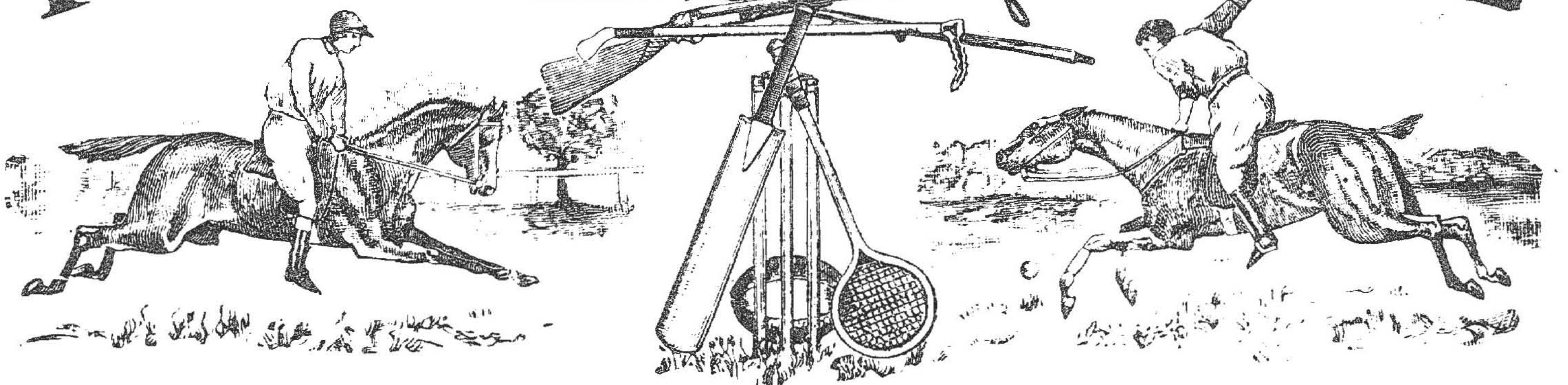


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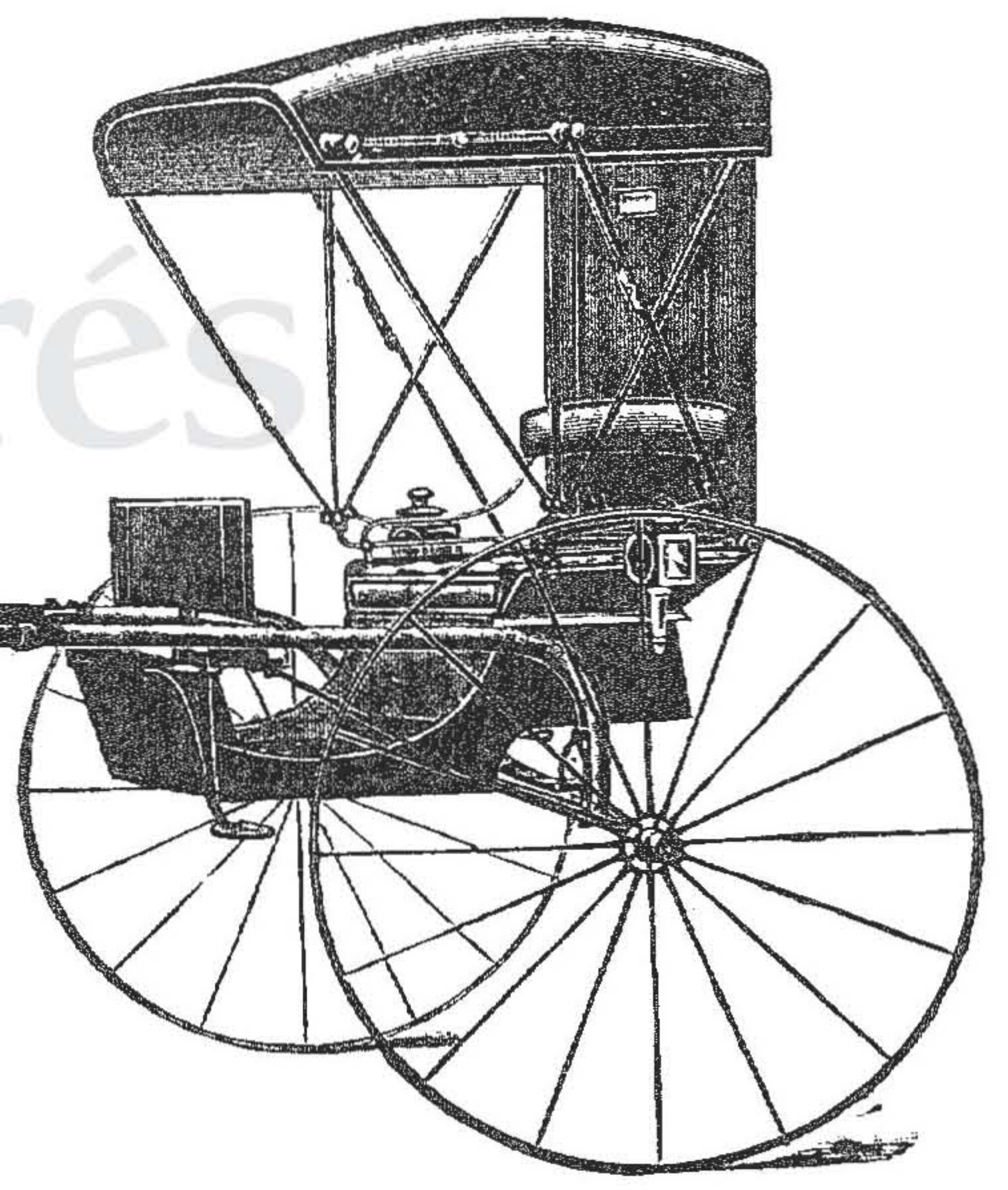
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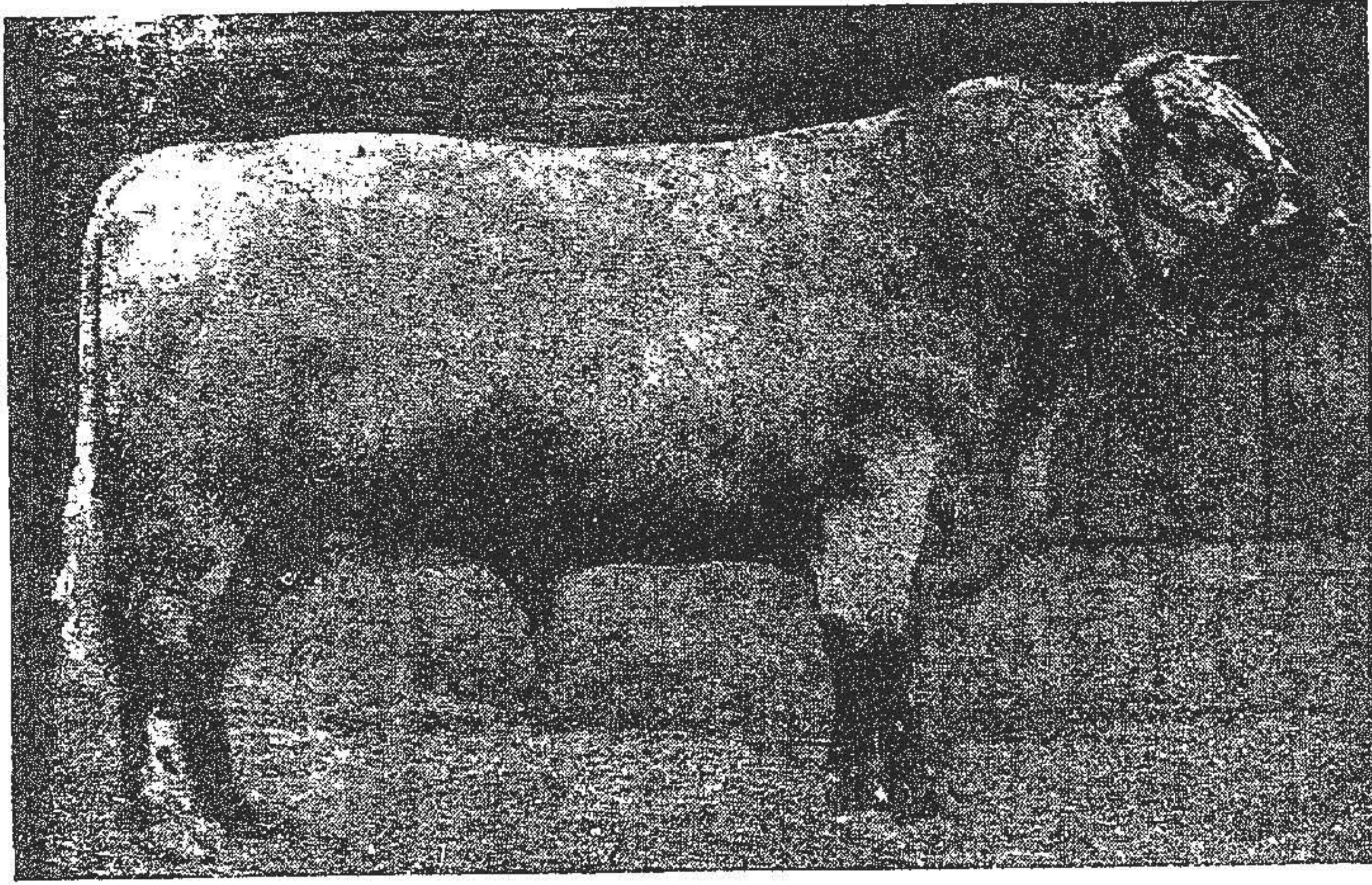
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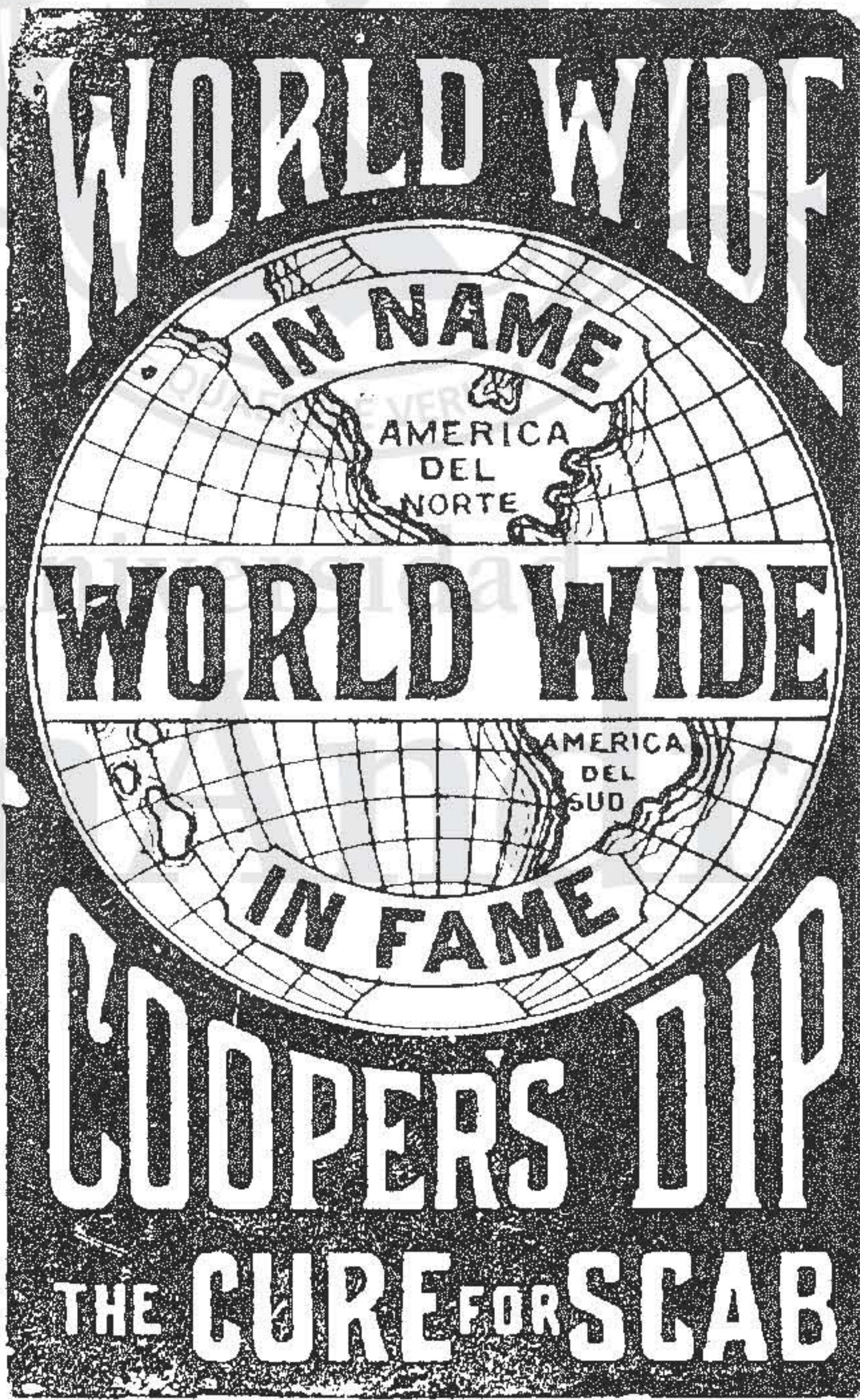
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## GOLF.

