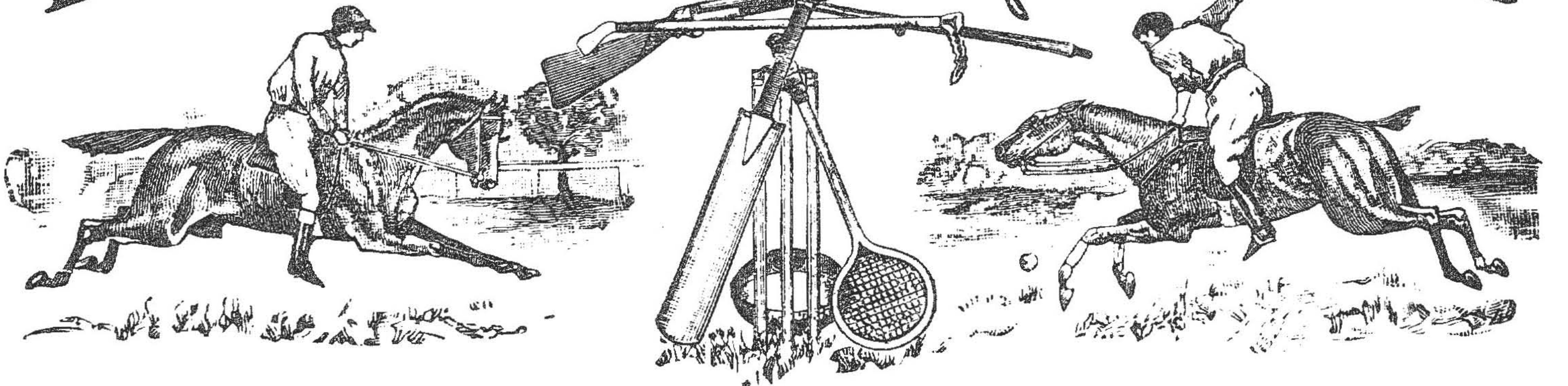


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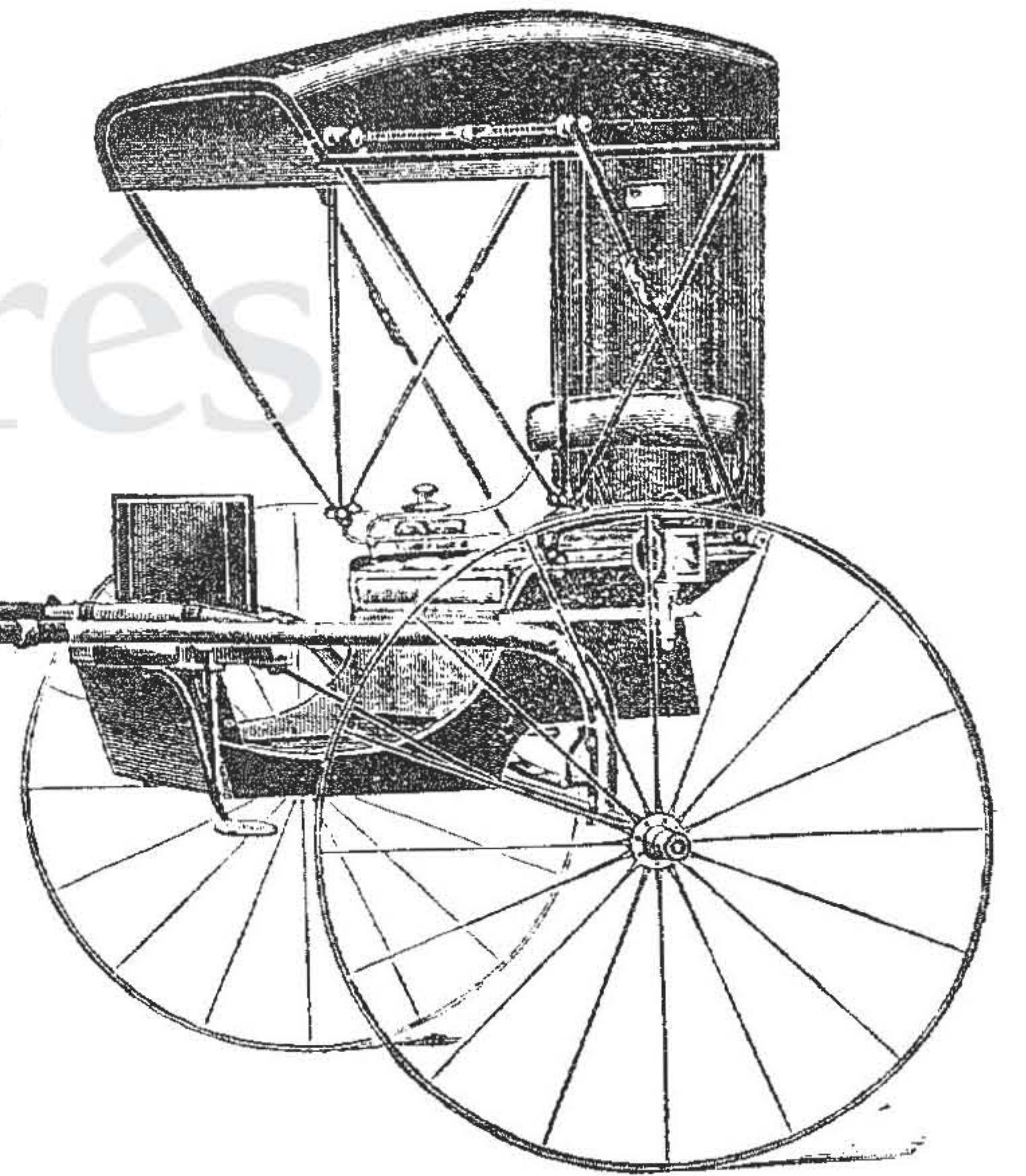
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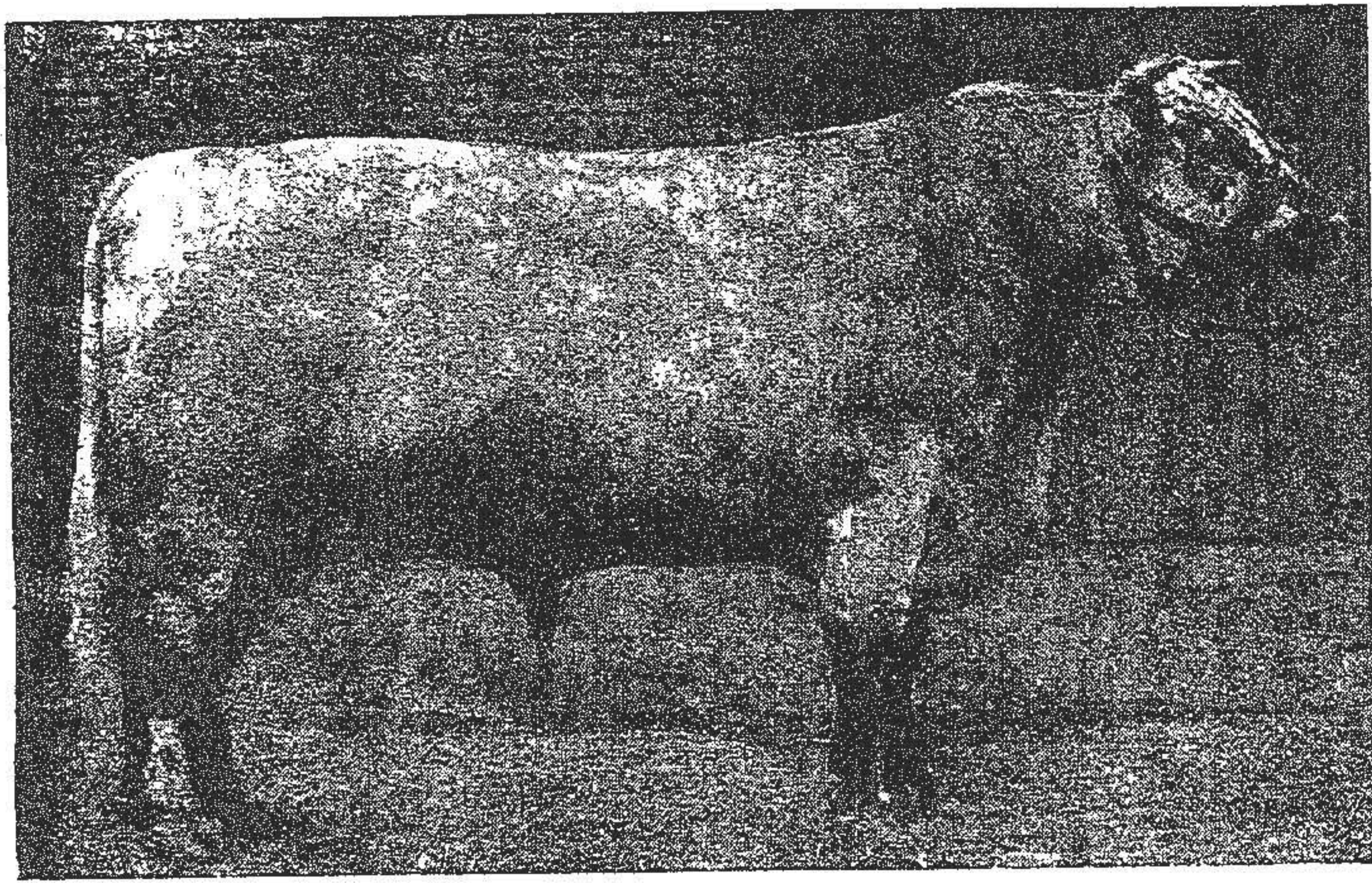
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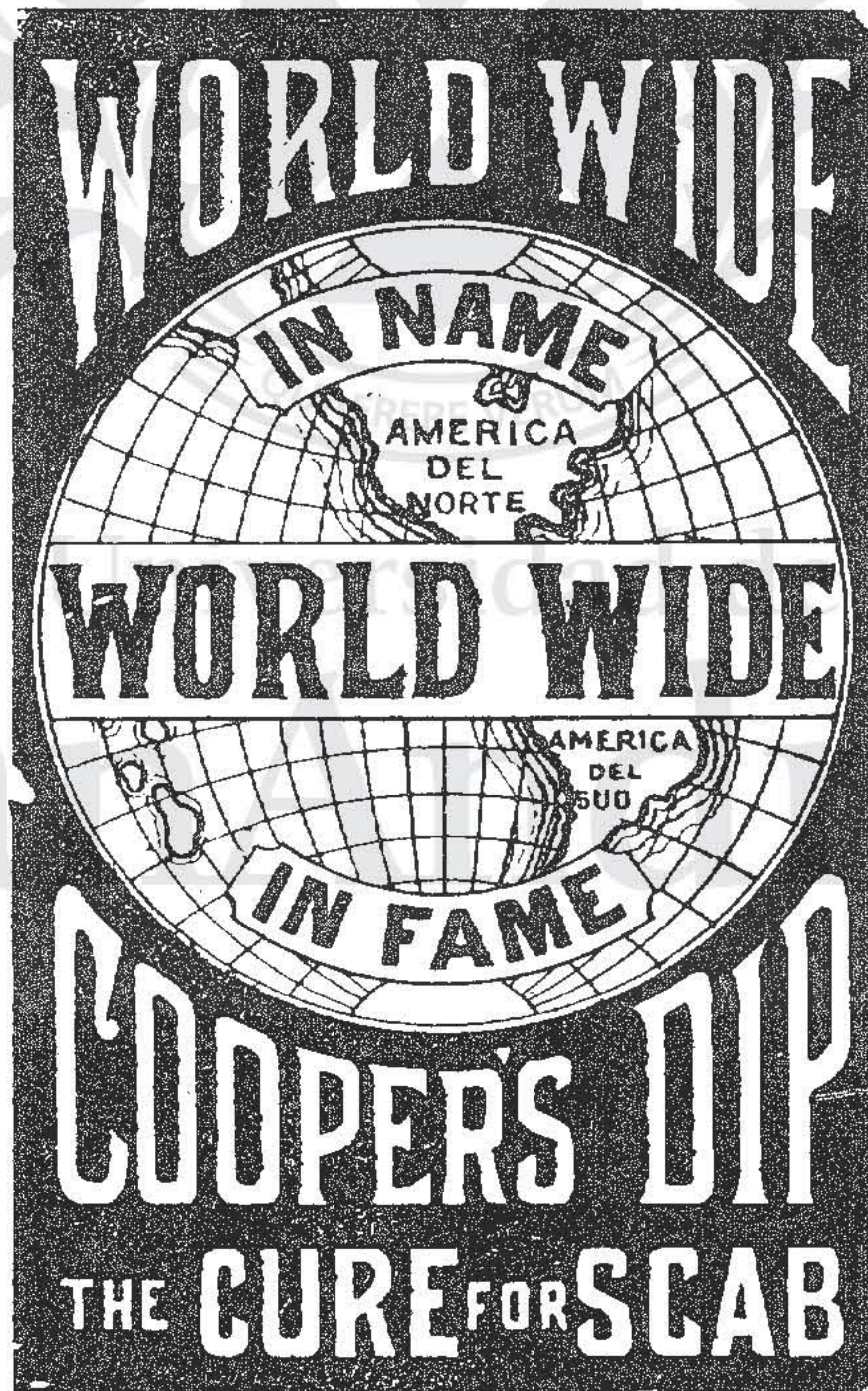
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GOLF.

