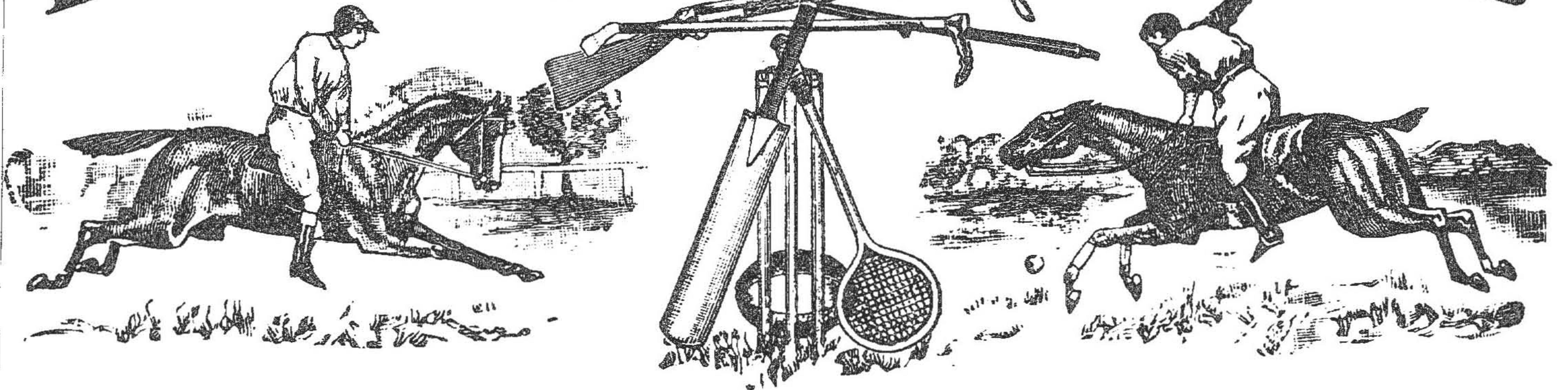


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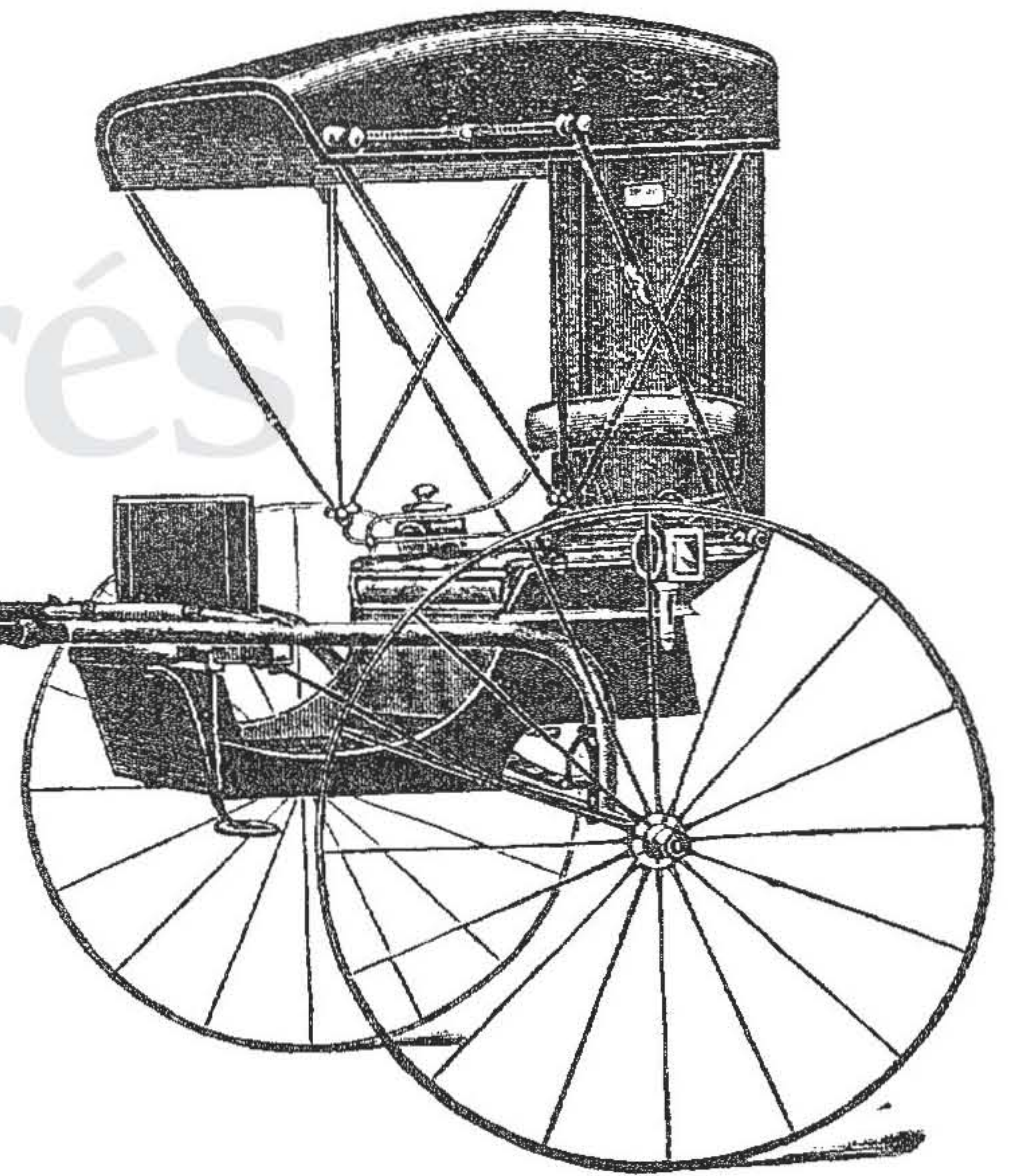
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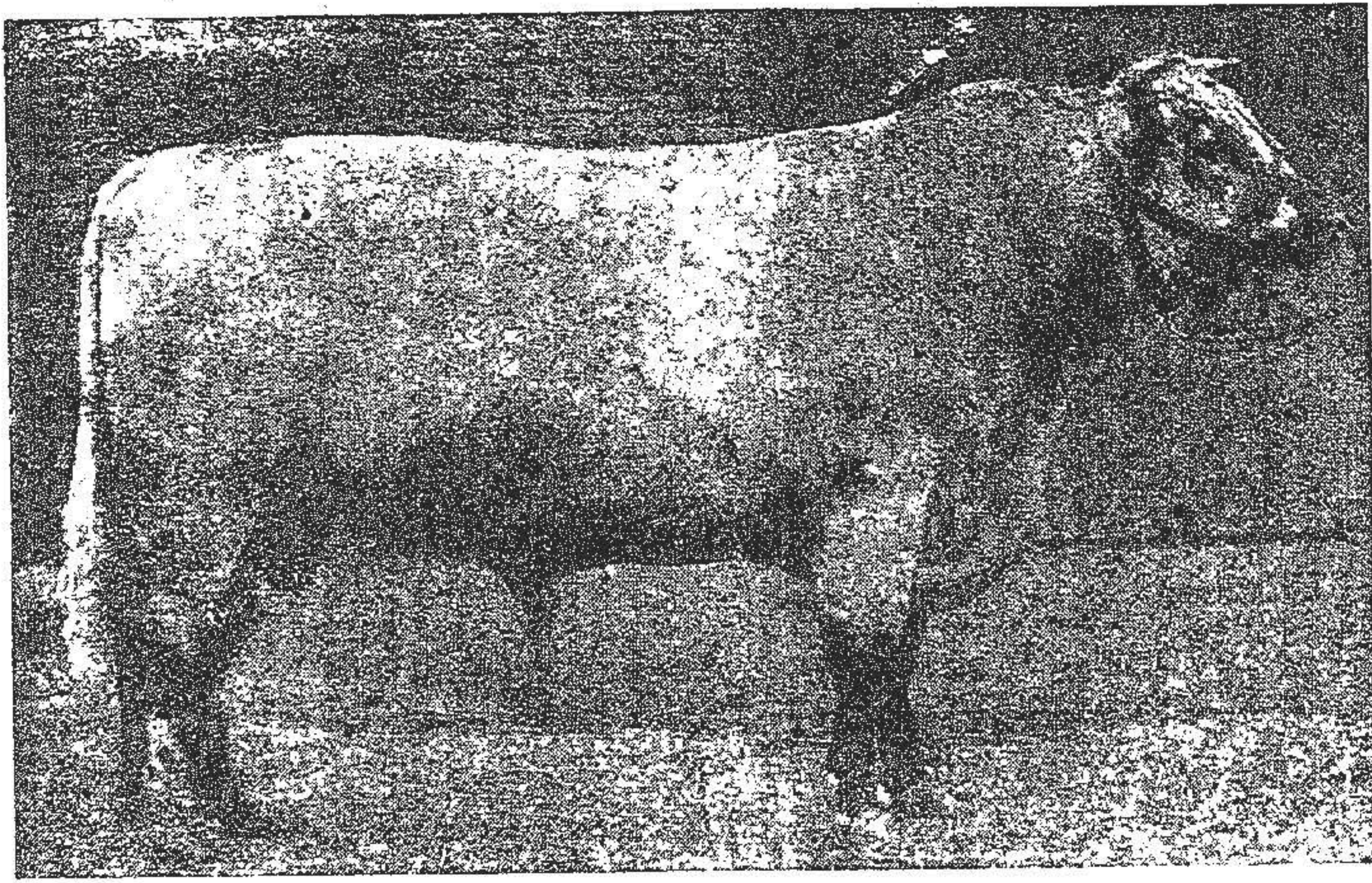
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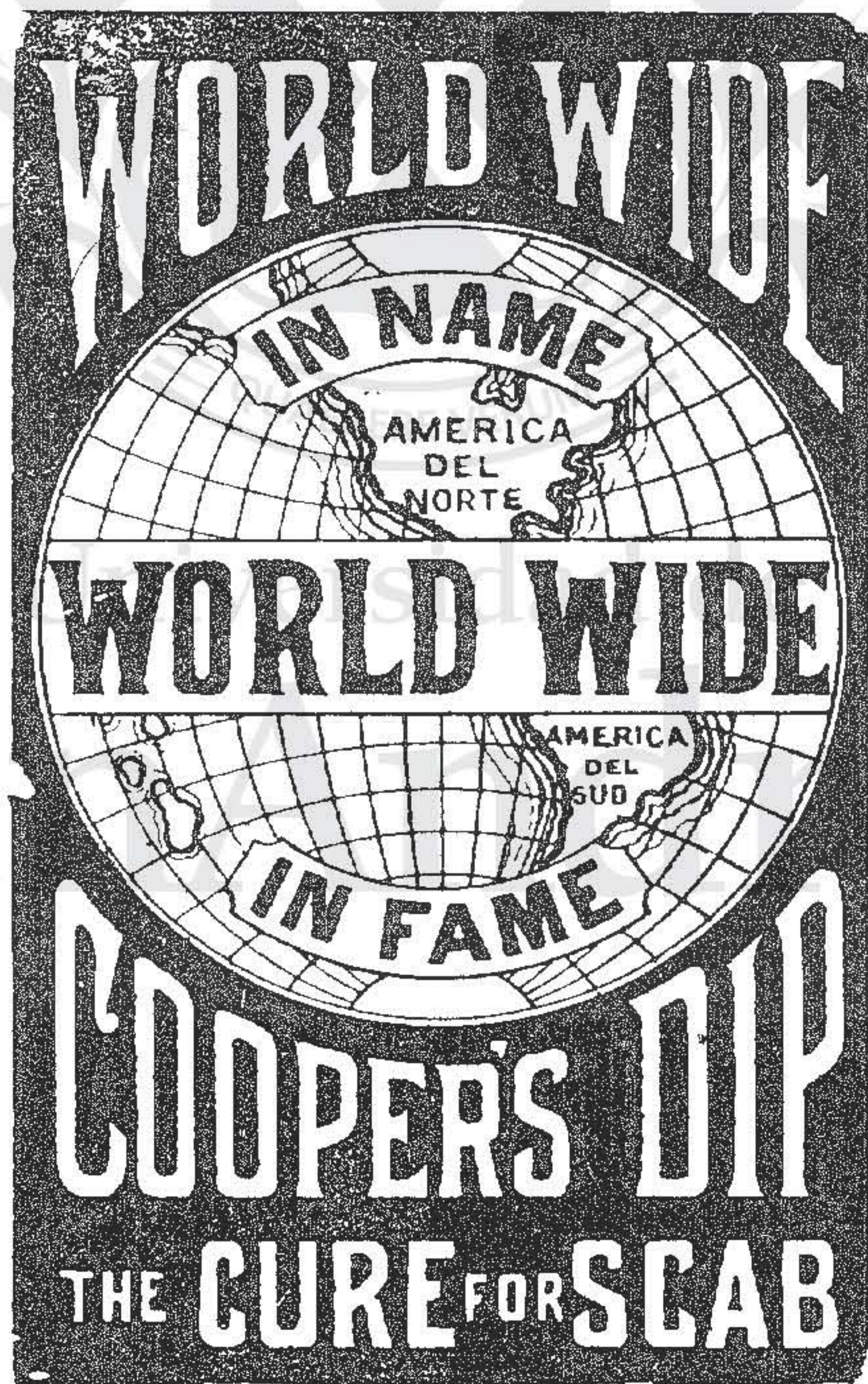
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## GOLF.

