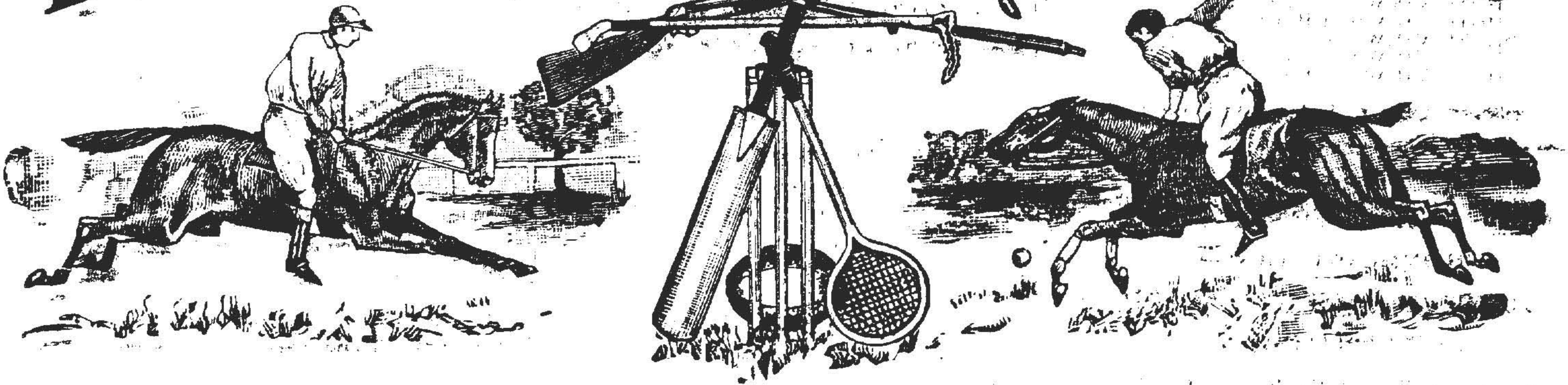


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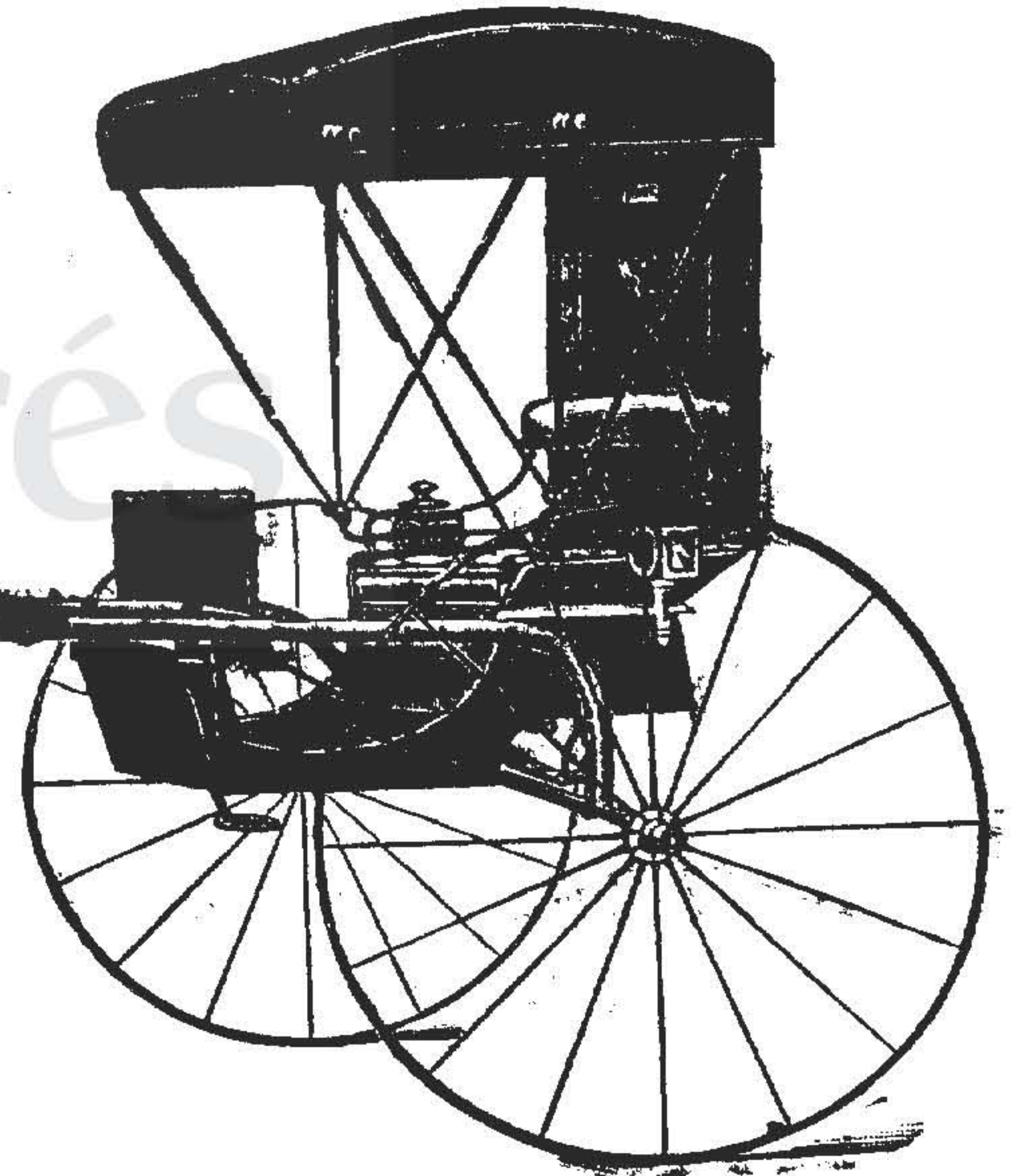
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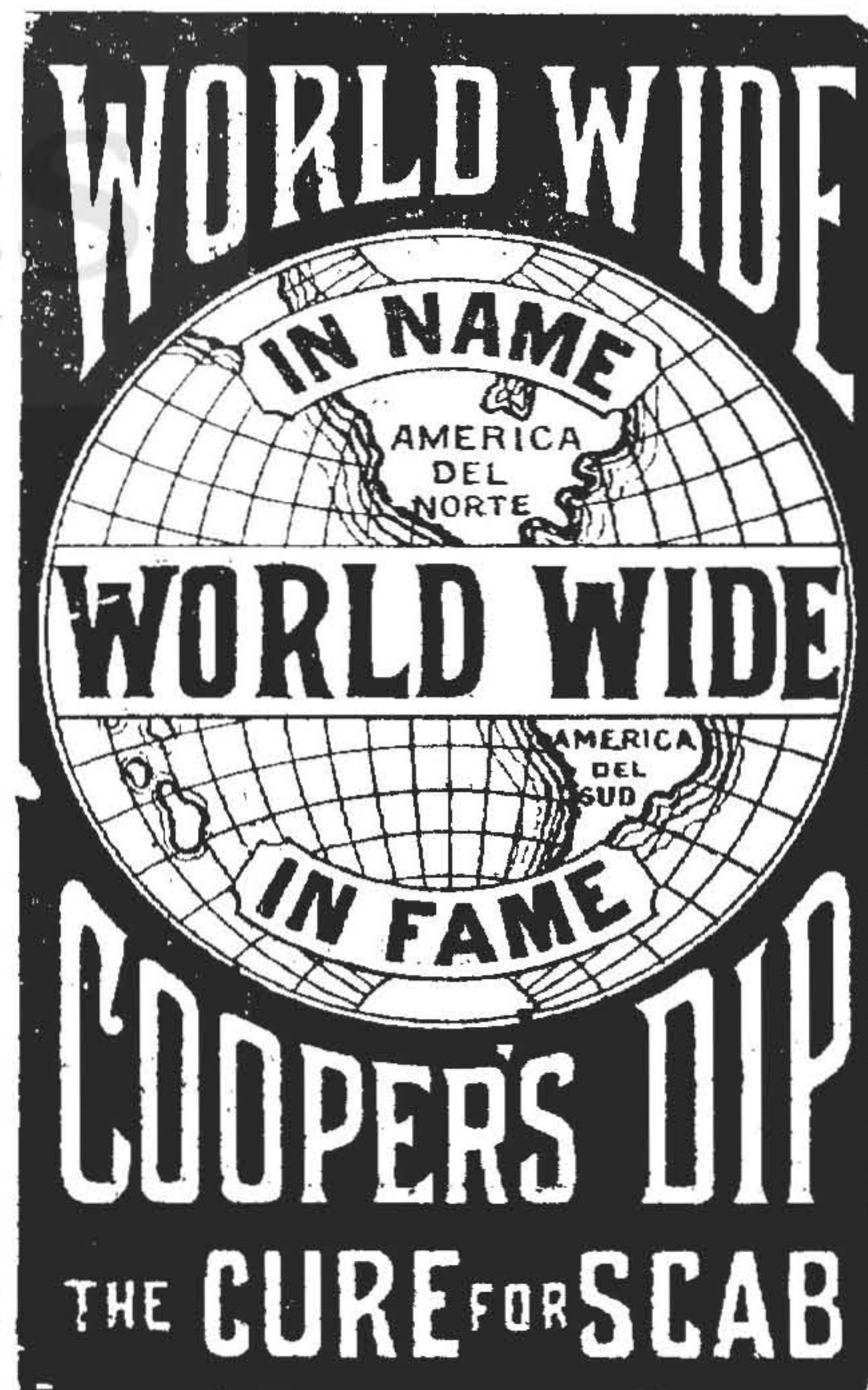
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RACING.

PALERMO—MARCH 4.

The much looked forward to opening meeting of the Jockey Club season was favoured with a pleasant warm day, but though the programme was enticing enough, did not bring out a large crowd, probably because so many people are still away for the summer season. The talent was very much off the spot, only two half favourites rewarding their backers, no less than five races going to outsiders.

Americano and Réve d'Or shared public opinion for the opening mile, but the grey was never in it and Réve d'Or won comfortably from Piadoso and Nicolini.

No less than seventeen young ones turned out for the first maiden of the year and nearly all of them had their admirers, but the great qualities attributed to La Marscellaise, and favourable comments on her appearance turned opinion in her direction, and with some reason, but though she looked like winning at the stand, she was there challenged by Magenta, and after a hard struggle, the daughter of Bolivar lasted longer and won by a neck.

Those good performers, Offembach and Ecarté shared the preference in the 1200 metres, but after disposing of the light weights were unable to hold their own against Marife, who, with five kilos advantage, won with ease.

Vivaracho was thought safe for the Classic, but as usual, refused to struggle and the finish was left to Judío and Lord, the former winning a fine race by a head.

Ovacion, now down to 52 kilos, shewed that there is still a run in him, by winning the long distance hands down.

Caramelo frightened away most of the field in the 1700 metres, but proved himself a fraud and was handsomely disposed of by Maravilla, though she carried one kilo more.

The erratic Ameliana shewed to advantage for once and won the mile handicap from start to finish although in the list of her opponents were Coquimbo, Cacique, Emir, etc.

The following are the details:

PREMIO LINDA FERR, for horses three years and more that have been a year in the country and have run more than twice without winning. \$1600 to first, 100 to second. 1600 metres.

Stud Los Paraísos' Réve d'Or, by St. Gall—Rose d'Or, 3 y, 57 k

M. Peñalosa 1

Ecurie Gallet's Piadoso, 3 y, 57 k..... P. Aguirre 2

Ecurie Sans Souci's Nicolini, 3 y, 57 k..... P. Dorrey 3

Also ran—Terminus, Americano, Rataplan, Guirapiru, Empeño, Clase, and Nebraska.

Dividends—Réve d'Or \$10.95 win and 4 place, Piadoso 5.25 place, Nicolini 6.25 place.

PREMIO HIPÓCRITA, for two-year-olds. Weight 52 and 50 kilos. \$1800 to first, 100 to second. 1200 metres.

Antonio Martínez' Magenta, by Bolivar—Moissonneuse..... J. Sarthou 1

Ecurie Lancero's La Marscellaise..... J. Olmos 2

Stud Quasimodo's Vertiente..... P. Aguirre 3

Also ran—Brenus, Tenebroso, Cachafaz, Don Pancho, Ultimatum, Necochea, Tronera, Escaramusa, Sibila, Tipa, Atalá, Chevrette, Mariposa, and Santa Elvira.