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

The meeting of the above clubs last Sunday, at Flores, resulted in quite one of the best inter-club matches that has ever been played here. The weather was perfect, and an excellent day's golf enjoyed. In the Singles the visitors were eight up, but in the Foursomes, in the afternoon, Flores reduced this lead by six, leaving Lomas the winners of the match by only two holes. In matches the visitors just won, winning seven to their opponents six, as the following scores will show:—

Lomas		SINGLES	Flores	Holes	
D. Leighton	..	3	M. L. Runciman	..	0
W. Flint	..	0	H. Beckett	..	8
J. Marjoribanks	..	3	H. Smith	..	0
A. Macdonald	..	0	W. A. Agar	..	6
P. L. G. Bridger	..	0	H. Hume	..	2
A. Mohr-Bell	..	5	E. H. Theobald	..	0
R. Smiles	..	4	G. Forrester	..	0
C. Alexander	..	0	J. S. Agar	..	0
J. O. Anderson	..	7	J. W. Taylor	..	0
R. W. Rudd	..	2	H. B. Elliot (jr.)	..	0
		24			16

FOURSOMES

Lomas		Holes
D. Leighton and W. Flint	..	0
J. Marjoribanks and A. Macdonald	..	0
P. L. G. Bridger and A. Mohr-Bell	..	0
R. Smiles and C. Alexander	..	3
J. O. Anderson and R. W. Rudd	..	0
		3

Flores

Flores		Holes
M. L. Runciman and H. Beckett	..	2
H. Smith and W. A. Agar	..	3
H. Hume and E. H. Theobald	..	0
G. Forrester and J. S. Agar	..	0
J. W. Taylor and H. B. Elliot (jr.)	..	4
		9

Total result:

Lomas	..	7 matches	27 holes
Flores	..	6	25

HURLINGHAM GOLF LINKS.

The second Monthly Competition of the Hurlingham Club was held on Sunday last on the above links. Undoubtedly the inter-club match between Lomas and Flores kept many would-be competitors away, but there was a fair muster of players and twelve cards were returned. F. J. Bennett, who seems to have been very liberally treated by the handicappers, was easily first, playing two capital rounds of 48 and 50, and with the liberal allowance of 15 obtained a net score of 83. F. Henderson obtained the lowest gross score with two good rounds of 47 and 49.

The following are the details of the scores:

	1st round	2nd round	Gross Total	Handicap	Net Total
F. J. Bennett	48	50	98	-15	83
F. Henderson	47	49	96	-5	91
V. G. G. Scroggie	54	45	99	-3	96
R. A. Sumner	49	52	101	-5	96
W. Parker	65	57	122	-24	98
R. Paton	54	52	106	-5	101
Dr. Petty	55	49	104	-3	101
A. Goodfellow	60	51	111	-10	101
T. T. Watson	54	52	106	-3	103
E. L. Wilson	57	58	115	-12	103
F. D. Robertson	52	61	113	-10	103
M. G. Fortune	52	55	107	-3	104

MONTEVIDEO GOLF CLUB.

On the 1st inst. the new Club House was opened, Mr. Lane presenting a prize for competition, under handicap, 21 members turning out. The Golf course has been lengthened since last year, and is now some six or seven strokes longer on the 18 holes. The links were in excellent condition.

	Gross Total	Handicap	Net Total
J. M. Ellery	105	-18	87
J. S. Reid (tie)	108	-20	88
D. Scott (tie)	122	-34	88
P. H. Vignoles	121	-32	89
Jas. Oldham	139	-46	93
Jas. Fraser	113	-18	95
Dunbar	97	scr.	97
Davie	127	-30	97
Crocker	125	-25	100
Adams	121	-18	103
Handcock	143	-40	103
Marshall	129	-24	105
Benedict	138	-28	110
Cooper	140	-30	110
Rippin	144	-34	110
Macadam	145	-34	111
Henderson	149	-36	113
Kerr Connell	150	-36	114
Lane	151	-34	117

Messrs. Cameron (-20) and Aspe (-30) did not hand in their cards.

LOMAS GOLF LINKS.

It has often amused us very much to hear the various ideas and opinions openly expressed as to how many strokes should be taken to complete the round of nine holes on our various golf courses here, and, so as not to be out of the fashion, we intend writing a few short articles on our different links, and so air our opinions on the subject. This, however, is not our sole object. It is astonishing how many golfers there are here in Buenos Aires, who have actually never played on more than two of our courses, while there are very many who have only played on their own club's links. To these, therefore, it has struck us that it might be interesting to learn something of the other courses, and this must be our apology for taking upon ourselves this herculean task, in which, as on most matters, opinions are largely divided.

We commence the series this week with the Lomas Golf Links, for the simple reason that so far this season, we have played there more frequently than anywhere else. Thanks to the indefatigable exertions of the captain, Mr C. Alexander, the pavilion has been enlarged and generally improved.

A part of the ground has been neatly railed off so as to allow the coaches to drive up to the pavilion without encroaching on the links, and so preventing ruts, etc. being formed on the actual playing portion. The bunkers have all been raised, and the greens, although somewhat rough just at present, promise to be as good as ever. The first tee is straight in front of the pavilion and one has to face a small "arroyo" and then the artificial bunker protecting the hole. There is also a formidable looking pond to be negotiated. Playing good golf the first hole is a possible four, although it is really a five hole.

A good drive and a good "second" should see you within comfortable distance of the green, and three more should suffice for one to hole out.

Playing the second hole one returns to the pavilion, having the same "arroyo" to face and another large artificial bunker protecting the green. This is another possible four, but like the first, five or even six are more generally taken.

The third hole is a veritable trap for the new comer, as a long ball is invariably badly punished, while if the ball is sliced in the least bit the ball sails out of bounds. About 160 or 170 yards from the teeing ground, and some

20 or 30 yards apart, are *two* "arroyos," so that if you do manage to carry the one, the other is nicely placed to receive the rolling ball. As a matter of fact, the safest way is to drive off with your cleek or iron and get the near side of the first "arroyo" and then on to the green or thereabouts with your "second" thus allowing another possible four.

The fourth hole is a fairly short one, but a tall and thick hedge faces the player as he drives off. If the hedge is carried, and it requires a good ball to do this, well and good, all is plain sailing, and a four or even three hole might result. An ordinary drive, however, either leaves the ball uncomfortably near the hedge or well in the middle of it and then the fun begins. If the drive is sliced a thick undergrowth awaits you. Here again many players prefer to drive off with their irons and carry the hedge with their second, but for the majority the temptation of "having a go" at the hedge proves too strong.

The fifth hole brings you back again over the hedge, which should be carried with comfort, but a long ball just finds the bunker which protects the green. This hole is frequently done in four and should be, but a bad drive here means disaster. It was while playing this hole some time ago that two players, certainly not old hands at the game, distinctly took our fancy. Both drove into the hedge and for the next few minutes the links echoed and reechoed with resounding blows as though a veritable army of men were hewing down a forest of trees. At length one player emerged stating he had played three and anxious to know what his opponent had done. The latter not to be outdone said he had played two! We ourselves had counted five by each, but the incident passed and both went happily on their way!

The sixth hole is considerably longer and is one of the few holes where one can, as a rule, indulge in a brassy shot for the "second." Our old friend the hedge has again to be negotiated and the green is cleverly protected, so that five may well be allowed for it.

The seventh hole brings you back once again and for the last time over the hedge and should be done in four. The green is protected and a long ball leaves you in the bunker, while a sliced one gets you into terrible trouble, hedges and a thick undergrowth lying straight down on your right.

The eighth hole is the longest and certainly the most sporting hole on the links. The green is very cleverly placed, being surrounded by water on two sides, by a hedge and road on another, and by an artificial bunker on the fourth side. All is plain sailing until it is time to approach and on this shot all depends.

The last hole is protected by an artificial wire railing bunker, but a good drive and good second should see one safely over this difficulty, so that we cannot allow more than four for this. If the drive is sliced out one goes into the road, otherwise, beyond the bunker we have mentioned, there is nothing to prevent a four if good golf is played.

This brings us back once again to the pavilion and the round is completed.

If we might make a suggestion we would recommend that the various bunkers should be made more up and down, so to speak. At present they are easily got out of the banks sloping towards the holes, and the player, in our opinion, who gets into these, is not sufficiently punished. The links are well looked after by a most capable ground man, who works under the eagle eye and direction of the club captain.

They are, in conclusion, jolly little links, and one can enjoy an excellent day's golf there.

GOLF IN AMERICA.

Organized Golf in America was introduced by the formation of the United States Golf Association, at New York, December 22nd, 1894. This organization was formed by five clubs, namely, the County Club, Brookline, Mass.; the Chicago Golf Club, Chicago, Ill.; Newport Golf Club, Newport, R. I.; St. Andrew's Golf Club, Yonkers, N. Y.; and the Shinnecock Hills Golf Club, Southampton, L. I., N. Y. From this small beginning a good growth was perceptible each year, until at the present time there are about two hundred clubs in the association and several thousand in America, not members of the national organization. Among the sub-associations, or local, as they may be called, are the Western Golf Association, the Southern Golf Association, the Metropolitan Golf Association, the Philadelphia Golf Association, the Central New York State League,

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the Connecticut State Golf Association, and a number of other yet smaller leagues, which are generally of the inter-city variety and in some localities partake of the neighbourhood league. All of these associations are dependent upon the United States Golf Association for their directing power to the extent of their rules, etc. Of course, all have independent officers, selected by their own delegates, and also have an independent constitution and bye-laws. These associations also hold their own championship events, which are also independent of the national body in all manner, but are generally arranged so as not to interfere with the dates of the parent organization. With such a clientage as these various associations afford it is not remarkable that the game has many organs. The pioneer golf publication of America is "The Golfer," published in Boston, Mass. This magazine is now in its tenth volume, and is edited by the three principal authorities of the game, James Shields Murphy, the American authority; Horace G. Hutchinson, M.A., the English authority; and John G. McPherson, the Scotch authority. This triumvirate gives "The Golfer" practical control of the golfers, and as such has the field clearly alone.

POLO.

HURLINGHAM-PLAIN v. WAISTCOATS.

An excellent practice game was played last Sunday at Hurlingham, when sides, under the above titles, tried conclusions. After a good game the Plain were left victorious by six goals to four. Mr J. Ravenscroft kindly acted as umpire. The following were the teams:

Plain.	Waistcoats.
1. R. P. Sidebottom	1. J. M. Mullaly
2. C. Jefferies	2. R. S. Moncrieff
3. E. D. Drabble	3. T. Robson
F. E. Kinchant (back)	H. Scott Robson (back)

HUNTING.

HURLINGHAM DRAG HOUNDS.

The Meet of the Hounds on Sunday attracted a goodly assembly to an old trysting place—the Common, Hurlingham. Included amongst many were: Mr and Mrs Howard, Miss Huxtable, Mrs. Bedford, Messrs. Thursby, Preston, Willes, Heriot, Barnett, Scott Moncrieff, Ravenscroft, Mendle, Brewster, Scott Robson, Jefferies, etc.

I had decided to look on the day as an indifferent scenting day, and take a leisurely tramp after hounds, doing no more than keep the field in sight, which, to my mind, possesses a vast horde of material for the satirist or humourist, while, at the same time, providing a dangerous fund of information, which indiscretion might kindle into a very firebrand in the annals of a quiet neighbourhood. In the hunting field we are occasionally caught in undignified positions, but luckily we are not judged by incident but by habit. However, to-day there was not a large crop of tumbling, so I can hardly say I was rewarded for attaching myself to the rearguard.

Of the hunting the least said the better. We had a most disappointing day; scent was bad, added to which there are a great many hares in the neighbourhood we were hunting over.

Starting from the Common we ran at a good pace across the low land, following the bend of the river Conchas, the hounds breaking into a regular burst of music as they got on to the line. Bending to the left we jumped in Leloir's lane, then, crossing the railway we checked into Bilbao's paddock. Here we met the new draft of puppies that has just been brought out from home, they having been sent over from the kennels to join in the latter part of the run. After leaving Bilbao's paddock, the scent seemed to have become worse, and here the hounds unfortunately got split up, the puppies not being quite up to their work yet. Crossing an eight-furlong field, we jumped a rather close double, finishing in a Chacarero's garden in the direction of Moron.

SPECTATOR.

LAWN TENNIS.

BUENOS AIRES LAWN TENNIS CLUB. OPEN MAY TOURNAMENT.

Competitors are requested to arrange to play off the preliminary and first rounds by Sunday the 20th, inclusive.

The courts are now open for the use of competitors. Non-members can obtain cards of entrance from the Hon. Secretary, 25 de Mayo 175.

The following are the drawings:

CHAMPIONSHIP.

Preliminaries—

F. Francis v. H. H. Woodgate.
A. Barton v. E. S. Knight.
H. Tudor v. T. V. M. Knox.

First round—

H. B. Burr v. H. B. Knight.
H. Anderson, a bye.
Dr. O'Connor v. F. M. Still.

LADIES' SINGLES.

Preliminaries—

Mrs Mills (+ 15.4) v. Miss Francis (- 4/6 15).
Mrs A. Mohr Bell (scr) v. Miss M. Jacobs (- 15.2).
Miss Thurburn (- 1/6 15) v. Mrs Boadle (- 4/6 15).
Mrs Edye (+ 15) v. Miss Chawner (- 30).
Mrs Goldsmid (- 15.3) v. Mrs Leitch (+ 15).