### BUENOS AIRES GOLF CLUB.

The second monthly competition of the above club was played on Sunday last at Rivadavia. In spite of a wet afternoon, the morning provided beautiful golfing weather, and sixteen competitors returned cards. The winner proved to be W. Agar, with two good steady rounds of 47; indeed, in competitions, this player is apparently invincible. F. Henderson and J. Marjoribanks were a good second and third respectively. The following are the details of the scores returned:—

	1st round	2nd round	Gross Total	Handicap	Net Total
W. A. Agar ..	47	47	94	scr	94
F. Henderson ..	54	49	103	-6	97
J. Marjoribanks ..	49	49	98	scr	98
T. Darch ..	56	57	113	-12	101
Walker ..	54	57	111	-8	103
G. G. Scroggie ..	52	52	104	scr	104
T. Cripps ..	54	59	113	-9	104
M. Warden ..	62	55	117	-10	107
B. Pearson ..	63	63	126	-15	111
A. Hankin ..	56	66	122	-10	112
J. Bennett ..	59	64	123	-8	115
M. G. Mackern ..	71	68	139	-18	121
T. Ely ..	64	85	149	-24	125
L. Wibberley ..	75	73	148	-18	130
A. Soley ..	86	75	161	-27	134
G. Palmer ..	88	91	179	-27	152

The following did not hand in their cards: T. S. Boadle, A. G. Fortune, D. Leighton, W. Higgins, R. Paton, T. T. Matson, F. H. Benn, J. T. Leitch, J. J. Dowson, and Schultz.

### EOMAS GOLF LINKS.

The second stroke competition of the above club will take place on Sunday next the 27th inst. Entries will be received by Mr Chas. Alexander, Rivadavia 639, or on the links up to 10 o'clock of the morning of play.

A visit to any of our Golf links on a Sunday or a holiday—or for that matter to any links—affords one an exceptional opportunity for studying human nature. The happiest mortal, from our point of view, is the player who does his round in blithelful ignorance of the number of strokes he has taken, and apparently the matter has no interest for him, but he just jogs round comfortably with a player of his own strength and enjoys his day in the pen thoroughly.

Next we have the player who has much improved, and accordingly gets among a better class of players, and therefore becomes a very disappointed and even disagreeable person. Having once played a couple of good rounds, quite above his real form, he is never really happy afterwards, and all kinds of excuses for fozzled shots come most readily to him, bad lies, of course, always predominating.

Then we come to the class who always count their strokes, but not in the same way as the last class. Oh! dear no! This class talk about being one better or one worse than five, and refuse to count in any other manner. They also refuse to be the least bit interested in their opponent's play, and are, in fact, entirely wrapped up in themselves, and are very often unpleasant to play with, and are undoubtedly the unhappiest class of them all.