Dividends—Magenta \$58.55 win and 15.15 place, La Marscellaise 4.10 place, Vertiente 7.55 place.

PREMIO BRANDZEN, handicap for all horses. \$1800 to first, 100 to second. 1200 metres.

Stud El Derby's Alarife, by Avril—Intervention, 5 y, 55 k.. P. Aguilera 1

Stud Ituzaingo's Offembach, 4 y, 60 k..... N. Sosa 2

Stud Don Gonzalo's Ecarté, 4 y, 60 k..... F. Perez 3

Also ran—Silencio, La Negra, Athou, Amambay, Frontin, Vulcado, Bebé, Siria, Ismenis, and Quiroga.

Dividends—Alarife \$12.55 win and 6.05 place, Offembach 4.75 place, Ecarte 4.20 place.

PREMIO APERTURA, for three-year-olds. Weight 54 and 52 kilos, 3 kilos extra to winners of \$5 to 10,000, 6 kilos of \$10 to 15,000, 9 kilos of more than \$15,000, 3 kilos allowed to winners of less than \$3000. \$5000 to first, 500 to second. 1700 metres.

Stud Amiano's Judío, by Gloriation—Cornelia, 51 k..... J. Feliú 1

Ecurie Nautiles' Lord, 54 k..... F. Olivera 2

Ecurie Guerrillero's Africano, 54 k..... S. Urrutia 3

Also ran—Vivarachó, Réve d'Or, Orchata, Lady Ortiga, Pensamiento, Inferno, Picquart, Juliano, Fiscal, and Selim.

Dividends—Judío \$39.95 win and 10 place, Lord 4.55 place, Africano 7.75 place.

PREMIO DISTINGUIDO, handicap for all horses. \$2200 to first, 200 to second. 2300 metres.

Ecurie Ben d'Or's Ovacion, by Orbit—Isology, 5 y, 52 k..... I. Diaz 1

Stud La Confianza's Regalada, 4 y, 55 k..... J. Olmos 2

Stud La Alianza's Atalaya, 4 y, 60 k..... H. Esteves 3

Also ran—Guttenberg, Punilla, Sentinel, Araujo and Kaolin.

Dividends—Ovacion \$7.55 win and 4.55 place, Regalada 4.50 place.

PREMIO TANTALO, for three-year-olds that have run and have not won more than two races. Weight 54 kilos, 3 kilos extra for every win. \$2000 to first, 100 to second. 1700 metres.

Stud Las Pitas' Maravilla, by Neapolis—Marinera, 58 k..... R. Garrido 1

Stud Pobre's Caramelo, 57 k..... I. Diaz 2

Stud Los Metales' Oro, 57 k..... G. Palacios 3

Also ran—Olivero.

Dividends—Maravilla \$10.40 win.

PREMIO SENEGAL, handicap for all horses. \$2000 to first, 100 to second. 1600 metres.

Stud Calchin's Ameliana, by The Laddie—Samaria, 5 y 51 k

G. Morales 1

Ecurie Royal's Calvino, 4 y, 52 k..... N. Sosa 9

Ecurie Belgrano's Judea, 3 y, 43 k..... F. Gomez 3

Also ran—Coquimbo, Cacique, Emir, Amambay, Lunfardo, Corsaria, and Ventura.

Dividends—Ameliana \$18.85 win and 6 place, Calvino 7.10 place, Judea 7.20 place.

LAWN TENNIS.

B.A.L.T.C. v. SANTA LUCIA L.T.C.

The above match was played last Sunday at Santa Lucia, resulting in a victory for the visitors by five matches to ten. Some of the matches were very long, and it was found that there was not sufficient light left to play two of them.

The following are the details of the score:—

B.A.L.T.C.

S. Knight and L. Knight beat

H. Mohr-Bell and F. Jacobs, 6-3, 2-6, 6-4.

C. H. Menzies and J. A. Page, 6-0, 3-6, 6-3.

A. G. Gumpert and T. S. Boadle beat

C. H. Menzies and J. A. Page, 6-5, 3-6, 7-5.

H. Mohr-Bell and F. Jacobs, 6-1, 6-4.

B. G. Goldsmid and A. M. Barton beat

H. Mohr-Bell and F. Jacobs, 5-6, 6-5, 9-7.

Santa Lucia L.T.C.

J. K. Forrest and J. W. Watson beat

B. G. Goldsmid and A. M. Barton, 6-4, 6-4.

A. G. Gumpert and T. S. Boadle, 5-6, 6-4, 8-6.

Total—

Buenos Aires 5 matches, 11 sets, 101 games

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FIXTURES FOR 1899-1900.

MARCH.

Sun. 11—Lomas v. Buenos Aires, at Lomas.

Sun. 18—Quilmes v. Lomas, at Quilmes.

APRIL.

Sun. 1—Santa Lucia v. Flores, at Santa Lucia.

Sun. 8—Flores v. Lomas, at Flores.

Sun. 15—Belgrano v. Santa Lucia, at Belgrano.

Sun. 22—Lomas v. Belgrano, at Lomas.

Sun. 29—Santa Lucia v. Lomas, at Santa Lucia.

MAY.

Sun. 6—Flores v. Quilmes, at Flores.

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BUENOS AIRES.

ESTANCIA AND COLONY.

Messrs Muró and Co. sold last week at auction a small camp of 211 hectares, in the partido of Ranchos, for \$18,300, or say \$86.50 per hectarea. The buyer was Sr Silvestre Perez.

From the first of April next, the Municipality has ordained that chickens and other domestic birds sold in the streets must be carried round in cages specially built for the purpose, and the carrying of poultry in baskets as hitherto will be fined in \$20 for the first offence and \$50 afterwards. It is about time that this cruelty was put a stop to.

The National transport Rio Santa Cruz, which left here last week for the South, took to Santa Cruz 30 Lincoln sheep, to Rio Gallegos 42 horses, and to Punta Arenas 8 cows.

A well-known "cuatrero," (cattle stealer) has been shot by the police at Rio Cuarto. As the story goes two comisarios of a picket of police, were told off to capture the man, but on approaching him and ordering him to deliver himself prisoner, he showed fight, whereupon he was promptly shot down. A bit drastic, perhaps, but on the whole we are inclined to think that this class of thief should come under the heading of *vermin*, and be promptly put out of the way.

It is said that Professor Lignieres has discovered a means of rendering cattle munnine from "tristeza" or "malaria bovina" by inoculation, and will, during the coming month, carry out a series of experiments, which will be witnessed by several scientists, giving the efficacy of his treatment. It is most sincerely to be hoped that the Professor's treatment will prove a success.

Sr. Eleazar Garzon has sold to Sr. Alfredo Demarchi, a camp of 4284 hectares, in the department of Rio Cuarto, Córdoba, for \$63,326.

The Rural Society will shortly distribute amongst estancieros a circular calling attention to Article 88 of the Rules for the Exhibition to be held next September. We understand that the article referred to makes it a condition that all sheep of the Longwool breeds, competing for prizes, will have to be shorn in the month of March, and a *mechón* left on the left shoulder of each animal; also that sheep sent to the Exhibition must not have been prepared with grease, oil, or any colouring matters; also that the merino sheep competing must be in full wool. All of which it is as well to know.

At last the Provincial Government appears to be making a move, towards suppressing cattle-stealing, and has sent a comisario to make special arrangements with the Governor of the Pampa Central for the persecution of the thieves. It will be interesting to watch the outcome of this special mission, and we trust that it will lead to something practical.

Messrs Funes, Lagos and Co. sold some days back at auction 56 Lincoln rams and 10 Lincoln ewes, imported by Messrs R. and W. Wright, and consigned to Messrs Krabbé, Higgins and Co. The rams made an average price of \$251.95, and the ewes \$75 each. Buyers, Messrs Larrea, Casset, Brisson, Luro, Balcarce, Piran, Diaz, P. and A. Lanusse, Romano, and Milne.

It is reported that some 2600 sheep have been stolen from Dr. Udaondo's estancia, in Juarez. What we should like to hear is that the cattle-thieves had made a wholesale raid on Dr. Irigoyen's estancia, at Rodriguez, then, perhaps, we might see a move towards the suppression of the evil. Whilst on the subject of cattle-stealing, we read somewhere that Dr. Luro sees no prospect of the suppression of cattle lifting, until the *Jueces are inspired more with the spirit than with the letter of the law*, we much fear that the day will never come.

A big auction sale of camp is reported from Rosario where Sr. Domingo Badaraco sold, by order of the Federal Court, 46 leagues of Fiscal lands in the departments of

Vera and San Cristobal, 93,175 hectareas were sold at 54 cents per hectarea, 15,002 hectareas at \$1.02, 7591 hectareas at \$1.76, and 7501 hectareas at \$2. Dr. Carlos Gomez bought the whole lot, but Dr. Carlos A. Aldao, representing the Government, has protested against the sale before an escribano. "En todas partes se cuecen habas," and apparently this branch of the culinary art is not allowed to fall into disuse in Rosario.

At the auction sale of the live stock on Mr Hamilton W. Langley's estancia San Emilio, in the partido of Bragado, conducted by Messrs Collet and Llambi in their mart in Calle San Martin, on the 24th ult., the following prices were obtained:—

Cow Stock.

Rodeo No. 1,	300	mestiza Durham cattle, al corte	\$31.00
" 2,	350	" " "	37.00
" 3,	600	" " "	28.00
" 3,	600	" " "	27.00
" 4,	1000	" " "	23.50
" 4,	500	" " "	22.50
" 5,	640	" " "	34.00
	15	milch cows	28.00
	5	Durham bulls	85.00
	5	" "	65.00
	10	" "	50.00

Total value of cow stock sold \$113,430.

SHEEP.

Flock No. 1,	2250	mestizos Lincoln, al corte	\$6.00
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" 5,	1150	" " "	3.50
" 5,	2371	" " "	3.40
" 6,	1095	" " "	3.30
" 6,	1095	" " "	3.35
" 7,	2236	" " "	3.50
" 8,	2500	" " "	3.80
" 9,	2598	" " "	4.40
" 10,	2096	" " "	4.15
" 11,	1250	capones mestizos Lincoln	5.10
" 11,	2462	" " in 2 lots,	\$3-4.70
	7	imported Lincoln rams, each..	110.00

Total value of sheep sold \$118,485.

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118	mestiza Yorkshire coaching, al corte	\$35.00
31	Shires mestizas, al corte	41.00
52	" " "	30.00
126	Anglo-Normanda, "	24.00
165	saddle and harness horses, at prices from \$18 to	60.00

Total value of horse stock sold \$13,909. The total value of live stock sold was \$245,824.

The buyers were: Ricci, Guillermo Fraser, Bastaurre, G. Necol, E. Beltran, Alejandro Coelho, and Breuna and Co.

Messrs Roman Bravo and Co. sold last week at auction a camp of 2850 hectareas more or less, in the partido of Guamini, with frontage on the Laguna del Monte, at \$12.40 the hectarea, the buyer being Sr. Félix de Aribarri.

The same auctioneers also sold last week two fractions of camp in the Neuquen Territory, and near Junin de los Andes, of 10,673 and 10,000 hectareas respectively, at \$1.75, 1.80 and 2.05 per hectarea, the buyers being Messrs Angel Marini and Julio Bernazi.

There is a little more activity in the wool market, but prices are much the same as before. We received 238,042 kilos, the following sales being effected:—

85,000	kilos fine cross	\$7.50 to 9.20
51,000	" coarse	6.50 to 8.20
41,000	" mixed..	7.50 to 8.50
35,000	" fine	7.50 to 8.00
68,000	" fine lamb	7.00 to 8.00
22,000	" coarse	6.00 to 7.30

Total sales 302,000 kilos, which shews some diminution of our huge stock on hand, and it is to be hoped that this may mean the commencement of a clearance. It is about time that matters took a turn in this direction, in view of the immense agglomeration we have been looking at for many weeks past.

The postal authorities are now busy in arranging a postal service, starting from Conesa and arriving at Trelew, the Capital of Chubut, and towards the North up to Choele-Choel. The service must necessarily be performed by horses and will doubtless be of great service to our Welsh friends, who will henceforth have two distinct lines of postal communication, one by sea through Port Madryn, which is the one at present in use, and the other the new land service one, which latter will make two round journeys per month.

Sheepskins are again holding up fairly, and we have hopes that the late drop has only been a temporary matter. The finer class is fetching 90 to 94 cents, cross 85 to 92, mixed 87 to 92, shorn 50 to 62, and damaged from 20 to 30 cents.

