belonging to Sr. Guerrero, of La Postrera, at an average of \$140 each, and eight Rambouillet borregas at \$101 each, Messrs Belaustegui, Bio, O. Piñeiro, Barbosa, and Dres Lopez and Gomez were the buyers.

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## ROUND THE TOWN.

I beg to remind my readers that the second Cinderella dance of the Belgrano Polo Club will take place in the Operaio Italiano hall of that suburb to-morrow night. The previous dance was so successful that application for tickets for to-morrow has been very great, though I am pleased to learn that precautions have been taken by the committee to avoid overcrowding.

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Belgrano is very much to the fore this week; and I have also to chronicle a most successful smoking concert held at the English Club, next door to to-morrow's "locus in quo," last Saturday night. Where everybody was excellent it were invidious to particularise (methinks I have seen this phrase before), and I will therefore limit myself to saying that every variety of song was supplied, from the sentimental "Come into the garden Maud," admirably sung by Mr C. S. Crowe, and the impassioned verses of Swinburn's "Ask nothing more," set to music by Theo. Marzials and excellently rendered by Mr F. Bocquet, to the ever popular coarser songs with which Mr Permain has identified himself, and for which he is so justly famous. Manager Crosby attended to the wants of members and visitors, and the refreshments were fully on par with the musical fare supplied, so that everybody present enjoyed themselves to the utmost.

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To turn to less pleasant subjects, it is terrible to see that murder still stalks the land, and that the notoriety given to the Calle Montevideo crime has apparently had no deterrent effect on the many assassins still in our midst. Only last Saturday the San Isidro double murder was recorded: on Monday we hear of a specially brutal crime perpetrated in the Calle Buen Orden, and yesterday the daily papers report yet another murder at Calle Segunda Cordoba, between Independencia and Europa. Buenos Aires is rightly considered the most long suffering community in existence, but although the populace has as yet never taken the law into its own hands, the authorities should realise that murderers are none the less deserving of a death sentence, and meet out to them the reward they so justly merit, and which in any other country they would already have received at the hands of the people.

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Our jails are full of uncondemned criminals and the papers have from time to time given us an insight into the amount of liberty accorded to prisoners, and the good time they are allowed, should they have any friends or money coming in from the outside world. It is odd that while the temporary sojourner in the cells of a Comisaria is treated like a wild beast, the bloodstained criminal in the Penitentiary is allowed to receive his friends, purchase his own meals, and smoke cigarettes. Rightly did Meardi say that he brought his wife to Buenos Aires to do away with her here in preference to committing the crime in Italy, because he thought that he would not have to pay the penalty in this country.

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Another nefarious trade which flourishes in our midst is that of fortune telling. The victims of the many "adivinatoras" practising in Buenos Aires are numberless, and are generally recruited from classes and nationalities least addicted to spending their money without getting their money's worth. It is a curious but nevertheless undoubted fact that whilst the hard working Neapolitan is so cautious that he prefers to deposit his savings in the London and River Plate Bank, rather than in any of the Italian Banks, where he is understood and appreciated, and insists on drawing his money in "libras esterlinas" in preference to his national currency when meditating a trip home; he nevertheless falls an easy prey to the fortune tellers, confidence and three card trick exponents who abound in the city and flourish exceedingly. An amusing story is told in yesterday's "Prensa" of a son of sunny Italy who paraded with \$11,000 to Saint Antony (through the medium of his local representative) in order to be cured of a headache.

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The mails from Europe per R. M. S. Danube reached the hands of the addressees here in an unpleasantly damp condition owing to some mishap during transhipment at Montevideo, and I understand that there are 4000 letters awaiting identification at the G. P. O. should anyone be able to recognise the mangled remain. Appropos of this fine steamer, I see her sailing date has been postponed till 2nd prox. instead of to-

morrow as originally fixed. It is a pity that "unforeseen circumstances" always appear to prevent the Royal Mail Company from carrying out the new time-table I have already had occasion to comment upon in these columns.

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The Pabellon Argentino seems to have taken a new lease of life, and all sorts of attractions are now being offered in the hopes of inducing the public to support the undertaking. Furlotti's band of sixty professors is a great acquisition, and the Punch and Judy Show is much appreciated by the juvenile audience which congregates there of an afternoon. Nor is there a lack of attractions for the grown-ups. Miss Ada Thomson has chosen this fine building to-night for her benefit on leaving the Zarzuela stage. We are promised new dances and costumes, and I can only express a hope that not only the theatre, but also the hall and galleries will be filled to repletion in honour of the occasion.

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Nor is it only the Pabellon Argentino which appears to have awakened from its lethargy. The Casino, ex Folies Forlet, whose programme has been woefully poor for several months past, has now a most excellent variety troupe, the chief attraction being Mademoiselle Lise Fleuron, who is as pretty and graceful as is the name she has adopted. It is a pity that ladies cannot go to this music hall, as I learn from one who understands these matters that this new star's dresses are wonderful creations, and worthy in every way of the artiste, whose attractions I can vouch for. The tom-tom dance, performed by Japanese artistes rejoicing in the name of Hee and Shee, is also a great success, though I think I have seen this dance, or some, thing so like it as to be undistinguishable, within some eight and half hours from London town, and I should be not at all surprised to learn that these Japs hail from Montmartre.

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There is also a serpentine dancer in this troupe, by name Signorina Bianchelli, who will debut shortly, and who was the successful understudy of Miss Loie Fuller in Paris. Now that Miss Ada Thompson is leaving Buenos Aires, possibly Miss Bianchelli may gain the applause of this fickle audience, but I can only repeat the remarks I made prior to Madlle. Louise d'Armoys' debut, and before Miss Thompson's arrival, to wit, that serpentine dancing was of American or English origin, and that one could not but look with suspicion on any exponent not possessing an English cognomen. The truth of this was startlingly exemplified in the difference of the reception accorded to the legitimate and the contraband performances.

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This is such a pleasure-loving public that it is seldom that one has to record the disappearance of a theatre. It is therefore with surprise that I note that the land and building of the Alhambra Theatre is now put up for sale by the Banco Hipotecario Nacional. And yet, on reflection, the fact is not so remarkable, for, in a fairly long theatrical experience in Buenos Aires, I have never known a good or even passable troupe at the now defunct Alhambra, and certainly never a star artiste, in addition to which fact this theatre was out of the usual round of the play-goer, and consequently never enjoyed the patronage of the usual public, nor was it supported by the aristocratic locality in which it was situated.