For this class the round must be done without a single bad stroke, but, if such a disaster should occur, a hundred and one reasons are immediately given without the asking: If you want to make an eternal enemy of one of these players wait till he fozzles a short approach and then tell him, with a pleasant smile, "That he took his eyes off the ball."

After all it is well to be able to shift the blame of one's bad strokes on to extraneous circumstances. Everyone has heard of the veteran and irascible player who missed—who has not?—a short putt at a critical juncture of the game. He glared around at his adversary, at the caddies, and at the little knot of spectators who stood by, but every eye was fixed on vacancy and not so much as a smile could he surprise. Far overhead a lark trilled out its song as it climbed higher and higher in the blue vault. Shaking his club at the bird, the irritated golfer exclaimed, "curse that lark!" then he strode off to the next teeing ground vastly relieved at having found a safety-valve for his self-anger.

Of course we shall be accused of having recently been off colour, or of having come straight from doing a shocking round to the editorial den. This is only to be expected, but is there not some truth in what we have stated? There are one or two players here whose opinions we should like on the subject, especially on that of selfishness as connected with the Royal and ancient game. What a pleasing contrast is offered by other players, and thank goodness we have several among us, who are always glad and willing to help and advise a brother player in a lower class, and who will even go a round or two with him. But enough. Let "those who the cap fits wear it," and this article may not have been written in vain.

We had intended this week giving our impressions of either the Hurlingham or Rivadavia Links, but the latter are hardly yet in good going order, and up to date we have not seen enough of the former, but hope to before long.

Vardon has been record breaking with a vengeance in America. It used to be questioned if he were not in a class by himself, but now—if we are to believe the daily papers—there is no longer any question about the matter. It appears that on the first of last month he played an exhibition match against Willie Dunn, who now lives in New York, on the links at Fort Monroe, Virginia. The bare fact that he won by 11 up and 10 to play, over 36 holes, is scarcely worth recording in view of the phenomenal driving with which the Open Champion is credited. The following interesting details are taken from the *Sportsman*:—"Vardon played some very long shots, notably going to the third hole, when he was given high on his second, and a distance of 455 yards. Twice, also, when playing the sixth hole he carried the second bound 360 yards against the wind." The account is not altogether clear, but there can be no doubt whatever as regards the "very long shots." Four hundred and fifty-five yards is a tidy drive, even for an open champion, but it would be interesting to know what Vardon had done to be "given high on his second." An interpretation of "the second bound" also seems to be wanted; perhaps bunker is intended.

## HUNTING.

### HURLINGHAM DRAG HOUNDS.

The Hurlingham Drag Hounds met at the house of Mr. Scott Moncrieff on Sunday, May, 20th, and were favoured by another dull day, so everyone felt confident of another good run—and we had it. At the meet we noticed Mrs. Balfour, Mrs. Howard, Mrs. Heriot, Mrs. Bedford, Misses Huxtable and Waddell, and men too numerous to mention. The master arrived well to time with some seven couple of hounds, including some puppies, and all having partaken of the hospitality of our host in the way of jumping powder, the hounds were laid on at the back of the house and away we went at a "rare bat" across Margaret's lane, out of Cuninghams



portrero through Flores' old chacra, over the arroyo bridge into the camp belonging to the Convent tambo, where we ran a big ring, and came back across the San Martin road a little beyond the tramway—at the double. Here there were only 10 really with the hounds, Messrs. Thursby, Preston, Willes, Moncrieff, Jefferies, Dennis, Heriot, Sanderson, Mrs. Bedford, and a stranger, a lot of people having been temporarily stopped by a broken hurdle, and afterwards by a very awkward wattle fence with a big guard-rail about a yard in front of it. To this point the pace had been real good, but from now on hounds could only work out the line, several hares having been put up and crossed it. This let the second division up, and a good number finished, all very well pleased with themselves, as there were some very tricky places, and most were glad enough for a little breathing space, for we had run right through without a check. Besides those mentioned we noticed the following at the "worry": Mrs. Heriot, Mrs. Howard, Miss Waddell, Messrs. Howard, Harnett, Simpson, Ravenscroft, Bedford, and Master Heriot.

**P O L O .**

HURLINGHAM—FRIDAY, MAY 18.

At six-thirty no less than ten energetic polo players turned up for a game, and although the play did not appear a very high class one, from a spectator's point of view, they all seemed to enjoy themselves. The following took part: Messrs. Moncrieff, Jefferies, Balfour, Still, Kinchant, Sidebottom, Simpson, Willes, Drabble, and Major Kennedy.

Sunday, May 20, was a record, as, although it was a dirty, drizzling, uninviting afternoon, no less than sixteen appeared on the ground at 2.30. Six quarters were played, of which the first was certainly the best, and in spite of the slippery state of the ground Mr. Willes was the only player unfortunate enough to get upset. The players were: Messrs. Moncrieff, Thursby, Willes, Sidebottom, Kinchant, Challinor, Balfour, Still, Drabble, Fea, Sanderson, Mullaly, Jefferies, Bedford and G.S. Anderson.

**A T H L E T I C S .**

ROSARIO.

The Rosario Athletic Club have issued a programme of sports to be held on their ground at Plaza Jewell on the 24th of June, of which the following are the particulars. This will be a welcome change to the dullness lately prevailing. The arrangements are in able hands and given fine weather the meeting should be a great success. Entries, gratis, should be sent in to the Hon. Secretary of the Club, Mr J. J. C. Daniel, Calle San Lorenzo 1049, on or before the 9th June. Programme:

1. Carrera con baldes.
2. Dribbling football.
3. Carrera bicicletas, para niños menores de 14 años, handicap.
4. Carrera bicicletas para señoras y señoritas.
5. Carrera para alumnos del Colegio Nacional menores de 15 años, 100 metros, handicap.
6. Carrera de bicicletas, 3200 metros.
7. Carrera de scramble, para niños.
8. Carrera de obstáculos, 150 yardas.
9. Carrera de zoológica.
10. Carrera de bicicletas, 100 metros, gana el último.
11. Carrera para niños, con obstáculos.
12. Carrera con zancos, para niños, costume.
13. Carrera para alumnos del Colegio Nacional, 200 metros.
14. Palo enjabonado.

**HURLINGHAM CLUB.**

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of Members of the HURLINGHAM CLUB will be held at the Offices of the Club, Piedad 513, on WEDNESDAY, 30th inst., at 4.30 p.m., for the purpose of appointing Committees to whom will be entrusted the management of the several games for the forthcoming year.

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RACING.

HURLINGHAM—MAY 24th.

The entries for the opening meeting are not very numerous, nevertheless there is the promise of some very interesting racing, and we shall probably have the pleasure of seeing some old friends, such as Pepperbox, Kenneth, Vengador, and Emprestito, so can look forward to a pleasant, if not profitable, day. It is rather a risky job "doing the tips" with so many unknown horses running, but we think the following will win:—

- Premio Hopeful—Camarade.
- Premio Mayo—Emprestito.
- Members' Cup—Pepperbox.
- Pony Hurdle Race—La Bruja.
- Premio Opening—Pebete.
- Premio Hurlingham—Camarade.

BELGRANO—MAY 17.

The elements of liveliness were very extensively represented at this meeting, beginning with a fresh and crisp day, perhaps too much so at the end.

The fields were very large, commencing with one of twenty in the opening 1300 metres, for losers of three years and more. Santa Lucia paid more than might be expected as the Stud Luis Chico has looked like coming forward lately, but it almost makes one shiver to think that Azahar would have given if he had managed to get first instead of third.

Criollita was on the same tack in the two-year-old maiden, but was also obliged to put up with third place.

Seida and Senegal were not outsiders in their races, though not actual favourites.

Hortensia required a field of fifteen to pay what he did, she has improved greatly this year.

The last race brought the best finish, as Calfiao, who did run himself out in keeping ahead of Primero, was first caught by Piadoso on the post and beaten by a head.