Hides are in good demand, the sales considerably exceeding the arrivals. Prices are ruling at \$8.10 to 8.30 for steer and ox and \$8 to 9 for calf.

Wethers for export are still keeping up. Shorn wethers of good class have fetched \$8.40. Those for freezing up to \$7.50. We have had no special lots lately for freezing purposes, hence the apparent lull in price, as compared with those for export; as a rule, the price paid for the latter exceeds that of the former, and we can only imagine that the reason already given is the cause of the change.

The new public slaughter-houses in Liniers will be opened during the present month. The Municipality wishes to abstain from any class of ceremony, and therefore, a working day will be chosen for the transfer from the present locality to the new one. We understand that the 22nd of March is the date on which the transfer should take place, but this depends greatly on the arrangements to be made with the Manager of the Capital Tramway Company.

The demand for Argentine horses for the Cape is ever on the increase, the results given by our "gees" being better and better. The great mortality amongst horses from other countries, accustomed no doubt to more abundant food, less heat and less hard work and hardship in general, has turned the eyes of the British Government directly towards our country, and our estancia friends had better take due note in time of the turn things are taking. The leaning is decidedly towards the criollo class. We do not for one moment say that judicious crossing may not produce a beneficial effect on the breed in general, but what we do assert and maintain is that the camp bred and fed horse is infinitely superior, as regards general stamina, to any of his more expensive rivals of bluer blood.

A most remarkable coincidence happened only a few days ago in this respect. The Beacon Grange was loading in one of our docks, when a telegram arrived from England, ordering her immediate departure for the Cape, even with only enough fodder on board to feed the animals on the voyage across. As luck would have it, considerably more fodder than that required for the purpose had already been shipped, in accordance with our last cattle law of 23rd October, so that, as soon as the last few horses were on board, the vessel sailed, taking 700 horses at \$80 each, 130 tons of alfalfa, 25 tons of bran, and 10 tons of maize; in short, owing to recent regulations, there will be much more fodder for disposal at the end of the voyage than the large number of horses can possibly consume.

Whilst talking of alfalfa, we fancy we have already told our readers of the enormous amount of this useful and nourishing fodder that has left our shores since the declaration of the war, but a little repetition will do no harm, under present circumstances. Considering the ease with which alfalfa is grown, and considering also that our enemy, the locust, is now comparatively *non est*, there ought to be something handsome to be made out of the venture, if taken in time.

Before quitting the subject of "acridium" or locust, we may inform our readers that a paper has been sent in by a well-known agricultural scientist to the Ministry of Agriculture, in which he gives the results of his expe-

riences, respecting the trials he has made with locust *manure*. We understand that the whole thing will shortly be published in pamphlet form for public sale. We do not feel justified in mentioning names or going further into details, but we heard that the result of land, *manured* with powdered locust, in the case of two adjacent fields of maize, one of which had been so treated and the other not, was that the *manured* one gave 20 per cent. more product than the untreated one, the maize of the former being of far better quality than that of the latter. It seems a species of irony of fate, when one considers that the powdered corpse of the maize-growers' most bitter enemy is now to be turned to account for the improvement of the very crops, which the said enemy has been accustomed for years to feed upon and destroy. Agriculturists had better take note of this; we shall publish further details later on.

We are grieved to hear that another scientist, this one a veterinary, has satisfactorily proved that there is a vast amount of carbuncle amongst our cattle, and that this dire pest is kept going through the ignorance or carelessness of the breeder. He buries an animal which dies of the disease, just as it is, having generally only taken off the hide as an "epidemia," endangering the health or lives of those who handle that hide afterwards. The infected corpse communicates contagion to the very grass that healthy animals are feeding on, and "hence these tears." If the estanciero would burn the whole animal before burying the bones or remains, his camp would soon be free of the plague. Our scientist also proves that infection may last on a camp for 30 years. Breeders, take note!!!

The following notes are from the *Live Stock Journal*:-

A curious incident was recorded some years ago in the official journal of the Cape Agricultural Department. A cow died from inability to bring forth her calf; and more than an hour afterwards the herdsman, who was preparing to flay the carcase, noticed movement. He therefore opened the carcase with great care to find the calf alive; what is more, it survived this remarkable delivery, and grew into a fine, strong beast.

The cities of New York State are continuing to take an increased quantity of pure milk from country districts. The quantity consumed in New York last year was about 13,000,000 forty-quart cans, against about 12,000,000 the previous year. The increase has been gradual for the last eleven years, running from 6,000,000 up to 13,000,000.

It will no doubt be of interest to friends of the late General Wauchope to learn that his charger, Lady Mayoress, from which he was shot at the battle of Magersfontein, has been brought back to this country in the transport Montfort. The deceased general expressed a dying wish that this should be done, and his faithful man, Jobson, carried out the instructions most satisfactorily, the beautiful mare having arrived in perfect condition.

An indication of the importance of the Australasian and Argentine frozen meat trade is given by Messrs Weddel and Co. in the form of a list of the steamers fitted with refrigeration machinery and engaged in the trade, with the carcase capacity of each:-

Route.	Ships.	Carcase Capacity.
Australia to United Kingdom, &c.	70	2,904,800
New Zealand to London, &c.	31	2,091,500
New Zealand and Australia to United Kingdom, &c.	7	652,000
River Plate to United Kingdom, &c.	30	1,105,500
Total	138	6,753,800

In addition, there are eleven steamers and one sailing ship fitted with refrigerating machinery, or being built, not at present engaged in the trade, with a carrying capacity of 389,000 carcasses. Another list names seventeen refrigerating stores in London, with a total capacity of 1,484,000 carcasses.

The time of gestation for ewes is commonly reckoned as twenty-one weeks, but as a matter of fact, as a general rule, it exceeds that period by a few days. According to

a number of experiments on gestation with 912 ewes made by a French inquirer, the mean period is 152 days, or more nearly twenty-two than twenty-one weeks. Of the number under observation, he found that 140 lambed between the 146th and the 150th day, 576 between the 150th and 15th day, and 96 between the 154th and 161st day. According to M. Sanson's book on *Les Moutons*, the 140th day after service is the shortest time which has been observed.

ROUND THE TOWN.

Our newsy, slashy, pro-boer colleague *El Tiempo* has a very severe article on the singers which the average empresario brings out to this city, most of whom as far as we have had occasion to judge rather merit the strictures heaped on them. The article asks very plaintively where in Buenos Aires can the theatre goer get real value for his money and replies in the single word "Nowhere". The sopranos who delight our ears are usually advanced chorus girls who manage to delude the impresarios into the notion that they possess voices which however seem to disappear during the sea voyage. The contraltos are not a bit better, while the tenors are generally second-rate. The mounting, unless a company brings its own scenery, etc., is usually scamped, and the general setting by no means good. All things would be bearable if the prices charged were small, but in comparison to the entertainment provided the price of seats is high. Of course the empresario has a hard row to hoe as the good people will not come out here except for very large salaries, which the theatres here cannot afford. Although the article is a bit rough on the few good singers who occasionally find their way here, attendance at three or four of the houses in Buenos Aires soon convince the spectator of the truth of the remarks as a rule.

The huge supply of variously coloured ribbons which Gath and Chaves have imported has led to some of the colours being much like those of our local clubs, and close imitations of Hurlingham and other clubs are among them. The consequence is that men who do not belong to the club sport its colours, and although there is no rule against this it seems a pity. It is not an easy matter to choose club colours of such a combination that they are not likely to be imitated, and even the Hurlingham colours of this city are practically identical with a Cambridge College colour. Luckily most of the tints of the ribbons in the shop are so vivid that it would be a brave man who would suggest them for a club.

The Royal Insurance Company has moved into its new offices in its own building, which though not yet finished already gives promise of how palatial it will be when the last stroke of work has been done to it. At one time it looked as if the Royal Building was to share the fate of the unfinished Colon Theatre erection, so slowly did the work proceed, owing to the difficulty of ejecting some of the old tenants, but with the removal of this stumbling-block the work was pushed on and will now soon be completed. The offices of the company are very handsome and worthy of the name and position occupied by this old-established and powerful concern.

The wonderful and masterful plan conceived by Generals Cronjé and Villeboide de Maureil, which was to smash up Roberts's forces, has miscarried in some way. As Shakespeare says, "The whirligig of time brings in its own revenges," and there is a certain poetic justice in the fact that nearly twenty years after Majuba, General Cronjé tasted the bitterness not only of defeat but of unconditional surrender on the anniversary of his great triumph.

The burial of Carnival took place on Sunday with a great deal of spirit, in fact the conclusion of the festival showed that there is life in the old game yet. The streets were crowded, most of the corsos were well attended, thousands of serpentinas were flying about, and the prohibition of water-throwing made it possible to enjoy the scene in comfort. The pessimists are rather given to croaking that Carnival is at an end, but we more incline to the idea that it will go on improving and become ere long a really artistic function, conducted on proper lines and with a aesthetic ideal as its motive power. The elements

of such an progression are to be found in the dozens of societies which spend time and money in getting up comparsas, and which could with a little judicious management from some headquarter staff, as it were, be turned to the best account. As it stands at present the efforts of these people are too spread out and disjointed to give the result they should, but with care a very fine effect could be produced. The carrying out of the prohibition of water-throwing is the first step in the right direction and we hope ere we leave this city to see its Carnival a sight worthy of the city, its wealth and inhabitants.

The Hall of the *Prensa* was the chief point of excitement, as this charitable daily gave a number of prizes for the best comparsas. The singing of some of these groups of men and maidens was highly creditable, while others played selections of popular airs as well as original music excellently. The dresses of nearly all were striking, and considering the material used, pretty; but owing to the spreading out tactics of the whole business many of them lost much of their possible effectiveness. Although there was not the horse-play and roughness of past years, this was not altogether wanting, and some idiots appeared to regard it as a joke to set on fire the agglomeration of serpentina paper in the streets, and even on some of the carriages, an extremely dangerous proceeding. We also noticed in some of the streets that fire-crackers were used, so that it seems we have only changed the water for a more dangerous element. The inherent savagery of many of the inhabitants must find an outlet, and the license of Carnival gives them the opportunity they seek. Perhaps, after all, the wisest thing which could be done would be to limit the foolery to one day.

About the most sensible lottery suggestion which we have seen for some time is one by the Confederacion Ferroviario, which proposes to raffle eighty-seven passages to Europe during the period of the Paris Exhibition. The tickets will include the expenses of hotels, train fares and the usual expenses of a tourist during his stay. The chances are fixed at \$10 each, and the lottery will be played according to the Loteria Nacional. Such a ticket would be well worth winning, and we have no doubt that if the Government will grant the necessary permission that the numbers will be quickly taken up. Who would not risk ten, or even twenty dollars, on a chance of a trip home to the Paris Exhibition?

The glorious death of John McLachlan, who was shot in the Market-square, Harrismith, Orange Free State, on Christmas morning, needs no comment nor can it be glorified by bad verse. Such an action stands by itself, its own monument and pride, and we cannot but regret that inexperienced and insufficient scribblers of wretched poetry have been allowed to mar its grandeur. The lines which appeared in a contemporary on this subject might serve to fill a corner in a small school magazine, but were totally unworthy of being printed in any paper which has a good circulation.

The rehearsals for the forthcoming production of "The Geisha" are going ahead and the date has been practically fixed for about April 23, the comparative earliness being compulsory on account of the Opera House commencing its season somewhat sooner this year than usual. The reports from returned voyagers who have seen the new opera at Daly's—"San Toy"—are very enthusiastic, and if it can be given here in anything like the way "The Geisha" has been done, then we are all in for another treat.

Some discussion has been raised by the action of the South Captain in playing one of his reserve men as a member of the team, but we are inclined to agree with the Captain of the North, who said in reference to this matter, "Well, we wanted to play cricket with a team and not with ten men and a crock," the crock not referring to the value of the substitute but to the restriction which some people wished to place on his value. The rule amply provides for such contingency, and we feel sure that had the positions been reversed no restriction of any kind would have been placed on the member of the North team. The captains settled the matter and this should have been enough, but this is an interfering sort of world, and outsiders must put their oars in even when they have neither right nor reason. It certainly helped to make the game a better one for the spectators as well as for the teams engaged.

A SPORTING COMMERCIAL'S STORY.