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With regard to operatic matters, I was sorry to see that the performance of Gounod's Romeo and Juliet did not find acceptance at the hands of the Buenos Aires public. Possibly this was due to faulty interpretation, though La Patri and Cremonini should surely ensure the success of any opera. At any rate it cannot have been the fault of the composer, for this opera was one of Patti's greatest triumphs when she appeared in the title role some years ago. The performance was given in Paris, where the great singer is seldom heard, and was conducted by the distinguished composer in person, who, on the conclusion of the piece, climbed on to the stage and embraced the diva "coram populo" amidst one of the greatest scenes of enthusiasm ever seen in a theatre.

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The French troupe at the Odeon Theatre was to have made its debut on Monday last, but the performance was postponed and the theatre closed, as were also the other French theatres, in consequence of the national mourning to the death of President Sadi Carnot. It were out of place to comment here upon the dastardly

act which terminated the existence of one of the most honorable and beloved public functionaries of the present century, but I feel that I cannot conclude my notes this week without reference to it, expressing a hope that the sacrifice of this valuable life will bring about a change in the affairs of the world and render repetition of such an outrage upon our civilization impossible.

## THE NEW AUSTRALIA MADNESS

Buenos Aires, 26th June, 1894.

To the Editor *River Plate Sport and Pastime*.

Dear Sir,—

Having just left the above Colony I, like all others, want to distinguish myself by criticising it in public. I do this just to show what kind of an idiot I was and still remain.

Most people who leave the Colony regard it as a failure. This is an affliction that troubles most folk who leave anywhere any time, any how. It is due to their native modesty, no doubt; they don't like to say it, but the Colony would have been a success had they remained.

When I look back upon my past career it is astonishing to see the number of failures I have been connected with. At a very early age I left school in disgust; my writing proves that educational establishment to have been a failure. Then I went to sea for three years, tried both the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans, and was disappointed in not finding them up to the sample tasted in Captain Mayne Reid's works. After this I spent twenty years in Australia, when it slowly dawned upon me that the whole Continent was going to ruin, and the misguided people wouldn't let me fix matters up for them. Next I tried the New Australia movement in Paraguay, and now pronounce it a failure also. And right here, let me warn you, that Buenos Aires will shortly see me no more unless my wonderful abilities are speedily recognised and justly recompensed. Should I decide to leave here your city will also have to be branded as a failure too. Think of it while there is yet time; publish this wail of mine and save your city and republic from my wrath.

So far everything I have touched has failed and faded away; but I remain, sir! and I—and I—I am no failure. All I want is an opportunity. Give me an opportunity, and then—ah, then, you shall see.

When I joined the New Australia movement I was filled with a lofty ambition, a pure and noble sentiment, within me I felt the burning ardour that makes men heroes, I was full of a holy enthusiasm that banished all selfish considerations from my mind, I was prepared to make any and every sacrifice that the good of humanity demanded, but I was not prepared to grow water-melons or cabbages. No, Sir, neither corn nor potatoes, yet this is just what the brutes wanted me to do. Imagine how my high hopes were dashed to the ground when the successful cultivator of a water melon was regarded as a superior being to an enthusiastic idealist whose soul yearned for sweetness and light, and spurned cabbages except when cooked. The mean paltriness of the whole concern sickened me, the gross materialism of a vegetable-loving community jarred upon the spirituality of my higher nature, made my heart bleed, and I wandered forth disconsolately seeking the beautiful that I am so eminently fitted for but cannot find, although sometimes I get a faint glimpse of it through the bottom—of a—glass, ahem.

Mr Editor, I was born to be a leader of men, that is to say of intelligent men; however, the big mass of mankind are not intelligent, they are stupid and ignorant, consequently I have no followers yet awhile, neither did I have any in Paraguay nor in old Australia across the sea. If I had, what intellectual beings they would have been is seen by my present action in writing this letter.

I know some people claim that the colony is a success. It may be from their point of view; it is, perhaps, all right as a vegetable growing, food producing, beef supplying Association, still it offers no inducement to a man who wants to lead humanity. Poor humanity! I am afraid I will have to get a ring put through its nose before it will be led by me. If you know of anyone capable of wringing its nose, send them to me, Mr Editor.

Now, quitting all nonsense, I propose to give your readers a few facts.

We have 217 persons on the two settlements. At Loino Rufino we have one hundred acres under farm crop this season, six acres under garden crop, milk sixteen cows, have four teams working, and have supplies of all kinds in store for six months.

At Las Ovejas we have thirty-three acres under farm crops, we have about twenty acres under garden crops, we have 2600 head of cattle, 200 head of horses, five teams of bullocks at work, we have blacksmiths', tin-smiths', and shoemakers' shops, also a butcher's shop and store, with six months' provisions in hand.

Let me add that we grow all our own food except flour, sugar, and yerba mate. Flour and sugar will be grown this year, and if they fail, our stock department will enable us to purchase them out of the increase. These facts will show that we are self-supporting almost now. Besides these things we have the Royal Tar and property in Australia. There is no such thing as fail in our movement, there may be struggles, but men come out on top.

This has been written hurriedly, as I have to catch the boat for London at five o'clock to-night, otherwise I would have written fuller; anyhow there is enough here to convince any fair or honest person, others we don't care about.—Yours truly, GILBERT S. CASEY.

## FIXTURES

### RACING

Friday, June 29—Hurlingham Club's Meeting.  
Friday, June 29—Hipodromo Nacional, Belgrano.  
Sunday, July 1—Hipodromo Argentino, at Palermo.

### FOOTBALL

ASSOCIATION

Friday, June 29—Lomas A.C. v. St. Andrews F.C., at Lomas.  
Friday, June 29—Rosario A.C. v. Retiro A.C., at Rosario  
Sunday, July 1—B. A. and R. Ry. v. Lomas A.C., at Belgrano.  
Sunday, July 1—Flores A.C. v. Retiro A.C., at Flores.