### HURLINGHAM v. FLORES.

Although last Sunday broke dull and threatening, and in spite of the heavy storm the previous night, the above match was played at Hurlingham and greatly enjoyed, and those who did not put in an appearance missed a capital day's golf. The links have been vastly improved since last year, and all credit is due to Mr T. T. Watson for the excellent course now existing. With players absent on both sides it was decided to play a match of six a-side instead of ten as originally intended. As the visitors had no fewer than three scratch men in their team, and Hurlingham none, it was naturally expected that Flores would gain a fairly easy victory. The unexpected, however, happened, and Flores were only two holes up in the singles, while matches were all even. In the afternoon the foursomes were played, and so well did the home team buckle to that they finished ten up, winning the match by eight holes.

The following are the details of the score:

#### SINGLES.

Hurlingham.		Flores.	
	Holes		Holes
V. G. G. Scroggie	0	H. Beckett (jun.)	1
R. Paton	2	M. L. Runciman	0
C. Eden	0	H. Hume	7
T. T. Watson	3	W. A. Agar	0
F. Henderson	5	J. S. Agar	0
J. O. Anderson	0	E. H. Theobald	4
Total	10	Total	12

#### FOURSOMES.

Hurlingham		Flores	
	Holes		Holes
Scroggie and Paton	2	Beckett and Runciman	0
Eden and Watson	0	Hume and W. Agar	1
Henderson and Anderson	9	J. S. Agar and Theobald	0
Total	11	Total	1

Total result:

Hurlingham	5 matches, 21 holes
Flores	4 " 13 "

### FISHERTON GOLF CLUB.

#### BOGEY HANDICAP.

The first monthly handicap of the above club was held on Sunday, the 6th inst., the winner proving to be G. W. Hamill, the energetic secretary of the club, who scored a popular victory. It was a Bogey handicap and the winner alone was able to hold his own with the redoubtable "colonel." The links have never been in better order at this early stage of the season.

The following are the details of the score:

	Handicap. Strokes per round	+ or -		+ or - Total
		1st round	2nd round	
G. W. Hamill	4	-3	+3	0
W. S. Martin	12	-2	-2	-4
A. K. Green	6	-3	-3	-6
Gordon Brown	7	-1	-5	-6
T. H. Marston	9	-3	-5	-8
F. Coutts	14	-3	-6	-9
C. B. Bradbury	2	-7	-3	-10
M. Graham	9	-5	-5	-10
J. W. Besserer	2	-4	-7	-11
C. C. Cox	10	-8	-4	-12
C. C. Day	12	-7	-5	-12
R. Fisher	12	-6	-7	-13
R. B. Gloag	10	-6	-8	-14
A. H. Clarke	9	-9	-6	-15
E. Obré	10	-9	-6	-15
A. M. Hudson	12	-9	-8	-17

### MAR DEL PLATA GOLF CLUB.

We have received the following circular in connection with the above club, and we feel convinced that the majority of our golfers will at once become members. The subscription is well within the means of all, and there can be no doubt but that the last and newest of our golf clubs will prove a great success:

Buenos Aires, 7th May, 1900.

Dear Sir,

The Committee appointed at the meeting of golfers held in Messrs T. S. Boadle and Co.'s office, on 17th January last, has pleasure in informing you that satisfactory arrangements have been made with the proprietor of the ground, used as golf links at Mar del Plata this season, for the occupancy of the ground for a further term of at least two years.

Also, that J. Drysdale, Esq., has kindly offered a club house for the use of members, and a hut for the groundman during next golf season.

Under the circumstances, it is proposed that a Mar del Plata Golf Club be now formed, and a Committee appointed and authorised to carry out the arrangements for putting the links in good order for the next golf season.

Funds, of course, will be required, and it is proposed that \$15 % be fixed as an annual subscription for members, with no entrance fee.

If you approve of the proposal, and will enroll as a member, the undersigned shall be obliged if you will kindly return the attached duly signed.

The thanks of the Mar del Plata golfers are due to J. Drysdale, Esq., for his offer to supply the club house and hut; to J. W. W. Hopkins, Esq. for the gift of a roller; to the Bristol Hotel Company for a prize of a silver cup; to the Buenos Aires Great Southern Railway Company for a donation of \$550 %; also to Messrs Watson and Hume, who so ably assisted in carrying out the arrangements for the various competitions.

Enclosed you will find a list of subscribers, also the Hon. Treasurer's Cash Statement for the season 1899-1900, which shows a balance in favour of the Club of \$178.55 %.

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### FLORES GOLF LINKS.

"What a pity they are so out of the way!" This is the remark one frequently hears the newcomer make regarding the above links, and yet when once there how quickly that bumpy and disagreeable drive is forgotten! The links are truly delightfully situated on real *monte* ground, and the scenery is very pretty. The links are practically surrounded on all sides by woods, and there are many charmingly picturesque spots on the course. The ground on which the links are situated, is sufficiently undulating to lend additional interest to the course.

A drive of a quarter of an hour or twenty minutes from Flores station suffice to bring you to the links, where a cosy little pavilion has been erected, improved and enlarged since last season. Some thirty or forty yards from the pavilion is the first teeing ground. Driving from here the player has to be careful not to pull or slice his ball, for on the one side a most objectionable road, full of still more objectionable ruts awaits you, while on the other lies a formidable looking wood. A good straight drive should enable one, with a good second, to be near to the green, but a ditch and some bushes have to be negotiated first, while a pulled ball may land you in a large and deep pond. Five may be allowed for this hole, especially as it has recently been lengthened.

Teeing off for the second hole one has to face the pond, and although it is the narrowest part almost, it is astonishing what a number of balls are quietly lying at the

bottom there, lost to the world from the very first day of their appearance on the links. A good drive, however, sees one within comfortable distance of the green, and one should be out in four, or at the most five, while it has been several times done in three. From the tee to the green is up a gentle incline, and driving off to the third hole one still continues to approach higher land. At this hole one has no obstacle whatever except the danger of carrying the green with a good brassy shot, which means disaster, as the road lies just beyond the green. This is another possible four and is frequently done in that number of strokes.

The fourth hole is somewhat similar to the third, except the ground is flat, the green again being unprotected, an awkward hedge and ditch on the far side alone offering any danger. It is a longer hole than one would imagine at first sight, and five may well be allowed for it.

The fifth hole is also a fairly long one and here the green is protected by a wide and open ditch, but one easy to play out of with a fair lie. This hole might be done in four but five is more usual.

In a line from the tee to the sixth hole is the corner of a ploughed field, which one is strongly tempted to try and carry, but the old hand takes care to steer clear of this, relying on a good second to see him on or near the green. This hole again may be done in four but five is quite allowable.

The seventh is a very short but very sporting hole. The teeing ground is right in front of a big corner of a wood, the green being completely surrounded by woods except on the approaching side. Both the drive and approach have therefore to be very carefully played, otherwise the player may be terribly punished. Most players, under these circumstances, take a cleek or a heavy iron for the drive, we ourselves preferring the latter. Many players nevertheless take their drivers or brassies and take a half swing, but the heavy iron is safest of all. It is naturally a possible three hole and has, as a matter of fact, been done in two more than once, but four is generally taken and may well be allowed for it.

The eighth hole is the most sporting one on the links, and about the longest. The teeing ground is well inside a wood, so that if the player is "off" his drive, all kinds of disasters await him.

Having got in a good ball, however, the player may get in a nice brassy shot which will leave him in front of our old enemy the pond, from where he is within nice approaching distance of the green. The water being safely carried the hedge and road await too long a ball, and an open ditch protects the green on the far side. It is a good five hole and six does not mean bad golf.

Again crossing over the pond we come to the ninth teeing ground, where the driver has again to face the water and some bushes on the far bank. A sliced ball sees one in difficulties in the wood. After the drive the only obstacle to face is an artificial bunker, in the form of a wire railing, protecting the green. Five may be allowed for this hole also. The green is close to the pavilion and the round is completed.

The greens are a wee bit rough just at present, but will soon be in first class order, and the innumerable little twigs, which now so sadly interfere with many—what would otherwise be—good lies, will soon disappear when the frosts commence.

A great deal of the credit for the capital condition of these links is due to Mr H. Hume, who is and has always been untiring in his efforts to improve the course in every possible way. If we might be allowed to offer a suggestion, we would propose that the first and eighth greens be changed back to their old positions, not having the two holes on the same green, but having the eighth close to the water and the first near the open ditch. This arrangement increases the difficulty in playing the eighth hole, and gives the good mashie player a better chance of exhibiting his skill. In conclusion, the links are by far the prettiest we have, or rather the surroundings are, and the only drawback to them is the trouble one has to take to get there. The club is fortunate in having several enthusiastic members, and as long as the present authorities there hold the reins of government, golf will flourish in Flores.

#### THE LATE MR. F. G. TAIT.

In *Longman's Magazine* for April Mr Andrew Lang pays the following touching tribute to the memory of Mr Tait, of the Black Watch:—

"Among the innumerable private sorrows caused by the ghastly war, none, perhaps, has been so widely felt

as the death of Mr Frederick Tait, of the Black Watch. Doubtless hundreds of young men as brave, kind, and good as he have fallen; but all the country, especially in Scotland, knew Mr Tait. His prowess at his favourite game was merely the cause that made him so widely known, and, where known, he was beloved by old and young; by everybody, from the boys who carried his clubs, to the men, women, and children, that liked to follow him, and watch his smiling strength and honest, open face. He brought sunshine where he came, and his mere presence added zest to life. His popular successes left him untouched by conceit or self-consciousness; he was gay, frank, the soul of good humour; the friendliest of men, and the man with most friends. How often one has commemorated some feat of his in that sport in which he excelled; not guessing that we were to lose him in the flower of youth, and to remember him far less for skill that he shared with others, than for the charming and noble qualities which adorned his life. Wounded in his first fight, slain in his second, he passes into the world of those whom the gods loved. 'Ave atque vale, dear Freddy! we cry; he was 'Freddy' to everybody. Another shade is added to the many which fancy sees moving in that old haunted town, where he came so often, the most welcome of all her many visitors; bringing with him youth, gladness, kindness, sympathy, and strength, good-humour, and good-will. His death has saddened all things, and has aged the many who took delight in him."

#### CADDIES.

The management of caddies is an important matter which does not always receive the attention it deserves, says an English exchange. When links are situated in thinly-populated districts it is no easy matter to procure a sufficient supply of lads of the right sort, with the result that they are apt to become spoilt, and pick and choose their employers in a fashion altogether at variance with the traditions of the game. But if the caddies are sometimes careless, inattentive, even inclined to be impertinent, it must be said that they have a good deal to put up with from some of the men for whom they carry. Inattention or forwardness should be checked at once, but without show of temper. It will be found that although the average caddie may have but a superficial knowledge of the game he becomes, with practice, a very fair judge of character. He is quite aware that a fozzled stroke at a critical period of the game is exceedingly annoying, but when he observes that the perpetrator controls his temper the boy is inclined to respect him accordingly.

Some golfers are accustomed to be very familiar with their caddies, joking with them and encouraging them to be talkative. But this is surely a mistake. It is well to be pleasant and good-humoured with the lads, and of course conversation, especially connected with the game, is quite permissible; but the line should be drawn at chaff, as the next man for whom the boy carries may not view the matter in the same light. Finally, we should always remember that the caddie is not responsible for our bad strokes.

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BUENOS AIRES.

## CRICKET.

### CONCORDIA C.C. v. MR. B. W. GARDOM'S XI.

The above match was played at Concordia on Sunday 6th inst., in perfect weather and before quite a large number of spectators. Concordia unfortunately had to play without the services of J. McLeod, one of their best all round players. The game resulted in a very easy win for the scratch team by no less than 184 runs. The chief feature of the match were the batting of Hutchings and the bowling of Grant for the winners. W. McLeod, a lob bowler, had the best analysis for the losers securing the tail very cheaply.