First round—

Mrs R. W. Anderson (+ 2/6 15), a bye.
Mrs Truscott (+ 15) v. Miss F. Thompson (+ 2/6 15).

LADIES' DOUBLES.

Preliminaries—

Mrs A. Mohr Bell and Miss M. Jacobs (- 4/6 15) v. Mrs Boadle and Miss Chawner (- 30).
Mrs Edye and Mrs Mills (+ 15.3) v. Mrs Woodgate and Miss Thurburn (- 2/6 15).

First round—

Mme. Vieugué and Mrs Goldsmid (- 15.2), a bye.
Mrs Truscott and Miss F. Thompson (+ 15), a bye.

MIXED DOUBLES.

Preliminaries—

Mrs Truscott and A. Inglis (+ 15.1) v. Mrs Leitch and J. T. Leitch (+ 15.2).
Miss Knight and E. S. Knight (- 15) v. Mrs R. W. Anderson and R. W. Anderson (+ 15.1).

First round—

Mrs T. H. Smyth and J. W. Watson (+ 5/6 15) v. Mrs Boadle and T. S. Boadle (scr).
Miss F. Thompson and R. W. W. Romer (+ 15) v. Miss Chawner and Cte. Cellere (scr).
Miss A. Nelson and J. S. Richardson (+ 3/6 15) v. Mrs Edye and A. J. McMorran (- 3/6 15).
Mme. Vieugué and Dr. O'Connor (scr), a bye.
Mrs Goldsmid and H. L. Kidd (- 15.2), a bye.
Mrs Woodgate and H. B. Burr (+ 4/6 15) v. Mrs Mills and J. A. Page (+ 15).
Mrs A. Mohr Bell and H. Middleton, jun. (+ 3/6 15) v. Miss M. Jacobs and H. B. Knight (- 30).
Miss Gould and T. V. M. Knox (scr) v. Miss Payton and F. M. Still (+ 4/6 15).

GENTLEMEN'S DOUBLES.

Preliminaries—

W. M. Graham and J. S. Richardson (scr) v. J. W. Watson and T. H. Smyth (+ 15).
W. Higgins and R. H. Roberts (+ 15.1) v. R. D. Mackinnon and T. A. P. Macdonald (scr).
A. Barton and T. S. Boadle (scr) v. H. H. Woodgate and A. Inglis (scr).

First round—

F. M. Still and L. H. Knight (- 2/6 15) v. F. Foster and J. F. Macadam (- 15).
T. Gregory and P. Eppenstein (+ 15.1) v. H. Middleton, jun and F. Francis (scr).
Cte. Cellere and Hon. T. Russell (+ 15) v. S. Mohr Bell and J. A. Page (scr).
R. W. W. Romer and T. M. Greene (+ 3/6 15), a bye.
A. H. Knight and E. S. Knight (- 15.3) v. C. W. Mullins and H. L. Kidd (scr).
H. B. Anderson and C. Nixon (+ 15) v. H. B. Knight and A. J. McMorran (- 30.3).
T. V. M. Knox and H. B. Burr (- 3/6 15) v. E. L. Conder and J. H. Loos (+ 15).

GENTLEMEN'S SINGLES.—Class A.

Preliminaries—

J. W. Watson (+ 15) v. E. L. Conder (+ 4/6 15).
 A. Inglis (+ 15.2) v. A. Barton (+ 3/6 15).
 L. H. Knight (+ 4/6 15) v. E. Cunningham (+ 15).
 T. A. P. Macdonald (+ 15.1) v. H. Middleton, jr., (+ 15).
 T. M. Greene (+ 4/6 15) v. H. H. Woodgate (scr).
 H. B. Burr (+ 4/6 15) v. H. L. Kidd (scr).
 A. J. McMorran (- 15) v. F. Foster (+ 2/6 15).
 H. B. Anderson (+ 15) v. T. V. M. Knox (- 2/6 15).
 S. Mohr-Bell (- 3/6 15) v. R. D. Mackinnon (+ 15.1).

First round—

J. F. Macadam (+ 3/6 15) v. H. B. Knight (- 4/6 15).
 F. Francis (scr) a bye.
 T. S. Boadle (+ 15.2) v. E. S. Knight (- 4/6 15).
 G. de Lucchi (+ 15) v. J. A. Page (+ 15).

GENTLEMEN'S SINGLES.—Class B.

First round—

P. Eppenstein (+ 2/6 15) v. G. Roberts (+ 15).
 C. W. Cumming (- 3/6 15) v. J. S. Richardson (- 15).
 Hon. T. Russell (+ 3/6 15) v. J. H. Loos (+ 3/6 15).
 R. L. Phillips (+ 3/6 15) v. C. W. Mullins (+ 3/6 15).
 R. W. W. Romer (- 15) v. P. Dawney (scr).
 J. H. Davis (+ 15.2) v. W. Higgins (- 3/6 15).
 E. Macadam (scr) v. J. T. Leitch (scr).
 J. R. Boyd (- 3/6 15) v. W. Warden (+ 3/6 15).
 J. O. Anderson (scr) v. H. S. Sanderson (- 15).
 C. W. Thompson (- 3/6 15) v. B. G. Henderson (scr).
 B. B. Syer (scr) v. L. Ponce de Leon (- 3/6 15).
 A. Drayton (+ 15.2) v. Cte. Cellere (- 3/6 15).
 J. C. Martin (scr) v. B. Goldsmid (+ 3/6 15).
 W. Boden (+ 15.3) v. T. H. Smyth (+ 3/6 15).
 R. W. Anderson (+ 3/6 15) v. C. H. Benson (- 2/6 15).
 R. H. Roberts (+ 15) v. T. Gregory (scr).

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CHILDREN'S TOURNAMENT.

A tournament for children was held on Saturday last on the courts of the above club at Cinco Esquinas, and the interest in the same was so great that a large number of spectators were present, indeed we have not seen so many present since the last May tournament. The form exhibited by the youngsters was wonderfully good, and augurs well for the future of lawn tennis in this country. Special mention may be made of Miss Dorothy Henderson, Tom Mills and Kenneth Henderson, all of whom showed great promise.

The Misses M. Boadle and D. Henderson presided over the tea-tables, and as the weather was all that could be desired a most enjoyable afternoon was spent.

We understand the prizes were presented by Mr F. Henderson.

The following were the results:

DOUBLES.

Miss Dorothy Henderson and Tom Mills (scr) beat Ivan Mohr-Bell and F. Romer (scr), 6-0, 6-0.
 Miss Marjorie Boadle and Kenneth Henderson (scr) beat Miss Tiny Mills and F. M. Heriot (+ 3/6 of 15), 2-6, 6-2, 6-1.
 Miss M. Boadle and K. Henderson beat Miss D. Henderson and Tom Mills, 6-5, 6-3.

SINGLES.

Tom Mills (- 15.2) beat Ivan Mohr-Bell (scr), 6-1, 6-3.
 F. Romer (scr) w.o. Miss G. Thurburn (scr).
 Miss Marjorie Boadle (- 15.1) beat Arthur Brown (- 15 4/6), 6-5, 6-3.
 Kenneth Henderson (- 15.1) beat F. M. Heriot (- 3/6 of 15), 6-1, 6-2.
 F. Romer beat Miss Dorothy Henderson (scr), 6-3, 6-2.
 Tom Mills beat Miss Tiny Mills (+ 2/6 of 15), 6-3, 6-2.
 Tom Mills beat Miss M. Boadle, 6-5, 6-2.
 Kenneth Henderson beat F. Romer, 6-4, 6-0.
 Tom Mills beat Kenneth Henderson, 6-3, 6-3.

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YACHTING.

THE AMERICA CUP.

An American exchange informs us that now Sir Thomas Lipton has definitely said that his next challenge for the America's Cup will soon be sent over, the question as to whether another yacht will be built for the defence is being much discussed by yachtsmen. Probably, as the time comes around for preparing, a further order will be given. It must be said that the designer who starts out to beat the Columbia will assume an almost alarming contract. This fact was brought home with peculiar emphasis by a visit that was made some time ago to the Columbia. When this boat and the Shamrock were in dry dock there was much discussion among spectators as to whether a man could descend into the keel of either of these craft. The fins on both of them seemed too slim to admit a man's body, but this was a deception of the eye, and on this visit it was ascertained beyond doubt that a man can stand down in the fin. Of course, he only descends as far as the bronze keel-plate, to which the lead casting below is bolted, and in this position the sailor said he would be about waist deep in the fin.

The chief peculiarity of the Columbia is the enormous strength of the boat. And on this point the assurance can be given here that no crew need fear to take passage in the Columbia for any part of the world. In addition to the great strength of the steel frames, which are not covered except with white paint, there are numbers of massive steel rods which descend from the deckbeams overhead through the flooring to the frames underneath. These rise on each side, and on walking from aft forward one proceeds through an avenue of them. They so evidently hold the craft to one shape that it is almost impossible to imagine any strain from sail power being able to twist the hull out of its intended mould. The Columbia was built to cross the ocean, and perhaps nothing else than a personal examination of her interior can give the assurance that the fastest yacht of her length in existence is still a cruiser, and not a "fake" or racing machine in which safety has been sacrificed for speed.

THE AILSA IN THE ARTIC REGIONS.

Andrew Barclay Walker, the owner of the celebrated cutter Ailsa, has just arrived in England after a trip to the Arctic regions in the steam yacht Esquimaux. Mr Walker was accompanied by Dr McKenzie, his private physician; by a scientist, and by two or three personal friends. From a sporting point of view the trip was most successful. Fifty walrus, a couple of whales and a large number of reindeer were taken. The scientist also brought home a large quantity of gold bearing quartz. Mr Walker took the Esquimaux from the Dundee whaling fleet and altered her to a yacht, changing canvas all round and spending much money on the interior. The yacht first sailed under her bark rig to St. John's, N.F., where the owner and his friends joined her. Thence she sailed for Davis Strait. The alterations in the whaling ship had made her an ideal vessel for an Arctic yachting voyage. On the main deck aft of the bridge a saloon and sleeping quarters for the guests were constructed. These were in a commodious deckhouse, the top of which was level with the bridge, and furnished a promenade. The saloon had room for a party of ten sitting at table, and the walls were enameled white, with mahogany fittings, and were hung with yachting photographs. Part of the forward wall was laid with tiles, and the fireplace was furnished with an ornamental brass stove. The crew of the Esquimaux numbered fifty-one hands, all told, the men being the pick of Dundee whaling seamen, about twenty being Shetlanders and experienced in Arctic navigation. The boat carried tents, collapsible boats and other camping-out effects, and a complete armament for a sporting trip, besides a library of over one thousand volumes, and several instruments that played music by mechanical means.

THE CRESCENT.

Mr D. Kingsland has sold his yacht The Crescent to Mr J. Mudd, whom we congratulate on the transaction, as the late owner allowed the purchaser to make a wonderful bargain. We are glad the yacht has fallen into such good hands as those of "the Admiral," and we shall hope from time to time to be able to give particulars of her various trips.

RACING.

HURLINGHAM.

The following are the entries for the Grand Hurdle Race, 3200 metres, to be run on June 14th:—

- Mr J. N. Drysdale's Vengador.
- Mr W. Samson's Empréstito.
- Mr T. Hubbard's Lapinharjú.
- Mr R. S. Moncrieff's Starlight.
- Mr J. M. Mullaly's Zagal.
- Baron Peers' Sonia.

Entries for the races on May 24th, will be finally closed on Thursday, May 10th.

BELGRANO—MAY 3.

This meeting was treated with every consideration by the weather, and having a full programme and the additional attraction of a Classic, brought together a larger number of spectators than usual. The first two races were won by favourites, and it looked like an unemotional day like the last, but matters warmed up afterwards and the 1300 metres treated us to a real Belgrano finish.

The opening mile was taken by Elastic from Firebrand and Blucher, the same order as in the betting.

Bella Eloisa simply romped away from her field in the maiden.

Esparta looked like winning the selling mile, but was unable to withstand the attack of Seida, who in turn could not stall off a late challenge by Casa Blanca.

Only eight appeared for the Classic, which was carried off in good style by Atrevido, the places being well disputed by Camundá, Tres Arboles, and Polas.

All the sixteen coloured turned out for the 1300 metres handicap, which gave rise to a fine finish between four outsiders, Dalila just winning from Ismenis with Westfalia and Corsaria close up.

All the nine entered also appeared in the mile handicap, Union looking all over a winner to the stand where Juliano came up from the group and just overhauled the leader in time to get the verdict.

Only six tried conclusions in the final 2000 metres, and Calfiao, who has improved beyond recognition, won from start to finish, running down the swift Anona, and being quite out of reach of the others at the end.

The following are the details:—

PREMIO NICOLINI, for horses of three years and more that have been a year in the country and have not won. Weight for age. \$1100 to first, 100 to second. 1600 metres.

- Ecurie Indecis' Elastic, by St. Mirin—Polaina, 3 y, 57 k....G. Palacios 1
- Stud El Bosque's Firebrand, 3 y, 57 k.....S. Urrutia 2
- Stud Los Olivos' Blucher, 3 y, 57 k.....P. Aguilera 3
- Also ran—Pepito, Llama, Guirapirú, Cincinato, Bucarelli, Salvator, Perla, Modista, and Eléctrica.
- Dividends—Elastic \$6.65 win and 3.05 place, Firebrand 3.60 place, Blucher 4.80 place.

PREMIO CAMUNDÁ, for two-year-olds that have not won. Weight 54 kilos. \$1500 to first, 100 to second. 1100 metres.