RUGBY

Monday, July 9—Hurlingham v. Lomas, at Hurlingham

### ROWING

Monday, July 9—San Nicolas Club's Regatta.

### POLO

Saturday, Sunday, Monday, July 7, 8, 9—Cañada de Gomez Club's Tournament.

### LAWN TENNIS

Friday, June 29—Buenos Aires Lawn Tennis Club's Tournament.  
Months of July and August—Flores Athletic Club's Lawn Tennis Tournament (Handicap).

### GOLF

Friday, June 29—Lomas Athletic Club's Bogey Competition.

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" —Novillo	9.50—12.00
" —Cow	6.00—7.00
Sheepskins, per kilo	0.50—0.75
Lambskins, per dozen	2.10—2.50

Sheep—Lincolns	\$8.00—10.00
" —Mestizo-Lincolns	6.30—7.60
" —Rambouillet	4.00—6.50
Ewes	4.50—6.00

Wheat (barleta), 100 ks	\$6.20—6.80
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" (Candeal)	6.30—6.80
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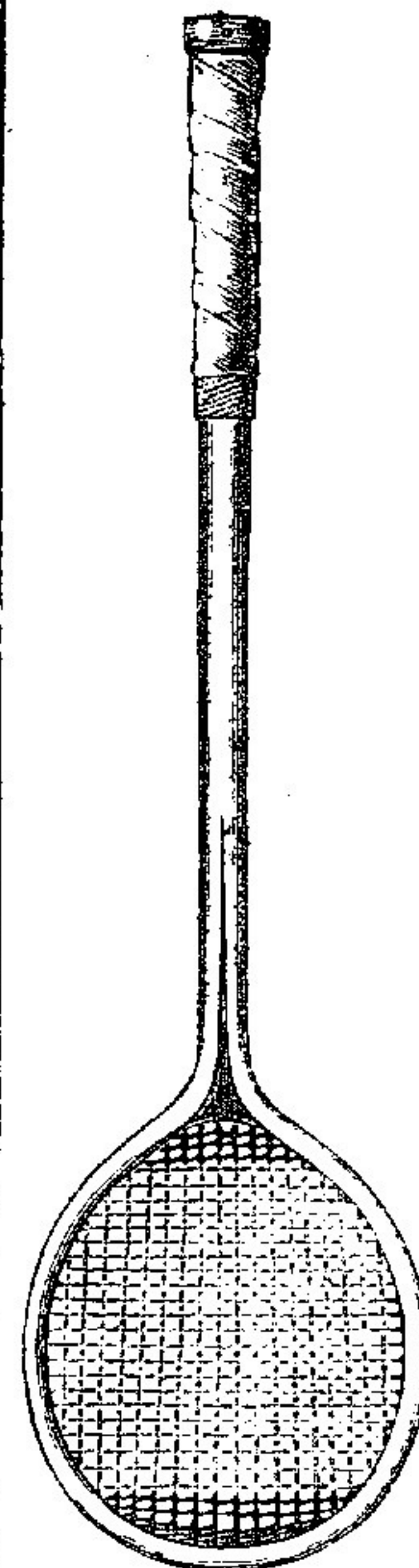
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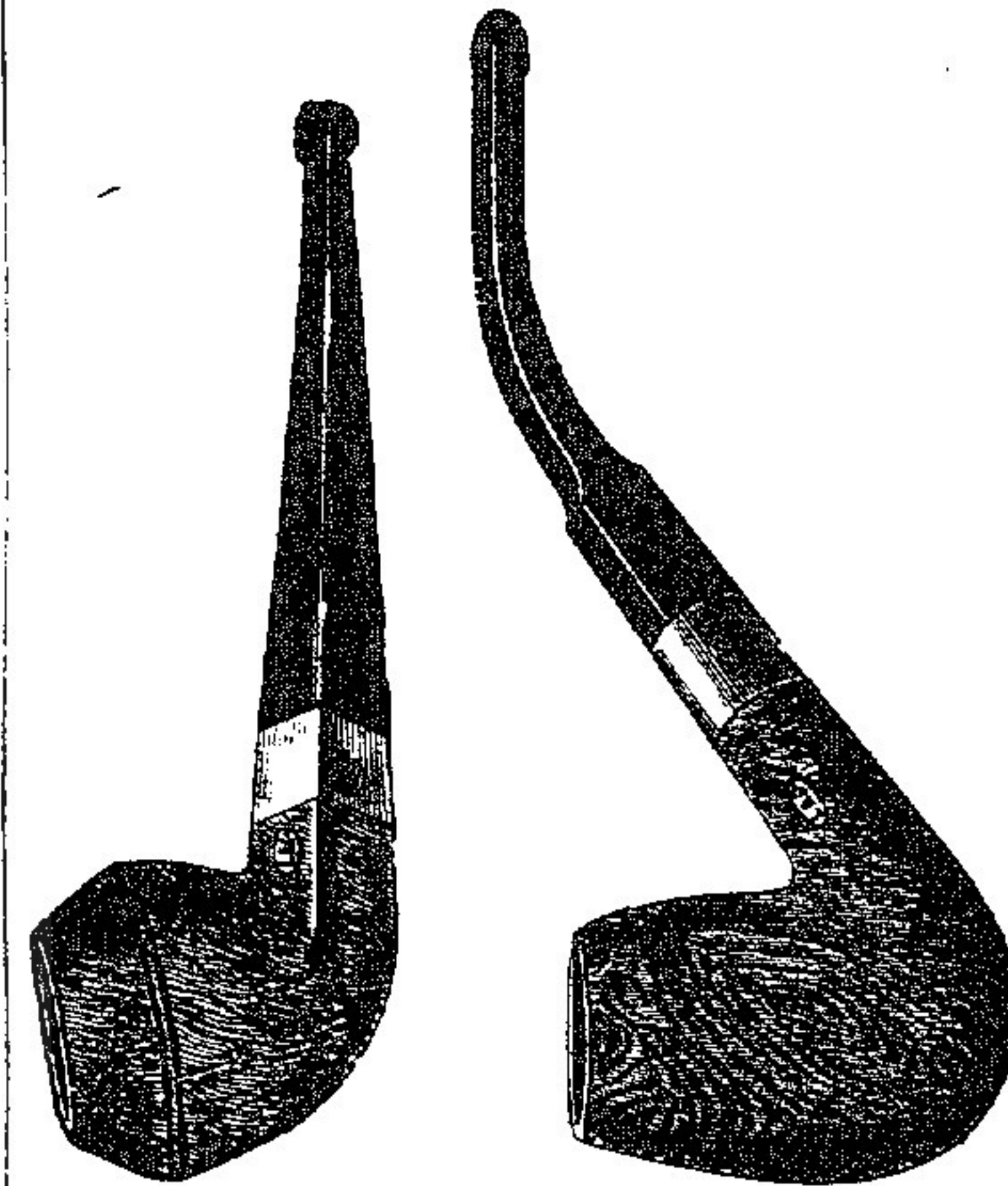
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## TOWARDS THE SUNSET.