When I was a young man, said a tall, handsome, old fellow, as he took his slippers from the "Boots" and settled quietly to his pipe and a glass of "special," "practical joking was much more common than it is in the present day. Whether the hurry of business life in these *fin de siecle* days is not conducive to the habit, or our youngsters are becoming too grave to descend to undignified larks I don't know, but it certainly is the fact that practical jokes have, in a great measure, gone out of fashion. When one comes to think of it in sober earnest, it is better so, but perhaps few of us old fogies would look back with anything but pleasure to those old rollicking, knocker-wrenching days when we were lads. But, to my yarn. Nothing annoys a shooting man so much as an unsportsmanlike neighbour, and when I was a lad at home my father was unfortunate enough to be cursed with the most disagreeable old curmudgeon in the world, I think, for a neighbour. Pater was a sailor of the old school, and I have often heard him swear that his neighbour came athwart his bows on an average once a day from January 1 to December 31, year in and year out. But the annoying part of the business was that old Grolls (which, by a very easy and pleasant transition, became 'Growls') was a lawyer, and, as pater said, he knew just how far to go without getting out of his latitude. Now, our estate was almost square in area, and, being a capital sporting ground with plenty of covert, it would have been as near perfection as one can reasonably expect this side of the millennium but for one circumstance. The lawyer's land jutted a long way into one side of our square, and it does not require a great stretch of imagination to discern that our neighbour could cause us a lot of annoyance in sporting matters if he were so disposed. And, as I have hinted, he was so disposed. I never knew the rights and wrongs of the original quarrel between our people and the lawyer; it happened before I was born. But you will not be greatly surprised to learn that it descended from father to son, like the Corsican Vendetta, and I, being as ardent a sportsman as ever conned the pages of Colonel Hawker, was brought up to look upon 'Growls' as my natural enemy. And so the old lawyer and his 'spit' of land were the fly in the ointment in our sporting existence, and he did not for long permit us to overlook the fact.

"Well, time went on, and I went to college, and had several jolly years there, as I suppose most healthy young fellows have, and I almost forgot our *bete noir* at home. I do not propose to refer to my college days further than to say that they were very happy and comfortable. There was one circumstance, however, which must be mentioned to make my story intelligible. In our set there was an inveterate practical joker, Abel Welland by name, who spared no one in his pranks, and, along with the rest, I became his victim. In fact, during the whole of my time at college, scarcely a month elapsed but he made a fool of me in some way or other. It must not be supposed that I took all without retaliating, but Abel was a past master in the art, and I left college with the uneasy consciousness that he had wiped my eye. However, as the Spanish proverb say, 'All things come to him who waits' (the correct rendering is, 'He who waits will see to-morrow,' but that is a detail).

"One September, not long after I left college, I got a letter from Welland, informing me that his governor had died, and he, having come into a considerable fortune, was on the lookout for a nice sporting estate. 'Now, old fellow,' he wrote, 'as you are *au fait* in all sporting matters, I could think of no one more likely to be my guide, philosopher, and friend, and so, if you don't mind, would you kindly put me in the way of realising my ambition?' Now, I knew perfectly well that he was no sportsman; his father had been a busy and wealthy manufacturer in Yorkshire, with little time or inclination for sport, and Abel was quite ignorant on the subject. Only he knew that he must do as the world does, and he had the acumen to know that a country squire without a knowledge of sport would be almost a paradox. Hence his letter to me. At first I was about to write him that I knew of nothing likely to suit at that time, but the spirit of mischief came uppermost, and I saw an opportunity of revenge. So I wrote a brief note: 'I know the very thing for you,' and described with accuracy the old lawyer's estate, the house, and everything; told him that I had arranged all; that he had only to go straight to the place, and have a stroll round the estate with his gun. 'You will,' I wrote, 'find the owner from home, but in his absence you will be

met by his brother, a choleric but harmless old lunatic, who is kept out of charity by Mr Grolls, but you need take no notice whatever of him. He had a sunstroke, poor fellow, out in India, and labours under the impression that the state belongs to him. So, old chap, if I am not there to meet you, just stroll round, leave your card at the house, and you can write the owner when he comes back. Pray make yourself quite at home. Mr Grolls is a great friend of ours.' I had some doubts about posting this precious epistle, but the old college wounds broke out afresh, and it went.

"The events which followed came to my knowledge piecemeal, partly from Welland, partly from old Grolls himself, who subsequently came in a towering rage to see my governor, and the balance from the servants. It seems that Welland, being satisfied from my letter that old Grolls was from home, entered his grounds, and branching off into the woods and fields, was soon popping away with his brand-new gun as large as life. Grolls was busy with his gardener Jinks round the house when he first heard the reports, and, at first thinking it must be his keeper, asked the gardener 'what the devil Velveteens was firing at.' 'Beg pardon, sir,' said Jinks, 'but keeper's away at B---.' 'Ah! so he is, I remember,' says Grolls. 'but who in thunder can it be?' 'Poachers, mebbe, sir,' rejoined Jinks. 'Poachers be hanged, at this time of day. I'll go and see for myself.' 'Shall I go with you, sir?' ventured Jinks. 'No' snapped his master; 'when I want your assistance I'll ask for it. Get on with your work.' 'Cert'nly, sir,' says Jinks, touching his cap, and adding, *sotto voce*, 'be hanged to you for a disagreeable old fool.'

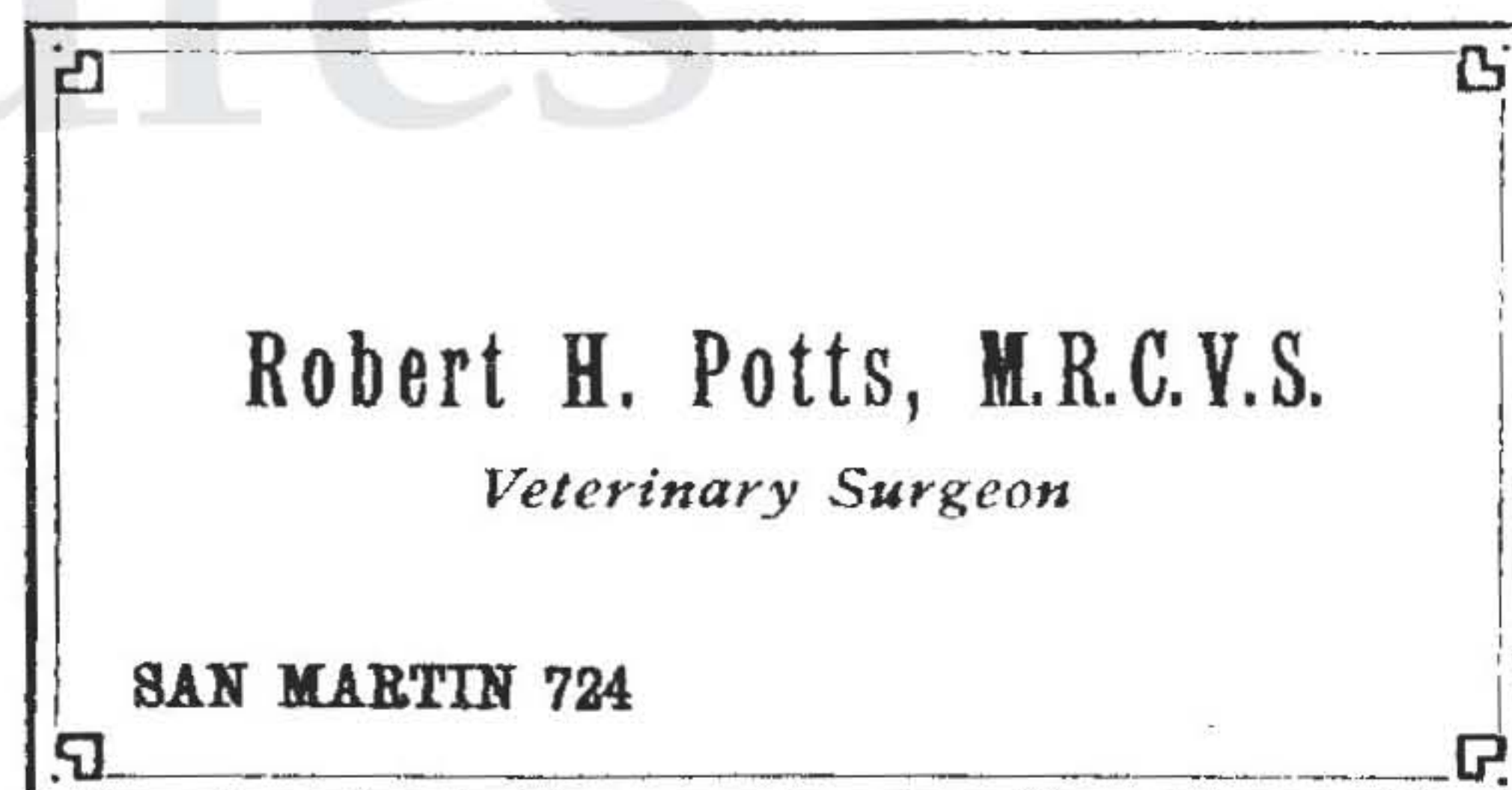
"Off waddled Grolls, fuming like a volcano, and by the time he got to Welland, what with the heat of the sun and the cholera within him, it would have been no wonder if spontaneous combustion had set in. 'Ah!' thought Welland, as he caught sight of the lawyer's fat body wobbling down a steep stubble, 'our amiable old imbecile, for a dollar'—which impression was strengthened when Grolls waddled up and gasped, 'What are you doing here, sir? Are you aware this is my field?' 'Ah, indeed?' says Welland, 'congratulate you. Nice little field, too. Had it long?' 'Long, you impertinent rascal! It has been in my family for generations!' 'Quite so. Ah! (putting up his eyeglass) born here, perhaps. Have you much land about here?' 'Why, you blackguard, what do you mean? The whole countryside is mine?' 'You don't say so! Well, you must be hard to please if it doesn't suit you. I am delighted with it myself. Care to smoke?' offering his cigar case. 'I don't care a tinker's curse whether you like it or not, and I'll thank you not to offer your filthy cigars to me. You are trespassing—unwarrantably trespassing and intruding, I tell you.' Oh, you don't smoke, I see. Injudicious; you should. It soothes the nerves. I find.' 'If I had a horsewhip here I'd soothe your nerves, with a vengeance, young man,' gasped Grolls. 'Hm! answered Welland, 'speaking of horses, there are several nice little "tits" in the paddock up yonder. Those yours, too?' 'Mine, of course, they are mine. I tell you the whole estate's mine—horses and crops, fields, house, and game.' 'What?' laughed Welland, 'game yours too? By Jove! what a lucky fellow you are! You amaze me.' 'You'll be amazed before I've done with you,' howled the lawyer, 'or I'm mistaken. Now listen to me, I have told you that the place is mine, and that you are a trespasser. Now, are you going to take yourself off, or am I to send for a policeman?' 'Oh send for a policeman, by all means, said Welland, 'but don't be long; I am quite enjoying your little chat, and shall be happy to resume it.' And away toddled the little lawyer, bursting with rage. 'Hm! soliloquised Welland, as Groll's rotund form disappeared, 'the old loon seems rather so-so, but still he's chatty and tolerably sociable. I'll just complete my survey of the place and then slip up to the house, leave my card, and go to see W---. So he pottéred about the fields for an hour, bagged a brace of partridge (by accident, I should imagine), and, calling at the house, proceeded as per my letter of instruction to make himself quite at home. So much so that when Grolls returned, accompanied by the policeman, after an unsuccessful search in the fields for the delinquent, the latter was calmly seated in the dining-room, smoking the worthy lawyer's cigars and drinking wine.

"None but a genius could paint the look of indignation and surprise which pervaded Groll's features when he realised the situation. 'Great Scott!' he roared, 'this rascal not content with trespassing on my ground and killing my game, has the intolerable insolence to invade

the sanctity of my house, to drink my wine, and smoke my cigars. By Jove! I'll have him arrested! I'll transport him! Damme!' (in an uncontrollable burst of anger) 'I'll have him hanged! Arrest him, officer.' 'Hello!' put in Welland, 'got back? Sir, you are positively indefatigable, and with the officer, too, as large as life! Well, sit down and have a few minutes' chat, I must be off directly. Here's my card. Sorry Mr. Grolls is away from home, but I will write him on the object of my visit to-day.' 'Sir,' said the lawyer, glancing at the card, 'I don't know you. You're a liar and an impostor.' 'Come, old buffer, rejoined Welland, 'you're coming it a bit too thick, I think. You really must moderate your ardour, or we shall quarrel, which would be a pity after our pleasant meeting. Officer, I'm going to see Squire W---, who lives near here. Can you direct me? Or perhaps I can give you a lift in that direction?' 'Oh!' said the lawyer, with more calmness, 'you're a friend of that old reprobate and his cubs, are you? Well, if you're of his kidney, that will account for any amount of impudence and ill-breeding.