The Concordia captain won the toss and decided to take the field, Todd and Rugeroni opening the batting to the bowling of McLeod and J. Robinson. Todd soon settled down getting some nice leg hits off Robinson, but with the score at 16 he lost his partner, who fell to the lob bowler. B. W. Gardom followed and saw the score doubled before he was bowled by Coaker, who had relieved McLeod. W. D. Gardom joined Todd and the score rose to 43 before Todd left, having played a useful innings of 22. Hutchings now joined Gardom and a good stand resulted. The former might have been taken at third man early in his innings, a mistake which proved very expensive for the home team. The bowling was frequently changed, but the separation did not come about till the score had reached 106, when Gardom was taken at the wicket. S. Robinson followed and the stand of the innings resulted. Although somewhat uncomfortable at the start Robinson soon settled down and played good cricket. When the luncheon interval was taken these two were still together, with the total at 160.

After the interval, Robinson was the first to leave being yorked by Coaker. Grant joined Hutchings, but with the score one short of the second century, saw the latter bowled. Although not without chances, Hutchings played a fine innings, some of his cuts being very pretty. Grant and Clarke took the score to 222 in a very few minutes before the former was bowled for a lively 19. The last three men failed to trouble the scorers, all of them falling to the lob bowler. Clarke, who was not out, knocked up 17 in six hits. McLeod was by far the most successful bowler securing six wickets for 50 runs. The fielding was good, though several catches were missed. Carwardine at cover point saved a lot of runs by his smart fielding.

With nearly three hours left for play, the Concordia innings was started by Reeve and H. Robinson, W. D. Gardom and Hutchings sharing the attack. With only two on the score sheet, Hutchings beat Robinson, and four runs later Reeve was bowled by Gardom. Carwardine was caught at third man off the same bowler, and Fraser joined McLeod. Some very slow play ensued, maiden overs being very numerous. Fraser was well taken at third man, F. Robinson sharing the same fate immediately after. Coaker and McLeod made another long stand being quite content to keep their wickets up. Eventually Coaker was caught at short slip off Grant, who had relieved Hutchings. McLeod was bowled by Grant soon after. The outgoing batsman had played very patiently for an hour and a half for 11 runs. The tail did nothing. Grant and Hutchings came out with the best analysis. The fielding was distinctly good, only two catches being dropped.

Full score and analysis:

MR. B. W. GARDOM'S XI.		CONCORDIA C.C.	
H. Rugeroni b W. McLeod	2	H. Robinson b Hutchings	1
J. W. Todd b W. McLeod	22	C. Reeve b W. D. Gardom	1
B. W. Gardom b Coaker	3	W. McLeod b W. Grant	11
W. D. Gardom c White b Coaker	38	P. Carwardine c Hutchings b W. D. Gardom	3
C. Hutchings b Coaker	70	H. Fraser c Rugeroni b Hutchings	1
Dr. S. Robinson b Coaker	32	A. Robinson c Rugeroni b Hutchings	0
W. F. Grant b W. McLeod	19	A. Coaker c W. D. Gardom b Grant	5
C. S. Clarke not out	17	P. Cadet c Grant b Rugeroni	2
C. L. Tate b W. McLeod	0	J. Manington c W. D. Gardom b Grant	0
R. Lyell c and b W. McLeod	0	J. Bensaquen c Rugeroni b Grant	0
S. H. Cross b W. McLeod	0	W. White	0
Extras	25	Extras	14
<b>Total</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>44</b>

BOWLING ANALYSIS.		CONCORDIA C.C.		MR. B. W. GARDOM'S XI.	
Mr B. W. Gardom's XI	0	M	R	W	
W. McLeod	26	3	50	6	
F. Robinson	24	4	53	0	
A. Coaker	27	5	65	1	
C. Reeve	12	3	25	0	
F. Bensaquen	2	0	10	0	
McLeod and Coaker each bowled					a wide.
Concordia C.C.	0	M	R	W	
C. Hutchings	15	10	7	3	
W. D. Gardom	23	14	18	2	
W. F. Grant	9	6	5	4	
H. Rugeroni	10.1	0	0	1	
Hutchings bowled one wide.					

SECOND DAY.

The return match was played on Monday, 7th inst. The weather again was all that could be desired. The visiting team were without the services of Hutchings, owing to an injury, which weakened the team considerably. A good game resulted in a victory for B. W. Gardom's XI. by one wicket.

The home team, who appeared to be winning all through, had the game snatched from their grasp at the last moment. The excitement during the last hour was very great. For the winners W. D. Gardom, B. W. Gardom and Cross were the most successful in the batting line, while Grant bore the brunt of the bowling, sending down 35.3 overs, of which no less than 20 were maidens, and securing five wickets for 35 runs. Clarke also proved a very useful change. For the losers Carwardine played a really good innings; he was well seconded by Fraser, Cadet, and H. Robinson. In the bowling department Reeve did extremely well, securing six wickets for only 23 runs.

The home captain having won the toss elected to bat and sent in H. Robinson and Carwardine to face Grant and Rugeroni. A very good start was made, the score being 32 before the first wicket fell, the result of over an hour's play. Robinson, who was the first to leave, had batted very well and patiently for 11 runs. McLeod joined Carwardine and the score was raised to 48 before the latter was bowled by Grant. The outgoing batsman had made 29 in very good style. McLeod left almost immediately, being taken at cover-point. The next three wickets fell for a very few runs, but Fraser and Reeve stayed some time, raising the score to 73 before the latter was caught by Stevens at mid-on. Cadet joined Fraser and soon after the luncheon interval was taken.

Soon after play was resumed Fraser was well taken at point, Gardom securing the ball at the second attempt. Fraser had played a steady and useful innings of 17. Cadet was last out at 103, having played very pluckily. The fielding was good, Rugeroni being specially noticeable.

Clarke and Todd opened the visitors' innings to the bowling of Reeve and F. Robinson. In the second over Todd was run out. Rugeroni filled the vacancy but did not stay long, being bowled by Reeve. W. D. Gardom joined Clarke and the score was taken to 20 before Clarke pulled a ball into his wicket. Dr. Robinson and Grant both fell to F. Robinson, and when the interval for tea was taken the score was 37 for five wickets. The game now looked an almost certain victory for Concordia, B. W. Gardom, however, at once started scoring freely, the total gradually mounting up until at 71 W. D. Gardom was caught at the wicket. Tate followed and helped Gardom to raise the score to 86 before the latter skied a ball and was caught by the wicket-keeper. The outgoing batsman, who had made a capital 22, received quite an ovation. Tate left at the same total. Only a few minutes now remained for play, and with 18 runs to win, and with only two wickets in hand, the game again appeared in favour of the home team. Cross came to the rescue hitting out in good style, but with the score at 98 he lost Lyell. Stevens, who was last man in, scored a single off the last ball of the over. The excitement was now intense as with only one over to go down five runs were still required to win. Stevens scored a single off the second ball and then Robinson sent down a wide. Cross played the third ball and then scored a two and a single off the last two balls, which gave his side the victory after a splendidly contested game; he had scored 13, which contained some good hits and too much praise cannot be given to him. The bowling was never loose and the fielding was very good. Full score and analysis:—

CONCORDIA C.C.	
H. Robinson b Clarke	11
P. Carwardine b Grant	29
W. McLeod c Rugeroni b Clarke	9
H. Fraser c B.W. Gardom b Grant	17
F. Robinson run out	1
A. Coaker l.b.w. b Grant	2
W. White c and b Grant	0
C. Reeve c Stevens b Clarke	7
P. Cadet c Grant b Rugeroni	12
J. Bensaquen c Robinson b Grant	9
P. Manington not out	1
Extras	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>103</b>

Mr. B. W. Gardom's XI.	
C. Clarke b C. Reeve	9
J. W. Todd run out	0
H. Rugeroni b C. Reeve	4
W. D. Gardom c McLeod b Reeve	29
Dr. J. Robinson b F. Robinson	5
W. F. Grant b F. Robinson	5
B. W. Gardom c McLeod b Reeve	22
C. L. Tate c White b Reeve	6
S. H. Cross not out	13
R. Lyell c P. Cadet b Reeve	2
F. O. Stevens not out	2
Extras	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>104</b>

BOWLING ANALYSIS.									
Concordia C.C.			Mr B W. Gardom's XI						
O	M	R	W	O	M	R	W		
H. Rugeroni	22	10	21	1	C. Reeve	15	3	23	6
W. F. Grant	35.3	20	35	5	F. Robinson	21	7	41	2
C. S. Clarke	17	2	30	3	A. Coaker	13	3	29	0
W. D. Gardom	2	0	12	0	W. McLeod	4	1	4	0
					F. Robinson				bowled one wide.

In the evening Miss Budge very kindly gave a dinner which was greatly enjoyed by all. Amongst those present were representatives of the families of Robinson, Hood, Shaw, Williamson, McLeod, Wauer, the Rev. and Wilkes, Carwardine, Forget, Reeve, Gardom, Clarke, Tate, Lyell, Stevens, Hutchings, Ritchie, Cross, Fraser, Grant, Dr. Robinson, etc.

On Tuesday morning the visiting team returned to the country, loud in their praises of the hospitality received at the hands of the Concordians, and looking forward to another visit next season.

RACING.

HURLINGHAM.

The following are the entries for the race meeting to be held at Hurlingham on the 24th inst.:

Premio Hopeful, 500 metres.—Camarade, 58 in, 75 k—Indio, 58 in, 75 k—Polo, 58 in, 75 k—Spook, 58 in, 75 k—Lightning, 57 in, 72 k—Pebete (ex Cocinero), 56 in, 69 k—Copeton, 56 in, 69 k—Jack, 54 in, 63 k.

Premio Mayo, 1600 metres (peso minimum 70 kilos).—Vengador, Olimpico, El Rey, Emprerito, Retreite, Genta, Whisky.

Members' Cup, 1200 metres.—Pepperbox, 58 in, 75 k—Kenneth, 58 in, 75 k—Theodore, 57 in, 72 k.

Pony Hurdle Race, 2000 metres.—Mayfly, 58 in, 75 k—Facey Romford, 58 in, 75 k—Revolution, 58 in, 75 k—Douglas, 58 in, 75 k—Chatterbox, 58 in, 75 k—Spook, 57 k—La Bruja, 56 in, 69 k—Cavalry, 57 in, 72 k.

Premio Opening, 600 metres.—El Burro, 56 in, 75 k—Pickle, 56 in, 75 k—Pebete (ex Cocinero), 56 in, 75 k—Roberts, 55 in, 72 k.

Premio Hurlingham, 800 metres.—Camarade, 58 in, 75 k—Chatterbox, 58 in, 78 k—Don Julio, 57 in, 75 k. Cuckoo declared forfeit.

BELGRANO—MAY. 10.

The Hipodromo Nacional seems to have appropriated the Jockey Club luck with regard to the weather, as all the storm and threatening of the two previous days the afternoon turned out perfect. The course was very slightly heavy, the fields large, and the racing good and there being no wind, mud, or dust, or other drawbacks, the concourse was numerous and lively.

Although the field for the opening mile number seventeen, the public managed to hit on the first second, only the third being an outsider.

Thirteen turned out for the maiden, which introduced us to a new daughter of Gay Hermit, on whom the table at once pounced, as she looked so like a racer, and made no mistake as she won comfortably from Irlanda, the being clear away from the others.

The Selling Plate brought out another field of seventeen, and furnished the only upset of the day, though not very formidable one.

The mile limited handicap contained the best class of the day, but resulted in a runaway victory for Balca from start to finish. His rider, the hunchback, repeated the same feat with Vivaracho in the 1300 metres, again with Primero in the final 2000 metres, so that none of these races require much description.