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I cannot describe the sensations one feels on an occasion of this sort, but as Phil and I examined them, I felt a mixture of pleasure and happiness in a superlative degree mixed up together, combined with a considerable amount of fear lest they should be stolen from me, which considerably diluted the angry feelings I had felt towards Don Severiano and Arredondo, though I understood at once that they were not meant merely to represent the value of services rendered, but also to lay me under an obligation should they have need of me in the near future, and knowing this I hastened at once to inform Don Severiano that although I had once unknowingly at all events at the first go off helped him in his schemes in favour of the rebels, yet for the future I would have nothing whatever to do with any political intrigue.

"If I can be of any use to you in your business, I am entirely at your disposal, but if you give me those mules because you want to make further use of me in the same manner as you did when you sent me down to Rosario you can take them back, I won't have them."

"No," he said laying his hand on my arm, "we give them to you for the service you have already rendered us, but if you refuse to help us any further, of course I am sorry, but I cannot compel you, but for my part, I am very sorry to lose a man in whom both Arredondo and myself have so much confidence. Vargas, too, wrote and told me that you were out, and he gave orders in Rosario that should you apply for a seat in the special train in which you came up that you were to have it."

And that was how I got those two miles. Dolly and Jess I called them, they were my companions in many a rough march, and many a stirring scene in the years that followed, and when they died, as they did both the same day from eating some poisonous weed on the banks of the Atriel, I felt as though I had lost two of my best friends and mourned for them accordingly. Beautiful, tame, affectionate, and untiring they were till they went the way of all flesh.

The town was full of troops, mostly recruits from the surrounding district who, believing in the promises held out to them flocked in in great numbers, and were now busy drilling in almost every available space in and round the town. Several Englishmen were there too, we met Day and Cardwell. Day had been made aide de camp to Arredondo, and the others had subordinate commands given them; and of course did their best to make Phil and I go in and see it out. This pleasure, however, we declined with thanks, preferring rather to see the matter out on our own hook and in our own way, as in that manner we could see as much or as little as we chose.

We went round that evening to see Doña Matilda, and found her very much changed, thin and pale she looked, and the lust had gone out of her hair. She was convinced Carlos was dead, and also of her brother's treachery, though of him she spoke but little; and expressed her fixed intention of going to Mendoza as soon as possible and entering a convent there. She was tired of life, she said, and had nothing to live for. Phil and I both tried our best to persuade her to give up the idea, but it was no good, she had evidently made up her mind, so we left her and went back, and I never saw her again.

"That is one of the things I cannot understand," said Phil as we made our way through the crowded streets, "what good women think they can do themselves or anybody else by shutting themselves up in a convent. That girl, if she does not go melancholy mad, will just pine away and die; I call it a species of suicide."

"Wait till you have been a little longer in the country and you will, perhaps, be able to see the reason why they do it."

But it fell out as he prophesied, in less than a year we heard that Matilda was dead.

As we walked along we met Don Severiano seemingly very much excited.

"Have you heard the news?" he cried.

"What news?" we both enquired.

"Why that Colonel Nelson has been sent out from Buenos Aires to join Colonel Roca and oblige him either to make Arredondo surrender or fight."

Now this was only what might have been expected, for when Arredondo first rebelled, Roca, who was also in command of part of the western frontier, was deputed to settle matters either by taking him prisoner or else inducing him to surrender at discretion; but the wise people who were at the head of affairs in Buenos Aires forgot that these two men were personal friends as well as being connected by marriage. So what did they do? Roca drew off to Córdoba, leaving Arredondo in Rio Cuarto collecting men and stores. Things went on in this manner for more than two months until at the beginning of November somebody suggested that perhaps Roca had no wish to fight his personal friend, and then it was that Colonel Nelson was sent up to join Roca and oblige him to follow up the rebels and fight them at the first place he could get them to stand.

And this was the news which Don Severiano presently told us as we sat in a café drinking some of the wine of the country. The streets were crowded with people, bagles were sounding in all directions recalling the men who were straggled about the town, and everybody was busy giving their opinion as to where the decisive battle would be fought.

"What will be your next move?" I enquired of Don Severiano.

"We shall go on towards Mendoza to-morrow or the day after, as we are expecting more men there, and then we shall wait for Roca and the Government forces, and lick them, too, I expect."

Of course everything is possible in this world, but Roca had about 7000 troops all told, about 3000 men of the line and the rest rubbish collected in Córdoba and Santa Fé, while Arredondo had only about 4500 men altogether, not quite 2000 line men, and the remainder men picked up anyhow and not properly drilled; but, on the other hand, he had a lot of cannon, and men, too, who knew how to use them fairly well.

"It appears to me," said Phil, a little later, "that we stand a good chance of seeing a real battle fought before our eyes."

"Quien sabe," I replied, "I remember just after I came out in '70, Lopez Jordan came across the Parana from Entre Rios with an army to invade the Province of Santa Fé. He crossed at San Lorenzo, I was in Rosario at the time, and as San Lorenzo is only four leagues away, I and a friend of mine bought horses and went out to see the fight. It was the most ridiculous thing imaginable. The two armies got within about 500 yards of one another and then stopped. They remained there all day insulting one another and daring each other to come on, but as neither could find pluck enough Lopez Jordan withdrew in the evening with all his men and went back to Entre Rios, and next day the Government troops marched back victorious with bands playing, having expended all their bad language and with their cartridges safe in their pouches. Anybody can tell you about the battle of San Lorenzo, it's a matter of history."