The jockey S. Urrutia, emulated the feat of I. Diaz the previous Thursday, and brought off the "hat trick" neatly by winning three races with Seida, Senegal, and Hortensia.

The following are the details:—

**PREMIO ELASTIC**, for horses of three years and more that have been a year in the country and have not won. Weight for age. \$1100 to first, 100 to second. 1300 metres.

- Stud Luis Chico's Santa Lucia, by St. Anthony—Westward Ho, 3 y, 55 k.....H. Trejo 1
- Capt. Black's Leutres, 3 y, 57 k.....I. Diaz 2
- Stud La Aurora's Azahar, 3 y, 57 k.....P. Lara 3
- Also ran—Bragelonne, Pepito, Urutau, Quiroga, Silencio, Cincinnati, Ucher, Firebrand, Brillante, Tabaré, Charlata, Gracieuse, Eléctrica, Vidia, Orcha, Contenta, and Pátira.
- Dividends—Santa Lucia \$27.40 win and 11.05 place, Leutres 7.75 place, Azahar 50.60 place.

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

- Ferraro's Escaramuza, by Guerrillero—Dinamita, 52 k.....J. Olmos 1
- Stud Vertiente's Vertiente, 54 k.....P. Aguirre 2
- Stud Criollito's Criollita, 52 k.....M. Peñalosa 3
- Also ran—Carlomagno, Pabellon, Sacristan, Camaleon, Emirza, Cuba, Viscacha, Linterna, Avion, Chola, and Doña Sol.
- Dividends—Escaramuza 12.75 win and 4.10 place, Vertiente 5.20 place, Criollita 18.50 place.

**PREMIO REMATE**, for horses of three years and more that have been a year in the country and have not won more than two Selling Plates. The winner to be sold for \$3000. Those entered to be sold for less to be allowed 3 kilos for each \$500 reduction. Weight for age, 3 kilos extra for every win in a Selling Plate. \$1300 to first, 100 to second. 1600 metres.

- Stud Carhué's Seida, by Gloriation—Bayadere, 3 y, 52 k.....S. Urrutia 1
- Stud Criollito's Rebato, 3 y, 42 k.....F. Tufrechú 2
- J. Carabajal's Corinto, 3 y, 51 k.....P. Aguirre 3
- Also ran—Tres Arroyos, Bal Masqué, Doblete, Esparta, Barranca, Iona, Yaco, Punilla, and Soliman.
- Dividends—Seida \$6.20 win and 3.30 place, Rebato 6 place, Corinto 8.60 place.

**PREMIO JULIANO**, handicap for all horses, limited between 62 and 50 kilos. \$1800 to first, 200 to second. 1600 metres.

- Stud El Rubio's Senegal, by Soukaras—Natalie, 4 y, 56 k.....S. Urrutia 1
- Stud La Confianza's Juliano, 3 y, 54 k.....F. Olivera 2
- Stud Don Gonzalo's Travieso, 4 y, 59 k.....F. Perez 3
- Also ran—Cyrano, Payaso, Abrojo, Canton, and Emir.
- Dividends—Senegal \$11.80 win and 3.15 place, Juliano 3.30 place, Travieso 3.10 place.

**PREMIO ATREVIDO**, handicap for horses of three years and more that have won. \$1500 to first, 100 to second. 1200 metres.

- Stud Floresta's Hortensia, by Hervidero—Conformidad, 3 y, 53 k.....S. Urrutia 1
- Stud Laprida's Laprida, 4 y, 50 k.....J. Sarthou 3
- Stud La Confianza's Friolera, 4 y, 54 k.....F. Olivera 3
- Also ran—Vulcano, Porthos, Westfalia, Coracero, La Negra, Rataplan, Ormenta, Ismenis, Corsaria, Redoutable, and Republicano.
- Dividends—Hortensia \$21.15 win and 6.60 place, Laprida 17.70 place, Friolera 4.50 place.

**PREMIO CASA BLANCA**, handicap for horses that have won. \$1700 to first, 100 to second. 2000 metres.

- Ecurie Galette's Piadoso, by Esperanza—Santa Fé, 3 y, 46 k.....J. Olmos 1
- Stud Hipico's Calfiao, 4 y, 54 k.....I. Diaz 2
- J. B. Zubiaurre's Primero, 4 y, 54 k.....G. Palacios 3
- Also ran—Eclat, Abeto, Ascot, Plátano, and Bernabé.
- Dividends—Piadoso \$22.40 win and 3.80 place, Calfiao 2.50 place, Primero 2.40 place.

PALERMO—MAY 20.

The weather played the Jockey Club a scurvy trick on this day, spoiling a very promising meeting by a drizzle during the afternoon which degenerated into a fine and wetting rain during the last two races and also accompanied the crowd home to its great disgust. The course was not affected in the least by the wet, and probably the results were not changed by the weather.

The Classic Premio Luro brought out a field of eighteen, among whom were several well-known performers such as Atrevido, Montiel, Alvarado, Delice and Moscowa, who were naturally entrusted with most money. Ilimani, a high-priced and very handsome son of Gay Hermit, also made his debut—and not one of those mentioned was placed! The progeny of Sargento so far has done nothing and yet Sta. Eugenia, a daughter of his, won with extraordinary ease, and another daughter was third,—no wonder the winner paid three figures. Cordon Rouge, who arrived second, is a son of Gay Hermit, who has run without making any show so far. Altogether the race was as clean an upset as can be imagined and leaves the new generation in a hopeless condition as regards form.

The first race brought a pretty finish between the first three, 5 de Abril being sustained in his position by good jockeyship on the part of the hunchback.

Tres Arboles did a good performance in the young ones 1100 metres. Abeto and Africano were the only winners of the day who justified public confidence.

The long distance was unexpectedly won by Etolo, the son of El Amigo not inspiring much confidence as to his staying powers.

Omnium made a good win for the Ecurie Belgrano, which has not been much heard from of late.

The following are the details:—

**PREMIO ONTARIO**, for horses of three years and more that have been a year in the country, have run and have not won more than \$4000. Weight, 55 kilos, 3 kilos extra to winners of more than \$4000. \$1600 to first, 100 to second. 2200 metres.

- Ecurie 5 de Abril's 5 de Abril, by Tissaphernes—Haydée, 3 y, 55 k.....I. Diaz 1
- Ecurie Los Paraisos' Réve d'Or, 3 y, 58 k.....M. Peñalosa 2
- Stud El Derby's Rataplan, 3 y, 58 k.....P. Aguilera 3
- Also ran—Damieta, Cassio, Spartacus, Guaminí, Eléctrica, Modista, and Cosa Cerá.
- Dividends—5 de Abril \$9.30 win and 3.70 place, Réve d'Or 3.80 place, Rataplan 6.40 place.

**PREMIO MINERVA**, 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. 1200 metres.

- Ecurie Cerés' Tres Arboles, by Progreso—Italia, 57 k.....H. Valdez 1
- Capt. Hatteras Brenus, 54 k.....I. Diaz 2
- Ecurie Argentina's La Nilson, 52 k.....G. Morales 3
- Also ran—Triboulet, Bella Eloisa, Cronje, Clover, Aguila, Vicioso, and Cerro Blanco.
- Dividends—Tres Arboles \$15.55 win and 5.05 place, Brenus 5.95 place, La Nilson 4.95 place.

**PREMIO REMATE**, for horses of three years and more that have been a year in the country. Weight for age. The winner to be sold for \$3000. Those entered to be sold for less to be allowed 3 kilos for each \$500 reduction, 3 kilos extra for every win in a Selling Plate. \$1600 to first, 100 to second. 1800 metres.

- Ecurie Abeto's Abeto, by Solomon—Araucaria, 5 y, 53 k.....P. Aguilera 1
- Stud Independencia's Reyezuelo, 6 y, 57 k.....F. Perez 2
- Ecurie Cerés' Araujo, 4 y, 51 k.....I. Diaz 3
- Also ran—Huapi, Caseros, Bal Masqué, Doblete, Satélite, Atico, and Victoriosa.
- Dividends—Abeto \$6.65 win and 3.15 place, Reyezuelo 4.50 place, Araujo 3 place.