"Now Policeman X was a shrewd fellow and rather a favourite with the governor, and he was too wise to offer offence to any friend of his. At the same time, he could not afford to offend the lawyer. So, divining there was some huge blunder in the whole affair, he took the old chap on one side and whispered, 'If you'll allow me to deal with this chap I'll soon rid you of him.' By this time the lawyer was pretty well worn out by the unaccustomed exercise and excitement, and he agreed to the officer's suggestion, saying, as he left the room, 'Young fellow, you may think you are smart, but if I don't make both you and your infamous friends suffer for this, may I be blighted, that's all.

"A few quiet words with the policeman soon satisfied Welland that he had been 'had,' and he saw that the best thing he could do would be to get quietly away and send a letter of apology to Grolls. This he did, as I afterwards learnt, but the old man wouldn't accept it, and talked wildly of law suits, both against him and our people. However, it all passed off, and we heard no more of it; indeed, I had quite forgotten the whole affair until last month I met Welland, who recently returned from India, where he went immediately after the events above related. We had a long chat over it, and Welland said 'I was awfully riled about it at the time, but I really deserved all I got for the way I 'mugged' you at college. As for the old lawyer, from all you tell me it served him right, too. Any way, looking calmly back at it all, I must admit you made a splendid double shot.'"



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NOTES.

At Lomas on Sunday, it seemed as though the Flores eleven could not help winning against the Lomas "A" team, especially as they had thirty-three minutes in which to dismiss the last two wickets. Messrs A. and W. Campbell, however, thought otherwise, and actually defied all the bowlers until the very last ball was sent down, when the younger brother was bowled. It was an extraordinary partnership, for every effort to separate them was futile, and although during the time they were in together only nineteen runs were added, still they undoubtedly saved their side from defeat, and placed their powerful opponents quite out of the running for Championship honours.

Nothing of a very startling nature occurred during the match. On a wet wicket, and after a none too promising start the Flores team put together the respectable total of two hundred and twenty-four, Messrs G. F. Elliot and J. V. Holtum being the principal scorers. For the Lomas "A" team, Messrs W. Flint and T. M. Greene added forty-six for the second wicket, but with this exception and the stand mentioned in the preceding note, the rest did little or nothing. The fielding all-round was hardly up to the mark and some very easy chances were missed, but the catch which dismissed Mr Macdonald was a regular "gallery" one and well worth seeing.

The return Championship match between Hurlingham and Lanús last Sunday, resulted in a very easy win for the visitors, thanks to a splendid stand for the first wicket by Messrs E. D. Drabble and E. L. Rumboll, these two putting on no fewer than a hundred and eighty-nine runs before being separated, and to the bowling of Mr W. B. Spray, whom we are glad to see able to bowl again, who secured six of the Lanús wickets at the small average cost of a little over three runs per wicket.

The feature of the match was Mr E. L. Rumboll's innings and it was distinctly hard lines for this player not to obtain a three-figure score. Mr Rumboll has been a most consistent scorer lately, in fact his last twelve innings are quite worthy of reproduction and are as follows: 38, 35, 36, 6, 41, 32, 20, 42, 66, 22, 41, and 99, giving him an average of 39.83 over his last twelve attempts, a very useful record, considering the varied wickets he has batted on, and the different bowling he has been opposed to. We hope Mr Rumboll will get his "century" before the season closes, he richly deserves it.

The game last Sunday at Palermo, between the B.A.C.C. 2nd XI. and the Banfield Club, resulted in an easy win for the home club. The rain of the previous day naturally made the wicket anything but a batsman's one, and the bowlers had a regular "pic-nic." For the premier club Messrs D. Kingsland and H. H. Leng did very well with the ball, while for Banfield Messrs R. Kingsland and C. P. Knaudt distinguished themselves in this direction. No big scores were made, but all were glad to see Mr R. E. Hunt in the field once more and in such good form, as he scored fifty-seven for once out in the two innings.

Our remarks last week, referring to the action of the South Captain in asking the opposing captain to allow him a substitute for Mr Spray, who had severely hurt his ankle and could barely walk in consequence, have apparently wounded the feelings of some of the onlookers. In another column may be found a letter condemning the South captain's action, which we last week defended. Why these good people wish to try, and cause ill-feeling when absolutely none exists we fail to understand. As we remarked last week, a substitute was asked for, the twelfth choice being on the ground, and the request was acceded to in the most generous manner, as free permission was given for the substitute to altogether take the place of the injured player.

With regard to the term "pavilion critics" which our correspondent apparently takes exception to, the "middle-aged or elderly men" to whom he refers, are certainly not the class we were writing of. His "pavilion critics" if they wish to criticise, do it quietly among themselves, or take any of the players on one side if they wish to criticise their actions, more particularly if they are old players holding as good records as any of those who are playing at the present time. No, by these old cricketers who have the game at their finger-ends, so to speak, players are only too pleased to be criticised.

The class we referred to are those who know very little of the game, who spend most of their time, when they do go to see a cricket match, at the bar, who pose as authorities, and who do not hesitate to express their opinions in an aggressive and loud-toned voice, making it very disagreeable for players and spectators alike. These are the critics we took exception to, and we defy our correspondent to deny that they are to be met with on every ground here, if perhaps we except Hurlingham. The true critic, whose opinion we value, generally waits for his views to be asked for before expressing them.

With regard to our correspondent's views on this substitute question, we can hardly allow that the North v. South match corresponds to the Australia v. England one. We mentioned a precedent in first-class cricket last week, and it is only fair to give it. The match was between Sussex and Lancashire and was played at Brighton on August 16, 17 and 18, 1897. Bland, the Sussex fast bowler, sent down three overs for thirteen runs and was then taken ill. Mr Maclaren allowed Killick to take his place, the latter bowler afterwards sending down *twenty-four overs*.

We give this precedent as it has been brought to our notice that a letter has been published in one of our contemporaries doubting the statement we made last week. But suppose there had been no precedent would it have made any difference? Who, knowing the individual members of the North team as we do, could for a single instant imagine them wishing to play against ten men and a disabled one. Goodness knows they have to travel far

enough for the game and go to all kinds of inconveniences. For what? Solely in the hopes of getting a good keen match. Are these the men, therefore, who would prefer to play *the* match of the year against a team sadly handicapped through an accident on the field?

Do these good people, who write letters to the papers, etc., imagine that the great idea of the North and South match is to see which team can get six to one the better of the other by these sort of means? If they do they are very much mistaken. The game is played in the most friendly spirit possible. Suppose the case had been reversed and one of the Northerners had received an injury necessitating his retirement, would the Southerners have acted differently? Most emphatically no, and we do not, in opposition to our correspondent, see that it matters in the slightest if a similar case happened every year, it would take more than that to affect the excellent feeling that exists between the two elevens, and no doubt either captain could stand the "severe test."

We have given our humble opinion on the matter, but let us see what the greatest cricketer the world has known has to say on the question. The italics are ours. In W. G.'s last book "Cricketing Reminiscences and Personal Recollections," he writes: "An incident in the M.C.C. v. Notts match this year (1870) corroborates my remarks that cricket was not played in the seventies in the same strict spirit as it is at the present time, when everything seems to be sacrificed on the altar of records and championship honours. After the match had been in progress for a short time, Mr Walker, who was fielding at point, dislocated his little finger in stopping a hard cut, and in consequence was unable to go on playing. After some little discussion, Mr Richardson was permitted by Daft, the captain of the Nottingham team, to take Mr Walker's place.

"This was, technically, a breach of the rules, but really an act of chivalry, of a kind which I am afraid is not too common to-day. Daft's action evoked some strong feeling, and brought some unnecessary censures upon the M.C.C. for sanctioning such a course. *The complaints were quite uncalled for, as it ought, in my opinion, to be the desire of every cricketer, to play the game in a chivalrous spirit, irrespective of the consequences.*" Dr. Grace then goes on to quote the case which we have already given in the Sussex and Lancashire match, in which he describes Mr Maclaren's action as "most courteous."

Very soon after these lines are in print we shall have lost one of our very best young sportsmen in the person of Mr W. D. Campbell, who sails for the Cape in the s.s. Julia Park. On the polo field, the football field, or the cricket field, Mr Campbell is universally popular, and we shall all miss his cheery countenance. As an old Fettesian, Mr Campbell will meet many old schoolfellows at "the front" and we beg to join his numerous friends in wishing him the very best of luck and a safe return.

The much trumpeted improvements and changes in the arrangements at the Palermo racecourse were generally noted on Sunday to be "much cry and little wool." The new paddock is to be changed from the Belgrano to the city end of the stands, the new boxes for the horses being placed in a straight row instead of in a circle as at present, but as they are unfinished and the weighing pavilion is only just marked out, it is impossible to form any opinion on them for the time being. The Jockey Club, and principal stand are untouched and the principal innova-

tion is in the stand next to the Judge's box where the staircases have been removed and the space formerly occupied by them has been included in the garden for members. The boxes have been taken away from this stand and chairs placed instead, and the general result is that only those who obtain a position in front can see anything of the races, in consequence of which the new arrangement is very far from giving satisfaction.

The new staircase is placed behind the stand where it gets the full benefit of the afternoon sun, and the steps being of marble the glare is something terrific, and it is to be hoped that awnings of some sort will be provided, if not for the public at least for the porters who are on duty there all the time the races are in progress. In spite of the propaganda of *Sports* last season, and of the continued complaints on the part of the habitués, the trees across the course are still in evidence and continue to hide a considerable part of the races. Perhaps they may be attended to when the new buildings are finished. Let us hope for the best.

The first meeting of the season was attended with the proverbial Jockey Club good luck, the rain on Saturday, though heavy, not leaving the course in bad condition, nor interfering in any way with the races, except to prevent the times from being very good. The Premio Apertura brought out a field of thirteen three-year-olds, a very moderate lot, the only one with any pretension to class being Vivaracho, who seemed to be short of work, and as he never shewed any courage it is not surprising that he was quite out of it at the finish. The racing was good enough to please most people, but there were only two really close finishes.

The principal interest of the day was the first appearance of the youngsters. Last year the first race was won by Caprice, Lybia being second and Argentina third. This time the fillies again obtained first and second place, the winner, Magenta, being half sister of Orleans and Travieso, a fact that seems to have been quite overlooked by the public, as she started with only a hundred and seventy tickets out of five thousand six hundred, and so paid a handsome dividend. As far as we could see, the lot this year looked quite as well as the previous one, and we have a strong idea that the two successful fillies will not go backwards and will become prominent figures on the turf. La Marseillaise is a well set up filly and undoubtedly very fast, and the winner, though not so showy, seems to give promise of good stamina as well as pace. The poor time is easily accounted for as the straight course was certainly in a soft condition though neither muddy nor slippery.

The International Rugby football match between Wales and Scotland, a full account of which appears in another column, resulted in an easy victory for the Welshmen, and although the score at the close was only four tries to a try in their favour, the wonder seems to be that they did not score eight tries, so vastly superior were they, and during the second half of the game, they simply penned the Scotchmen in their own twenty-five. T. Scott seems to have been far and away the best Scotch three-quarter, and his fine defence was one of the features of the match.

Strange to say the Scotchmen were completely beaten forward, their front rank being (as one critic expressed it) "pushed into that oblivion where the defeated go." Under these circumstances the Welsh half-backs were able to initiate a whole series of passing movements, in which, of

course, the Welsh backs excel, and probably never before in an International contest, has such an exhibition of accurate transferring and splendid combination been seen. As a matter of fact the Scotchmen just played in such a manner as to allow the Welsh team to demonstrate the prettiness and effectiveness of their characteristic passing game.

An exciting scene, of which the *Illustrated Sporting and Dramatic News* gives a sketch, was witnessed during an Association football match at Parlock, in West Somerset on January 27th. The Devon and Somerset Stag hounds were hunting in the neighbourhood, and suddenly a hind, of which they were in pursuit, jumped a hedge into a field adjoining that in which the football was being played, followed in a moment or two by the leading hounds and several of the hunt. The majority of the spectators at once left the field of play to follow the hounds expecting to see a speedy termination to the run, but the hind maintained its position for a considerable time and pursuers on foot were soon left hopelessly in the rear, and returned to the field just as the game concluded.