"How do you account for it?"

"Simply enough. The men were first-rate soldiers, or rather would have been so with a little more drilling, but the officers were not worth anything. But wait a few days and you will soon have an opportunity of seeing for yourself."

We decided to return to the "Sunset" the following day, as there was nothing for us to do in San Luis. I had seen Don Severiano, and cut all connection with him, at all events for a time until the country became quiet again, so about eight o'clock we mounted our horses and bade him good-bye, I taking my two mules along.

Maria, her mother, and Anita were now living at Palomeque's place in Villa Mercedes, so we saw nothing of them, but we rode round to the back of the town to the house of an old peon of Castillo's, who had had the misfortune to get his arm broken about eighteen months before, and through it being badly set he had lost the use of his hand; so knowing that he would not be taken as a soldier I went and told him to bring us any news he could hear about the approaching fight. He must let us know the day Roca's troops left San Luis so that we could get to Mendoza before them and be present at the battle. This was on the 10th of November, 1874.

Well, Phil and I had a right good time at his place for more than a week. There were several large lagunas on his camp, full of duck, so as we had nothing else to do we used to amuse ourselves shooting, and fishing in the river as well, and capital sport we had, but one morning just as our cartridges were beginning to peg out the peon arrived to tell us that Roca's army was leaving San Luis that day en route for Mendoza.

"All right," said Phil, "we will get all our things ready to-day and start to-morrow."

"That's it," I replied, "we will take the frontier road until we get close to Santa Rosa and then cut through the monte into the main road, we shall be well ahead of the troops by then and then go on to 'La Verdi,' Don Severiano has a house there and we shall most likely find him there, too."

And that is what we did, we took a couple of good horses each and rode straight away, and on the second day from that pulled up at Don Severiano's house.

He was there right enough and in a terrible state of excitement, for Arredondo had camped just on the edge of the woods, thrown up embankments for his cannon, and declared that he intended fighting it out there.

"Hooroo!" cried Phil, "we are right in the thick of it, let us go and have a look at those English fellows."

What Phil said about being right in the thick of it was only too obvious a fact, for the troops were camped all round the town, some in the woods and others in the "quintas" round, and everybody seemed busy doing something; some were drilling, others cooking, while about a hundred men were busy at a great semi-circular ditch, on the inside of which a breastwork of trunks of trees presented a formidable barrier, and behind this the cannon were posted. Here we found the three Englishmen, Day, Fox and Cardwell, and a lot of officers, some of them Germans, and an Austrian or two, getting the guns into position. On three sides was an open space from which the woods had been cleared some years before, and was now for the most part sown with alfalfa, and divided off into square blocks each one surrounded by a ditch through which the water with which the cultivated land was irrigated, ran. Tall poplars were planted on the sides of these, which, though now full of leaf, afforded the attacking party little or no shelter, should they attempt to attack from that side. So three sides of the position they had taken up were open ground and could be readily swept by the artillery from behind the palisade, and in the rear was the forest. Phil and I walked over the whole place with Cardwell and Day, both of whom seemed highly delighted at the prospect of the coming battle, and chaffed us most unmercifully for not helping, for, should Arredondo win, they considered that their fortunes would be made, but we both stuck out that it was no concern of ours and refused to have anything to do with it. Don Severiano's tropa of carts was there also, loaded up with provisions of all sorts, and a short distance away we saw a number of men engaged in slaughtering beasts and cutting the meat into strips for drying in the sun, for Roca and Nelson could not be more than a couple of days' march off, and they would soon have no time for killing.

Several regiments of regulars were camped on either

side of the artillery, and the men who had come in at haphazard to join in the revolution were grouped behind them. They of course had no uniforms, but were dressed in the usual gaucho style, in ponchos and potro boots, but all armed with rifles and swords. Hardly any of these had ever had a rifle in their hands before, and were now as rapidly as possible being instructed in the manner of loading and firing it off. One fellow we saw handling his rifle with a considerable amount of dread, I asked him whether he understood how to load it: "Yes," he said, "I know how to put the cartridges in and let the thing off too, but 'Dios sabe' where the bullet will go to."

The following day a man came tearing into the camp with the news that the government troops were only two leagues from Santa Rosa, six leagues from us, and might be expected at any time, and little squads of mounted men were despatched right and left to capture any scouts that might have been sent out, and to pick up any news they could, and that evening the first wounded men were brought into the camp. Next day, the 26th of November, we expected every minute to be attacked, all day long we heard shots firing in the distance, as a party of Arredondo's scouts came across a party of the enemy, but of the main body we knew nothing nor did we hear anything either, for the scouts sent out reported that they had not been able to get within sight of the army as the monte all round was full of men. All that night we kept our horses saddled and slept out in the patio, not knowing whether Roca and Nelson might not see fit to attack in the dark, but there was not a sound except an occasional bugle call and a low murmur of many voices in the camp to indicate that two armies were only waiting for dawn to begin to cut one another's throats. At last the sun rose, red and sullen from out of the mist which overhung the forest, the last time many a hundred men would see it rise, for before it set again more than two thousand lay dead.

Phil and I, and indeed everyone else knew that that day would see either the triumph or downfall of the revolution, for that day the fight must be fought. From what we could hear the government troops were within a league of the revolutionary army, and Nelson had orders to fight it out as soon as he came up with Arredondo, and I, who knew him, knew that he would do so.

Still by ten o'clock there were no signs of the approaching army, and at eleven, as we heard no signs of firing, Phil and I and Don Severiano went in to get something to eat, wondering what could be happening. At twelve o'clock we heard the first rattle of musketry, and then we all ran out, and from the increasing din we knew that the two armies were engaged. We climbed up on to the roof of Don Severiano's house, but could see nothing from there except two lines of smoke rising out of the valley below us, but as yet the artillery had not opened fire. Finding we could see nothing of what was going on up there we ran down, and picking up a ladder climbed up into an enormous old walnut tree in a neighbour's orchard. From thence we could see a good deal of the open space in front of Arredondo's entrenchment, but as yet none of the combatants. Presently we saw a crowd of men on horseback, not dressed in uniform, come out from near where the cannon were posted and gallop like the wind across the paddocks and beyond our sight, and then we heard three volleys fired in quick succession and a moment later a lot of riderless horses were clearing about in all directions.