**PREMIO LURO**, for colts and fillies born since August 1st, 1897. Weight 5 and 52 kilos, 3 kilos extra to winners of one Classic, and 5 kilos of two or more. \$5000 to first, 500 to second. 1100 metres.

- Stud Buenos Aires' Santa Eugenia, by Sargento—Santa Lucia, 52 k.....R. Garrido 1
- Stud Don Gonzalo's Cordon Rouge, 54 k.....F. Perez 2
- Stud Luis Chico's Sargenta, 52 k.....H. Trejo 3
- Also ran—Ivette, Atrevido, Montiel, Polas, Alvarado, Wasp, Delice, Kruger, Pinin, D'Artagnan, Ilimani, Moscowa, San Graal, Tasso, and Venturosa.
- Dividends—Santa Eugenia \$103.10 win and 21.60 place, Cordon Rouge 10 place, Sargenta 30.85 place.

**PREMIO BALCARCE**, handicap for all horses that have not won more than \$10,000. \$1800 to first, 150 to second. 1400 metres.

- Ecurie Guerrillero's Africano, by Guerrillero—Coronela, 3 y, 53 k.....F. Perez 1
- Stud Hirondele's Mlle. de Mezeray, 3 y, 40 k.....F. Tufrechú 2
- Mr Ypso's Athou, 3 y, 53 k.....A. Malerva 3
- Also ran—Uropo, San Quintin, Pepin, Lidiador, Fagotin, Laprida, Porthos, Orquesta, Clamor, Nebraska, and Roulette.
- Dividends—Africano \$8.95 win and 3.50 Mlle. de Mezeray 5.65 place, Athou 3.55 place.



PREMIO FRIOLERA, handicap for all horses, limited between 62 and 50 kilos. \$3000 to first, 250 to second. 2800 metres.  
 Ecurie Nautilus' Etolo, by El Amigo—Estrella, 3 y, 50 k....J. Sarthou 1  
 Ecurie Bend'Or's Ovacion 5 y, 56 k.....S. Urrutia 2  
 Stud San José's Guttemberg, 5 y, 52 k.....J. Olmos 3  
 Also ran—Gonin, Cacique, and Primero.  
 Dividends—Etolo \$13.05 win and 5.40 place, Ovacion 4.30 place.

PREMIO ETOLO, handicap for all horses that have won more than \$10,000, \$2000 to first, 200 to second. 1700 metres.  
 Ecurie Belgrano's Omnium, by Orbit—Himalaya, 4 y, 55 k....J. Ribero 1  
 Stud Don Gonzalo's Bobby, 4 y, 46 k.....J. Olmos 2  
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## CORRESPONDENCE.

"There are nine and sixty ways  
 Of constructing tribal lays."

—Kipling.

To the Editor of *Sport and Pastime*.

Sir,

In these days of trial and triumphs for the British Nation and Empire, it is with great sorrow that I note your neglect of the patriotic strains to which your wiser contemporaries give scope. Sir, in such times as these, no self-respecting periodical should be without its "Maker of Tribal Lays," and, as I have a large stock on hand, I beg to offer you a few samples, with a view to tendering myself for the above post on your distinguished staff.

Here, for instance, we have a—

### SONG OF THE GUNS.

#### I.—47 NAVAL.

Forged on Thor's anvils  
 Far in the north-land  
 Hammer of heroes  
 Hither I came.  
 Far o'er the swan's path  
 Deep o'er the whale's bath.  
 On my swift serpent  
 Drank I white ale.  
 Now on high kopjes  
 Far from my foam steeds  
 Strong sons of sea kings  
 Teach me my trade.  
 Load me with Lyddite  
 Seamanlike lay me  
 A long spoon he needeth  
 That supbeth with me.

The above is a style I can confidently recommend. Owing to the absence of rhymes I am enabled to produce it at an unprecedentedly low figure per foot run.

It is especially useful to editors, as, by the mere use of the scissors, it can be cut off in convenient lengths and labelled to taste, without materially affecting the sense or construction.

#### II.—LONG TOM.

Creusot cast me, Kruger bought me,  
 To smell warm blood Long Cecil taught me.  
 At Paardeberg Lord Roberts caught me.  
*Mais vive la France! Vive la guerre!*  
*A bas la perfide Angleterre!*

Short, you will notice, and bitter, but defiant even in defeat.

#### III.—GALLOPING MAXIM.

Dundonald is mounted, his bugles are blown,  
 And far to the front his swift squadrons are  
 thrown.  
 And be sure that wherever they're catching  
 it hot,  
 The Galloping Maxims will be on the spot.  
 Then water my jacket, and fill up my band,  
 And test all my lock-work and free it from sand.  
 Hot work at the outposts! The word's in  
 the air,  
 And the Galloping Maxim will want to be  
 there.

This style and metre is absolutely essential in connection with cavalry, as the lines are long, and it works out rather expensive.

#### IV.—POM POM.

Hear me! I am the Pom Pom—  
 Hear my voice, like the weird throbbing  
 Tom Tom.  
 I am the drum of Death!  
 Armies fade at my breath!  
 Hear me! the Pom Pom!

This staccato style is also excellent for describing horrors of all kinds, and comes comparatively cheap. Owing to the number of exclamation points employed, it has a very decorative effect on the page.

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Or—

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## ROUND THE TOWN.

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 Which all other names outstrips—  
 Baden Powell.  
 Three hundred millions greet you,  
 We would that all could meet you,  
 To treat as they would treat you,  
 Baden Powell.  
 They thought they'd got you tight  
 Baden Powell.  
 But they found that you could fight  
 Baden Powell.  
 For in spite of all their trying,  
 Your wounded and your dying,  
 You kept the old flag flying  
 Baden Powell.  
 For seven months and more  
 Baden Powell,  
 You defied the sneaking Boer,  
 Baden Powell!  
 So we'll crown with deathless bays,  
 Mafeking's two hundred days,  
 And for you three cheers we'll raise,  
 Baden Powell.

In order that the "Confraternidad Hispano-Argentina" may not be interrupted during the civic rejoicings this week it has been decided that only in the Opera House the Argentine National Hymn will be allowed to be sung, the other theatres having to be content with the melodious strains of "Oid Mortales" from the orchestras.



The best news we have received round town—or anywhere else—during the past week, has been that of the relief of Mafeking, which came along the other day heralded by hideous screamings from the "Prensa" siren. The first house to get the cable on the subject was that of Messrs. W. Samson and Co., and shortly after the manipulator of the Siren was at work. The news spread quickly, and before evening it was being celebrated in every possible way by the Britishers of Buenos Aires. In the suburbs people who knew the news shouted it in at windows as they went along, and everyone was as pleased as Punch and three times as happy. The telegrams say that the populace shouted itself hoarse with cheers for Baden Powell and the heroic defenders, God Save the Queen and patriotic songs. From the jovial appearance of all the Britishers next day, we can well understand that in England the news was received with almost delirious delight, for, for seven long weary months, the fate of the little band had hung in the balance, and the times were many when it looked as if the place would have to submit. Thank goodness that British pluck and doggedness once more won the day, as it has already done many times before.

Now that Mafeking is safe we may ask ourselves what the Boers have really done in the war, beyond inflicting some severe checks and repulses on the forces endeavouring to succour Ladysmith. Kimberley, Ladysmith, and plucky little Mafeking, all held out, and, in spite of the superior advantage which the besiegers had over the besieged in every way, none of these towns were taken. The defence of Kimberley was a fine one, but its elements were the best of the three; the holding of Ladysmith was a great and noble feat of arms; but the keeping of Mafeking has added a page to the history of British arms which may well be written in letters of gold. Some people may say that the Boers never made any really determined attempts to take any of those places, but the diaries of the sieges prove that it was not lack of trying on the part of the enemies so much as stern determination to do or die on the part of the defenders that held the three intact. All glory to Sir George White and his men, to Colonel Kekewich and the volunteers of Kimberley, but the warmest corner in the hearts of all English-speaking peoples will be for Baden Powell, the wily and resourceful, the ever-ready, the undaunted and unbeaten holder of Mafeking. Great Britain may well be proud of her sons when they comport themselves as have done those to whom her honour was intrusted in South Africa.