We fully expected to have found ourselves sending off bound volumes of the paper to various parts of the country this week, for the word in our missing word competition was a very easy one to guess, and yet none of the competitors were successful. The word was "dispersed," so that the sentence read "It was rumoured that all the Boer columns on their way to relieve Cronje were dispersed."

CRICKET.

NORTH v. SOUTH.

Buenos Aires, March 3, 1900.

To the Editor of *Sport and Pastime*.

Dear Sir,—

I am sorry to notice a certain amount of asperity in the tone of your remarks last week referring to Mr Spens taking the place of Mr Spray in the above match. You call us "pavilion critics," which you evidently intend as a term of reproach. Have you ever considered who these "pavilion critics" (as you are pleased to call them) really are? A good many of them are middle-aged or elderly men who have known and played the game of cricket from their youth, and some of them hold as good records as any of those who are playing at the present time. All that is left to them now is to look on at the game in which they still take such a keen interest. I think, therefore, they have a perfect right to criticise such an occurrence as took place last Sunday. I contend that no such proposition would have been made in the match England v. Australia, to which we may consider our North v. South corresponds, as it is the most important match of the year. As a matter of fact in one of the England v. Australia matches last year Briggs was incapacitated by illness and England played ten men for the rest of the game with an ordinary substitute in the field. If another man had been allowed to play in his place do you not think the "pavilion critics" would have had something to say? I am perfectly certain that if the question were put to the Secretary of the M.C.C. his reply would be to the effect that the Captain of the South team acted wrongly in making such a request, and I trust in future the sportsmanlike qualities of the opposing captain will not be put to such a severe test.—

Yours faithfully,
ONE OF THEM.

Rosario, March 3, 1900.

To the Editor of *Sport and Pastime*.

Dear Sir,—

In your issue of the 28th ult. you state that so far as you know the 141 runs put on by Mr W. A. Forbes and Lacey, for the last wicket at Hurlingham, is a record. If you consult the authorities I think you will find that this feat has been beaten several times, and at least once in first-class cricket, to wit, when Briggs and Pilling scored 173 for Lancashire v. Surrey in July, 1885. In 1882 or 1883,

I forget which, I was myself fortunate enough to assist in adding 296 runs, when playing twelve on each side, and I remember at the time that Mr C. W. Alcock commented on it in *Cricket* as being a record score for the eleventh wicket.—Yours, etc.,

GORDON BROWN.

We thank our correspondent for his letter. We were not at all certain on the point and wrote from memory, at the same time we do not think the feat accomplished by Mr W. A. Forbes and Lacey has been beaten very often in cricket of any class, although it may have occurred frequently in second or third-class club cricket.—Ed. *Sport and Pastime*.

CRICKET CHAMPIONSHIP.

The following table shows the position of clubs in the Cricket Championship:

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points
Lomas ..	10	9	0	1	9
Hurlingham ..	13	9	1	3	8
Flores ..	11	7	2	2	5
Quilmes ..	11	5	6	0	-1
Lomas "A" ..	12	4	5	3	-1
Belgrano ..	13	4	8	1	-4
Lanús ..	11	3	8	0	-5
Banfield ..	11	0	11	0	-11

Points are scored as follows: Plus one for a win, minus one for a loss, and drawn games are ignored.

BATTING AND BOWLING AVERAGES.

SEASON 1899-1900.

Owing to the change in the minimum number of innings played and overs bowled necessary to qualify, which are now 10 and 85 respectively, our lists this week are considerably smaller.

In the batting, eighteen drop out from this cause, and one, C. Gibson, because his average has fallen below 10. Lacey remains head of the list with a slightly improved average, Bedford, into whose figures a slight mistake crept last week, takes his proper place, third. Drabble rises two places and Elliot one. The other changes are immaterial.

In the bowling, eight drop out altogether. Spray takes first place, Elliot goes to second place, and Rumboll rises a couple of places. There are a few other changes also, but of minor importance.

	BATTING.		Highest score	Total runs	Average
	No. of Innings	Times not out			
Lacey ..	14	4	98	402	40.20
J. O. Anderson ..	25	3	155*	801	36.40
B. F. R. Bedford ..	12	1	137	388	35.27
J. R. Garrod ..	11	1	73	333	33.30
A. J. Symons ..	14	2	74*	399	33.25
A. Anderson ..	21	2	97*	547	28.78
E. D. Drabble ..	12	0	100	338	28.25
E. L. Rumboll ..	27	1	99	724	27.84
R. W. Rudd ..	17	2	93	405	27.00
G. F. Elliot ..	16	2	63	354	25.28
R. L. Halstead ..	12	3	120*	219	24.33
J. B. Campbell ..	11	2	51	179	19.88
D. Leighton ..	15	2	70	258	19.84
F. C. Wibberley ..	16	1	59	290	19.33
B. B. Syer ..	24	5	53*	356	18.73
H. A. Cowes ..	10	2	43	147	18.37
F. H. Jacobs ..	12	2	50*	174	17.40
A. Macdonald ..	23	3	60*	337	16.85
T. Benson ..	12	1	52	184	16.72
D. Gibson ..	13	1	58	190	15.83
J. S. Prescott ..	13	1	49	188	15.66
J. S. Campbell ..	13	0	50	198	15.23
W. B. Spray ..	14	0	98	212	15.14
J. D. Shepard ..	18	1	45	243	14.29
C. H. Lomas ..	13	1	58*	171	14.25
C. C. Alexander ..	15	1	41	191	13.64
J. H. Elliot ..	14	1	56	173	13.30
P. L. G. Bridger ..	12	2	41*	133	13.30
S. U. Leonard ..	11	1	39	122	12.20
R. H. Bartlett ..	11	0	27	122	11.90
H. Lucas ..	19	1	41	195	10.83
P. C. Sly ..	16	1	35	162	10.80
W. G. Brown ..	11	3	38	84	10.50
W. A. Campbell ..	15	6	32*	93	10.33
G. Henshaw ..	13	2	36*	113	10.27

* Signifies not out.

BOWLING.					
	O.	M.	R.	W.	Average
W. B. Spray	247.2	99	451	55	9.50
G. F. Elliot	154.4	43	311	34	9.14
W. A. Campbell	208.1	37	485	51	9.50
H. A. Cowes	181.3	55	396	40	9.90
H. B. Elliot	165.2	40	414	41	10.09
R. A. Brooking	273	108	549	54	10.16
Lacey	105.2	34	244	24	10.16
P. L. G. Bridger	87	26	212	20	10.60
T. V. M. Knox	307	82	708	65	10.89
J. S. Prescott	155.4	46	434	39	11.12
R. Kingsland	157.2	29	427	37	11.54
A. Macdonald	163.3	49	371	31	11.96
G. L. Miles	87	17	248	20	12.40
R. H. Bartlett	145.1	38	372	30	12.40
H. Lucas	220.1	44	616	46	13.39
E. L. Rumboll	184	44	511	38	13.44
H. Torre	175.3	53	381	28	13.60
J. O. Anderson	101.1	12	375	27	13.88
J. S. Campbell	185.4	38	548	37	14.81
W. G. Brown	103	28	255	15	17.00
C. R. Tupholme	126	22	390	21	18.57
T. Benson	174.2	33	491	26	18.88
A. Campbell	119.2	20	370	19	19.47

FLORES A.C. v. LOMAS "A."

The return Championship match between the above teams was played last Sunday at Lomas, and after a very exciting finish it resulted in a draw, the visitors being unable to dismiss their opponents before time was called, thanks to the efforts of the brothers Campbell, who kept their wickets intact for over half-an-hour.

The rain of the previous day had made the wicket very soft, but at first it was almost too wet to be of much use to the bowlers and the visitors put together the useful total of 224. Against this the Lomasites made 97 for nine wickets, when time was called, the draw being much in favour of the Flores team.

Gibson won the toss for Lomas and decided to put his opponents in first, Huxtable and J. Elliot being the first pair to face the deliveries of W. Campbell and T. Flint. Runs came steadily until 11 was up, when Campbell got Huxtable l.b.w. G. F. Elliot then joined his young brother, but five runs later saw him caught off Campbell. Macdonald had not got properly to work when he was splendidly caught in the slips off Flint, the total being 20, not a very brilliant commencement. With Jones and G. Elliot together, however, matters began to improve, and in spite of various changes in the bowling 80 was up before the next wicket fell. After this all the batsmen did better, the next five batsmen all getting into double figures and adding 141 runs to the score. No fewer than eight bowlers were tried, but the runs could not be kept down, and before the last wicket fell the total had reached 224. Holtum was top scorer with a characteristic 47 to his credit, which contained five fours. Of the many bowlers who were put on, McMorran with two wickets for 12 runs was the most successful.

With two hours and ten minutes to play the Lomas "A" team started their innings with Miller and T. Flint, the bowling being entrusted to Knox and H. Elliot. Knox started with a couple of maidens, while with only a single scored and in Elliot's second over Flint was bowled. T. M. Greene followed in and three runs later lost Miller, also bowled by H. Elliot. W. Flint then partnered Greene and these two settled down to put a better complexion on the game. Runs never came fast, but with the score gradually increasing Knox gave way for G. F. Elliot, and later on Macdonald relieved H. Elliot, but it was not until the "half century" had been posted that Flint was unfortunately run out, having been called for a third run. His 26 included 3 fours and a three. Leighton here joined Greene and 11 runs were added before the latter was bowled by a good one from G. Elliot, for a well-played 29. The batsmen had evidently received orders to play steady but G. Elliot was very successful and at five minutes to five eight wickets were down for 78 runs, so that it looked any odds on an easy win for Flores. At this stage the brothers A. and W. Campbell came together and such stubborn defence did they offer that time went slowly by with them still together, taking no risks and fulfilling their orders to the letter. One or two chances were offered but not taken, and at one period fifteen consecutive overs were sent down to these young players but they kept steadily at it, and it was not until the last ball

of the match was sent down that H. Elliot bowled W. Campbell. It was a splendid stand, and although naturally tedious to watch great excitement was caused as time gradually approached (5.30) for stumps to be drawn.

G. Elliot with four wickets for 28 runs obtained the best bowling figures,

Full score and analysis:—

FLORES A.C.		LOMAS "A."	
J. T. Huxtable lbw b W. A. Campbell	6	A. A. Miller b H. B. Elliot	2
J. H. Elliot c Leighton b W. A. Campbell	7	T. Flint b H. B. Elliot	0
G. F. Elliot b Macmorran	42	T. M. Greene b G. F. Elliot	29
A. Macdonald c Gibson b Flint	0	W. Flint run out	26
F. E. Jones c A. Campbell b W. A. Campbell	36	D. Leighton b Macdonald	8
B. B. Syer c W. A. Campbell b Macmorran	17	G. C. Alexander b G. F. Elliot	7
H. Kirk c Miller b Flint	34	C. Gibson b G. F. Elliot	2
C. W. Mullins b A. Campbell	18	A. J. Macmorran b G. F. Elliot	0
J. V. Holtum c Miller b A. Campbell	47	A. Campbell not out	4
T. V. M. Knox not out	4	W. A. Campbell b H. B. Elliot	10
H. B. Elliot b Miller	1	S. Gibson did not bat	
Extras	12	Extras	9
Total	224	Total (for 9 wks)	97

BOWLING ANALYSIS.									
Flores A.C.	O	M	R	W	Lomas "A."	O	M	R	W
W. A. Campbell	27	5	75	3	T. V. M. Knox	13	6	18	0
T. Flint	18	3	42	1	H. B. Elliot	23	10	32	3
A. Campbell	7	0	27	2	G. F. Elliot	19	9	28	4
T. M. Greene	3	1	12	0	A. Macdonald	9	4	10	1
A. J. Macmorran	6	1	13	2	Macdonald delivered one no-ball.				
A. A. Miller	3.2	1	11	1					
S. Gibson	6	3	16	0					
W. Flint	3	0	16	1					

LANUS A.C. v. HURLINGHAM.

Teams representing the above clubs met on Sunday last at Lanús, to play off their return match in the Championship series. The ground was on the wet side after the heavy rain of the previous day, and runs were not so easily obtained as usual. In spite of this the visitors knocked up 204 for the loss of only two wickets, thus gaining a very easy victory over their opponents, who only scored 79.