"This won't do at all," cried Phil, his face glowing with excitement, "we shan't see anything of the fight from here. Come along, let us get down as fast as possible and get into that clump of algarrobos over there," pointing to a lot of trees somewhat to our right and left.

Down we climbed once more, and set off as fast as we were able towards the place which Phil had indicated. Just as we got there I nearly fell over a man who was crouched down behind an enormous trunk, and to my surprise discovered him to be our old friend Araucibe.

"Ah, ha, caramba," he cried, when he saw who we were, "so you have come to see these people kill one another?"

I had no time to answer him then, for Phil who was a few yards ahead of me had got hold of a thick low hanging bough and was quickly getting astride of it. I followed his example as fast as I could, and seated myself just behind him on the same bough.

"This is something like," he cried, "we can see the whole thing from here."

And it was true, for we were on the last tree of the clump nearest to the open ground on which the battle was being fought. Right away to our left was Arredondo's palisade, on either side of which stretched the ditches which as I have before said surrounded the paddocks, and on the edge of the ditches were planted poplars, tall thick and so close together that a man could hardly squeeze himself between, and behind every tree was a soldier, who kept on firing as fast as he could into the Government troops who were advancing on line in another paddock, partially hidden by more poplars. Just as they reached these latter seven or eight of Arredondo's cannons opened fire on them, we could not see the effect of the shots as the men were hidden from our view by the leaves, but we saw three poplars fall slowly over, cut clean in two by the balls. The next thing I saw was a band of five or six hundred men on foot running across a paddock directly in front of us about eight hundred yards away, seemingly making for the palisade. When right in the middle of the paddock we saw a group of about three hundred horsemen armed with lances rush straight through an opening in the poplars right at them. The men on foot hesitated a moment and then they seemed all to fire at once, but without any attempt to form square. A

second later the horsemen were lost, hidden in the smoke. When this lifted a little, though we were too far off to gather all the details of the horrible sight we saw that the horse and foot men were all mixed up together fighting like furies. We could see the horsemen spearing the men on foot right and left while they with cubbed muskets were doing their best to knock them off their horses. Then a stream of men got out of the scrimmage and began running for the shelter of the nearest poplars, hotly pursued by the "lanceros" who rode on top of them, running them through and leaving them dead on the ground, and the paddock was strewn with little black specks which each represented a man. I heard afterwards that these poor chaps were a regiment of Guardia Nacionales from San Juan, who had been brought down to fight without any drilling hardly: there had been six hundred of them, but only about seventy got away. The men who had attacked them were the celebrated lanceros of San Luis, men who had earned the name of "Valientes Puntanos" in the early days of the Republic, in the times of San Martin, Lavalle, and other celebrated generals.

Now for a few minutes there was hardly a shot fired, the two regiments of the line who had lain down behind the poplars, about three hundred yards in front of Arredondo, didn't make any sign and we began to wonder what was the matter, when suddenly right behind the palisade we heard three loud volleys, and at the same moment we saw the dark blue coats of the regulars squeezing themselves through the poplars and jumping the ditch into the open. In a long line two deep they commenced running towards the palisade, and then the guns again opened fire and Arredondo's regulars poured in a volley, but both the guns and the volley were badly aimed, for the balls from the cannons passed over the men's heads cutting down more poplars and going goodness knows where, while only about seven men fell to the rifle shots. On they came, and I saw a tall stout officer running alongside the front rank with several others.

"That's Carcoba," cried Phil, "and there are Blackburne and Deakin."

But before they had got a hundred yards, the guns again rang out and another volley was fired from behind the poplars, both better aimed this time for men fell right and left, they stopped, hesitated a moment or two and we saw seven or eight men turn and run, and then they all turned and ran back, Carcoba and the other officers did their best to stop them, we could see them beating them over their heads, faces, and arms with the flats of their swords, but it was no use, away they went like hares, and never stopped till they had gained the shelter they had just left.

But while this was going on there was a considerable amount of fighting taking place behind the position in which Arredondo had located himself and his artillery, the firing in that direction was incessant, and the bullets began to patter in among the trees where we were in a most unpleasant manner. But we were so taken up with what was going on that we paid no heed to them, for there right in front of the very spot where the San Juan men had been wiped out there was now another fight going on, this time, however, between two troops of irregular cavalry.

"Ahora si, que están calentando!" (now yes! they are beginning to warm up), cried Araucibe from down below.

And it was true, for behind this fighting struggling mass of horsemen appeared the dark blue uniform of a couple more regiments of the line, then Arredondo's horsemen turned and fled, but even so were mixed up with the government troops who cut them down everywhere. And now from behind the poplars jumped a single officer, his hat in one hand and his sword in the other. I knew him at once, he was an Englishman and an old friend of mine, Steevie Hotham, a major now in the regular army; close behind him came his regiment, and then from alongside these came Carcoba with his men of the 10th. It was a regular race between them which should get to the palisade first; when these two regiments were within a hundred yards, the cannon again burst out, and at the same time the rebel troops poured in a volley. Both Carcoba's and Hotham's regiments halted a moment and returning the fire ran in through the smoke with bayonets fixed loading as they ran. What followed we could not see as the smoke was too dense, but from the shouting, din, and now and then a loud scream mixed up with scattered firing we knew that a fierce hand to hand struggle was taking place. Next we saw bands of men, horse and foot, coming from all directions all of them apparently converging towards Arredondo's stronghold behind which some hard fighting was taking place to judge by the continuous firing, and shouting.

"Vamos, señores, el fandango está casi concluido," cried Araucibe (come on, señores, the dance is almost over).

"Yes," said Phil, "let us go, I think we have seen enough of this; but what a shame, eh Dick, to go and get all those poor devils killed just to get into power."

"It is a beastly shame," I replied, "especially as half of them don't know what they were fighting for, but I expect the leaders have got themselves into a nice mess, as from what I could make out the Government troops have won."

Down we dropped off our perch and started all three of us running in the direction of Don Severiano's house, but met him half way running towards us, as pale as death and without his hat.