This evening will be held the first Cinderella of the 1900 season, the subscription list for which has already appeared in some of our contemporaries. The Paris Exhibition has been responsible for the absence of many of the usual subscribers to these delightful reunions, but, as at Mafeking, those who are left have gaily stepped into the breach, and the Cinderellas will be as pleasant as ever. Dancing is to commence at 9 o'clock sharp, and from our remembrance of these dances, the gallants who do not wish to be left out in the cold, as regards the programmes of the fair damsels, will do well to be on the spot in time for the fair sex is at a premium, a much higher premium than is gold at the present moment. We understand that a couple of new waltzes are to be introduced on Wednesday, concerning which curiosity is rife.

The St. John's Club, concerning which a meeting was held last week, is now going ahead and promises to be a useful institution to the young men of this city. The Provisional Committee appointed at the meeting has got to work, and appointed some of its members to get the club going in a practical form, and the result of their efforts will shortly be made public. The kindly support with which the idea has been received, is very gratifying to those who conceived the notion, and we have little doubt that before long St. John's Club will be a good and useful society.

There will be a race meeting at Hurlingham on the 24th, for which a very good programme has been prepared and which should attract a good attendance, in spite of the counter attraction of the exciting matches which the Lawn Tennis Tournament is providing for Buenos Aireans. The events have filled well and some smart racing should be seen.

"God love ye, darlin'!" shouted an Irishman in Phoenix Park on the occasion of the Queen's recent visit to Ireland. The Queen was but seven or eight yards away, and she laughed and nodded. The unconventional courtier was delighted beyond measure. "I'd that to myself," he told his comrade. "I'd that to myself, anyway. It's the only intercourse I ever had with Royalty, and I'll buy ye a drink on the strength of it."

The Buenos Aires Amateur Dramatic Club will open the 1900 season with a performance to take place at Prince George's Hall on Wednesday evening, 30th inst. The programme for this evening consists of two One-act pieces, the first entitled "An Obstinate Family," in which Mrs. J. S. Agar, Miss Bagley, Miss Sewell, and Messrs. J. W. Taylor, J. O. Anderson, and F. C. Lee will take part. The little play is one of the old ones, but is very amusing. The evening will conclude with "He, She and It," in which the parts will be undertaken by Mrs. J. W. Taylor, who has not been seen on the amateur boards for some time now, and Mr. J. O. Anderson. The Club has been a trifle late in commencing, but now it has started, we hope that we shall hear of second, third, and even fourth club performances being on the way to production.

The suggestion of forming what may be called a Representative British Community Committee is one of the best that has been made for a long period, and fills what may truly be called a long-felt want. The Scotch residents have their St. Andrew's Society, and the Irish are bound together, but the amalgamation of the three nationalities has hitherto been possible only after several meetings of various committees, and, in a case where rapid action is necessary, this always means a loss of valuable time. With a Committee appointed by the general consent of the British community, the gentlemen composing such a body would feel that they had all the weight and authority of the community behind them, and would be able to act quickly and to the point. The escape of His Royal Highness from the assassin's bullet, the liberation of Mafeking, the birthday of Her Most Gracious Majesty, are present examples of what such a Committee could and should do, and we welcome it as being the first step towards the greater cohesion of the Britishers of Buenos Aires.

Cook's tours are considered models of cheapness, comfort, and convenience, but the tour through the Holy Land which one can indulge in for a dollar, knocks Cook's sky high. For the small sum mentioned the seeker after knowledge can take his seat in a train and be whirled through Palestine, with a stop at all the world-renowned places. The panorama is well painted, and the effect is almost startling in its reality, so that after a trip in this train the traveller feels that he has been through the Holy Land, and remains with a vivid impression of it on his mind. Many European trips are practically done from the windows of a carriage of a rapidly-travelling train, but they cost a considerable deal more than does this one.

The Quilmes Club has arranged to give a short concert followed by a dance to take place on the evening of Tuesday next, in the Municipal Hall, Quilmes. The Committee have been fortunate in securing most excellent talent for the concert, including Mademoiselle Delhez, of the Brussels Conservatoire, and gold medallist of the Conservatoire of this city. This is the first occasion on which this lady has been induced to sing publicly, and for those who attend a great pleasure is in store. Quilmes dances are too well known to need recommendation.

For the four months ending April 30th there occurred in Rosario 192 deaths from infectious diseases, viz, 56 from bubonic, 59 from typhoid, and 77 tuberculosis.

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## PLAYING THE GHOST: A TRUE STORY.

(Continued from last week).

I suppose I looked like buying, however, for several men with horses to sell gathered round us, and began to appraise their animals.

"Shure! Mr Borris, and you'll just be afther tellin' 'um to buy the little mare here! She'll suit the English gentleman down to the ground. Shure and she's a gran' fencer, and own sister to the gray yer honour 'll be rememberin' I sould yer for her ladyship?"

"The young 'un, I remember. How old's this?" asked Borris, as I ran my hand down the gray's forelegs.

"Shure, and she's just the same age yer honour! Risin' foive."

"Just rising five, you fellow? And you say she's own sister to the gray?" asked Borris, indignantly.

The man's eyes twinkled. He saw himself caught.

"Faith, yer honour, don't be hard on me. Shure, and I meant own sister on the *feyther's* side, bedad!"

I passed on, the gray's action failing to satisfy me, and proceeded to "vet," a number more horses. In the crowd we fell in with Callan. He, Irish-like, unable to resist a bit of horse-coping, endeavoured to sell me an animal worth half the money he asked for it; and then, equally Irish-like, on finding that I was not to be "done," fell to with delight to help me, giving me really valuable advice as I picked out what I wanted.

We adjourned to lunch at the Earl's lawyer's, just outside the town, combining a heavy meal and much discussion of business. Then I returned to the fair, and while Borris went about the town on business, tried the likely-looking horses over the fences.

The short autumn afternoon was drawing in, and it was growing dusk ere our work was over, and we got into the dog-cart to drive home. It was misty and damp, with the mouldy odour of vegetable decay, and the intense stillness of the dying glory of summer. We had left the town early. Pleasure, if no longer business, would detain the crowd congregated there far into the night. Already, thanks to the "craythur," locomotion was even more difficult in the narrow streets than in the morning. Once clear of Kilboggan, however, we bowled along briskly, the mare going fresh and free, as we discussed my purchases.

We had reached a long straight piece of open road, about three miles out of the town, not a creature in sight, when suddenly Borris stopped short in the middle of a sentence. I saw him glance startled at a place where the thick high hedge-row stood out just ahead, clear against the twilight sky. He smothered an exclamation.

Almost simultaneously there rang out the report of a gun, and Borris collapsed forward into the bottom of the cart, giving me at the same time an unexpected shove which laid me flat across the seat which he had left empty.

"What the——" I began. But Borris checked me in a hoarse whisper.

"For God's sake lie still and don't speak or move till I tell you!"

Further parley was practically impossible, for the mare, scared by the discharge of the gun, bolted. It was a long straight piece of road, and Borris simply did not attempt to stop her. Letting the reins lie on her back, he merely guided her. As for me, having satisfied myself that he was unhurt, and that I myself, in the language of the country, was not "kilt entoirely," I let him thus urge on his mad career, though I was convinced that my neck must infallibly be broken, either by hanging over the seat in this manner, or by my being chucked out of the cart.

It seemed as we dashed on like this for ages. It might be miles, it might be hours, till, round a bend in the road, Borris pulled up the now exhausted mare without much difficulty at a place where four ways met.

He sat up, looked carefully round, and up and down the road, with a queer set expression on his face.

"That was a near shave, wasn't it? You've been under fire before, so I suppose you don't mind. However, I bet I've nabbed my man this time. I'll be sworn I caught Pat Murphy's ugly mug at the end of the stock of his gun, against the sky line, just in time. We'll run him in yet. We'll go straight back to the police barracks. It's a longer way round by this road, and I'm sorry for the mare, but there's no time to lose."