- Stud Criollito's Bella Eloisa, by Stiletto—Particule, 52 k....P. Aguilera 1
- B. Ferraro's Carlomagno, 54 k.....H. Esteves 2
- Stud Carhué's Glicina, 52 k.....S. Urrutia 3
- Also ran—D'Artagnan, Sacristan, and Kilrea.
- Dividends—Bella Eloisa 4.95 win and 3.05 place, Carlomagno 3.65 place.

PREMIO REMATE, for horses of three years and more that have been a year in the country and have not won more than two Selling Plates. The winner to be sold for \$3000. Those entered to be sold for less to be allowed 3 kilos for each \$500 reduction. Weight for age, 3 kilos extra for every win in a Selling Plate in 1899 and 1900. \$1400 to first, 100 to second. 1600 metres.

- Ecurie Orange's Casa Blanca, by Hervidero—Shooting Star, 3 y, 49 k
J. Insaurreide 1
- Stud Carhué's Seida, 3 y, 52 k.....S. Urrutia 2
- Capt. Hobson, Victoriosa, 4 y, 46 k.....J. Olmos 3
- Also ran—Frontin, Bal Masqué, Tres Arroyos, Doblete, Kaolin, Esparta, Clamor, Thermidor, Cepeda and Triunfo.
- Dividends—Casa Blanca \$13.30 win and 3.40 place, Seida 2.70 place, Victoriosa 5.90 place.

PREMIO CONDESA, for colts and fillies born since August 1st, 1897. Weight 50 and 52 kilos. 3 kilos extra for every win in a Classic. \$3500 to first, 350 to second. 1200 metres.

- Stud Ituzaingo's Atrevido, by Amianto—Mimi, 52 k.....S. Urrutia 1
- Ecurie Argentina's Camundá, 52 k.....A. Diaz 2
- Ecurie Cerés' Tres Arboles, 52 k.....M. Valdez 3
- Also ran—Transvaal, Polas, Clover, Espadin, and India Portaña.
- Dividends—Atrevido \$16.85 win and 3.55 place, Camundá 3.05 place, Tres Arboles 2.75 place.

PREMIO TRAVIESO, handicap for horses of three years and more that have won but not more than \$10,000, \$1500 to first, 100 to second. 1300 metres.

- Stud Dalila's Dalila, by Amazon—Novela, 3 y, 46 k.....C. Bustos 1
- Ecurie Cerés' Ismenis, 3 y, 43 k.....F. Tufrechú 2
- Stud Paysandú's Westfalia, 3 y, 47 k.....F. Gomez 3
- Also ran—Hortensia, Laprida, Piadoso, Mago, La Negra, Lavinia, Yapeyú, Corsaria, Satélite, Mein Herr, Cecilia, Nicolini, and Aquilon.
- Dividends—Dalila \$50.85 win and 17.40 place, Ismenis 29.30 place, Westfalia 9.60 place.

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

- Stud La Confianza's Juliano, by Stiletto—Julieta, 3 y, 54 k...F. Olivera 1
- Ecurie Semper Paratus' Union, 4 y, 40 k.....F. Liceri 2
- Stud Floresta's Casuarina, 4 y, 50 k.....J. Olmos 3
- Also ran—Juncal, Gauchito, Redoutable, Florida, Vulcano, and Corinto.
- Dividends—Juliano \$12.50 win and 4.50 place, Union 6.25 place, Casuarina 4.15 place.

PREMIO CALFIAO, handicap for all horses. \$1800 to first, 100 to second. 2000 metres.

- Stud Hípico's Calfiao, by Amazon—Clara, 4 y, 50 k.....I. Diaz 1
- Stud Rosarino's Selim, 3 y, 46 k.....J. Feliú 2
- Ecurie Azur's Modista, 3 y, 40 k.....F. Liceri 3
- Also ran—Ecarté, Plátano, and Anona.
- Dividends—Calfiao \$6.20 win and 3.80 place, Selim 4.95 place.

PALERMO—MAY 6.

Another fine day and a very presentable card with class well represented, tempted out a large attendance which was rewarded with very good racing, the second mile, which promised well, being the only one spoilt by numerous desertions.

The opening mile was contested by a field of sixteen, and gave rise to the biggest upset of the day from the improving Nicolini, who gave a good account of a much better lot than is usually seen in a first race.

The young ones' 1100 metres, on the straight, was a certainty on paper for Alvarado, but Tronera, shewing great speed, got a useful lead, and it was only in the last fifty metres that the brother of Balcarce overhauled the filly, of whom he made short work when once alongside.

Offembach, somewhat to the public surprise, was pulled out for the second mile, and was at once installed favourite, but only got third, Ligera winning from start to finish.

Fifteen fillies appeared for the Classic, in which the two daughters of St. Mirin, La Marseillaise and Delice, were hot favourites, but proved unable to concede three kilos to Ficha, who came first into the straight and could not be approached nearer than a length.

Congo took the 2000 metres for three-year-olds in good style from Aurore, Leon, who has been ill, running tamely, and Dominó making no show at all.

The 1300 metres was equal to another Classic from the status of the eight horses engaged, and Offembach won by a head from Royal, and paid the second best dividend of the day on account of the wretched exhibition he had made in the mile.

The final 2500 metres was a match between the old rivals, Gonin and Ovacion, the former leading the whole way, and the latter, after several fruitless attempts to get on terms, finally making a big effort in the last fifty metres, and getting within a neck of the winner, thus closing a successful meeting with an exciting struggle.

The following are the details:—

PREMIO PRIMERA, for horses of three years and more that have been a year in the country, have run more than once, and have not won more than \$6000. Weight, 52 kilos, 2 kilos extra to winners of \$2 to 3000, 4 kilos of \$3 to 4000, 6 kilos of \$4 to 5000, and 8 kilos of more than \$5000, wins previous to 1899 to count for half. \$1600 to first, 100 to second. 1600 metres.

- Ecurie Sans Souci's Nicolini, by Jupiter—La Patti, 3 y, 52 k...S. Urrutia 1
- Stud Oriel's Ascot, 3 y, 54 k.....F. Perez 2
- Ecurie Los Paraísos' Réve d'Or, 3 y, 56 k.....M. Peñalosa 3
- Also ran—Africano, Infantine, Union, Rataplan, Victoriosa, Guamini, San Martin, Fiscal, Unitario, 5 de Abril, Rebato, Charlatana, and Nydia.
- Dividends—Nicolini \$40.50 win and 9.10 place, Ascot 4.95 place, Réve d'Or 5.45 place.

PREMIO DEFENSORA, for two-year-olds. Weight 54 kilos, 3 kilos extra for every ordinary win and 5 kilos for every win in a Classic. \$2000 to first, 200 to second. 1100 metres.

- Ecurie Argentina's Alvarado, by Gay Hermit—Maria Louisa, 54 k
A. Diaz 1
- Stud Washington's Tronera, 52 k.....A. Malerba 2
- Ecurie Pergamino's Temporal, 54 k.....J. Sarthou 3
- Stud Modista's San Graal, 54 k.....J. Olmos 4
- Also ran—Can-Can, Vicioso, Zingara, and Venturosa.
- Dividends—Alvarado \$3.70 win and 2.35 place, Tronera 4.90 place, San Graal 2.40 place, Temporal 3.60 place.

PREMIO PAS DE QUATRE, for horses of three years and more that have been a year in the country. Weight 52 kilos, 3 kilos extra to winners of \$3 to 10,000, 6 kilos of \$10 to 15,000, 8 kilos of \$15 to 20,000, 10 kilos of \$20 to 25,000, and 12 kilos of more than \$25,000, wins previous to 1899 to count for half. \$2000 to first, 200 to second. 1600 metres.

- Ecurie Guerrillero's Ligera, by Hervidero—Vanda, 3 y, 56 k....I. Diaz 1
- Stud Las Pitas' Maravilla, 3 y, 56 k.....R. Garrido 2
- Stud Ituzainzo's Offembach, 4 y, 58 k.....A. Diaz 3
- Also ran—Ameliana, and Bobby.
- Dividends—Ligera \$9.15 win and 4.40 place, Maravilla 4.95 place.

PREMIO RIVALIDAD, for fillies born since August 1st, 1897. Weight 52 kilos, 3 kilos extra to the winners of Classics, \$5000 to first, 500 to second. 1200 metres.

- Ecurie Semper Paratus' Ficha, by Stone Cross—Prima Donna, 52 k
J. Ribero 1
- Ecurie Lancero's La Marseillaise, 55 k.....J. Olmos 2
- Ecurie Indecis' Delice, 55 k.....G. Palacios 3
- Also ran—Lady Love, La Bourboule, La Nilson, Wasp, Ultima, Asco-

chinga, Preciosa, Queen Victoria, Chola, Bella Eloisa, Miss Tonga, and Monja.

Dividends—Ficha \$19.80 win and 4.55 place, La Marseillaise 3.20 place, Delice 3.60 place.

PREMIO PEPINA, handicap for three-year-olds that have won more than \$6,000. \$2000 to first, 200 to second. 2000 metres.

Stud La Alianza's Congo, by Exmoor—Nellie II., 53 k.....S. Urrutia 1
Stud Oriel's Aurore, 54 k.....F. Perez 2
Stud Yuqueri's Caprice, 51 k.....I. Diaz 3

Also ran—Dominó, Leon, and Judío.

Dividends—Congo \$10.45 win and 5.35 place, Aurore 3.70 place.

PREMIO NELESENA, handicap for horses that have won more than \$12,000, limited between 62 and 55 kilos. \$2000 to first, 200 to second. 1300 metres.

Stud Ituzaingo's Offembach, by Offenheit—Glenshee, 4 y, 60 k...A. Diaz 1
Ecurie Royal's Royal, 4 y, 59 k.....S. Urrutia 2
Stud Don Gonzalo's Travieso, 4 y, 60 k.....F. Perez 3

Also ran—Alarife, Tom Pouce, Cyrano, Omnium, and Balcarce.

Dividends—Offembach \$26.25 win and 7.05 place, Royal 5.25 place, Travieso 3.90 place.

PREMIO ARGENTINA, handicap for all horses, limited between 62 and 50 kilos. \$2500 to first, 200 to second. 2500 metres.

Ecurie Pichiman's Gonin, by Gay Hermit—Ante Diem, 5 y, 58k
P. Aguilera 1

Ecurie Benj'd'Or's Ovacion, 5 y 56 k.....I. Diaz 2
Stud Oriel's Orizon, 4 y, 56 k.....F. Perez 3

Also ran—Chacabuco.

Dividend—Gonin \$6 win.

ROUND THE TOWN.

Quilmes means to be early in the entertainment field this season apparently, for it has already announced a performance or concert or evening for the 17th inst. The object of the entertainment this season in Quilmes is for the paying off a debt on the Vicarage, on which a small trifle of a few thousand dollars still stands, although we do not suppose that the organisers hope to get all this sum from the shows which they may give. Still, in these matters every little helps, or, as our Scotch friends say, "ilka mikle maks a muckle," and the smallest contribution thankfully accepted. The particulars of the entertainment for Thursday the 17th have not yet been announced, but as Messrs R. H. Morgan and A. L. Roberts are getting it up, or have a hand in the management, we may look for something good, as both of these gentlemen have already secured very good reputations in this way.

A meeting is to be held on Tuesday, the 15th inst., at 5 p.m., in St. John's Church, to which a number of our leading athletic men have been asked. The object of this meeting is to consider a plan for the formation of a club to be called the "St. John's Club," the reason of which will be the providing of physical exercise for the young men of this city. The idea of this Club is to be entirely an indoor club, and will provide exercise, such as fencing and boxing for men during the winter months at a lower price than that at which other clubs are offering the same facilities. This is a good idea and one which we hope to see carried out, for it is odd to note that among the hundreds of young Britishers here how little opportunity for boxing is given. Boxing is one of the finest exercises that man can take, as it brings into play, not only all the muscles of the body, but trains the eye as well as the temper. On a cold winter evening there is nothing that brings the glow to the cheeks and brightness to the eye like a good round or two with the gloves.

Fencing is another very fine exercise and brings into play most of the muscles of the body, but it does not quite hold its own in our affections with boxing. It is a fine exercise for giving grace and suppleness to the figure and quickness to the eye and wrist, but it does not seem as useful as the "noble art of self-defence." Fencing teaches one to use a weapon, but boxing teaches one to rely on oneself and the weapons which Dame Nature has provided us with, teaching which is essentially necessary in a country like this where young men grow up with at least a kind of nodding acquaintance with the knife. Still, fencing has its due and proper place and goes hand in hand with boxing, the two together being as much as any man needs for exercise. This Club is not to enter into competition with the richer establishments, such as the Club de Esgrima, etc., but is to encourage young Britishers to take up such exercises and to provide them with opportunities of doing so.

Which is the regiment of "Blackguards" which has distinguished itself at the front? According to a telegram in our valued contemporary *La Prensa*, at the crossing

of the Vet River the regiment of Black Guards greatly distinguished itself. Good luck and long life to the Blackguards and may they do it often and do it well each time.

According to the descriptions of the famous duel which took place the other day the proceedings were not only notified by the police and to the friends of the interested parties, but the Asistencia Publica, with exquisite courtesy, sent a special ambulance to the spot, to bring back a corpse, a gravely-wounded combatant, or come back empty, as most fortunately happened in the present instance, as the chronicler rather sarcastically adds. As long as duels are conducted in this manner there is but little chance of the law interfering to stop them and we may ere long confidently look forward to bull fights and similar spectacles being introduced.