"Where are you going?" I cried, "all the woods behind us are full of Government troops all coming this way."

"Is it true, Carcoba, is it true, that Arredondo has been beaten and is taken prisoner?"

"I am sure he is beaten," I replied, "but I don't know about his being taken prisoner."

On we ran till we got to his house, and there we found one of his muleteers lying on the ground surrounded by a lot of women far too frightened to do any good towards helping him; he had a fearful cut on his head and a bullet wound in his left arm, his mule was staggering about bleeding to death from a hole in its chest.

Phil and I ran up and examined him, the bullet had gone clean through the fleshy part of his arm, leaving a clean hole, and the cut on his head was not so bad after all. There were a lot of clothes drying on some bushes by the side of the patio and I ran and picked up a shirt, and tearing it up we tied pieces tightly over the wounds.

Just then seven or eight more of Don Severiano's men came galloping up. We enquired the news.

"Arredondo is prisoner," said one, "his regiments of the line have surrendered, but he sent most of his officers away, but here comes an Ingles badly wounded. I think he is going to die."

We turned out and saw Fox hurrying Day along; he had his arm round him. All one side of Day's face was covered with blood, and he kept his hand pressed tightly over his eye and a bloody handkerchief tied tightly round his neck.

"Here, quick, some of you," cried Fox, "give this note to Don Severiano," and he held out a little slip of paper which I seized and hurried off with.

Don Severiano read it and then shouted out to some of his men who were talking excitedly by their wounded comrade.

"Get away four of you as fast as you can down to the "panaderia" (baker's shop) and borrow his trap or take it by force if need be and bring it along, only, por Dios, be quick."

When I got out again I found Day had fainted, but his face was tied up so I could not see the wound he had.

"Is he badly hurt?" I enquired.

"He is so," said Fox, "he has a bullet in his neck and another took his right eye out as clean as though it had been cut out with a knife. It just caught him sideways as he turned to speak to Arredondo. But the whole game is up, Arredondo is taken prisoner and Cardwell, too, he was too frightened I believe to clear when Arredondo told us all to run, so his goose is cooked I expect. Now we must all get to Mendoza as fast as possible and cross the Cordilleras into Chile."

"But the fighting is going on still," said I turning to Don Severiano, "what are they fighting for now if Arredondo is taken prisoner?"

"Oh, those are the Guardia Nacionales from the upper provinces, they hate one another like fiends and are paying out old scores, now their blood is up they will fight as long as there are any of them left, but now I am going to send the Señor Day to Mendoza by Arredondo's orders, and you must go, too. If they find you here they will as likely as not shoot you on suspicion of being mixed up with us. I am ruined by this cursed business, but you go, and if you can wait for me there at the Hotel de Europa, you know the place. Now go as fast as you can, wait a minute, though, you know Videla my brother-in-law, go straight to his place and tell him to send five of the best mules he can find two leagues down the road to-night to wait for me there. I may want them or I may not, at any rate see that they are there."

Just then the men came galloping back with the baker's cart, we waited to see a mattress put in the bottom and then Day was lifted in, and we bolted off up the road towards Mendoza as fast as our horses could go.

As we went we saw that what Don Severiano said was true, for we saw in the distance several small bands of irregular troops fighting like devils among themselves, and some of them out of sheer cussedness fired at us, too, though luckily none of them hit us, but it wasn't pleasant by any means to hear the bullets go singing by, even though eight or ten yards off, and I know for my part I had no wish to stop and argue the point out with them, but hurried on as fast as possible towards the dark blue Cordilleras behind which the sun had just sunk.

As we galloped by people came out of the little villages we passed to enquire the news, and the same answer given to all—"Government troops victorious, Arredondo a prisoner," sent them all scurrying back to hide away what valuables they possessed, for they knew well enough what treatment, they might expect from the different groups of irregular troops from Buenos Aires, Santa Fé, and Cordoba, many of which would now undoubtedly take advantage of the unsettled state of things to do a little looting on their own account. All these provinces, though all of them come under the one head of Argentines, hate one another with a deadly hate. The Portenos hate the Cordobeses, and the Santafecinos hate them both, still these three provinces club together in a general bond of enmity against the upper provinces of San Luis, San Juan, and Mendoza. It is impossible to form a really exact estimation of the savage brutality of these half Spanish, half Indian people in times of peace, but once let them get a fling like that they were just about to have and then you would see the spirit which is only controlled by the state of semi civilization in which they are brought up. I am not now speaking of the educated classes, but merely of the ordinary gauchos of the towns and pampa. Little bands of these men rode about for days and weeks after the battle of La Verde committing all kinds of acts of pillage, outrage, and murder, and consequently there is little cause for wonder at the hatred and contempt in which they are held even to this day by the people whom at that time they held almost entirely at their mercy. When we arrived at Mendoza we were astonished at finding that though we had ridden hard all the way, the bad news had travelled even faster, and as soon as it became known that we had actually witnessed a portion of the battle we were surrounded by a crowd of anxious

enquiring people. Men, women, and children: all alike deplored the Government victory and the capture of Arredondo. No one seemed ever to have entertained the possibility of the defeat of the revolution. Videla, Don Severiano's brother in law was the only man we met who seemed to think that any good could result from it, but then he had always been against Don Severiano having anything to do with the business.

"I am sorry I cannot put you up," he said, "but my house is full of women, wives, sisters, and daughters of some of our neighbours who went to fight for the revolution, and as you may imagine there is the dence and all to pay now they know of the defeat and probable death of their husbands and relations, but you can get first class accommodation at the 'Hotel de Europa'."

So thither we at once betook ourselves and glad enough we were to find the place shut up, for we knew then that it must be empty of guests. A very small amount of persuasion, however, induced the proprietor to open his doors, when we passed in taking our horses with us through the zaguan to the back patio.

"Thank goodness," said Phil, "we will have a good sleep to-night, it must be more than a week since either of us had a good square sleep, not since we left the 'Sunset'."

(To be continued.)

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Entry fee for each dog \$2.

Should sufficient entries be received of any description of dog for which no special class is named, a class will be formed for them.

No prize will be given in any class in which there are fewer than three competitors.