The following are the details:—

<b>PREMIO REBATO</b> , for horses of three years and more that have not more than \$4000. Weight 54 kilos, 2 kilos extra for every win, 3 allowed to losers. \$1200 to first, 100 to second. 1600 metres.
Stud Rosarino's Selim, by Azur—Samarcande, 3 y, 56 k.....N. Sos
F. Saravia's Spartaco, 5 y, 56 k.....F. Perce
Stud Criollito's Rebato, 3 y, 56 k.....J. Ribera
Also ran—Verdugo, Perth, Corinto, Estopin, Coraza, Tres Arroyos, Garúa, Fiscal, La Fiera, Ogler, Blucher, Guirapurú, Azahar, and Matías
Dividends—Selim \$7.10 win and 3.40 place, Spartaco 4.25 place, Rebato 11.95 place.
<b>PREMIO FICHA</b> , for two-year-olds that have not won. Weight 54 kilos \$1500 to first, 100 to second. 1100 metres.
Stud Los Cardos' Moscowa, by Gay Hermit—Yena, 52 k.....S. Urrutia
Ecurie Indecis' Irlanda, 52 k.....G. Palacio
M. J. Carabajal's India Portefa, 52 k.....N. Sos
Also ran—Necochea, Temporal, Salvaje, Afelio, Marqués, Antón, Escaramusa, Criollita, Orgia, and Milady.
Dividends—Moscowa \$6.15 win and 3.65 place, Irlanda 4.15 place, Portefa 10.45 place.
<b>PREMIO REMATE</b> , for horses of three years and more that have been a in the country and have not won a Selling Plate. The winner sold for \$2500. Those entered to be sold for less to be allowed \$3 for each \$500 reduction. Weight for age. \$1900 to first, 100 to second. 1300 metres.
Stud Necochea's Coracero, by Guerrillero—Bayoneta, 3 y, 45 k F. Lic

General Laval's Clamor, 4 y. 50 k. J. Insaurre 2  
 Paysandú's Westfalia, 3 y, 52 k. S. Urrutia 3  
 Also ran—Soliman, Ventura, Kaolin, Aquilon, Gracieuse, Olga, La  
 Olimpico, El Criollo, Cepeda, Perla, La Negra, Zouave, and Se-  
 Dividends—Coracero \$18.10 win and 6.50 place, Clamor 5.25 place,  
 Westfalia 3.85 place.

TO HORTENSIA, handicap for all horses, limited between 62 and 50 kilos  
 1800 to first, 100 to second. 1600 metres.

Ecurie's Balcarce, by Gay Hermit—Maria Louisa, 5 y, 55 k  
 I. Diaz 1  
 Los Cardos' Le Sancy, 4 y, 62 k. S. Urrutia 2  
 San José's Guttemberg, 5 y, 53 k. J. Olmos 3  
 Also ran—Cyrano, Senegal, Reyezuelo, and Austerlitz.  
 Dividends—Balcarce \$7.65 win and 3.70 place, Le Sancy 4.25 place.

TO CASUARINA, handicap for horses of three years and more that have  
 won more than \$4000, \$1500 to first, 100 to second. 1200 metres.

Ecurie's Vivaracho, by Progreso—Wanda, 3 y, 55 k. I. Diaz 1  
 El Derby's Evangelina, 4 y, 44 k. F. Gomez 2  
 Revolucion's Emir 5 y 54 k. P. Aguirre 3  
 Also ran—Tántalo, Redoutable, Egipcia, Porthos, Dalila, and Sa-  
 Dividends—Vivaracho \$6.15 win and 3 place, Evangelina 5.05 place,  
 Emir 4.40 place.

TO PIADOSO, handicap for all horses. \$1700 to first, 100 to second  
 1000 metres.

Zubiaurre's Primero, by Esperanza—Condesa, 4 y, 50 k. I. Diaz 1  
 La Confianza's Juliano, 3 y, 53 k. F. Olivera 2  
 Dreyfus' Chacabuco, 4 y, 51 k. N. Sosa 3  
 Also ran—Ecarté, Picquart, Punilla, Caseros, Piadoso, Torpedo, An-  
 and Bernabé.  
 Dividends—Primero 8.85 win and 3.90 place, Juliano 3.90 place, Cha-  
 cabuco 4.40 place.

## PALERMO—MAY 13.

Racegoers in general little expected to have their  
 anticipated pastime after the heavy downpour on Saturday  
 night, but as the morning wore on it became evident that  
 rain was over for the present, and the Committee  
 readily decided to hold the meeting. The attendance was  
 much under the average, as the course was heavy,  
 neither muddy nor slippery, the fields were good  
 enough, and though the dividends were pretty high, and  
 one favourite was successful, still the results were  
 more regular than might have been expected.

Fifteen appeared for the opening 1700 metres, the  
 finish being left entirely to Nicolini and Elastic, the former  
 winning by a length.

The young ones' 1100 metres brought out a new per-  
 former in Triboulet, who got the better of San Graal by  
 a length after a tough bout.

After an easy win by Araujo in the "Seller," the  
 classic came on and brought out a field of seven. Bona-  
 te, on the strength of his late performance, was look-  
 ing upon with great favour, but did not like the heavy  
 going, and the game Leon wore down Don Pepe easily,  
 the two being a long way in front.

The mile handicap gave the best finish of the day,  
 there being not much to choose between Guña, Mara-  
 cha, and Evangelina.

Guttemberg upset calculations in the long distance,  
 he always does when he wins.

Balcarce, who has freshened up considerably lately,  
 secured another runaway win in the final, none of his  
 rivals being able to close with him when once he got in  
 front.

The following are the details:—

TO INDECIS, 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 \$5000. Weight 54 kilos, 2 kilos extra for every win, 3 kilos  
 allowed to jockeys who have never won. \$1600 to first, 100 to second.  
 700 metres.

Ecurie Sans Souci's Nicolini, by Jupiter—La Patti, 3 y, 58 k. S. Urrutia 1  
 Elastic, 3 y, 56 k. A. Ruiz 2  
 Zubiaurre's Tres Arroyos, 3 y, 56 k. G. Pálacios 3  
 Also ran—Soliman, Rataplan, Réve d'Or, Damieta, Lybia, Chicago,  
 Cerá, Piloto, Ogler, Eléctrica, Modista, and Eva.  
 Dividends—Nicolini \$18 win and 6.50 place, Elastic 8.10 place, Tres  
 Arroyos 12.80 place.

TO BOQUERON, 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.

Oriel's Triboulet, by Acheron—Hourri, 54 k. F. Perez 1  
 Modesta's San Graal, 54 k. J. Olmos 3  
 Washington's Tronera, 52 k. A. Malerba 3  
 Also ran—Santa Elvira, Camaleón, Grimaud, Sargenta, and Muselina.  
 Dividends—Triboulet \$14.90 win and 4.65 place, San Graal 3.95 place,  
 Tronera 4.50 place.

TO A RECLAMAR, for horses of three years and more that have been a  
 year in the country and have not won more than two Selling Plates.  
 Weight for age. The winner to be sold for \$3000. Those entered to be  
 sold for less to be allowed 3 kilos for each \$1000 reduction, 3 kilos  
 allowed to horses that have run more than twice and have not won  
 more than \$3000, if entered at lowest price, 3 kilos extra for every win  
 in a Selling Plate. \$1800 to first, 150 to second. 2000 metres.

Cerés' Araujo, by Progreso—Mandarine, 4 y, 54 k. I. Diaz 1  
 Lomas' Esparta, 4 y, 58 k. H. Trejo 2  
 La Alianza's Orleans, 6 y, 54 k. S. Urrutia 3  
 Also ran—Cassio, and Roulette.  
 Dividends—Araujo \$6.35 win and 3.75 place, Esparta 7.95 place.

PREMIO PORTEÑO, for all horses. Weight for age 2 kilos extra to winners  
 of more than \$20,000 in Classics, 2 kilos allowed to winners of less than  
 \$20,000 in Classics. \$5000 to first, 500 to second. 2000 metres.

Stud Calchin's Leon, by Metejon—Lady Dora, 3 y, 57 k. M. Peñalosa 1  
 Stud Oriel's Don Pepe, 5 y, 60 k. F. Perez 2  
 Ecurie Pichiman's Gonin, 5 y, 62 k. R. Garrido 3  
 Also ran—Bonaparte, Calvino, Graco, Caramelo, and Royal.  
 Dividends—Leon \$22.15 win and 5.60 place, Don Pepe 2.90 place, Gonin  
 4.05 place.

PREMIO ASTEROIDE, handicap for mares that have won. \$2000 to first, 200  
 to second. 1600 metres.

J. Quaini's Guña, by Gladiador, II.—Lost Chord, 4 y, 50 k. J. Gomez 1  
 Stud Las Pitas' Maravilla, 3 y, 57 k. R. Garrido 2  
 Stud El Derby's Evangelina, 4 y, 45 1/2 k. C. Bustos 3  
 Also ran—Dalila, Muñeca, Florida, Caprice, Casa Blanca, Pildora  
 Azul, Tormenta, and Grimace.  
 Dividends—Guña \$25.40 win and 6.30 place, Maravilla 4.40 place,  
 Evangelina 7.95 place.

PREMIO STONE CROSS, handicap for horses that have won a prize of more  
 than \$20,000, limited between 62 and 50 kilos. \$2500 to first, 200 to  
 second. 2400 metres.

Stud San José's Guttemberg, by Havre—Crusty Girl, 5 y, 52 k. J. Olmos 1  
 Stud La Confianza's Regalada, 4 y, 50 k. J. Feliú 2  
 Ecurie Ben d'Or's Ovacion 5 y 60 k. R. Garrido 3  
 Also ran—Cacique and Congo.  
 Dividends—Guttemberg \$11.15 win and 5.55 place, Regalada 4.70 place.

PREMIO SANTA LUCIA, handicap for horses that have not won more than  
 twice. \$2000 to first, 200 to second. 1600 metres.

Petite Ecurie's Balcarce, by Gay Hermit—Maria Louisa, 5 y, 56 k. I. Diaz 1  
 Stud El Rubio's Senegal, 4 y, 55 k. S. Urrutia 2  
 Mr Ypso's Athou, 3 y, 50 k. A. Malerva 3  
 Also ran—Oribe, Dante, Tántalo, Iron King, Bobby, and Porthos.  
 Dividends—Balcarce \$20.95 win and 6.20 place, Senegal 6.20 place,  
 Athou 6.15 place.

## POLO.

### HURLINGHAM.—MAY 10th.

Only seven players were energetic enough to turn  
 up for a game, on the morning of the above date, at six  
 thirty: Messrs. Jefferies, Drabble, Kinchant, Moncrieff,  
 Simpson, Sidebottom and Mendl—but they were re-  
 warded by a fine gallop, and there was some good hitting  
 —three a side, however, is rarely very satisfactory.

We are sorry to hear that there is a probability of no  
 camp teams coming in for the tournament, but, as there  
 are plenty of players at Hurlingham and round Buenos  
 Aires, there is no doubt a very interesting contest will be  
 got up, especially as several camp men have already  
 announced their intention of playing; so that it will be  
 quite easy to make up five or six good sides, and it may,  
 after all, be conducive to better games, as, instead of  
 all the finest players being included in a few teams, now  
 they will doubtless be more evenly distributed.

## HUNTING.

### HURLINGHAM DRAG HOUNDS.

Sunday, May 13th, was a red-letter day for this pack.  
 Heavy rain overnight and a showery morning made  
 some people send to enquire whether hounds were going  
 out, and kept others away. In reply to the former our  
 master replied, "Just the very morning for a hunt," and  
 so it proved. The meet was at the Station of the Pacific  
 Railway, and a goodly gathering met the master and his  
 staff with five and a half couple of hounds, the latter  
 looking very fit, and a real good level lot. The pack was  
 laid on through the fence of Mr. Moncrieff's paddock,  
 while the field had to gallop to the gate out of the Station  
 yard, which fortunately, or unfortunately, was shut.  
 However, the worthy proprietor came to our rescue and  
 soon had it open, and nearly got ridden over for his  
 pains! This delay gave hounds a chance, and away they  
 went—heads up and tails down—for all they were worth,  
 speaking grandly to the line. The first fence was a  
 brushed hurdle—a novelty, and a very good one. This,  
 as we came parallel at it, proved a bit of a stumbling  
 block to many. However, the hard-riding division (and  
 a very large one it is too) were to be stopped by nothing,  
 and away we went with the master, Messrs. Preston,  
 Jefferies, Harnett and Moncrieff as pilots, into Margaret's  
 lane, across Andrade's portrero, down the lane by Mr.  
 Balfour's house into Chambret's big portrero, and across  
 the lane into Castillo's maizal, where the leading division  
 was composed of Messrs. Thursby, Preston, Jefferies,  
 Moncrieff (2), Ravenscroft, Harnett, Howard and Captain  
 Eden, and two ladies, Mrs. Howard and Mrs. Bedford.  
 Up to this hounds had raced, and the rest of the field were  
 toiling away tailed over a quarter of a mile. Now the

pack came back to horses a bit, and hunted at a good pace down Guerrero's lane, at the bottom of which was a stiff bar, which was beautifully taken by all, into Leloir's estancia and out again by the brickfield gate to check in Haramburu's colony, where the following were with the hounds, besides the staff: Messrs. Moncrieff (2), Ravenscroft, Harnett, Eden, Jefferies, Howard, Sanderson, Fair, Brewster and Bedford, Mrs Howard and Mrs Bedford. After a quarter-of-an-hour's breathing space hounds were again laid on in the maizal hard by, and ran well through Bilbao's camp across the road into Chambret's portrero, to finish at the cross roads by Mr. Cassels' new house. All those mentioned at the check got to the end, with the addition of Mr. Simpson, Mrs Bedford (on Shuffler), and Mrs Howard (on the Honourable) especially deserve mention for the way they went through the fastest run we have ever seen with these hounds. In conclusion we must congratulate Mr Thursby, the master, and Messrs. Preston and Willes—huntsman and whip respectively—for the excellent pack they have got together, and for the fine condition they were in.