Hosts and hostesses who are hard up for some way of amusing their guests, might do worse than get up a duel, and we shall expect to see some such invitation as the following going out;

"Mr and Mrs Fulano de Tal request the pleasure of your company on Saturday, 16th inst., at the Tiro Federal, on the occasion of a duel between Sr. Tarminez de Punteria and Sr. Muerto Tiro, which will take place at 8.30 p.m.

"Places of security will be allotted to the guests from whence all the proceedings may be easily witnessed, it is hoped that no serious results may occur.

"Evening dress indispensable.

R.S.V.P."

We have the greatest pleasure of joining wishes with the number of friends of Mr M. F. Gilderdale, the Manager of the North British and Mercantile Insurance Company, on his engagement to Miss Julia Bagley, which gratifying intelligence was given out on Monday morning. Frank Gilderdale is one of our best known and most popular sportsmen, and we hope his future may be a thoroughly happy and prosperous one, in which hope we naturally include the future Mrs Gilderdale.

Tina di Lorenzo is attracting full houses to the Victoria, where she is well supported by a good all round company and a strong leading man in Sr. Andó. In "La Dame aux Camélias" these two were very fine, and as "Camille," Tina's mannerisms seem less marked. The rest of the characters in this piece are of small account, the interest centering in the love of Camille and Armand. The scene after the gaming incident was rendered in a way which roused the house to enthusiasm.

Admiral Dewey's statement at a banquet the other evening that Great Britain was the United States' best friend, rather knocks the bottom out of the pro-Boer platform on which the gallant Admiral was to have stood. It wants a few sensible men like the Admiral to show the States that the "little Anglo-Saxon every time" should hold together and not forget kindly acts for the sake of a few fanatics in their midst, who would probably be the ruin of the country if ever they did get in power.

The new tariff for coaches has come into force, and those who care to take a second class cab, i.e., one with a plain clothes driver and plate rack horses, need only pay 60 cents for the direct "viaje" of 25 squares, one dollar for the first hour and 80 cents the following ones. For the more swagger informed drivers the old tariff still holds, that is a nominal 75 cents, usually made into a dollar by force of circumstances. If people who ride in coaches stick firmly to this new tariff, we shall soon have a decent service of cabs in the city instead of the present ramshackle vehicles with bags-o-bones in the shafts.

The golf match at Flores between Lomas and the home team was won by the visitors by the narrowest margin, only two points making the difference. The Florestians again showed how they can entertain their visitors, and a pleasanter day could hardly have been spent.

Do not forget the performance in aid of the Belgrano Athletic Club which will take place to-morrow (Thursday) evening, in the New Italian Hall in that suburb. A spiffing programme has been got up, and after the concert there will be a dance with all its attendant joys and excitements. Tickets only \$3.00.

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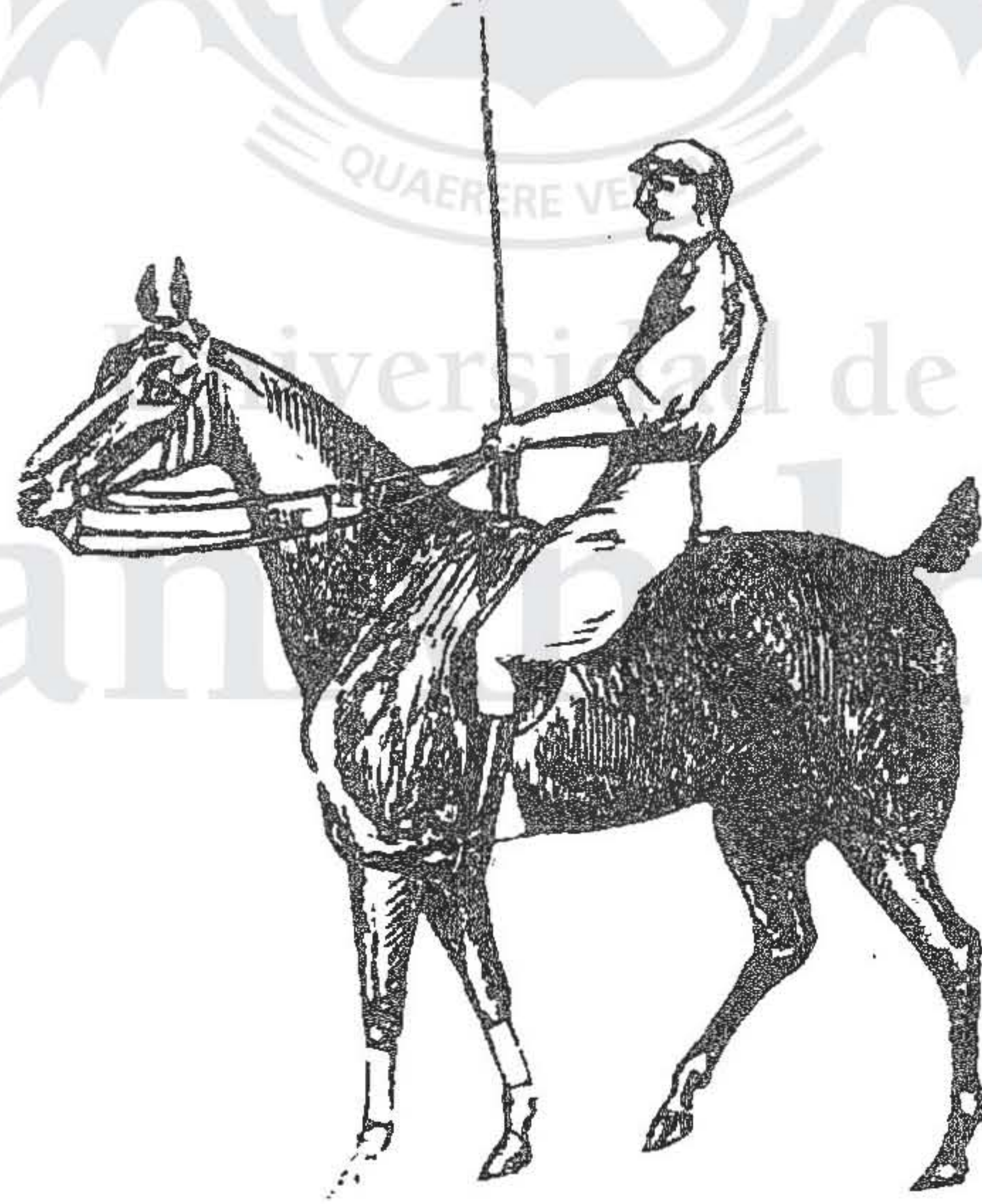
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NOTES.

The annual general meeting of the members of the Rosario Athletic Club was held on the 27th ult., and was fairly well attended. From the report which we have received, we are very glad to note that the club is in a flourishing condition. During the past year the Club has more than held its own in the various games against other clubs, and the splendid fight the Rugby football team made for the Cup last year will not be easily forgotten.

The Club pavilion has been added to and generally very much improved during the past twelve months, entailing a heavy expenditure. The services rendered to the club by Mr V. V. Tenac are warmly acknowledged in the committee's report, services which will be recognised and appreciated by every member of the Club. The old committee were re-elected with the exception of Mr H. W. Evans, whose place was taken by Mr R. Fisher, but as the latter resigned, Mr Evans comes on again.

The full committee and office bearers for the ensuing year are therefore:—President, Mr D. O. Le Bas; Vice-president, Mr J. W. Besserer; Hon. Treasurer, Mr Alfred W. Towse; Hon. Secretary, Mr J. J. C. Daniel; Members, G. Robb, V. V. Tenac, W. S. Penman, J. H. Greene, H. W. Evans, J. A. H. Beaumont, A. D. Grant. We are very glad to see our old friend and good sportsman, Mr Daniel, has been good enough to throw himself into the breach and take the Hon. Secretaryship, for under his guidance we may safely predict another prosperous year.

We cannot leave this subject without mentioning the excellent work done, and many services rendered to the Club by the President, Mr D. O. Le Bas. His whole heart and soul is in the Club, and busy man as he is, he is always willing to give the little spare time he has at his disposal to look after the welfare of the Club. We, from Buenos Aires, have good cause to know how much he has done, and we all think of him with affection and regard.

The inter-club golf match, which was played last Sunday at Flores, between the Lomas and Flores clubs, was extremely well fought out and produced a most exciting struggle. In the end Lomas won by a single match and two holes, which victory they owed to the long lead obtained in the singles. In the foursomes they were only able to claim one match to the three won by their opponents. All the arrangements were excellent, and this added to a perfect day, made the match a very enjoyable one.

Writing of golf at Flores has reminded us that on the previous Sunday a gold tie-pin with a pearl head was found on the links, near to the *casilla* behind the first teeing ground. The pin will be returned to the rightful owner on application to us at the office of this paper, 559 Piedad.

The second monthly competition of the Hurlingham Club was played off last Sunday, when some dozen players competed. Mr F. J. Bennett proved to be the winner, very little of his large handicap being really required, as he obtained the second best gross total, Mr Frank Henderson alone going round in fewer strokes.

In our advertisement columns may be found one from our old advertiser, Mr James Smart, relating to golf clubs and balls. The prices seem very reasonable, and lower than we before remember them. The interest in the Royal and Ancient game is increasing so rapidly, and so many are now making a start, that this opportunity of getting an outfit at almost cost price is sure to be gladly taken by several.

The lawn tennis tournament for children, which was held on Saturday last at the courts of the Buenos Aires Lawn Tennis Club, proved a great success in every possible way. The play all round was astonishingly good and gave much promise for the future. The idea is an excellent one, and we hope that this will be by no means the last of these tournaments. The courts were visited by a large number of people during the afternoon, and much interest was evinced in the proceedings.

In another part of to-day's issue may be found the entries, handicaps, and drawings for the Open May Lawn Tennis Tournament. The entries are very good and quite up to the average, but we had hoped to see even more. However, we evidently expected too much, but the interest this year will certainly be greater than ever, and the courts are sure to be well patronised throughout the tournament.

The *Diario* last Thursday afternoon contained some interesting statistics concerning the winning horses, stables, jockeys, etc. for the racing season up to the end of last month. Of the horses that have won more than five thousand dollars the following six head the list: Germinal \$11,000 in two races, Maravilla \$10,900 in six races, Ovacion \$8800 in four, Alarife \$6800 in two, La Marseillaise \$6800 in two, and Judio \$6700 in two.

Of the most successful stables, the following have won more than ten thousand dollars:—La Alianza \$17,450 in eleven races, La Petite Ecurie \$15,350 in four, Oriel \$14,922.50 in seven, Don Gonzalo \$14,750 in seven, El Derby \$14,000 in six, La Confianza \$13,850 in seven, Carhué \$10,700 in four, and Ben d'Or \$10,600 in five races. Of the winning sires Neapolis heads the list, his products having carried off thirteen races representing \$27,400. Stiletto comes next with \$27,000, and Exmoor third with \$20,850.

J. Olmos has been the most successful jockey so far having won twenty races, while of the others I. Diaz has won seventeen, F. Perez thirteen, F. Olivera, H. Estevez, J. Sarthou, and C. Morales nine each, P. Aguilera eight, S. Urrutia and R. Garrido half a dozen each. During the month of April there were nine meetings which represented sixty races, the prize money for these amounting to \$139,225.

The Classics for young ones on Thursday at Belgrano and on Sunday at Palermo, turned out disappointing, inasmuch as no new talent was unearthed. Atrevido confirmed what we knew before, viz., that like his half-brother Nihuil, he is very fast, but the three who followed in his wake were all well known, and the others, both tried and untried, were all out of it. The race for fillies at Palermo was left entirely to the three who have shewn most quality up to the present. The two daughters of St. Mirin were conceding three kilos to Ficha, which certainly had something to do with her win, but still we think the daughter of Stone Cross is the equal of the other two, and shall look forward with interest to a meeting between the three on equal terms, as also to a contest between any of them with Germinal.

The card for Belgrano next Thursday is well filled, but without a Classic, and that for Palermo on Sunday is even better supported, and the Premio Porteño is another 2000 metres for all horses of three years and upwards, with only two kilos penalty for winners of more than \$20,000 in Classics, and as many good names are on the list we may hope for a very interesting race. With the well filled programme, and a continuance of the present beautiful weather, the meeting should be a bumper one. There is not much chance of the new buildings and arrangements being ready as the work goes on but slowly, but as the trees have been cut down, and the casilla in the old paddock has disappeared, so that not much is left to interfere with the spectators' vision, we must be thankful for small mercies.

A curious tale is at present current in Buenos Aires regarding some thoroughbred horses, which are said to have been lately purchased here on behalf of a certain eastern magnate. These animals were intended solely for stud purposes, and bitter disappointment must have ensued when one of the most highly priced of the lot was discovered to be a gelding. This may be true, but we must decidedly decline to vouch for it.

We very much regret to say that we have heard, on the best authority, that the old Buenos Aires Rowing Club has decided to sever its connection with the Union de Regatas. We reserve all comment until we are in possession of the details which have caused the authorities of the B.A.R.C. to take so grave and important a step.

We hear by telegram that the long looked for match, between Railway and Town, at Concordia, has at last come off. The match was played on Sunday, Mr B. W. Gardom's side scoring 228, and the other 45. The principal scorers seem to have been Mr Douglas Gardom 48, Mr Robinson 32, Mr C. Clarke 19, and Mr Grant 17. A return match was to have been played on Monday last. We shall hope to receive full details in time for publication next week.