In making entries it will be necessary to state if the dog be imported or bred in the country.

Any person wishing to enter a dog—For Sale—must state the price at time of entry, and the secretary shall have power to sell such dog at the price mentioned any time during the show.

All entries are received subject to the Club's rules for shows, which may be obtained on application to the Secretary, Piedad 559.

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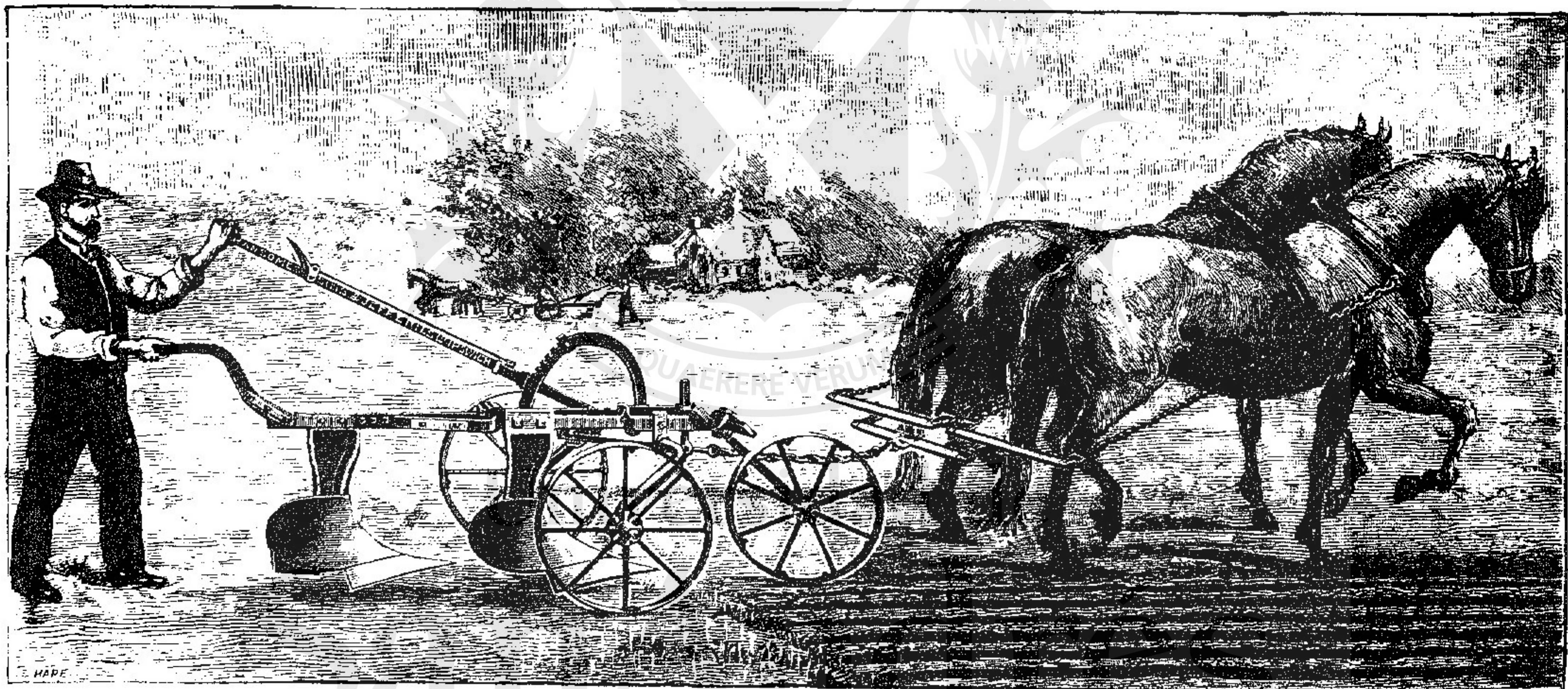
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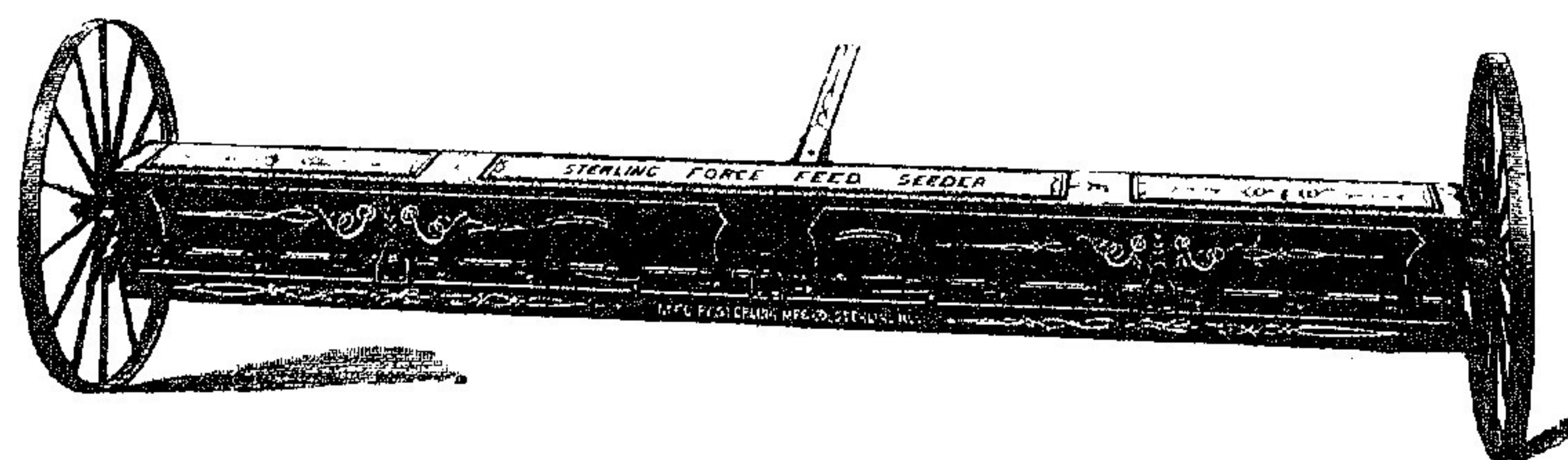
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