Every hound was up at the worry and they ran as well together as one would wish to see—a very rare thing with drag hounds. The fences were excellent, and provided more variety than we have had before. In fact there is no doubt that Mr. Thursby is the right man in the right place—and may he give us many more gallops like that of last Sunday!

## CYCLING IN ENGLAND

April 13th, 1900.

The busiest stretch of the Brighton road is that from Croydon to Purley Corner where two main roads diverge, the one to the left running to Godstone and the other to Brighton. On a fine Saturday or Sunday this stretch literally swarms with wheelmen and so soon as the "Red Deer" is passed the tramlines are left behind and the "going" becomes excellent. Godstone is a famous village rendezvous for cyclists, possessing a quaint old inn known as the "Clayton Arms" which dates back to Elizabethan times. It was formerly known as "Ye Olde Whyte Harte" and the sign of the white hart with collar of gold is still preserved. Godstone stands in the centre of a charming country on the borders of Kent and Surrey and is sufficiently near London to afford wheelmen a pleasant afternoon or before dinner run.

The 1,000 miles trial run for every class of motor, which has been arranged under the auspices of the Automobile Club, is intended to shew that section of the British public which still thinks that motors have not yet emerged from the experimental stage, of what the British-built motor and British *chauffeur* is capable. Every system of automobilism will it is hoped be represented, and it should be a case of the survival of the fittest. Among the well-known systems that are sure to be to the fore, are the De Dion-Bouton, the Benz, Daimler &c. The recent automobile race from Nice to Marseilles affords striking testimony of what the modern motor is capable. The distance is roughly 125 miles and cars from 3 to 30 h.p. were engaged. Beconnais, the famous Parisian *chauffeur* covered the distance in the marvellous time of 3hrs. 23min. 11secs., on a motor-cycle, and the first car, (16 h.p.) arrived in 3hrs. 25min. 30secs. These times shew conclusively that motors are not expensive toys.

The density of some of our petty Justices is almost appalling. These are recruited from classes whose only claim to merit often is a certain measure of affluence, and so little do they know of law that they have a clerk, usually a lawyer, who instructs them as to what fine or sentence they may safely pass. These monied automatons of the Bench are frequently among those who are most inimical to wheelmen. As an instance of the lack of power to arrive at an equitable conclusion no better case need be cited than that of two wheelmen who were recently summoned for riding with unlighted lamps. From the evidence of the riders, which was not gainsayed, it appears that they were caught in a blinding snowstorm, and that although they several times lit their lamps, the tempest almost immediately extinguished them. They were therefore brought face to face with the question as to whether it was better to ride with unlighted lamps or to remain benighted at the mercy of the elements. They chose the former course. But their defence availed them nothing for both were fined.

*Punch* this week is responsible for a cycling joke which will amuse a good many people. The vicar's daughter, apparently in some rural district, is informing the coachman and parlourmaid that she is about to get rid of her present machine and to buy a free-wheel as she likes to be well up-to-date, and asks whether they do not think she will cause quite a sensation. The parlourmaid startles her by replying "for miss, me and cook have had freewheel for some time." The illustration is good but the story is decidedly poor, yet it serves to show how impossible it is to leave the cycle out of even so conservative and exclusive a journal as *Punch* is. Many comic papers have thanked the cycle for affording matter for illustration and "copy." Still, the servant of to-day, with all her privileges, rarely possesses a machine of her own. The mistress is not above taking a surreptitious ride on her mistress's mount is very likely. But failing this, she usually hires one.

The old debatable question of length of crankthrow has cropped up again and the cycling noter in the *Athletic News* states the case of a friend of his who has been persuaded to adopt seven inch cranks and seven inch gear as being as near perfection as possible, and who after riding this combination for a long time with ever increasing satisfaction, was induced to borrow a friend's machine whilst his own was being overhauled. The machine was fitted with 6 1/2 inch cranks and was geared to 66 inches. He found on this he could travel much faster and with less fatigue over give-and-take country, than formerly, and, in short, his week's trial so persuaded him that the lower gear and shorter crank was preferable that he has determined to adopt it in future. It is the old story of what is one man's meat being another man's poison and no hard and fast rule can be laid down. Some men find themselves best suited by a long crank and high gear whilst others find a crank of normal length best suited to their physical attainments.

At the Easter meeting to be held at Wood Green there will be a distinctly novel form of competition. This is to take the form of a free-wheel race. Those engaged are to pedal the prescribed distance to the starting point so as to get plenty of impetus and then, at a given signal, will cease pedalling. Of course, the rider of the machine that travels farthest whilst running free will be adjudged the winner. This will be a good opportunity for testing the claims of rival makers, and, if the riders show the requisite skill, so as to get the last ounce out of the free wheel, an interesting race should result. No doubt, the free wheel system which shall furnish the winner will be largely advertised, but seeing that so much will depend upon the ability of the rider to get plenty of pace on his machine, increasing it right up to the last moment, it will perhaps, as a test of merit not be wholly reliable.

It is marvellous how popular cycling is at the sea-side. The old idea of just sitting down on the beach with one of Mudie's novels and a cigarette if a man, or a bag of sweetmeats, if a girl, just to moon away the livelong day seems to have become quite an ancient way of doing things. All through the season, from the moment that visitors begin to foregather at our sea-side towns the cycle shops are busy. The principal trade is done in letting out, and wonderfully fastidious the applicants are too! It is no good to attempt to palm off a creak or second-grade machine on these people; they will look at nothing but a high-grade of immaculate condition.

John Caldow, the Scottish amateur champion, who represented "Caledonia stern and wild" at the last International Championships, has taken up his residence in London and will no doubt, be shortly found in training on one of the London tracks. Great hopes are founded on his future achievements, and, with the retirement of Summersgill, he should easily step into the vacant place as the best sprint rider in the British Isles. He has defeated the champion professional short distance rider of Scotland and has, by a consistent course of riding, shewn that he is worthy the confidence reposed in him by his friends. The mile has always been looked upon as the summit of a rider's ambition, whether he be amateur or professional, and this coveted distinction will probably stand to Caldow's credit at the end of the season. It was rather rough on the English amateurs that Paul Albert, the Hanoverian crack, should have swooped down and captured the N.C.U. championships, as he did last season.



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## RIVER PLATE SPORT AND PASTIME

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## NOTES.

More news of "our boys" at the front, and brave news it is! A kind correspondent writes us:—"Letters from South Africa give some interesting particulars about the 'boys' from this country. Jackson, who has been raised from the ranks and is now Lieutenant in another troop, when out scouting one day with eleven men, was suddenly fired upon by a much larger party of Boers, from behind some rocks at a distance of about eight hundred yards.

"He gave the order to retire, and they were all off at a gallop when something happened to White's horse, or to White himself, which caused them to part company. White followed the retiring troop running for all he knew on foot, throwing away, as he began to lose his wind, first his haversack, then his ammunition, and finally his rifle, the bullets falling thick about him all the time.

"Jackson, on seeing White's horse pass him riderless, looked back and immediately turned, and riding through a shower of bullets, got him up behind and brought him in safely." Our correspondent adds that Jackson deserves the V.C. and, as one of Lord Roberts' staff was looking on, he thinks he may be recommended for it. Jackson and White were the only Argentines in the party, and it is pleasant to hear of them sticking to each other, although we have no doubt that they would be equally ready to help anyone else under similar circumstances.

We have to thank Mr R. H. Smiles for kindly forwarding us a letter he has just received from Mr Norman Jacobs, who was one of the gallant little band of volunteers that left here for the front, and doubtless extracts from it will prove of interest to many of our readers. "We are now," he writes, "four miles from Bloemfontein, and yesterday my brother and I walked there. It's a nice little town and a pretty one, but there is not much to be bought as the place is almost sold out, and things are very expensive. However, we had a decent meal and were waited on, which was extremely pleasant after the time we have been having.

"We have not done very much fighting. We were in the battles of Waterval Drift and Paardeburg, and on the relief column of Kimberley. After leaving a place called Osfontein, we chased the Boers nearly up to here, but now the Orange Free Staters seem to have 'chucked' it, as they are giving up their arms by thousands. I don't

know whether I told you that my poor old horse got drowned in Modder River. I had a pretty near squeak, too, as I had a hundred and fifty rounds of cartridges on me at the time, besides rifle, haversack, etc. I lost everything and had to clear out behind my brother on his horse.

"You will not, perhaps, believe it, but when we were at Osfontein, there was a sale at auction of different things. Two tins of cocoa fetched eleven shillings each. Cigarettes from eleven shillings to nineteen and six. One pipe went for a pound. One bottle of raspberry vinegar, fourteen shillings, and so on. One man offered a horse and saddle, he had taken from the Boers, for a lb. of tobacco, and could not get it. Now we are fairly well off, as they grow a lot of tobacco in these parts, and one can get it fairly cheap. The food is bad and rather scarce, so we won't get fat out here; before peace was declared with the Free State we could eat any sheep or cows we found, but now that is put a stop to."

As may be seen from the advertisement which appears in another column, the Championship Polo Tournament has been fixed for June 28th and following days. All entries must be made on or before June 24th, and should be sent in to Mr F. J. Balfour, Hon. Secretary of the Polo Association of the River Plate. The entrance fee for each team is twenty dollars.

In spite of the wet condition of the ground a goodly number of people turned up at the meet of the Hurlingham drag-hounds last Sunday, at the Pacific Railway Station, and were well rewarded for their pains, as all seemed unanimous in voting the run an excellent one, and it was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone out. The hounds are going very strong, and the hunt is undoubtedly in for an exceptionally successful season, which is well-deserved.

The Premio Porteño, on Sunday, had a brilliant lot of original entries which dwindled down finally to eight starters. Included in these were Bonaparte, Don Pepe, Leon, Gonin, and Royal, so that class was by no means badly represented. After Calvino and Bonaparte had made strong running, Don Pepe came clear away at the paddock, but Leon coming with his now notable rush at the finish, disposed of the Oriel representative with an ease that came as a revelation. Indeed the staying powers of this horse are so remarkable that if he could get on terms with Pillito and Valero at the end of one of the big races, we are inclined to believe that the sturdy son of Metejon would be too much for the champions. Whether he could go the pace in such company remains to be seen, but at any rate he will add to the interest of the test events if pulled out.

Nothing much out of the way is to be noted among the young ones this week. The 1100 metres, on the straight at Palermo was won by a new hand in Triboulet, a son of Acheron and Hourri, but as he only just got the better of San Graal, who has not shewn any great form, the performance was not more than moderate. The heavy going was also against the racing being trustworthy. The Premio Luro, on next Sunday, is 1100 metres, for young ones, with penalties for classic winners so that there will probably be a large field and a good opportunity for developing hidden talent. After this race the distances become longer, and we shall be able to get at the status of this generation, but we greatly fear it will be found wanting in comparison with 1897 and 1899 and shall be greatly pleased if we are mistaken.

Under "Cricket" may be found reports of the two matches, played at Concordia and referred to in our notes last week, between the Concordia Cricket Club and Mr B. W. Gardom's eleven. As may be seen from the scores, the second or return match was a very exciting one indeed, the scratch eleven only just winning by a single wicket. All seem to have had a very jolly time, and it is to be hoped that this match will prove to be the forerunner of many similar games.

The Concordia Cricket Club is to be congratulated on its ground and pavilion. The ground, which is a very pretty one, commanding as it does a view of the Uruguay river, is a good one, the outfielding being as good, if not better than any ground in the country, while the pitch is also a good one. The pavilion, which has just been completed, is a splendid one, containing, besides the bar, two dressing rooms, a ladies' room, and shower baths. The upstairs portion is covered in for luncheon purposes and for spectators to watch the game.

A curious coincidence occurred during Mr W. D. Gardom's innings in one of the above matches well worth recording. He was batting and hit a ball to square leg which went into a small tool room under the stairs of the pavilion. After looking for the ball for some five minutes it was found in the pocket of a coat which was hanging up on the wall! Altogether the match was a great success, and those who had travelled two and even three days in order to be there, felt that their journey had not been in vain.

We notice that all the English sporting papers have drawn attention to the fact that the match at the Oval last month, between the London County Cricket Club and Surrey, was the first one played there for fourteen years, but we also notice that none of them have drawn attention to the fact that the match in 1886 was a memorable one from the fact that it was the first appearance of E. J. Diver, for Surrey, and W. R. Gilbert, for Gloucestershire, as professionals, they having just previously deserted the ranks of the amateurs.