Lanus won the toss and batted first, as usual sending in the brothers Luck to open the innings, the bowling being shared by Spray and J. S. Campbell. Spray gave early signs of being "on the spot" and E. Luck soon left with no runs to his credit. J. Luck continued until he had made 11 and then suffered a similar fate, Spray bowling him, while of the others T. Brown and T. Benson alone secured double-figure scores, and the whole side was out for only 79 runs. Brown's runs were made in his usual characteristic style and contained a hit out of the ground for six off Campbell. Benson batted patiently for his runs, but no one else offered any serious opposition to Spray's deliveries. This bowler came out with excellent figures, his six wickets being taken at the small cost of 20 runs.

Hurlingham started with Drabble and Rumboll, and a very useful start it was, for before Drabble was bowled by T. Brown the total stood at 189. Drabble played in brilliant style and as usual runs came at a good pace during his stay at the wickets. His best hits were three fours, 4 threes and 9 twos. With Lacey in Rumboll soon left with an excellent innings of 99 to his credit. He had very hard lines in just missing his "century" as he batted really well, and as far as we could see only gave one chance, at the wicket when he had made 80. His big score was made up of 2 sixes, 6 fours, 7 threes, 13 twos, and 16 singles. Lacey filled the vacancy and with the total raised to 204 without further loss time was called, leaving Hurlingham victorious by 125 runs with eight wickets to spare. Naturally all the home bowlers had a very poor time of it.

Full score and analysis:—

LANUS A.C.		HURLINGHAM	
E. Luck b Spray	0	E. D. Drabble b T. Brown	70
J. Luck b Spray	11	E. L. Rumboll c C. Brown b Fothergill	99
J. H. Williams b Campbell	9	Lacey not out	11
A. Greaven b Campbell	0	A. Lacey not out	2
T. Brown run out	23	W. B. Spray	
C. Benson c Darch b Spray	2	J. S. Campbell	
T. Benson b Rumboll	17	C. W. Thompson	
C. R. Tupholme b Spray	1	W. D. Campbell	did not bat
C. Brown b Spray	2	J. Stuart	
F. W. Fothergill b Spray	5	J. T. Darch	
A. Martin not out	1	A. H. Poulton (sub)	
Extras	8	Extras	22
Total	79	Total	204

		BOWLING ANALYSIS.							
		M	R	W		M	R	W	
Lanus A.C.	0				Hurlingham	0			
W. B. Spray	11.2	3	20	6	C. R. Tupholme	11	0	35	
J. S. Campbell	5	0	31	2	J. H. Williams	9	4	19	
Lacey	3	0	14	0	T. Brown	10	2	22	
E. L. Rumboll	3	0	6	1	T. Benson	6	0	15	
					A. Greaven	2	0	9	
					C. Benson	4	0	13	
					C. Brown	2	0	10	
					E. Luck	3	1	13	
					F. W. Fothergill	9	0	46	

B.A.C.C. 2ND XI. v. BANFIELD A.C.

This friendly game was played last Sunday at Palermo, and resulted in an easy win for the home team. After Saturday's rain the wicket was naturally very much on the soft side and the bowlers had a good time of it. Winning the toss the B. A. captain wisely decided to put his opponents in first, with the result that only one batsman, H. Craven, obtained double figures, the innings closing for the meagre total of 24.

The home side began none too well as Dowson left with only 6 on the sheet, but then Hunt and Croll made a capital stand, the score being carried to 62 before a separation was effected, after which a complete collapse ensued, the remaining eight wickets falling for only 17 runs.

D. Kingsland bowled very well for the home team as did Leng, both obtaining wonderful figures, while for Banfield R. Kingsland and Knaudt were the most successful.

Being 55 runs behind Banfield went in a second time and fared better, thanks to Lomas (22), Craven (16), and Quick (18), and the total reached 77, thus giving their opponents 23 runs to make to win the match.

The first pair soon left and then im Thurn made things very lively rattling up 21 in no time. Hunt and Stokes kept the fun going until the latter was run out, and when play ceased the score was 84 for four wickets, Hunt being not out with 31 to his credit. Knaudt again bowled well for Banfield as did Leng for the other side.

Full score and analysis:—

BANFIELD A.C.		1st inn		2nd inn	
C. H. Lomas	c Stokes b Kingsland	0		b Grant	22
F. J. Bardrick	c Stokes b Leng	0		hit wkt b Kingsland	1
W. Bond	b Leng	6		b Kingsland	0
J. Tipping	b Kingsland	0		b Kingsland	0
H. Craven	st Stokes b Kingsland	13		b Leng	16
J. Quick	b Kingsland	1		c Stokes b Leng	18
H. Kingsland	b Leng	1		b Hunt	0
E. Morgan	b Kingsland	0		c Stokes b Leng	6
C. P. Knaudt	c Hunt b Kingsland	0		b Kingsland	3
R. Kingsland	not out	2		c Grant b Leng	0
A. Woodwell	lbw b Kingsland	0		not out	4
Extras		1		Extras	7
Total		24		Total	77

B.A.C.C. 2ND XI.		1st inn		2nd inn	
R. Hunt	c R. Kingsland b Knaudt	26		not out	31
J. J. Dowson	c Bond b R. Kingsland	6		not out	9
J. C. Croll	c Morgan b R. Kingsland	23		{did not bat	
F. Grant	b R. Kingsland	2		run out	12
A. "Stoker"	c Lomas b Knaudt	0		b Knaudt	21
A. im Thurn	b Knaudt	0		b Knaudt	2
D. J. Stokes	not out	4		{did not bat	
H. C. Thompson	b R. Kingsland	0		b Knaudt	2
D. Kingsland	c Tipping b Knaudt	4		{did not bat	
H. Leng	run out	5		c Bardrick b Knaudt	2
E. R. Showler	c and b Knaudt	0		Extras	7
Extras		9		Total (for 4 wkts)	84
Total		79			

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		M	R	W		M	R	W
H. H. Leng	9	6	5	3	H. H. Leng	13	4	15
D. Kingsland	9	2	18	7	D. Kingsland	11	2	32
					F. J. Grant	3	0	5
					R. E. Hunt	3	0	5
					A. "Stoker"	2	0	13

B.A.C.C. 2ND XI.		1st inn				2nd inn			
		M	R	W		M	R	W	
R. Kingsland	11	4	25	4	C. P. Knaudt	9	2	19	
C. P. Knaudt	15.2	3	30	5	R. Kingsland	5	0	30	
H. Craven	4	1	9	0	H. Kingsland	2	0	18	
H. Kingsland	2	0	6	0	E. Morgan	2	0	15	
					H. Craven	1	1	0	

FIXTURES FOR 1899-1900.

MARCH.

- Sun. 11—Belgrano v. Quilmes, at Quilmes.*
- Sun. 11—B.A.C.C. v. Hurlingham, at Palermo.
- Sun. 11—Lomas "A" v. Banfield, at Banfield.*
- Sun. 11—Lanus v. Flores, at Flores.*
- Sun. 18—Belgrano 2nd XI. v. Lanus 2nd XI., at Belgrano

- Sun. 18—Lomas v. Banfield, at Banfield.*
 - Sun. 18—Quilmes v. Flores, at Flores.*
 - Sun. 18—B.A.C.C. 2nd XI. v. Hurlingham 2nd XI., at Hurlingham.
 - Sun. 25—Quilmes 2nd XI. v. Banfield 2nd XI., at Banfield.
 - Sun. 25—B.A.C.C. v. Belgrano, at Belgrano.
- APRIL.
- Sun. 1—Hurlingham 2nd XI. v. Flores 2nd XI., at Flores.
 - Sun. 1—B.A.C.C. 2nd XI. v. Banfield 2nd XI., at Banfield.
 - Sun. 8—Hurlingham v. Lomas "A," at Lomas.*
 - Thur. 12, Fri. 13—Lomas v. Flores, at Flores.*
- *Championship Matches.

FAIR PLAY.

The words which form the title of this short article are familiar to most of the readers of our English "dailies" here, for innumerable letters have been written signed by these magic words on every conceivable subject, including sporting matters; but when analysed these letters will generally be found to be the very reverse of what the words affixed to the end of them imply, and as a rule serve solely to express the views, however wrong or unjust, of some individual who dare not sign his name. In our "Notes" last week we mentioned that we should have more to say with regard to the extraordinary antagonistic feeling, openly shown and expressed, towards the South elevens of recent years, a feeling we cannot understand the rhyme or reason for, it is there, nevertheless, as anyone who has witnessed any of the last few encounters between the North and South elevens can bear witness to, while that portion of the press already referred to seems only too glad to lend its columns for adverse criticisms of either the Southern Selection Committee, the South eleven or the South captains, in short to anything that may influence the public against their own representatives. The absolute unfairness and injustice of this has often struck us very forcibly, and as there must be a reason for it we are anxious to find out what it is, and consequently intend to state a few bare facts here, all of which tend to show that it would only be natural to find this feeling, we have referred to, all the other way.

Firstly, as regards the election of the Southern Selection Committee. In a letter we have recently received from a friend now outside, but formerly a prominent cricketer here, congratulating the South on the method adopted for forming a Selection Committee, we were greatly surprised to read the following passage. "You know as well as I do that for the last few years there has been too much mystery about the whole thing," This he writes with regard to the Selection of the South team. Now, where on earth does the mystery come in? Two years ago the Selection Committee was chosen at a meeting of the various club secretaries, whether their names were made public or not we do not remember. Last year at a full meeting of club secretaries, it was unanimously agreed to request the Committee of the B.A.C.C. to appoint the Selection Committee, with a recommendation that it should not contain more than five persons. This year the various captains met together, all except the Lanus and Banfield captains being present, and a Selection Committee was appointed. Where is the mystery in this? On the contrary, everything has been perfectly open and above board, and as may be seen from the foregoing remarks, during the last three seasons three distinctly different methods have been adopted to try and get the most competent people to select the South team. If these methods have failed, as many would have us believe, it has not been from want of trying and perseverance. Why then should there be any ill-feeling about the matter? It is no easy task for these committee men to undertake, for besides the difficulty of selecting the best team and the responsibility that this alone entails, they have all the arrangements, financial and otherwise of the match to attend to, meaning loss of time, expense and trouble, and it is an open secret that but for the good offices of the Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer of the B.A.C.C., the small committee this year could not have got through the work before them. Have these would-be critics, who are mainly responsible for the feeling we have alluded to, ever taken these matters into consideration before publicly airing their views? We think not.

We might write much more on this subject and more strongly, but for reasons which will be obvious to most of our readers, we forbear.

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FOOTBALL.

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	Matches Played	Won.	Lost.	Drn.	Pts.
Sheffield United	24	14	1	9	37
Aston Villa.....	25	16	5	4	36
Wolverhampton Wanderers..	23	11	4	8	30
Sunderland.....	22	12	8	2	26
Bury.....	23	11	8	4	26
Nottingham Forest.....	22	9	6	7	25
Stoke.....	24	10	9	5	25
Everton.....	24	9	10	5	23
Derby County.....	22	8	8	6	22
Newcastle United.....	23	7	9	7	21
Manchester City.....	21	8	8	5	21
Burnley.....	23	7	11	5	19
Notts County.....	23	6	10	7	19
West Bromwich Albion.....	23	8	11	4	20
Preston North End.....	23	7	12	4	18
Liverpool.....	24	6	13	5	17
Blackburn Rovers.....	20	7	12	1	15
Glossop.....	21	3	14	4	10

SCOTLAND V. WALES.

The sixteenth match between the fifteens of Scotland and Wales was played at Swansea on January 27, Satisfied with the experience of the victory over England at Gloucester three weeks before, the Welsh Selection Committee made but two changes from the side that performed so successfully on that occasion. E. Gwyn Nicholls, who had opportunely returned after a prolonged Australian tour, replaced D. Rees, of Swansea, while G. Dobson (Cardiff) took the place of R. Hellings (Llwynypia), who had been injured. In the Scottish team there was a change from the original selection, H. Rottenburg taking the place of A. R. Smith. The weather for several days had been wet, but the ground had suffered little. Though a heavy hailstorm precluded the game, there was no rain while it was proceeding, and towards the end the sun actually embarrassed the Scottish players. The game was less even than had been expected.