It is with the deepest regret that we have to announce the death of Mr Henry Kingsland, which took place at the British Hospital on Wednesday morning last. Mr "Harry" Kingsland was almost as keen a cricketer as his father, and played regularly last season for the Banfield Athletic Club, for which he was often of great service, both with the bat and ball. We beg to offer our sincere sympathy to his sorrowing relations and friends.

FOOTBALL.

ARGENTINE ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL LEAGUE
FIXTURES—SEASON 1900.

DIVISION I.

- May 20—English High School v. Lomas, at Coghlan.
- May 25—Belgrano v. Lomas, at Lomas.
- June 14—Quilmes v. English High School, at Quilmes.
- June 14—Belgrano v. Lomas, at Belgrano.
- June 17—Quilmes v. Lomas, at Quilmes.
- June 29—Quilmes v. Belgrano, at Quilmes.
- July 9—Lomas v. English High School, at Lomas.
- July 22—English High School v. Belgrano, at Belgrano.
- Aug. 15—Quilmes v. English High School, at Coghlan.
- Aug. 26—Final of Cup Tie.
- Aug. 30—Belgrano v. Quilmes, at Belgrano.
- Sept. 8—Quilmes v. Lomas, at Lomas.
- Sept. 8—English High School v. Belgrano, at Coghlan.

DIVISION II.

- May 13—Central v. Belgrano, at Belgrano.
- May 20—Belgrano v. English High School, at Belgrano.
- May 20—Central v. Banfield, at Banfield.
- May 27—English High School v. Banfield, at Banfield.
- June 3—Belgrano v. Porteños, at Belgrano.
- June 10—Central v. English High School, at Docks 2 and 3.
- June 10—Banfield v. Belgrano, at Banfield.
- June 14—Banfield v. Porteños, at Caballito.
- June 17—Porteños v. English High School, at Caballito.
- June 24—Belgrano v. Banfield, at Belgrano.
- July 1—Central v. Belgrano, Docks 2 and 3.
- July 1—Banfield v. Porteños, at Banfield.
- July 9—Central v. Banfield, Docks 2 and 3.
- July 15—English High School v. Belgrano, at Coghlan.
- July 15—Central v. Porteños, at Docks 2 and 3.
- July 22—English High School v. Banfield, at Coghlan.
- July 29—Central v. English High School, at Coghlan.
- Aug. 5—Belgrano v. Porteños, at Caballito.
- Aug. 12—English High School v. Porteños, at Coghlan.
- Aug. 15—Central v. Porteños, at Caballitos.

DIVISION III.

- May 12—Scotch School v. Lomas Academy, at Lomas.
- May 19—St. Andrew's Academy v. English High School, at Banfield.
- June 2—Scotch School v. St. Andrew's Academy, at Banfield.
- June 2—English High School v. Escuela de Comercio, at Coghlan.
- June 9—Lomas Academy v. English High School, at Coghlan.
- June 14—Lomas Academy v. Escuela de Comercio, at Flores.
- June 16—St. Andrew's Academy v. Scotch School, at Palermo.
- June 23—Scotch School v. Escuela de Comercio, at Palermo.
- June 29—Escuela de Comercio v. St. Andrew's Academy, at Flores.
- July 14—English High School v. Scotch School, at Palermo.
- July 21—Lomas Academy v. Scotch School, at Palermo.
- July 28—Lomas Academy v. English High School, at Lomas.
- Aug. 4—Escuela de Comercio v. Scotch School, at Flores.
- Aug. 11—Lomas Academy v. St. Andrew's Academy, at Banfield.
- Aug. 15—English High School v. Escuela de Comercio, at Flores.
- Aug. 18—St. Andrew's Academy v. English High School, at Coghlan.
- Aug. 30—Escuela de Comercio v. St. Andrew's Academy, at Banfield.
- Sept. 8—Lomas Academy v. Escuela de Comercio, at Lomas.

ASSOCIATION.

QUILMES v. BELGRANO.

The above match was played at Quilmes on Sunday last before a fair number of spectators, and resulted in a win for the former by 3 goals to 2 after an interesting game.

G. M. Comber, the Quilmes captain, won the toss and chose to defend the river end goal, having a very slight wind in his favour, and at a quarter past three N. Dickinson kicked off for Belgrano. The ball was immediately rushed down to the Quilmes goal, and within half a minute of the start Coe notched the first point, before the Quilmeros had time to take their bearings. The players then settled down to steady work, and on both sides excellent

play was shown, but it was not until within ten minutes of half-time that the home team, improving every minute in their combination, equalised through the medium of Hooton, who headed the ball into the net from a beautifully placed corner kick by Dunn. This feat he repeated just on the stroke of half-time with the assistance of G. M. Comber, who in the effort sustained a strain so severe as to necessitate the attention of a "médico" who happened to be present. Half-time thus arrived with the score 2 to 1 in favour of Quilmes.

The play in the second half improved in interest and was very evenly and keenly divided, Belgrano perhaps having slightly the better of the game in passing and dribbling, while Quilmes were decidedly the quicker team though less weighty. Each team scored once, Quilmes through its captain and Williams and the visitors through Malm and Addecott. The Quilmes men with practice would make an excellent attacking team, several times, however, leading members failed to reach the net, when they had a clear course before them; but for bad shooting they certainly should have added two more goals to their score. During the last quarter of an hour the Belgrano captain vigorously called on his men to equalise, but without effect, the Quilmes men replying splendidly to the severe attack, and are to be congratulated in securing the first match from the holders of the Cup. It should be mentioned that neither team were up to full strength, Belgrano being minus J. Roy, E. L. Duggan, and F. C. Wibberley, while the Quilmes suffered from the absence of F. Muir, Willie Stirling, and W. Morgan.

The following were the teams:

Quilmes—

Goal—E. Cunningham.

Backs—Walter Stirling, J. H. Williams.

Half-backs—D. Morgan, H. Torre, W. Dunne.

Forwards—F. Pott, R. Muir, G. M. Comber (captain), P. Hooton, C. P. C. Comber.

Belgrano—

Goal—R. D. Barker.

Backs—H. Craven, Geo. Macfarlane.

Half-backs—A. C. Addecott (captain), C. E. Dickinson, J. W. Baldock.

Forwards—W. Page, J. Diggs, G. N. Dickinson, H. Coe, W. E. Malm.

ENGLISH HIGH SCHOOL v. BANFIELD.

The leaders of the Second Division were rather roughly handled last Sunday, at Banfield, as the English High School ran through them and won very easily by seven goals to one. Neither team was up to full strength which detracted very considerably from the interest which would otherwise have been shown in the game. In the first half the English High School scored four goals and Banfield one, the former adding three more in the second half.

RUGBY CHAMPIONSHIP FIXTURES—SEASON 1900

May 27—Buenos Aires v. Belgrano, at Belgrano.

June 3—Buenos Aires v. Lomas, at Lomas.

June 10—Belgrano v. Lomas, at Belgrano.

June 24—Lomas v. Belgrano, at Lomas.

July 1—Buenos Aires v. Belgrano, at Lomas.

July 15—Buenos Aires v. Lomas, at Lomas.

July 29—Runners up v. Rosario, at Rosario.

Aug. 5—Final.

RUGBY.

MR BELLAMY'S XV. v. MR WHITWORTH'S XV.

The above friendly game, practically between the B.A.F.C. and the Belgrano A.C., was played on Sunday last at Belgrano in splendid weather and before a fair attendance of spectators.

Bellamy won the toss, and Belgrano kicked off, play ensuing in mid-field. At first the B.A. forwards more than held their own and gradually forced the opposing pack towards their own goal line. After a short spell of scrummaging the Belgrano forwards assumed the upper hand, and play was once more taken to the centre, where im Thurn got possession and dashed off, almost enabling H. Edye to get through. Play continued in the visitors' half for some time, but gradually the ball was forced into Belgrano's quarters, but not for long, as Fothergill put in a good run which again placed B.A. on the defensive, and before long im Thurn dashed over, but failed to add the major points.

After the kick-off, B.A. went off with a dash and was soon attacking, the home players having a very uneasy time of it, and before half-time arrived Campbell got over, but the try was not improved upon, so that the teams crossed over with the scores level.

On restarting, the visitors continued to press and kept the Belgrano players on the defensive. More than once they looked dangerous, but were met with stubborn resistance and could not get through. At length L. Jacob brought relief with a fine run, and play was taken to the other end, but not for long, as B.A. gradually forced the way back and were soon once again well in the Belgrano twenty-five, from where Ponce de Leon got over close to the posts, which allowed Leitch to safely convert, giving B.A. the lead by five points. From this point to the end the game was most stubbornly contested, and neither side could claim any distinct advantage until just before time was called, Campbell got possession, and after a splendid run touched down behind. Bellamy took the kick, not by any means an easy one, and failed to convert, leaving the B.A.F.C. victorious by a goal and two tries to a try, or eleven points to three.

We were very glad to notice one or two new players and were very pleased with the form shown all round.

Mr P. H. Vargas kindly acted as referee, Messrs H. Wibberley and J. W. Wilson looking after the lines.

The following were the teams:—

B.A.F.C.—

Back—S. Mohr Bell.

Three-quarter backs—F. Leitch, J. S. Campbell, F. d. C. Heriot, F. Carpenter.

Half-backs—F. Ponce de Leon, H. Mohr Bell.

Forwards—J. C. Bellamy (capt.), C. S. Edye, E. H. Liversidge, H. P. Wright, A. A. Miller, F. Stewart, G. Blagden.

Belgrano A.C.—

Back—C. S. Nixon.

Three-quarter backs—F. W. Fothergill, W. Fowler, R. Gibbs, C. J. N. Carter.

Half-backs—F. Schultz, F. Bouwer.

Forwards—N. M. Whitworth (capt.), H. Roberts, A. im Thurn, C. C. Mackenzje, C. Fowler, L. Jacobs, Carasselle, J. Lyon.

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BUENOS AIRES.

FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE AND ITS EFFECTS.

(BY AN EXPORTER).

Nothing has been done so far to exterminate the monster. You have sat down and said "let him satiate himself; after he has had a good feed he will leave us." Some of you who have been under the sucking process are looking a little palid, and have a little shiver on you. When asked how is your stock getting on, up will go both shoulders, arms rigidly extended by the side, and the palms of the hands to the front; then they tell you that they have lost very few animals, all have become considerably thinner, and thank Providence for sending them such abundance of grass—yes, mark those words, abundance of grass. Ask them if they would like to have it again you will notice a cold shiver come over them, and they will walk away inwardly saying 'No, impossible, I have passed through the ordeal.'

To me it appears that the National Government were, in the first place, desirous of acting, but bowed to the wish of vested interests—said vested interests not having had any practical experience in the matter, and not seeing further than their noses, did not know what was best for them. These same people will come along a little later praying to be rid of this horrid thing. Then the Provincial Government of Buenos Aires told the National Government that they had no prerogative to interfere with what was going on in the Province— If Foot-and-Mouth Disease is not a National question with you to-day I guess it will very soon teach you to know different. Then the Provincial Government began to try its hand, issued a set of regulations, some of which were very good, others very bad, which annulled any chance of successfully attacking the disease with them. They have been withdrawn, without being put in force, which is perhaps the best thing they could do—half measures are worse than no measures in the case of Foot-and-Mouth Disease.

Now let the Rural Society have its turn. It came along with a petition to the National Government to close the Ports against the export of all live stock as long as the disease existed in the country. This is a huge joke. Your ports are already practically closed. Against passed events no exporter would be insane enough to load a ship; no insurance company would insure; and no bank manager would touch a live-stock bill of lading with a long stick. No, sirs! Until you get your live stock perfectly clean and healthy no exporter will look at you. I am glad to hear your petition was rejected. It shows that there is still some common sense in the country.

Some of the facts are apparent to every one. The class to which the writer belongs knew at once their fate. Those of us who have no other interest with you have either left or are leaving your hospitable shores—many of them wiser but sadder men. Take a walk around those fine docks, where, in the busy season, you would find a line of steamers taking in live stock—everything working at high pressure, at times night and day. Thousands of tons of alfalfa and other food being loaded for the animals. The incessant tap tap of the hammer and the swish of the saw, caused by hundreds of carpenters putting up cattle fittings—all that has been swept away as if by magic. Then look at those magnificent "Embarcaderos," with their magnificent charges for loading and their magnificent amount of filth (there will be time to clean them out now) stand out as a monument of something great that has been.

Special ships have been built—and are building—to meet the requirements of the trade; further orders in this line will be stopped, and, if the trade ever does re-open, it will find itself thrown back a number of years in this important branch of the trade. People that were preparing novillos for export have found the effects very soon; their novillos that were worth \$40 to \$45 gold before the pest came are now worth \$30 to \$35, i.e. if they have not had the disease. If they get it—or have had it—it will take some months to get them in saleable condition again. Look at the dairy industry. The writer visited some "Tambos" in the Chascomus district to see for himself to what extent the animals suffered from the disease in this country—and the writer, to his sorrow and his cost, has had a good deal of practical experience of it on his own farm in England, having had it twice within a very few years. After this little personal explanation let me tell you that the animals that I saw with the disease were suffering quite as much as any I ever saw. They

were to be seen in all stages—from the beginning to the convalescence—and a very sorrowful look they had. Very few mature animals had died, but a good many young calves had succumbed. Milking had in most cases been suspended, as the cows don't give sufficient for the calf's maintenance. One "Tambo" that was delivering 1,000 litres of milk a day to the Gandara Factory before he got the disease is not now sending any. The above factory, before the disease broke out in the district, were receiving 30,000 litres of milk a day, which have dwindled down to 5,000 litres per day; these are very palpable effects. Let us go further afield and see what may take place on those broad grassy plains which are entirely devoted to stock breeding. We are reading every day in the daily papers of the benign character of the disease. Yes, those of you who have had it may perhaps prove to be fortunate in comparison to those who are almost sure to get it later on. At the present most of you have plenty of soft grass. But how about July and August? Your animals all get thinner by then, and if they should be further emaciated by disease, and there should come one of those "temporals" which sweep over your unprotected plains with such terrible force, I leave you to premise what the effects will be. Under the most favourable circumstances you will lose a lot of weak cattle, and a lot of young calves and lambs. After you have been through it you will find the future breeding power of your stock impaired, as abortion frequently follows the disease, especially in fine stock. You will also find that your clip of wool will be reduced both in quantity and quality.