We have received the list of fixtures for 1900 of the Rio Cricket and Athletic Association, and congratulate the Club, both on its fixtures and the extremely neat card they have issued. In this latter respect they are certainly ahead of us, for the card referred to is quite the neatest we have seen since we left the old country, where club funds allow of such luxuries being indulged in.

Among the cricket fixtures, by the way, we note that the dates July 13th, 14th, and 15th have been set aside for a match with the River Plate, and, we sincerely trust, not without just cause. Circulars have already been issued inviting players to undertake this trip, and giving further particulars, and we hope that one and all will do the best in their power to help to send an eleven to Rio next July.

Although the ground at Lomas was in anything but a suitable condition, being mostly under water, the Rugby football match between the B.A.F.C. and Mr F. H. Jacobs' XV. was played, resulting in a win for the former by a try to nothing. The appearance of the players after the match was very comical, as almost to a man both teams were saturated with mud and water.

In spite of the dreary outlook last Sunday, for it had rained nearly all Saturday night, the golf match between Hurlingham and Flores at Hurlingham was played, and those who ventured forth had an excellent day of it.

Considering everything there was wonderfully little casual water about, while the links were in splendid condition. Each club was represented by six players only, as some of those originally selected did not put in an appearance.

On paper it looked a very easy thing for Flores, but they only managed to get two up on the singles. In the afternoon Hurlingham did very much better and were ten up on the foursomes, and so Flores were beaten. The foursome between Messrs Eden and Watson on the one side, and Messrs Hume and W. Agar on the other, was very closely contested, the latter pair finishing one up, after they had been all square at the seventeenth hole while had the putting been up to the mark the last hole should have been halved.

Under "Golf" may be found a circular relating to the Mar del Plata Golf Club, a club which has recently been started and which is sure to receive the support it so well deserves. We beg to wish the new club every possible success and recommend any of our golfing readers to lose no time in enrolling themselves as members. For all further particulars we must refer our readers to the circular referred to above.

The *Golfer's Magazine* has introduced a new feature in the form of studies in "swingistry," an ugly word intended to describe the science of telling a person's character from his swing. Palmistry most of us know, and probably despise, but it remains to be seen if there is anything in this new departure. Golfers who desire their character read must send to the magazine photographs showing them in the act of playing. The idea has at least the merit of novelty.

One is so accustomed to the word pictures of the Boer taking his rifle and going out on to the veldt to provide dinner for his wife and family that it will probably come as a surprise to most people when they learn that there are regular game laws in the Transvaal. The shooting season for small birds extends from January 15 to August 15 in each year; for antelopes, zebras, rhinoceros, giraffe, and some other big game, from February 1 to September 15. Neither the elephant nor the hippopotamus may be shot at all.

During the siege of Ladysmith a new form of idolatry, says a correspondent to the *Globe*, was evolved from the fertile brain of a Hindoo servant attached to the 19th Hussars. Most people read with an incredulous smile Kipling's story of the native who prayed to the high pressure cylinder on his first visit to the engine-room of a liner, but this "nankar" went one better. Every time a shell from "Long Tom" came in his direction he promptly fell down and worshipped it. Perchance he considered the huge missile a materialisation of Kali the Destroyer.

Experiments are being made in Germany with a view of testing the merits of a new food for use in campaigning. The food consists of a biscuit, which, its inventor claims, is a perfect substitute for bread, and of meat and vegetables preserved by a special process. All that is known of the biscuit is that eggs enters into its composition. The preserved foods are meant to provide hot dishes, and their special feature is that they can be cooked in ten minutes or a quarter of an hour. For a week the officers and men of a certain battalion will be allowed no other solid nourishment of any kind whatever, and the most stringent precautions have been taken to prevent them regaling themselves surreptitiously with other fare.

Throughout the trial period the battalion is to engage in manœuvres comprising forced marches, camping out, and every species of fatigue.

It is with the deepest regret that we have to announce the death of Mr Douglas Gibson at the early age of twenty-three, which sad event occurred on Saturday last. Mr Gibson has been a prominent figure on our cricket grounds for some years past, where by his courteous manners and kind heart he endeared himself to all with whom he came in contact. Of a quiet, modest and retiring disposition, it may be safely said he had not a single enemy in the world, and his untimely death will cause a deep pang of sorrow to a very large circle of 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 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 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.

#### ENGLAND v. SCOTLAND.

Over 60,000 people watched the victory of Scotland over England on April 7th at Celtic Park, Glasgow. Scotland lost the toss, but the wind was not strong enough to make much difference. The start was very extraordinary, for the Scottish forwards went away at once, and within 45 seconds A. Smith got the ball from a throw in, passed to McColl, and the latter ran in and shot a fine goal. The English forwards tried hard to get away, but were outplayed by the Scottish halves. Five minutes or so had gone when from a centre by Robertson, Walker threatened danger. Oakley went to meet him, and Robinson ran out of goal at the same time. The result was that all collided, Oakley was badly damaged in some way, it was not quite clear how, and the ball went to Bell, who easily put through the undefended goal. Oakley himself did not know how the accident happened, but it was several minutes before he could resume. When he did come back very pluckily, he was quite dazed, and did not play his proper game by any means. Against the odds, for they were practically playing ten men, and two goals down, the Englishmen played up hard, and Wilson forced a corner, and several other shots were made, though Rennie had no difficulty in dealing with them. At last McColl got a nice pass by Campbell, and from about fifteen yards range scored with a tremendous shot, which beat Robinson completely. However, the English forwards did reply to this, for Athersmith got in a good centre, from which Bloomer scored. Just before half-time, Walker ran down and passed to Bell, who easily beat the damaged Oakley, and passed to McColl, who scored the fourth goal for his side.

The second half saw Scotland still very dangerous, but it was enlivened by a wonderful display of goal-keeping on the part of Robinson. McColl tested him in the opening minutes, and just afterwards Bell put in a rare good shot, which was splendidly saved by the goal-keeper. The Scottish forwards were putting in a lot of very clever work, but this style of play was overdone, and in consequence goals were not forthcoming. Occasionally the Englishmen made a dash into Scottish territory, but if they got very far Rennie was so safe in goal that danger seldom threatened, and Drummond easily accounted for Bloomer and Athersmith. It was only towards the close of the game that the Scots made any great efforts to add to their total, and Walker, who had been playing most unselfishly all through, got the better of Needham, and gave Robinson the opportunity of effecting a brilliant save. Campbell and Bell also tried the custodian's powers, and the best save of the afternoon proved to be the last incident of a very one-sided game. A. Smith had sent in a shot which, after cannoning off Oakley, seemed to be going into the net, when the goal-keeper, with a supreme effort, got hold of the ball. Result:—Scotland, four goals; England, one goal. Teams:—

England—\*Robinson (Southampton) goal; \*Crabtree (Aston Villa), and \*W. J. Oakley (Corinthians) backs; Johnson (Sheffield United), Chadwick (Southampton), and \*Needham (Sheffield United) half-backs; \*Athersmith (Aston Villa), and \*Bloomer (Derby County), right wing; \*G. O. Smith (capt.) (Corinthians), centre; \*G. P. Wilson (Corinthians), and Plant (Bury), left wing (forwards).

Scotland—\*Rennie (Heart of Midlothian), goal; \*N. Smith (Rangers), and \*Drummond (Rangers), backs; Gibson (Rangers), Raisbeck (Liverpool), and \*Robertson (capt.) (Rangers), half-backs; \*Bell (Celtic), and \*Walker (Heart of Midlothian), right wing; \*R. S. McColl (Queen's Park), centre; \*Campbell (Celtic), and \*A. Smith (Rangers), left wing (forwards).

\* An old International.

### 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.

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## ROUND THE TOWN.

It is with some regret that we hear of the postponement of the entertainment which was announced at Quilmes for to-morrow (Thursday), but this is a case where the too prevalent influenza fiend must be blamed, as one of the important members of the company, Mr A. L. Roberts, has been seized with this visitation for a few days. Mr R. H. Morgan is also undertaking an important step, and as these two performers had put themselves down for the second part of the show, the first part of a concert had to be abandoned. However, we hope that on the return of the latter gentleman that the Quilmeros will have the pleasure of the promised evening.

The Buenos Aires Choral Union is evidently not going to sit down and be content even with the success of "The Geisha," and the Committee is making a big effort for the close of the season. The piece spoken of is, we understand, "The Runaway Girl," which met with the high approval of some of the members who saw it in England, and as the Stage Manager is off for a holiday, combined with business, he is to see and report on this and the other likely good things now running. "San Toy" seems to have been abandoned on account of its similarity in dress, characters, etc. to "The Geisha," although those who have seen this opera are much pleased with it and think it may form a worthy pennant to the late success. However, whichever piece is settled on, whether "San Toy," "the Runaway or any other kind of girl," we may look forward to another of the successes which have done so much for the Choral Union of late years.

Although we cannot boast of a Paris Exhibition, still Buenos Aires is not quite as much behind the times as some of its detractors would like to make out, and in a week or two there will be an opportunity of seeing one of the latest optical illusions which have been brought out. This entertainment is what may be called "A sitting still tour through Jerusalem" as although the spectator does not move from his or her seat, all the effect of travelling in a rapidly moving train will be produced on the mind of the voyager.

The locale of this illusion is the old Skating Rink in Calle Charcas, which lends itself well to such a spectacle, and which has been apparently turned into a railway station. The traveller takes his ticket, walks into the waiting room and thence on to the platform, where a train waits the passengers. The whistle is blown, the engine begins to puff and the train glides out of the station, passing in the space of about twenty minutes through one of the most interesting scenery in the Holy Land, negotiating a tunnel on the way.

All this is produced by an optical illusion as the sides of the building are covered by a well painted panorama which moves at varying speeds and thus produces the necessary effect.

The new show will be open next week and should attract a large portion of public patronage.

The Opera season has commenced and the social columns of our contemporaries are filled with the lists of names of beautiful and distinguished damsels who attend the performances. These lists, in spite of the absence of a number of the iggy lify of Buenos Aires, do not show any diminution, so that there must still be corn in Egypt in spite of lean years and depleted households. The company is a good one, but as we were too late to take our usual abono, we cannot give any criticism of the operas given so far, although we hope to do so later.

The damp muggy weather has broken at last and stern, old winter now seems within measurable distance. We have had such an extraordinary year so far that we are all prepared for something quite out of the common this winter, and as we were roasted and drawn during the summer, there is no reason why with the atmospherical pendulum swinging back that we should not all be frozen and nipped with excessive cold. The closeness of the weather has held back the frosts, and this has interfered with golf links, etc., while football has been played in almost cricket temperature. Perhaps after this general revulsion of Dame Nature, the succeeding years will resume their

normal aspect for the prospect of facing another time of "insolaciones" and "inundaciones" is enough to quell the stoutest heart and make one wish to flee the country altogether.

On the 23rd inst., at St. John's Church, will take place the wedding of Mr R. H. Morgan and Miss Edith Tarn. This announcement takes another from the fast thinning ranks of the Singles Team and exalts our popular stage manager to the ranks of the Benedicts. A contemporary, referring to this forthcoming wedding, says that Morgan was a holy terror as a stage manager, unbending, austere, etc. We have had several opportunities of being under the stage management of R. H. M. and found that although stern he was just, while at times we wondered that he found it possible to be even amiable. With the number of operas, etc., produced by him there must now be many who have been as it were his pupils, and should they feel inclined to mark the occasion in any way we shall be pleased to place our offices at their disposal. We beg to wish him and his future wife all the happiness and success which this life affords, and may he do as well for himself as he has done for the public of Buenos Aires.

The guards and motormen of the Belgrano Electric Tramway are now no end of swells with their neat and serviceable looking uniforms, and we hope that this step is only one of many in the direction of making this line one of the best in the city. It has an active and energetic managing director, whose visit to the United States has not been in vain. If similar improvements could be made in other public service companies it would be a good thing all round.

The miniature Switzerland of Calle San Martin has disappeared and the road has assumed its old aspect. What are the odds that before a month is out the Municipality, or whoever is responsible for such matters, will be tearing the place up again?

Big preparations are being made for the decoration of the Plaza Mayo and other public sites for the great holiday on May 25th, and the plans promise a fine show. Electricity is to be used to a much greater extent than formerly and a special attraction will be an enormous "escudo" in thousands of brilliantly coloured tiny lights, the original colouring of the shield being preserved in every detail. The German Electric Light Co. is doing the work, and the shield alone will take up about four thousand points of light, the effect of which should be magnificent.