Though the Scottish forwards at first seemed superior, the half backs failed to open out the game, and so could not reap any benefit for their side. Smart kicking into touch and gradual encroachment upon Welsh ground were the features of their play. Nor was the superiority of the Scottish forwards sufficiently pronounced to prevent the passing tactics of the Welsh team. When the Scottish players were actually pressing their opponents, the Welsh backs found an opportunity, and, after the half backs and the other three-quarters had taken part in a run, the ball came into the hands of Llewellyn, who gained a brilliant try after running half the length of the field. Subsequently the Scottish forwards showed some of the best play of the match, McEwen, Dykes, and Morrison dribbling with such effect that several of the Welsh backs failed to check them, and, with Bancroft badly at fault, Dykes equalised the score with a well deserved try. Soon afterwards the Scottish forwards were exceedingly unfortunate in not adding to the score, Millar touching down when the defence had been broken through.

Play for some time afterwards was in favour of the Welshmen, whose passing was continually troublesome. The tackling however, was good and it was only a clever cross-kick and smart following up by Llewellyn which enabled Nicholls to score the second try. The second half was almost entirely in favour of Wales, whose twenty-five was but once invaded. Lack of condition was evident in some of the visiting forwards, and the Welsh eight were able to heel out or rush the scrum-mage at their pleasure. Lloyd and Phillips had no difficulty in getting the ball, and the second half, with the exception quoted above, consisted of a long series of runs and passes, in which all the Welsh backs participated. The passing though apparently brilliant was not nearly so effective as that expected from Welsh backs, and, though two other tries were added, one only was an evidence of combination. The fault apparently was with the inside three-quarter backs, Nicholls erring on the side of generosity in relation to his wing man, while Davies marred an otherwise excellent display by an unexpected selfishness, which was certainly detrimental to Trew, who was comparatively idle throughout the game.

The chief credit of the victory is due to the Welsh forwards, whose strongest point was scrum-mage work,

and who, in packing and heeling out to the half backs, possessed a great advantage over their opponents. With the advantage in the scrummage, Lloyd and Phillips had no difficulty in keeping their backs in motion, and under the circumstances Gillespie and Fasson must be commended for the fairness of their tactics. At three-quarter Wales were undeniably the stronger side, but although tailing in attack when opportunity presented itself, the Scottish backs were brilliant in defence. T. Scott was the most useful, his speed enabling him to cross the field to assist the other wing in defence. Both Timms and Morrison lacked the ability to keep the backs together, and on the few occasions that the ball was passed among them little use was made of the opportunity. Rottenburg, after failing to stop Llewellyn at the commencement of the game, defended grandly, and was not at fault in either of the following tries. The Welsh team was very well balanced, but the chief distinction was gained by Nicholls, Llewellyn, and Lloyd. Bancroft with the exception of the mistake which gave the Scotsmen their try, played well, his kicking showing great length and judgment. Penalty kicks were frequent, the Welshmen, as in the match at Gloucester, being the worse offenders. As has been stated above, the first try came from a scrummage well in Welsh territory, Lloyd starting his backs, and Llewellyn, after pretty passing, running in. A rush by the Scottish forwards beat Trew and Bancroft, and enabled Dykes to score for Scotland. Brilliant passing among the Welsh backs ended in Llewellyn kicking across when unable to go further, and in the scramble for the ball Nicholls obtained a try.

With the change of sides Wales had the advantage of the breeze, while the sun increased the difficulties of their opponents. Play was almost entirely in favour of Wales, but the tackling of the Scottish backs, especially Rottenburg and Scott, delayed scoring for some time. Nicholls at length ran up to Scott and passed to Llewellyn, who gained his second try. A fine dribble by Dykes, assisted by Bedell-Sivwright and Kerr, lent some variety to the play, but the Welshmen soon returned. Towards the close Llewellyn ran through, and, on his losing the ball, Williams scored easily. Bancroft failed with this, as with the other place kicks. The game ended in a win for Wales by four tries to one.

Wales—W. J. Bancroft (Swansea, back), W. Llewellyn (Llwynypia), E. G. Nicholls (Cardiff), G. Davies (Swansea), W. Trew (Swansea) (three-quarter backs), G. L. Lloyd (Newport and Old Leysians), L. A. Phillips (Newport) (half backs), A. Brice (Aberavon), F. Millar (Mountain Ash), G. Boots (Newport), J. I. Hodges (Newport), J. Blake (Cardiff), W. H. Williams (Pontymister), R. Thomas (Swansea), G. Dobson (Cardiff) (forwards).

Scotland—H. Rottenburg (London Scottish) (back), T. Scott (Langholm), A. B. Timms (Edinburgh University), W. H. Morrison (Edinburgh Academicals), J. E. Crabbie (Oxford University) (three-quarter backs), F. H. Fasson (Cambridge University), J. I. Gillespie (Edinburgh Academicals) (half backs), M. Morrison (Royal High School), W. M. C. M'Ewan (Edinburgh Academicals), D. B. Sivwright (Cambridge University), F. W. Henderson (London Scottish), W. J. Thomson (West of Scotland), J. Dykes (London Scottish), G. C. Kerr (Durham), T. M. Scott (Hawick) (forwards). Referee, Mr A. Hartley.

THE STRIKE.

We publish below, under the above heading, the second letter we have received from a subscriber now in South Africa, who writes under the name of "Wanderer":

Our voyage contained very little of interest until we cast anchor in Table Bay. We fed and watered the stock twice a day which had a certain sameness about it, except when we had rough weather. Then there were always interesting sights of different sorts, and my time was taken up in wading ankle deep from one end of the ship to the other, picking men and buckets out of scuppers and all sorts of curious places.

Now amongst my cattle men I had three Germans and a man called Donaldson. The latter was the best man for the work, and the three former, the worst I have ever seen. Donaldson was a big square built man, who had done his time in the Navy, very smart and hard-working; he also had the habit of using very high flown terms whenever he had anything to report. He always notified me of events, and conveyed my orders to the men, as I made him second in command.

Very often the Germans turned up late for watering,

and finding nothing going on aft, I just went and interviewed Donaldson.

"Well, D—, how is it that these Germans aren't out?"
"Well, sir, I notified them that it was time, but it is impossible to convey anything to these men's intelligence because they're absolute fools, and I wish to inform you, sir, that it would give me every satisfaction to knock them down."

"Very well D—, you can knock 'em down and I'll square everything with the Captain."

After saluting he disappeared, while I cleared up aloft amongst the sheep pens where I could see the fun without being seen.

My men, of course, had a cabin to themselves, but Donaldson conveyed to me on behalf of the English peones that the German contingent had come on board bringing several tame pets in the insect line which caused them to be obnoxious to the general community. "Besides," added Donaldson in a stage whisper, "they're scratching day and night and the other men can't sleep."

So I saw the Captain and asked him if there wasn't room for'ard with the crew as my men had no room to turn round in their cabin, with the result that the Germans were put for'ard with the crew, which gave me an excellent view of them as they came on the crew's deck from the sheep pens. Donaldson disappeared down the companion ladder and I heard a lot of swearing and scuffling, and after a minute one of the Germans appeared clearing up the ladder with a lump of bread in his mouth and Donaldson coming a good second.

Up they came on deck, down went the German like a shot rabbit from a well directed left-hander under the jaw, they all followed and each one took his physic on his arrival.

These little events broke the monotony of the voyage until one evening we sighted land, and the next morning about nine o'clock we anchored in Table Bay.

The Bay was simply cram full of shipping, and I don't suppose in the world have there ever been so many ships of different nationalities and lines in one harbour. There were troopers or transports, as they are now called, of every big English line of importance. There was the Kildonan Castle, costing the Government £25,000 per month, White Star, Union, P. and O., Leylands, and in fact numerous lines were there represented at a cost of £1 per ton per month, and their coal. Some had troops, some lay at anchor waiting for orders, but all under full steam, and with orders to be ready to sail at half an hour's notice. Of course, I led my stock, as usual in the morning, and having bought a penny paper for 6d., I lay down to have a quiet read.

But there's no peace for the head cattle man. Up came Donaldson at 11 a.m. and saluted, I knew there was something up then.

"Please, sir the men have notified me that they, having arrived at Cape Town, utterly refuse to do any extra work and this intelligence I beg to convey you personally."

So I told him to call the steward and to tell the men to come aft. They all came and explained that their contract was fulfilled as they'd arrived at their destination. So I simply told the steward to give them 1 lb. of biscuits per man per day and to have a man at the galley door to see that none of them got anything else to eat.

We were in a fine fix, 1200 head of stock on board and Donaldson and myself to feed and water them all. I was at my wits end, and I simply decided to start immediately after lunch and trust to luck to get through by dark. Well, we started, and after about half an hour we'd each watered about four bullocks, I was beginning to feel bad, when the finest thing occurred I've seen for years.

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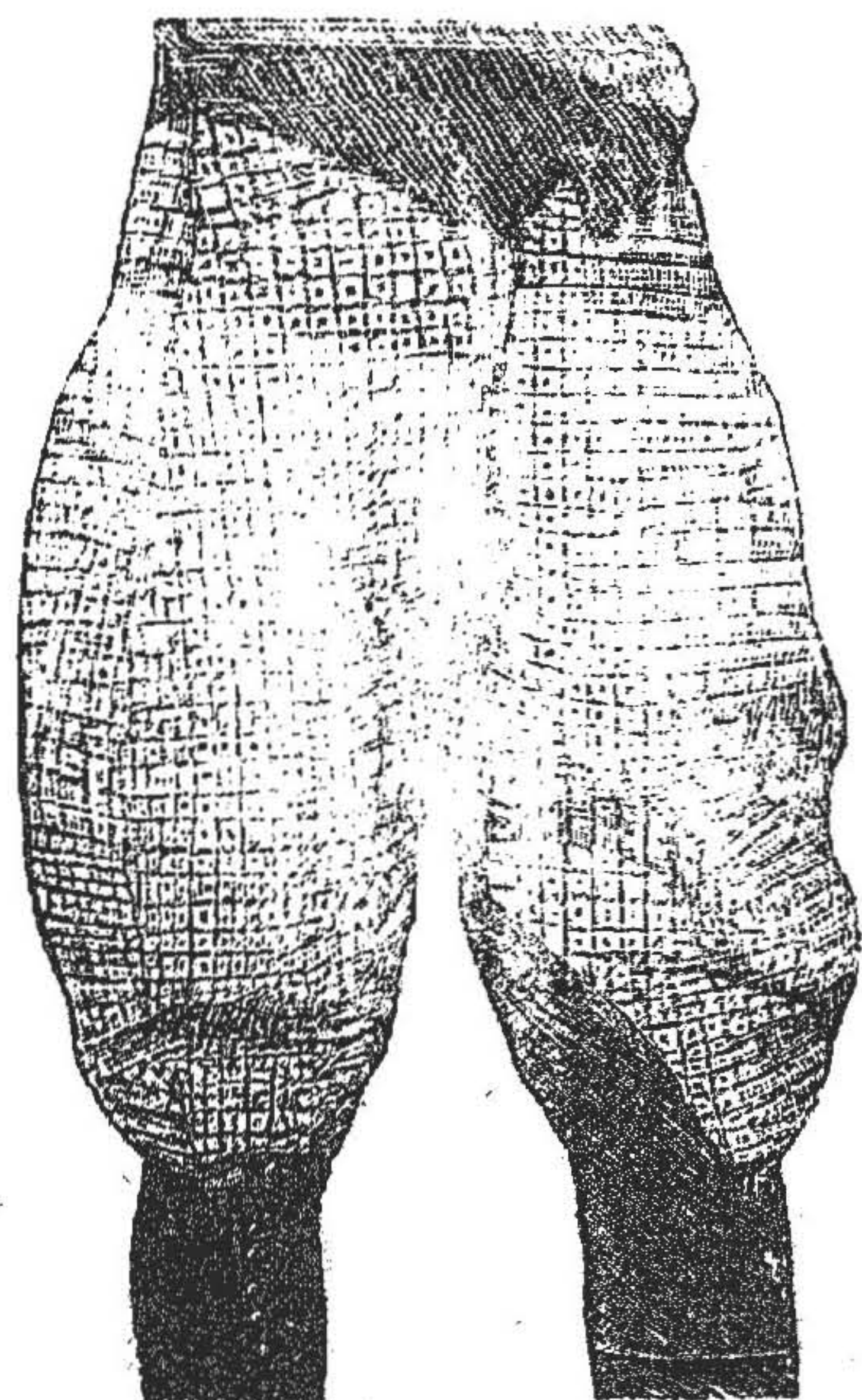
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