The enormous death rate in cattle on board those ships that the disease broke out in on their way to Europe is not to be wondered at—in fact were predicted by me—for in a letter I wrote on the 23rd March last to the people I represent the following sentence appears:—"England is certain to close her ports, and in the meantime exporters run a great risk, for if the disease breaks out in a cargo you may put it down as a total loss." Why? you will ask. For the following reasons:—Cattle that take the disease on board get very bad in their feet, and go down. If you get them up it will only be for a few minutes, when down they will go again. Then there is no food on board a ship that an animal with a sore mouth can eat; so that with the fever, the heat of the tropics, and forced starvation, the animals die.

Estancieros, take note of the above—those of you that have to meet both the winter and the disease with a scarcity of soft grass, and trim your ship accordingly. In the meantime the authorities are fiddling whilst the house is burning.

(Concluded.)

G. M^cHARDY

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ESTANCIA AND COLONY.

Messrs Funes and Lagos, the well-known auctioneers held their third sale at 9 de Julio on Sunday, the 29th ult when the following prices were realised:—

Novillos	\$27.50 to 49.00
Cows	19.00 to 33.00
Cows, al corte	14.00 to 22.50
Bulls	37.00 to 25.00
Sheep	4.50 to 5.60
Potros	42.00 to 100.00
Mares	30.00 to 80.00

The total amount of the sales was \$22,773.20.

Among the buyers were:—Fontanabona, Romer Lassús, Grondona, Rey, Molinuevo, Homans, Ormaeche Alvarez, Novas, Posse, Carmody, Maguirre, Michellor Maya Hnos., Lavega, Poggi, Sarrias, Richi, Lagomaggiore, etc.

We have received Messrs. Gibson Bros.' valuable Wool Circular for April, which states clearly and concisely the present situation of affairs. It draws attention to the fact that the large balance may have to be carried forward to the next clip, owing to the general uncertainty which prevails at present, to the low price offered—which must induce holders to wait before realizing, and, in short, to the utterly unsatisfactory state of the markets at the present moment.

On Saturday last Messrs. Guerrico and William sold four leagues of Camp in Olavarria, the following prices being obtained:—

Hectareas	At per hectarea	Buyer
297 ..	\$110 ..	Sr. Martin Ezharabide
206 ..	100 ..	Sr. R. L. Lecube
2,531 ..	105 ..	"
991 ..	90 ..	Sr. Francisco Larrende
445 ..	83 ..	Sr. Manuel Arregui
452 ..	90 ..	Sr. Juan H. Arier
3,646 ..	78 ..	Sr. Fermin Zavaleta
42,447 ..	80 ..	Sr. Bautista Sarciat
843 ..	69 ..	Sr. G. Maschote (on Commission)
200 ..	90 ..	Sr. Martin Ezharabide
235 ..	78 ..	Sr. Juan M. Arier
200 ..	75 ..	Sr. Pedro Ola
589 ..	66 ..	Sr. Fermin Zavaleta

The total amount of the sale was \$958,114.46, or say an average of \$86.62 per hectarea, equal to \$146.36 per square or \$234,879 per league.

The preparations for the Horse Show, the third held under the auspices of the Argentine Rural Society, are now almost complete. Something like five hundred entries have been received, and the Show promises to be of great success and of exceptional interest.

The *Diario*, on Monday afternoon, published a telegram reporting an interview with Major General Truman of the British Remount Commission. This interview took place on account of some very unfavourable rumours which have been circulated regarding the Argentine horses in South Africa. General Truman very quickly dispelled all fears on this point, and gave the horses from here a very high character. Another large shipment will be made from here at the end of the month.

Since the outbreak of hostilities, the British Government have bought no fewer than 48,000 horses and 27,000 mules. Of these 15,000 horses have been bought in the Argentine Republic.

Sres. Nicolas A. Calvo and Co. obtained the following prices at their sale in Baradero, on Sunday last:—

150 cows, at \$23.
100 pure black-faced sheep, at \$25.
200 Oxfordshire, at \$14.50
174 Lincolns, at \$10.50.
3200 Lincolns, from \$3.85 to 6.80.
77 capones, at \$5.60.
1500 Oxfordshire, mestizas, at \$6.
Mares and horses, from \$10 to 50.

THE ABUSE OF SPORT.

When we first read the following article, which we take from the columns of *Le Matin*, our first idea, after our feelings of righteous indignation had passed away, was to comment upon it. We have since thought otherwise, and now offer it to our readers exactly as it appeared—without comment:

"We must recognise that English spirit is undergoing a sort of depression. The race has not lost its courage, nor its solidity, nor its *sang-froid*. The soldiers are patient unto death; the people are unmoved by the worst news. The British Empire still forms a compact and imposing mass. What it lacks is a soul to leaven it.

"There is no longer an intellectual aristocracy. Statesmen are as much wanting as generals. England is buried in matter; the muscle dominates the brain. For about thirty years the teachers on the other side of the Channel, both at Oxford and Cambridge, have undertaken the education of young men by following analogous principles to those used in the stables. They have attended exclusively to the development of muscle. They wished for strong men, well-trained, with thick-set thighs and prodigious biceps. They have created a nation of athletes, solely occupied with football, cricket, yatching, etc. Their system has succeeded perfectly. The English aristocrat has become an incomparable sportsman, and when each morning he steps out of his bath, and cracks his bones, he thinks himself lord of the world.

"The only thing is that in his country the dominant quality excludes all others. That is why their ministers lack an ideal, why their orators are so feeble, and their generals so poor in strategic conceptions. That is why the officers in South Africa, so brave and so hardy, only know how to die by the hundred. And the soldiers of Lord Methuen, instead of fighting against the Boers, get up boxing matches with one another!

"The abuse of physical exercises has weakened the qualities of genius among our neighbours, qualities which formerly were as brilliant among them as among any nation. It is, perhaps, because England no longer produces a Shakespeare, or a Bacon, or a Milton or a Gladstone, that she no longer produces a Marlborough or a Wellington.

"The lamentable spectacle afforded us both by the English staff, and by Parliament, teaches us that athletes are defeated by men of ability, and that the source of all progress and superiority lies in the brain. Neither Condé, nor Turenne, nor Napoleon were sportsmen. They possessed minds of great strength, and spirits very cultivated and adroit, in small bodies by no means well favoured."

CYCLING IN ENGLAND

April, 1900.

The enthusiasm kindled in English hearts by Irish valour for things Irish, and the kindly feelings induced towards the distressful country in the hearts of all who have British blood in their veins would, if the war in South Africa was productive of nothing else, go a long way towards a recompense for the suffering and privations endured. One advantage will be that the English tourist will turn his attention to Ireland this season as a touring ground which will possess all the charm of novelty. The claims of Ireland as a country admirably adapted for the English wheelman to spend his annual holiday cannot be denied. Who that has read Moore's Irish Melodies, and been entranced with his glowing descriptions of the "emerald gem of the Western world," will not wish to see with his own eyes the vale of Avoca, where there is the famous meeting of the waters:—"There is not in the whole world a valley so sweet, as the vale in whose bosom the wide waters meet."

The weather still remains wretchedly cold and depressing, and "winter lingers in the lap of spring" with a vengeance. Fortunately owing to Easter falling late, there is every reason to expect fine weather for the first wheelman's holiday. The cycle trade will begin to brighten up directly this Arctic temperature disappears, and then, on to Easter, there will be the usual rush. In spite of the pessimists, there is every evidence that cycling has as strong a hold on public favour as ever. From all appearances the cheap machine will still continue to

form a leading line throughout the trade, and no matter how much experts or veteran riders may dilate upon the pleasures of a high grade machine there will still remain that obstinate section of the public who think that such advice is not purely disinterested. "Of course," they say "these writers are in league with the cycle manufacturers to try and keep up the prices, but we know better! etc."—so that one gets little credit by advocating the claims of the high grade mount.

After all, the boon promised to cyclists by the London Brighton & South Coast Railway in respect of the Sunday cyclists' "special," from London to Dorking does not on close inspection, appear at all great. At first it was thought that the company intended to carry the cycles of the travellers proceeding by that means to the pretty little Surrey town, free. But now it turns out that the company did not intend to concede so much. There will be concessions, the company says in effect, but these will not go so far as to abolish the rates charged for carriage of cycles. If cyclists have to pay for the carriage of their machines, many will prefer to cycle down, rather than take the trouble to catch a train at a stated time and have the rush and bother inseparable from a railway journey. Had the company seen its way to carry the machines free, out and home, and at the same time to allow wheelmen to travel at ordinary excursion rates, the venture would stand more chance of success.

Last season the rector of Fyfield, in Essex, made himself extremely popular with Essex wheelmen by throwing open the grounds of the pretty little old-world parsonage at Ongar, in Essex, for the reception of all way-faring cyclists who chose to avail themselves of his genial hospitality. So heartily did he make wheelmen feel at home, that the noise of the fame of the "wheelman's parson" spread far and near, and crowds of happy wheelmen and women were wont to assemble under the chestnuts on the lawn, to partake of tea and such spiritual guidance as the pastor, with infinite tact, chose to afford. It was well; for certain unenlightened people in the world are apt to look upon the wheelman who rides on Sundays, (oblivious of the fact that this is probably the only day upon which he can enjoy "God's goodly earth and air,") as a social pariah, fit only to be placed beyond the pale of social intercourse. But your wheelman sees "books in the running brooks, sermons in stones, and good in everything."

So successful was the vicar of Fyfield that it is not surprising to learn that other divines are following his example. With a supreme hatred of all that savours of cant the wheelman is apt bitterly to resent any aspersion upon his moral character because he chooses to "desecrate" the sabbath by getting out into the country, and, for a few hours, all too brief glorying in the sunshine. Being preached at hardens his heart and he is apt to retaliate upon the smug complacency of those people who put on their Sunday religion with their Sunday clothes. But to large-hearted men, whose understandings have not been dwarfed or narrowed by a stupid observance of conventionalities, this attempt to attract the cyclist to devote, it may be only a few minutes during the day, to the contemplation of better things can do no harm and may do a great deal of good. At any rate, your average cyclist is far more likely to accept spiritual direction from a man who takes the trouble to understand and appreciate him than from anyone else.

The one hour's paced race for professionals at Wood Green track on Good Friday should induce one or two of the French middle distance exponents to run over to England. The prizes should be sufficiently substantial, and if Edward Taylor, the French hour champion could be prevailed upon to compete, there is no doubt he would receive a cordial reception, in spite of his nationality. If A. E. Walters, A. A. Chase, E. Bouhours and Taylor could be drawn together it would be a splendid show and one worth going a long way to see. Unfortunately, the continental cracks generally require appearance-money, and besides they have a weakness for riding behind their own continental *chauffeurs*—all of which means heavy expense. Still, what is worth doing is worth doing well and as the Wood Green track is believed to be "passing hence" to make room for suburban villas, it might just as well depart in a blaze of glory as flicker out in a more or less ordinary manner.

The London and Wokingham roads within the Reading district have in the past gained an unenviable notoriety for the stolid stupidity of their local police. There are all sorts of constables who are the bane of cyclists, but the stupid officious constable, steeped to the lips in a sense of his own importance, is the most aggravating. As is well known, strictly speaking, it is the duty of the wheelman to give audible notice of his approach when passing vehicles, even when they are proceeding in the same direction. But when the vehicle is of the lumbering slow-going kind, and the wheelman has plenty of room to pass on the off-side, this rule is usually disregarded. Indeed, if it were the habit to salute every vehicle passed when riding through traffic in the towns in this way such a pandemonium of sound would ensue as would be intolerable. Yet, in this benighted district of Reading, the bucolic bobbie was so zealous as to pounce upon such technical offenders with avidity worthy of a better cause.

And so, in this way, one of the principal recreations of these zealous policemen was to station plain-clothes men along the roads and watch for the unwary wheelman from more enlightened parts, who did not know the customs of the country. Lurking under hedges or spread out in extended formation, these plain-clothes men would lie in wait. Presently a cyclist, not anxious to court the oaths and jeers of a sleepy waggoner hugging the near side and proceeding at a four miles an hour gait, would pass the unwieldy vehicle quite innocently, with unsounded bell. Immediately the signal was sent along the line and the unhappy wheelman might find himself seized and suddenly flung to the ground as though he were the greatest felon unhung. From here, he would proceed to the Court House by leisurely stages, where a dunder-headed magistracy would fine him for disobedience. It is good news, however, that these plain-clothes constables have been with-drawn, and possibly this may augur a more enlightened era in these benighted parts.

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"THE COLONEL'S FRIEND."