It was given out that the first dance of the Cinderella season is to be on the 23rd inst., but this has not yet been officially announced, and we hear that it is possible that another date will be fixed. If the date is to be the 23rd, it will not give the ladies much time to get new dresses, etc., for this joyful occasion, and we hope, for the sake of the fair members and their guests, that a definite announcement will be made soon, although it is wonderful how the proverb of where there's a will there's a way comes out when it is a question of a jolly dance.

Mar del Plata has given such good sport in the way of golf to those who have taken advantage of the opportunities allowed that it has been determined to form a Mar del Plata Golf Club, regarding which circulars have been sent round and to which there will no doubt be a hearty response. A few days down at Mar del Plata, with all the attractions of sea and shore, sets most men up, and now that the golf club is going strong this popular resort should become more popular still. The manager of the Southern Railway recognises this fact, and is doing his best to stimulate the interest both in the place and the game.

The sympathy towards the Boer cause is cooling off a bit in America, and if the British forces can manage to get in a good blow before the end of this month, which, by the way, looks very likely indeed, we fancy the coldness will become still more marked. The European Governments soon gave the Boer delegates the cold

shoulder when they thought it was a case of the mines, etc., being blown up. After all, the vital part of a nation is like that of a man, and touch them in the pocket and self interest at once calls out.

The Belgrano Athletic Club held a very pleasant little entertainment on Thursday last, consisting of a concert and dance. Owing to illness, some of those whose names were down did not appear, but things pulled through at the end. The violincello playing of Miss V. Rugeroni was one of the features of the evening, and this little lady was heartily encored for her contribution. The dance afterwards was well attended and kept up with much spirit till a late hour.

The San Martin dances will soon be in full swing again. Really for its size and importance San Martin is a real go ahead place, and these dances are always well done in every way.

We have received from Messrs John Grant and Sons, a copy of their publication of the "Argentine Stamped Paper Law for 1900," which deals in a concise and understandable manner with this vexed matter. One of the irritating things about business in this country is the difficulty of knowing what stamp, etc., a certain transaction has to bear, and the thanks of the merchants and others are due to Messrs Grant for their trouble in bringing out this little book.

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## H. SCOTT ROBSON

Has REMOVED HIS OFFICES from No. 8, Bolsa, to

441 Piedad, 1st floor, Nos. 34, 34<sup>1</sup>, 35

ESTANCIA AND COLONY.

We call the attention of our readers to the advertisement referring to the removal of Mr H. Scott Robson's office from the Bolsa to 441 Piedad, where all communications should in future be addressed.

From the following notes, which we take from the *Live Stock Journal*, it shows that our friends on the other side, fully realise the consequences which the outbreak of the foot and mouth disease here, means to those interested in the trade on both sides.

"Last week we drew the attention of our readers to the report which had gone abroad in the public Press as to the existence of foot and mouth disease in the Argentine Republic, and to the excellent arrangements which had been made by the Board of Agriculture in anticipation of the arrival of diseased cargoes. This week we regret to announce that a cargo has arrived from that country containing a number of cattle affected with the disease, and we find on inquiries at Deptford that the City Authorities being apprised of the possible danger had made special provision for the reception of the Argentine animals. On the arrival of the cargo, it is reported that disease was immediately detected by the veterinary inspectors at Deptford, who examined the animals on board before being landed, and that the whole of the stock have been expeditiously slaughtered by order of the Board of Agriculture, and every possible precaution taken by the veterinary staff of the Board in the direction of disinfection, to prevent the extension of the disease from the wharf. The Board of Agriculture the same day issued an order prohibiting the landing of animals from the Argentine Republic after April 30th. This date appears to have been fixed upon because it is obvious that there must be a certain number of vessels which have already left that country and could not arrive in due course before that date. It is to be hoped that no more diseased cargoes will be landed, because it is impossible to disregard the danger of the spreading of the disease from Deptford even under the very best precautions both within and from a wharf which sometimes receives three or four thousand cattle, to say nothing of sheep, in one week. Having stamped out the inexplicable outbreak in Norfolk, to the great satisfaction of all concerned, the Veterinary Department of the Board is now confronted with what may be regarded as a still more difficult task, and if it succeeds in preventing the introduction of the disease into the interior of the country for a second time this year, we confess that it will be a surprise to every person acquainted with this most troublesome subject. We sincerely trust, however, that their efforts will again be successful.

"We need not say that we regret the necessity for the prohibition of the live stock trade from South America as it will entail a very heavy loss to that country, which for several years has been by far our best customer for pure-bred cattle and sheep. It is now for the authorities there to adopt prompt and energetic measures for the eradication of the disease, so that the prohibition may be of as limited duration as is consistent with the safety of our own herds and flocks. The temporary stoppage of such extensive sources of supply will no doubt have a considerable effect on the markets, though no doubt a large portion of the produce will be sent to this country as dead meat."

We take the following from the "Live Stock Journal," of April 20th:—

"The number of sheep and lambs exported during March was practically the same as in the corresponding month of last year and just 100 more than in March, 1898. The value, however, fell very low, being only one-third that realized two years ago, and less even than the greatly reduced figure of last year. This is shown by the figures, which stand comparatively as follows;—

	1898.	1899.	1900.
Number . . . . .	244	340	314
Value . . . . .	£3,561	£1,828	£1,558
Value per head. . .	£14 11s.	£5 7s.	£4 10s.

"The imports of live sheep during last month amounted to 49,509, as compared with 59,689 in March, 1899,

and 78,093 in March, 1898. The close approximation of last year's figures of sheep imports to those of the present year has so far been remarkable, the more so as there has been a considerable difference in the actual supplies, those from the United States having diminished, and this deficiency having been almost exactly made up by increased supplies from the Argentine. Of course under the Order of the Board of Agriculture just issued there will be no sheep imported alive from the Argentine after the present month."

An important shipment of twelve Bluefaced Wensleydale rams, from the celebrated flock of the Exors. of T. Willis, Carperby, Aysgarth, is now on its way to this country. These rams are intended for crossing on Merino ewes. The buyer states that the fine lustre wool of this famous breed is greatly admired. The consignment chosen are typical Wensleydales, with good, massive frames and an excellent staple of fine "pirly" wool; their heads have the characteristic tinge of blue, with plenty of "toppin'" and their legs are well covered with wool, whilst, in their pedigrees, the Royal first-prize winners at Darlington and Manchester are conspicuous. For sheep of this type it is stated that there will be a constantly increasing demand.

It is calculated that in the neighbourhood of the great lake Nahuel Huapi, Rio Negro, there are 30,000 head of cattle, 100,000 sheep, and 15,000 horses. Some 200 hectares of land have been put under barley, wheat, oats, potatoes, and vegetables. The yield of wheat, owing to not being sown at the proper time and the land not properly tilled, will only give from 25 to 30 per cent. Oats appear to give the best results so far, but the grain that appears most suited to the land is barley, having yielded as high as 80 per cent. A little steamer, with a flotilla of barges, does the carrying trade of the lake to the mouth of the River Linay.

The arroyos Gualicho and Del Puente, which cross the south-east side of the town of Las Flores, have overflowed their banks and inundated that part of the country. The water has reached to within three squares of the railway station. The town of Ayacucho is also inundated and the fourth cuartel of the partido of General Alvear.

We were present at the sale of Señor A. de Elia's horses in Messrs. Bullrich's yard on Thursday last, and were truly sorry to see such a thoroughly useful lot of animals fetch such extremely bad prices. There can be no better proof of the depression of trade and consequent shortness of money existing in Buenos Aires, than the fact that young, sound, and good-looking horses, should be almost given away, more especially at this time of year, when the buyers of high-priced animals should be in town. Mr. Elia is so well known as an energetic and plucky improver in the breed of Argentine horses, that all true sportsmen will, we are sure, sympathize with and wish him better luck next time.

The horses were in extraordinarily good condition, and showed in a manner which certainly does the utmost credit to their breaker, Mr. D. Hussey, with whom we also heartily sympathize, as a glance will have shown that he must have worked very hard to bring young and high-couraged animals to the state of handiness and docility which the lot exhibited. We can only say that their manners were perfect.

The grey pony, "Dandy," was snapped up privately before the sale by Mr. H. Scott Robson, who, as all the world knows, never loses the chance of becoming possessor of a really good animal. We sincerely wish him good luck with his purchase.

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## FIXTURES.

### GOLF.

#### MAY.

Sun. 20—Monthly Shield Competition, at Rivadavia.  
Sun. 27—Monthly Competition, at Lomas.

#### JUNE.

Sun. 2—Lomas v. Hurlingham, at Hurlingham.  
Sun. 10—Monthly Competition, at Hurlingham.  
Thur. 14—Flores v. Buenos Aires, at Rivadavia.  
Sun. 17—Lomas v. Buenos Aires, at Lomas.  
Sun. 24—Monthly Shield Competition, at Rivadavia.  
Fri. 29—Monthly Competition, at Lomas.

#### JULY.

Sun. 1—Monthly Competition, at Hurlingham.  
Sun. 8—Flores v. Rosario, at Flores.  
Mon. 9—Lomas v. Flores, at Lomas.  
Mon. 9—Buenos Aires v. Rosario, at Rivadavia.  
Sun. 15—Monthly Competition, at Lomas.  
Sun. 15—Flores v. Hurlingham, at Flores.  
Sun. 22—Lomas v. Buenos Aires, at Rivadavia.  
Sun. 29—Monthly Shield Competition, at Rivadavia.

#### AUGUST.

Sun. 5—Flores v. Buenos Aires, at Flores.  
Sun. 12—Lomas v. Hurlingham, at Lomas.  
Wed. 15—President's Cup Competition, at Lomas.  
Sun. 19—Final Monthly Shield Competition, at Rivadavia.  
Sun. 26—Monthly Competition, at Lomas.  
Thur. 30—R. Agar Cup Competition, at Flores.

#### SEPTEMBER.

Sun. 2—North v. South Match.  
Sat. 8, Sun. 9, Mon. 10—Championship of the River Plate

### LAWN TENNIS.

#### MAY.

Wed. 23, Thur. 24, Fri. 25—Open Tournament and Championship of the River Plate, at B.A.L.T.C. Courts, 1735 Calle Ayacucho.

### RACING.

May 17—Hipódromo Nacional, Belgrano.  
May 20—Hipódromo Argentino, Palermo.

### HURLINGHAM FIXTURES—SEASON 1900.

The Racing Committee of the Hurlingham Club has fixed upon the following classic events to be run for at their meetings during the coming season:—

May 24—Members' Cup.  
June 14—Grand Hurdle Race—Entries to close on April 30th; half forfeits if declared by May 31st.  
June 29—Polo Association Cup.  
August 15—Ayrshire Cup.—Entries to close on June 30th; half forfeit if declared by July 31st.  
August 30—Lady's Bracelet.—Entries to close on July 31st; half forfeit if declared by August 15th.  
August 30—Directors' Cup.—Entries to close on July 31st; half forfeit if declared by August 15th.  
September 8—Argentine Grand National Steeplechase.—Entries to close on July 31st; half forfeit if declared by August 20th.

Full conditions of the above events may be obtained at the Secretary's office, Piedad 513.

### POLO.

June 9, 10—La Colina Polo Club Annual Tournament.  
June 28, 29, 30, July 1—Polo Association of the River Plate Championship Tournament.

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"MY DEAR SABRETASCHE—

"Why not come over yourself and look me up if you are after horses? Kilboggan Fair is just the place to pick them up, and only a few miles from here. I shall be delighted to see you again—a whiff of old times in this most distressful country. The season is bad, and horses are going for next to nothing. Yours as ever,

"BOB BORRIS."

So wrote my old school chum, in answer to my despairing appeal. The regiment had just returned from India, and I, like all the other fellows, was looking out for horses wherewith to face the coming polo and hunting seasons. Prices had risen enormously since I left home, and seemed so exorbitant after those we had been used to give in "the shiny" that, in despair of mounting myself, I turned towards Ireland and remembered Bob Borris. I had seen little of him of late years. Our ways had lain apart—mine to soldiering and India—Bob's to a land-agency in Ireland, and early marriage. But I was nothing loath to accept his hospitable offer; and so it came to pass that, at the close of a dull still autumn day, I found myself slowing in the already slowest of Irish trains, into Kilboggan Station. We were jogging through a rolling country very bare of trees, and cultivated in square hedge-bound patches, till it looked like a map. Away to the north lay low hills, which I discovered afterwards were dignified, *more Hibernico*, by the name of the Slieve Vullagh Mountains. Westwards rose the purple shoulders of Mount Maghane, and through the heart of the country rushed the Bogra, down from the hills of the Slieve Kerron—a gladsome swirling Irish river, with all the cheeriness and impulsiveness of the national character, hurrying on to the great estuary in the south.