So saying he turned down the right-hand road, and we drove back to Kilboggan by a circuitous route. Darkness had fallen long before we reached the town, but, as a precaution, we drove the dog cart into a field on the

outskirts of the town, and unharnessing the sweating mare tied her to a tree with a rug over her.

"It won't do, if they're on the look out, for any one spot the cart. They'll make sure the mare bolted hon with our corpses!"

"Then we made our way by dim back streets, avoiding the noisy drunken crowds, to the police barracks. Here we found the inspector, who heard our story with mingled amazement and delight.

"Bedad!" he exclaimed, rubbing his hands, "it's the best thing I've heard of for many a long day! Of course they are certain that they've settled you both! Two birds with one stone, he? We'll take a car at once and go round to the Murphys' cottage. They'll be so afraid of being suspected that they are sure to be keeping quiet at home. But we've had our eye on them for some time ever since the brother came back from America, and put the local Nationalist Branch in funds again!"

So off we set again in a car, with the inspector and two police, with their rifles, ourselves shrouded in police capes to avoid detection.

The Murphy brothers, since Mr Pat had been evicted from his farm up the mountain, resided in a lonely cottage up a narrow muddy lane. At the bottom of the lane we left the car, and advanced, under cover of the darkness to the low stone building, with the inevitable dunghill in front of the door.

"I feel as if I were one risen from the dead, as it were 'walking,'" I muttered.

"A good idea!" exclaimed Borris, *sotto voce*. "Let's play the ghost, and see if they won't convict themselves. You know how superstitious these people are. Inspector, lend us your lantern, and you and your men just wait behind at the door!"

We threw off our disguising capes, and he opened the door noiselessly, turning the lantern full upon ourselves, and in we stalked, silent and solemn.

The light flashed upon us brilliantly, and feebly lighted a poor low room.

"Bad luck to ye, whoever ye are," growled a voice from a bed in the corner, "disturbing a poor sick man at this hour o' night. Here's me poor sick brother from Ameriky as I'm watching—"

But here the speaker sat up abruptly, and gave a sudden yell of terror.

"Oh! Mither o' God! Oh! all the blessed saints! The Powers presarve us! It's the dead 'walkin'' Tim! It's their ghosteses come to us!"

And with another yell Mr Pat Murphy retreated under the bed-clothes.

The inspector and his men entered hurriedly.

"That's quite sufficient evidence, I think, thank you Mr Borris," he exclaimed with a smile to us standing still and silent at the foot of the bed. "Slip the bracelet on them, Fergusson."

I glanced at my watch as we stood in the road watching the departing car which took Messrs Murphy and the police to Kilboggan Gaol.

"It's just about an hour since the shot was fired."

"Pretty good time we've made, haven't we?" chuckled Borris. "Step out, man, and we shan't keep the wife waiting dinner."

Mrs Borris met us in the hall. A glance showed us that no rumour of our adventure had reached the Mano House.

"Late again, Bob! You've hardly time to dress, Mr Sabretasche, and I fear the pheasants will be done to cinder."

"Daddy! Daddy!" shouted little Peggy, scampering down the stairs. "Have 'ou dot me's s'oes?"

Borris lifted the child and kissed her with a tenderness foreign to his usual hard manner.

"I'm so sorry, my sweetheart, I forgot—"

"There! There! I knew you would!" exclaimed Mrs Borris.

Borris turned to his wife, and rather to her surprise kissed her gently, too.

"They're in the cart. I had to leave it behind. But you shall have them to-morrow. There—there's—been a delay. I'll tell you all about it after dinner."

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## RIVER PLATE SPORT AND PASTIME

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 1900.

## NOTES.

The annual Lawn Tennis Tournament held under the auspices of the B.A.L.T.C. is now in full swing, to-day being the first of the real days set down for the decision of the various events. Meanwhile the courts each day have presented a most animated appearance, all the players being busy getting through their first and second rounds. Everything points to the tournament being a greater success than ever, and the courts are sure to be well attended on the next three days.

The second monthly competition of the Buenos Aires Golf Club was held on Sunday last at Rivadavia, when Mr W. A. Agar again proved what a steady and useful player he is. On this occasion he played two steady rounds of forty-seven, which proved sufficiently good to land him the winner. Mr F. Henderson was second and Mr J. Marjoribanks third. The links are improving every day and the Committee hope to have them in first class order before very long.

Our lady golfers may be interested in the following yarn, which occurs in one of Mr Hutchinson's pleasant articles, in a recent number of *Golf Illustrated*:-

"Is it not absurd," said an Englishwoman once, in a stage whisper, among the awe-struck crowd of spectators at a great St. Andrew's match, "to be so serious over a game?"

"Het's no' a game, madame," came the hoarse response from a shocked Scotch voice in the crowd, "het's the study of a life time."

On the 15th inst. many of our athletes, and those interested in athletics, met together at the invitation of the Rev. H. B. George, at the St. John's Church School-room, under the presidency of the Hon. W. A. C. Barrington, for the purpose of discussing the advisability and possibility of forming an in-door club, or, in other words, a boxing and fencing club.

Mr George opened the meeting with an explanation of why he considered such a club necessary, an explanation which evidently proved eminently satisfactory to those at the meeting, for it was unanimously decided that every effort should be made to form such a club on the lines that Mr George had suggested, with as little delay as possible, and it was decided that the new club should be known as the St. John's Club.

The subscription is to be well within the reach of all viz., two dollars a month. A strong committee has been formed, and from what we hear the members of it are certainly *not* allowing "the grass to grow under their feet," but are doing everything possible for the advancement of the club. We understand that more than one enthusiast has consented to give his services, with respect to tuition, gratis, and once started we have no doubt whatever but that the club will prove a very great success.

Meanwhile, we strongly recommend all those who care to join the club without delay. The utility, we may say in necessity, of a thorough knowledge of the art of self-defence is too well-known to our readers for us to enlarge on the subject here, and this club will provide an opportunity that should not be missed, and will fill a long felt want. We will report from time to time the progress that the club is making, and for the present refer all those who may wish to join to the Rev. H. B. George, St. John's. We wish the new club every success and trust it will receive the hearty support it so well deserves.

The race for the Urquiza Cup, under the auspices of the Argentine Yacht Club, was sailed last Sunday in very disagreeable weather. On this occasion the Biguá and Penguin had a keen race for first place, the former eventually finishing eight minutes and seven seconds ahead of her rival. Only three other yachts competed, of which the Rambler gave up after completing the first round. The winner was cleverly handled by Messrs D. and E. Mackinlay.

The Horse Show was considerably spoilt by the weather last Sunday which, of course, kept many people away from the grounds of the Rural Society. That good sportsman, Baron Peers, was very successful, carrying off three first prizes, and his success, as usual, was deservedly popular. Mr H. Scott Robson's new pony, Dandy, of which we wrote a short time back, was placed third in the jumping competition for horses that had not won previously.

The Premio Luro at Palermo on Sunday, 1100 metres, over the straight course, brought out an entirely new performer in Santa Eugenia, a daughter of our old friend Sargento, who won in the easiest fashion from several previous winners, who made no show at all, the second place being occupied by Cordon Rouge, who up till now has done badly, and the third by a half sister of the winner, who has also been in the back ground. As La Marseillaise, Delice, and Ficha, have also won easily and afterwards been beaten, the form of this year is left as obscure as before, and it is no use trying to gauge the class till the distances become longer, and the youngsters begin to mix with their elders. The unpleasant afternoon had nothing to do with the results as the rain was not enough to interfere with the going.

Since writing the above it has been confirmed that Santa Eugenia is by Solomon and not by Sargento. It is extraordinary and unsatisfactory in the extreme that there should be such an error in the official programme, and equally so that no public rectification should be made. The Classic at Palermo, for the 24th, is for mares only, with few entries, and if Yerba Amarga is in any sort of form, entirely at her mercy. The Premio Patria at Belgrano, the following day, has twenty-four entries at all weights, from Guazunambi, 62 kilos to Lybia, 47 kilos, and the class horse of the race seems to be Bonaparte with 55 kilos. The other events are well filled in both cards, and turfites should have a pleasant week as the weather seems again settled.