By unmistakable evidences, my companion in the compartment was plainly American. It was equally parent that he had been backing winners. He beamed at me as a southern English county in mid-July can, that I like Caledonia was "stern and wild." How could I otherwise, seeing that Sloan had ridden four winners at afternoon, and with that acumen which is a distinguishing feature of mine I had previously arrived at the conclusion that his former successes had all been "flukes," and that I would continue to let him severely alone? There was no resisting my companion's advances however, so after he had prepared the way for conversation by dexterously expectorating right in the middle of the bird's-eye formed in the rug at our feet by the proud coat of arms of the L.B. and S.C.R. Co., following it up by waving his hand admiringly at the scenery we were passing through, his subsequent remark of "A slick country, sir," was received by me as an intimation that he was desirous of entering into conversation. Naturally, I assumed that he had been following the fortunes of his great little com-patriot, and ventured to congratulate him on the fact.

"Wal" said he, "I have, and that's a fact. Yes, sir," he went on, "that's so. I've won pretty considerable. There ain't much to blow about in that, though. Most anybody with an eye in his head could figure out that Tod could whip your crowd."

I winced, but he continued, pitilessly—

"If his brains hadn't been turned to mush by the pervading influence of the climate in this effete old country—understand me," he explained, "I ain't saying you Britishers can't stand it. You've raised some real rainy men, but after our bracing winters and stimulating hizzards a climate like this is too darned soft and somferous for us. It's took all the snap out er me already and I guess another month would make me wilt away together. 'Kernal,' said Lew King to me when I met him in New York City and told him I was going to do the trip, 'see the Old Country by all means, but don't stay too long. If you want brain rest and a vacation, the Old Country will set you up. Take a month, and you come back ca'am and rejuvenated; take two months, and you'll never hustle yourself as long's you live; stay three, and, by gosh! you'd better take your naturalisation papers and become a Britisher for you'll never have any use for the United States agen. That's what Lew King said," concluded my companion, "and I reckon Lew was as good a judge of most things as I know of."

"Was he speaking from experience of our climate?" I inquired, wondering if an English winter might not cause him to revise his opinion of the soothing qualities inherent in our favoured isle.

"Lew made one trip here, to my knowledge," replied the Colonel.

"Did it affect his brain?" I inquired, sarcastically.

"No, sir," replied my companion, innocently; "he didn't stay long enough for that. I reckon it would take something more than climate to monkey with Lew King's intellectual faculties, anyhow," he added. "You've heard him, natcherally?" inquired the Colonel, in a confident manner.

"No-o. I don't seem to remember the name," I replied, pretending to search my memory to evoke the recollection of my companion's gifted acquaintance.

"No?" exclaimed he. "Wal, you astonish me! I thought everyone had heard of Lew. From Maine," said the Colonel, eloquently, "to the Pacific Slope, from Alaska to New Orleans, wherever the civilising influence of poker and faro has been felt, Lew King's a household word. And you never heard of him?" he inquired again incredulously.

"You forget how slow we are in this worn-out old country," I quoted.

"Yes, that's so," he replied, imperturbably; "but still see here I'll tell you a yarn about Lew that'll prove his intellect ain't likely to be shook by anything less than an earthquake, if you care to hear it," he suggested.

I replied that I should be delighted to listen to anything he might have to tell me about so celebrated a character, and thus encouraged, my American friend commenced—

"At the time I'm telling you of there were three sharps, named Chester Wall, Abe Mason, and Ben Druce, who had made a goodish pile working the steamers between New York City and Liverpool. They used to pick out some young greenhorn with money to make a fourth at

poker on the voyage. They never let on that they were acquaintances, natcherally, and you can believe me that the fourth man was a darned bad fourth when they got to Liverpool. It was an easy game, and panned out satisfactory enough, but there was nothing smart about it, anyhow. Any lowdown sharp could have worked it, and when Lew King, who happened to be in New York City at the time, knew what was going on, he made up his mind that he'd take a trip to the Old Country jest to see if it was worth while for him to take a hand in the game. Things had run to seed a bit on land, and Lew thought he might as well give the Atlantic Ocean a show as not. However, the day before the vessel on which he'd booked his berth sailed it appears he'd changed his plans, for when he happened to come across the three sharps I've told you about, and heard they were going on that identical boat, he told them that he'd altered his mind and put off his trip. Natcherally, they were not sorry to hear it, for their chance would have been mighty small if Lew King had taken a hand in the business.

"So, boys," says he, "as I'm not going this trip, I'll put you on to a soft snap. There's an old feller on board a big bug in England, I reckon—anyway, he's got a handle to his name—that I'd marked down for my meat. He's a desperate gambler by all accounts, and what's more, he's just come into a pile. He's got two or three castles scattered around England, and a daughter who's his heiress and a daisy. You can bet your life," said Lew, "I wouldn't give the chance away if I could go myself, but I can't and you boys may as well have it as anybody else."

"The sharps thanked Lew, and went back to the boat to study up the passenger list for the name of Sir Geoffrey Barnborough, Bart., which was the one Lew King had given them. Sure enough they found it, and the next thing they did was to make judicious enquiries on board about the Bart. They nosed out that he'd only jest come into the title and estates, which were worth pretty nigh a million dollars. They caught sight of Sir Jeff and his daughter the first day out, on deck. The Bart was the picture of what we're given to understand in the States is a typical old English gentleman. I've seen some of the younger specimens of your haughty and exclusive aristocracy," said my companion, pausing in his narration, "and I guess, judging by them, the breed's changed some. There's the Earl of—"

"Better not mention names," I said hurriedly, as though I dreaded revelations about my aristocratic acquaintances.

My companion nodded and went on—"Anyhow, Sir Jeff was a real high-toned nobleman, and his daughter, Miss Ethel Barnborough, was as sweet as maple syrup and as smart as if she'd been raised in Boston. She didn't put on any frills either, but was jest as affable as if she'd been nobody instead of an heiress. The three sharps were young smart-looking fellers who'd have passed muster in any society, and before they'd been three days on board they'd managed to make the acquaintance of the Bart, and the beautiful Miss Ethel. They passed themselves off as young fellers who were visiting the Old Country for pleasure, and Sir Jeff seemed to cotton to them right away, and promised to introduce them into English society. Not a word was said about gambling for some days, and then it was the Bart himself who proposed one afternoon that they should make a party of poker in his private cabin. Sir Jeff won at first, of course, until the three confederates thought it was time for them to start in; and then, you may bet your life, the scene was changed. It appeared the Bart had very little ready iron; but that made no difference to the sharps, who were quite satisfied to take his paper. And, by gosh! sir, before the vessel arrived at Liverpool they had so much of it that the poor old nobleman had dipped pretty heavily into the estate. It appears they rooked him for close on fifteen thousand pounds by the time they'd reached Liverpool.

"In the meanwhile, in their spare time all three of the sharps had been making up to Miss Ethel, and she treated them so kindly that each one thought he was favourite. On the night before their arrival in Liverpool, however, Chet Wall could have taken his oath that he was the lucky man. Miss Ethel Barnborough and he were walking up and down the deck together, and the young lady had been saying how happy a time that week had been, and how she hoped she would have the pleasure of seeing Mr Wall—well, Chester, then; you see, they'd got pretty far—and that she and her father might have the pleasure of introducing him to some of their aristocratic friends, when she stopped, and said, kinder bashfully—

"Do you know, Chester, I have a favour to ask of you?"

"Chest Wall natcherally said that he was entirely devoted to her, and anything he had was at her service.

"Miss Ethel then explained that, owing to their having been obliged to quit New York City hurriedly, they had failed to receive a remittance from their family lawyer. Would it be any inconvenience to Chester if she were to ask him as a friend to finance them for the three or four days of their stay in Liverpool, as they might have some difficulty in obtaining what they required until they reached London? She preferred to ask this favour of Chester rather than of Mr Mason or Mr Druce.

"When she got as far as that Chet assured her that she was quite right not to go to either of the others, and that he was only too flattered to think he could be of any small service. The fact is he was tickled to death at the idea of lending money to the heiress; and I reckon he saw himself leading Miss Barnborough to the altar of St. Paul's Cathedral with ha'af the English aristocracy at the wedding.

"Besides, it was only three hundred pounds that Miss Ethel required, and as Chet held the Bart's I.O.U.'s for close on four thousand pounds it didn't matter leaving himself a bit short for a few days. The old Bart. had taken his losses very quiet. Having just come into the estate, I reckon he didn't mind dropping a bit, and, anyway, he didn't think he had been done. The three sharps left the Bart. and Miss Ethel in Liverpool and boarded the train for London, where they'd made an appointment to meet Sir Geoffrey at his lawyer's office in three days' time. However, from information that was obtained in different ways, that interview at the lawyer's office never took place, said my companion, as he approached the conclusion of the tale. "First, there seemed to be a mystery hanging over the name of Barnborough. When they mentioned Sir Geoffrey as an acquaintance, nobody had heard of him, and on searching the 'Peerage' that generally reliable book did not so much as mention the family. Then Chet Wall betrayed the young lady's confidence, and mentioned that he'd loaned her three hundred pounds. When the other two heard that, by gosh! sir, they knew they'd been had, for I am darned if she hadn't got the same out of all of them. Well, sir, they threw up the hand right there, allowed they'd been had cleverly, and tore up the Bart's I.O.U.'s."

"It was not badly managed," I said, as my American acquaintance finished the tale; "but I don't see where your smart friend Lew King comes in."

"Oh! he didn't do so bad," replied my companion, quietly. "Nine hundred pounds in ten days—off three sharps, too. It ain't big business, I know, but considering the circumstances—"

"I thought he was left in New York," I began.

"Ye-es, that's what *they* thought, too, but he wasn't," was the reply.

"I see," I said. "Then Lew King and Sir Geoffrey—"

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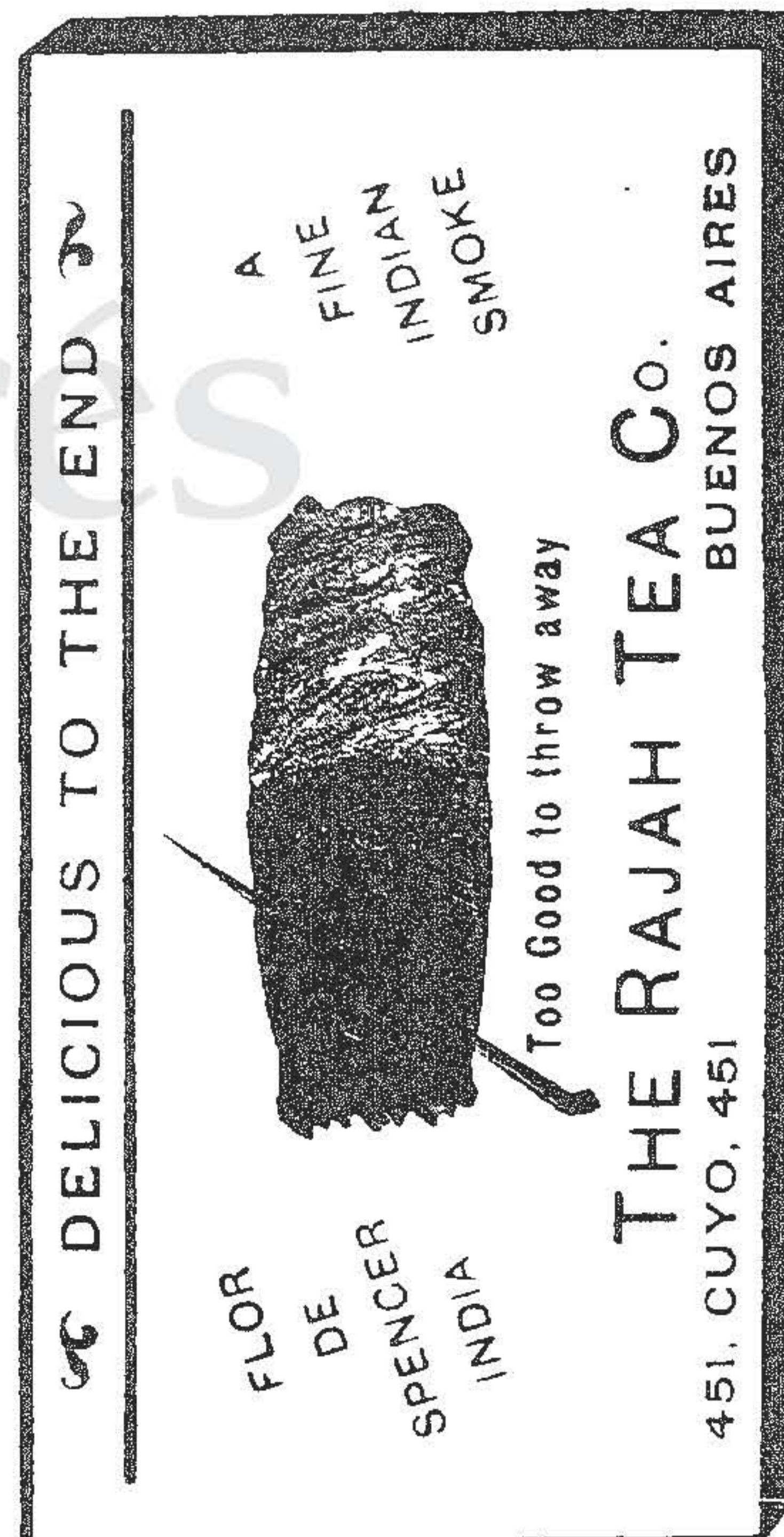
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