A few minutes later, and I found myself seated beside Bob Borris in a dog-cart horsed by a very likely-looking mare rising four, whose education was by no means complete. Bob had altered much since we last met in London. He had grown distinctly older and worse dressed, and looked decidedly the worse for wear. He seemed worried, too, and had lost his cheeriness. Yet life, on the surface, seemed going as well as a poor man with a large family, who has married young on next to nothing, has any right to expect. His landlord—a peer whose name was notorious throughout Ireland as an absentee—seemed to deal fairly with him, and left him to do much as he liked with the estates.

"I'm living in what is the Dower House since old Lady Frances, the last of the family who ever came near the place, died. Then this winter, when a couple of farms fell vacant—that is to say when we had to turn out the tenants and couldn't get anyone else to take them—I took them in hand myself, and am getting them into shape, and hope to make them pay eventually."

"I suppose you've a lot of difficulty with the tenants," I asked. "This part of the country is notorious, even to us in England, who are supposed to know and care nothing about Ireland."

"I should just think I have," rejoined Bob bitterly; "a very few years' work among the people, and one loses all faith and heart in them! A pack of silly sheep, following now the priests, now the political agitators whose pockets they are made to line! Pshaw! it's sickening!"

"Not a very cheerful kind of life, eh?"

"I do the duty I'm paid to do," replied the land-agent curtly, his lips tightening. "There are some ways of earning a living which are not pleasant—a hangman's for instance!"

"Come now, it's not as bad as that?"

"It's beastly—that's what it is—sickening, hardening, embittering, till one loses all faith in God and men! Soldiering, without any of the glory—living among a hostile people—sitting on a volcano!" Borris glanced round him uneasily in the gathering autumn twilight.

We were driving along a dull flat road between hedgerows which would have horrified any save a Devon farmer, and which bordered small square enclosures of rye, or barley, or rushy pasture, dotted, though it was autumn, with mouldy "stooks" of uncared hay. Presently we turned in at a gate, and drove through a plantation up to a modern white brick house as the Dower House, where I was heartily welcomed by Bob's Irish wife, her pretty sister, and a tribe of juvenile Borrises.

A sort of cousin, a neighbouring squire, whose brogue you could cut with a knife, and who never seemed to have stirred out of Ireland, came to dinner and kept us alive. Even Bob Borris cheered up, while between the cousin and the pretty sister there was a ceaseless fire of chaff. It was quite evident to the most casual observer how the land lay there; and I, as the guest, felt a shade annoyed that this blustering Irishman should so monopolise the young lady—she was so very pretty.

"I've been this mornin' at my old nurse's daughter's wedding," Callan was saying. "Micky Macloughlan's girl's married John Priddy's boy."

At the mention of a wedding the ladies pricked up their ears.

"An' which of John Priddy's boys was it now?" inquired Miss Eileen.

"It's just the long 'un."

"Shure! an' they're both long. But if it is Terence ye mean, he's as long as wet Sunday!"

"And not yet twenty!" growled Borris. "The united ages of the couple don't reach thirty-five! These early marriages are the curse of the country!"

"An' it was a very fine weddin' entirely," pursued Mr Callan. "I was only sorry that I had not taken one of your old satin shoes to throw after them, Eileen. But, perhaps, you'll be after savin' them for your own!"

"He might have thrown his own 'brogue' after them instead," I remarked aside to Borris, under cover of Miss Eileen's blushes and giggles.

The latter, however, perceiving that I had raised a smile at her cousin's expense, turned to me:

"An' now I hope, Mr Sabretasche, that you'll be admiring our country, as it's your first visit."

"At all events I am quite prepared to admire its daughters," I returned, with a smile at her pretty eyes, which Mr Callan intercepted.

"There was an Englishman, or rather a Yankee, perhaps, who tried to run down our lakes at Killarney, and got jolly well set down by a Killarney boatman," he remarked, with a glare at me.

"Tell us now," said Eileen.

"Well, it was just this. 'My father's got a goose-pond at home as big as this,' the stranger said, when they came to the Lower Lake. 'Your father must be at it breeding pretty big geese then!' the boatman answered."

Our hostess, not liking the turn the conversation was taking, here interposed hurriedly:

"An' how did the donkey go this afternoon, Eileen?"

"Tut!" exclaimed the girl. "Slower than iver! I could hardly get him up the bit of the hill into Kilboggan!"

"Faith! Eileen and you should just have got out and walked in front of him," laughed her cousin. "He'd have been a greater ass than I take him for if he hadn't followed you!"

Under cover of the laughter which followed, the ladies left the table, but with them vanished all the cheeriness. For Borris grew morose again, and the conversation turned upon the state of the country.

"Have you heard about Macmullin's stooks, up the mountain away?" he asked Callan.

"Him from Ulster, that took over the farm you turned the O'Doolans out of? What of his stooks?"

"Only this," pursued Borris, bitterly, "he had a fine crop, up the mountain. Good land it is. He reaped it and stooked it, ready to carry. But next morning when he got up, the field was as bare as my hand, and Flannagan's patch just across the lane had twice as many stooks on it as it could possibly have carried. Of course, Macmullin has no redress. You can't recognise your own stook from another."

"The scoundrels!" I exclaimed. "Is there much of this sort of thing going on?"

A glance of meaning passed between the two men.

"I lost a cow last week on the farm I have taken into my own hands," remarked Borris in a low tone. "I won't tell you the details of her demise, for they are not exactly pleasant. But there's worse than that, only we don't talk of it before the women."

"Have you had another warning then?" enquired Callan, anxiously.

"Indeed I have, and to the same effect, and with the same pictorial illustrations!"

"If the skull you showed me is meant to represent your own cranium, they don't flatter you, me boy!" laughed the light-hearted Callan.

"It's the taking the Murphy's farms that have brought things to a head," Borris continued, shaking his head. "And then there's a new priest come to Core, who is very active, they say, and Murphy has a brother just returned from America."

With which he rose, and we adjourned to the drawing-room, when I amused myself by getting the pretty Eileen to sing Irish songs, while I turned over the leaves for her, much to the cousin's disgust.

The next morning the dog-cart came round to take us to Kilboggan Fair. Mrs Borris and Eileen stood on the doorsteps to see us start. Youthful Borris of all ages pervaded the drive, somewhat to the annoyance of the flighty young mare; while Peggy, the pet of the family, who seemed to do with her somewhat stern father what seemed good in her blue eyes, asked for and obtained the treat of a drive down to the gate.

"Remember to call at the stationer's for the 'Queen' he has waiting for me. I want to begin my new winter frock," cried Eileen.

"And Mr Sabretasche," Mrs Borris called after us, "do remind Bob to call at the grocer's and also for Peggy's shoes. He's so forgetful, and the poor child's in holes!"

With which alarming description, which Miss Peggy's plump appearance belied, the groom released the mare's head and we dashed down the drive, and half an hour saw us nearing Kilboggan. Across an ancient high-arched stone bridge, beneath which rushed the river, dashing over a weir overhung by gaunt cloth mills, we found ourselves in the midst of an ugly little town, with slate roofs and whitewashed walls. Kilboggan was at its liveliest on fair days. Through the narrow dirty streets, out of the narrower dirty slums, down foreign-looking stone steps, tripped the peasant women, shrouded in wide black cloaks, like the Smitche women of Malta. Here and there we saw a young farmer carrying home a purchase, in the shape of a young pig tightly clasped against his long frieze coat. Donkey-carts innumerable crowded up the narrow muddy streets, till we could hardly get the dog-cart along at all, and I ceased to wonder at the solid brass bars, polished bright by the lounging or jostling crowd, and with which the tradesmen protected their shop-windows. Each little vehicle had its creel, composed of hurdles, for the conveyance of the pigs. Other donkeys, panier-laden, staggered along under loads of "heth-scrubs" for sale and little bundles of pink heather tied up into neat little brooms. Everyone chattered and shouted at the tops of their voices, in what seemed to me an incomprehensible foreign tongue.

On the outskirts of the town was the fair green, with cattle and donkeys and every variety of horse, all arranged in lines for sale. In Ireland every one owning a horse seems to ride in preference to driving. The ring was full of farmers and sporting squireens showing off hacks and hunters over a bit of stone wall and a bank. Outside, sturdy peasants paced along on great cart-horses, and quite a drove of donkeys near the gate made that corner melodious. Among the crowd, here and there, one came upon some woman, some farmer's wife, sticking like a leech to her lord and master, in order to secure the purchase money when the bargain had been effected,

lest any of it should find its way to the grocer's spirit store round the corner.

Borris seemed to know every one, but not every one seemed to know him. Directly we mingled in the crowd I noticed a drawing back, a turning away from us, which, among a genial sociable people like the Irish, spoke more plainly than words to the unpopularity of the absentee Earl's English agent. I must say, too, that poor Borris, who, after all, had suffered much from the people's hands, was gradually being goaded into a moroseness and a harshness quite unnatural to his character, and had anything but a friendly way with them.

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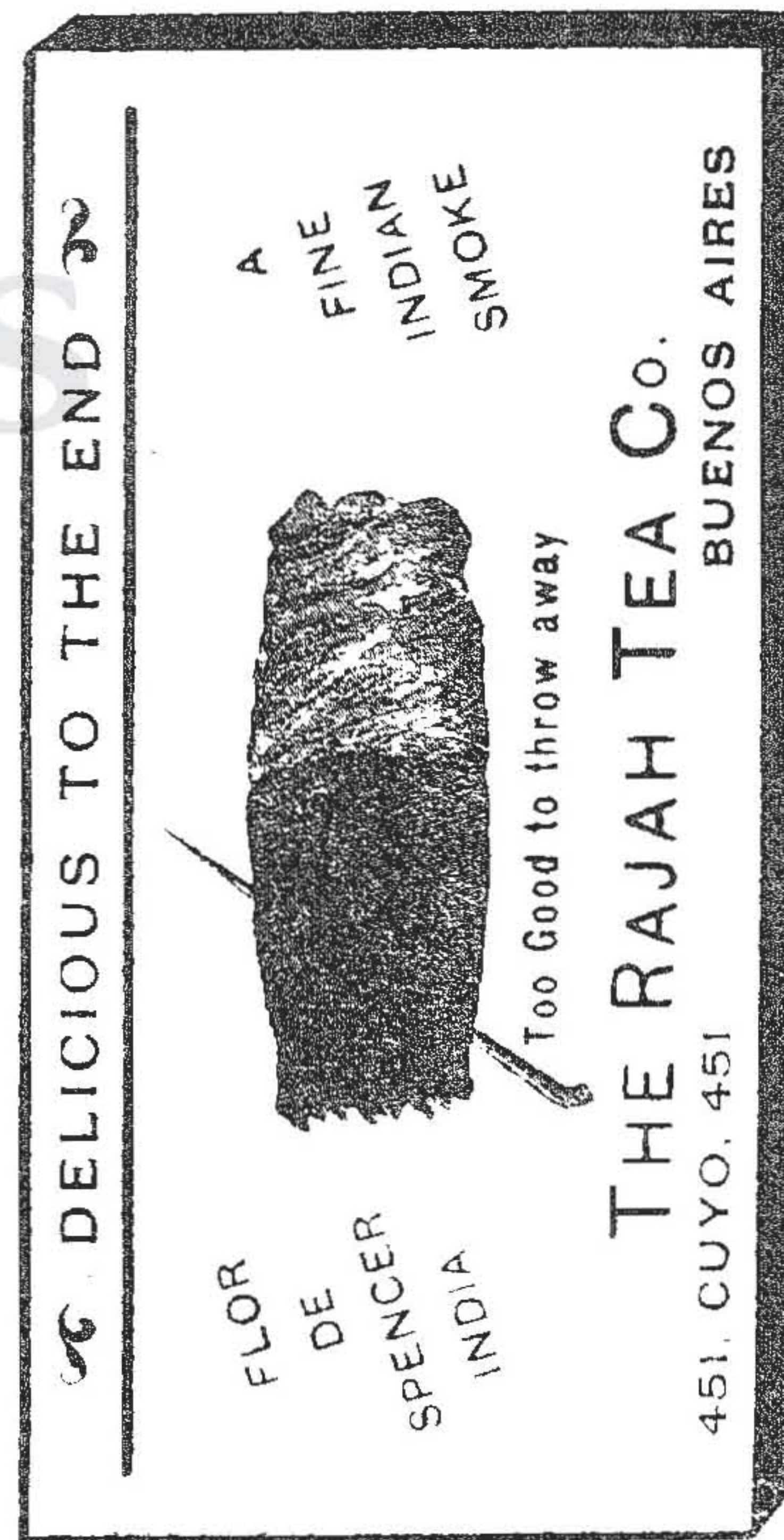
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