Sunday afternoon turned out to be a very dismal one, a nasty thin rain falling all the time, which made it distinctly unpleasant for golfers and footballers alike. In spite of these adverse conditions quite a number of enthusiasts journeyed out to Coghlan, to witness the first League match, of the season, of the first division of the Argentine Association Football League.

The ground soon became heavy and the ball wet and greasy which, of course, made accurate play practically impossible. The game was well fought out nevertheless and exciting enough for anybody. The English High School old boys scored early in the first half, and it was not until close on time that a miss-kick on the part of one of the home team allowed Lomas to draw level, and a fast, if not scientific, game ended in a draw.

The game was considerably marred by a nasty accident to Mr T. M. Greene, the new Lomas centre-forward, who injured his knee very badly, which we are afraid will keep him off the football field for some time to come, a loss that will be much felt by the Lomasites. It is astonishing how many of our players are suffering from "knees," a fact it is impossible to account for, nor is it confined to our players here, for we learn with regret that several Rosario players have, even at this early stage of the season, been equally unfortunate in this respect.

By the way, some doubt seems to exist in the minds of many followers of the Socker game as to what competitions are being played this year. To begin with, there are three divisions of the League—the first, the second, and the third or one for schools. In addition to these there is yet another competition for the first division on the "knock-out" system, in which teams from Rosario and Montevideo will compete. For each of these competitions a challenge cup will be provided. We will give further details of the last named competition later on.

We have received from the Hon. Secretary the list of fixtures of the Albion Football Club for the ensuing season. The card, which is well got up, has a picture of the new ground in the Paso del Molino, on the outside. Among other fixtures we notice that some half a dozen have been arranged with our clubs, a fact we are very pleased to note. We wish them a real good season.

We regret to state that the injury sustained by Mr G. M. Comber, the captain of the Quilmes football team, in a recent match, is likely to be of long duration, and in the opinion of his medical man, it will be quite impossible, and extremely inadvisable for him to attempt to play during the season. Bad luck for Quilmes!

We call on the captains of football teams to ensure more punctuality in commencing matches. On Sunday, at Belgrano, this want of punctuality was very manifest. The first match was advertised to commence at "1.30 sharp," but it was just 2.15 when a commencement was made. As a consequence, the match with Quilmes did not begin until 3.55, and was practically commenced in semi-darkness, and finished in complete darkness. Some consideration should be shown to clubs who travel in all weathers to keep engagements, often at great personal inconvenience and difficulties.

We were very glad to receive a letter from the Hon. Secretary of the Rosario Club telling us that his Club will be able to go in for the Rugby Championship after all. We hear that more than one of their last year's team are now

in Buenos Aires, and we hope that they will keep to their old club and see them through their present difficulties, especially as there are plenty of friendly matches arranged for this season.

Next Sunday the Rugby Championship matches will commence, with a match between the B.A.F.C. and the Belgrano A.C. to be played at Belgrano. Although the Championship will be fought out by only four clubs this year, Flores having dropped out, all the teams appear to be so even that the competition should not suffer.

Marsite is the name of a new high explosive which the Ordnance Bureau of the U. S. Navy is experimenting with. Although its composition is kept secret by the inventor, Mr Hathaway, marsite is supposed to be a nitrate compound, and can only be exploded by the combined forces of percussion and concussion. It is thus claimed to be safe to handle, and, being insensible to heat and cold, can be used in any climate.

That dogs are certainly useful in war, has been proved, says *The Kennel Gazette*, by the failure of Colonel Plumer's men to force home and attack, in which they were foiled by the Boer dogs' watchfulness. The despatch states that the English soldiers shortly before dawn arrived at the wire fence which protected the Boer entrenchments. In surmounting this they could not help making a noise, and the alarm was at once raised by the Boer dogs giving tongue. A peculiarity of the Kaffir dog is that it sleeps soundly during the night, but becomes wakeful and on the alert towards dawn. If then the English soldiers had made their attack an hour or so earlier it is probable that they would have been able to apply the "argumentum ad hominem" with the naked bayonet, to which the Boer seem to have such a pronounced dislike.

## FOOTBALL.

### ARGENTINE ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL LEAGUE FIXTURES—SEASON 1900.

#### DIVISION I.

- 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 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.

- 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.

## LOMAS A.C. v. ENGLISH HIGH SCHOOL.

The above match, the first one in Division I. this season, was played on the ground of the English High School at Coghlan last Sunday. Most unfortunately the afternoon turned out wet, making the approaches to the ground most unpleasant, and quite spoiling what might have otherwise been a good game. Under these circumstances it was very plucky of the ladies, of whom there were a few, to turn up and witness the contest.

The home team, chiefly composed of old pupils from the English High School, had to play one short all through, but this handicap was done away with in a very unfortunate manner, as T. M. Greene, the Lomas centre forward, injured his knee seriously and had to be taken to the hospital near by. With only four forwards aside the game naturally became more of a scramble than ever, and as the slippery state of the ground and ball prevented all accurate passing and kicking, there was but little combination.

The High School captain won the toss and decided to utilise the slight wind that was in evidence. Greene kicked off and he and Anderson dashed off, but were pulled up just before they became really dangerous. The ball was then quickly taken to the other end where the E.H.S. forced a corner which resulted in the ball going behind. The School continued to attack the visiting backs failing time and again to clear their lines, their kicking being very weak, and after another fruitless corner had been taken, Leonard got possession, and dodging the backs went through single-handed and drew first blood, after as pretty a piece of play as one could wish to see. From now on each side attacked in turn, but the shooting, owing probably to the state of the ball, was distinctly weak, and the goal-keepers were never seriously called upon. At this point the Lomas centre forward met with his accident, so from now on each team played one short. Lomas now attacked strongly and it seemed as though they must break through, but Buchanan and Bridge offered a strong barrier of defence, and the whistle sounded for half time with the score one goal to nothing in favour of the English High School.

On resuming, the visitors went off with a rush, evidently bent on equalising as soon as possible, and the game became very fast, the ball travelling from end to end at a great pace. Gradually however, the visitors drove their opponents back and a regular onslaught on the home goal ensued. Three or four corners were quickly forced by the visitors, but nothing came of any of them. The home backs made desperate efforts to clear their lines and Buchanan's kicking was marvellous, but it proved of no avail and Lomas continued to press, the forwards being well looked after by the half-backs. At length, after the struggle had lasted some ten or fifteen minutes, F. Jacobs took a shot which one of the backs volleyed, and failing to take the slippery ball fairly and squarely, screwed it into his own goal, the custodian having no chance of saving it. This brought the score level and the struggle became keener and fiercer than ever, all the players straining every nerve to place their side ahead, but it was not to be and the match was left drawn, one goal each.

For the home team, Buchanan was in wonderful form at full-back, kicking strongly and truly in spite of the

slippery ball, while Leonard played a very pretty game at centre forward, feeding his wings judiciously and putting in some brilliant individual play. For the visitors, Pfeiffer, a new half-back, showed up well, but the wet condition of things in general seemed to worry the rest considerably.

The thanks of all the visitors are due to Mr F. H. Chevallier Boutell, who kindly took the Lomas team and their friends to and from the ground in the handsome Parlour Car of the Electric Tramway Co., while all were hospitably entertained on the return journey.

The following were the teams:

English High School—

Goal—C. Brown.

Backs—W. Buchanan, T. Bridge.

Half-backs—A. A. Mack, C. Buchanan, J. Moore.

Forwards—W. Jordan, S. U. Leonard, E. Moore, G. Minturn.

Lomas A.C.—

Goal—T. Flint.

Backs—C. W. Reynolds, J. Walker.

Half-backs—A. A. Miller, F. H. Jacobs, O. W. Pfeiffer.

Forwards—F. J. C. Boutell, J. O. Anderson, T. M. Greene, R. A. Brooking, L. Jacobs.

Referee—Mr B. B. Syer.

Linesmen—Messrs F. Walker, A. Brown.

## ROSARIO.

Our players have been somewhat tardy this year in getting into fighting trim and so far have had very little practice. Next Sunday, however, the ball will be set rolling in earnest when the Rosario Athletic Club will play a match with the Central Argentine Railway A.C. on the ground of the latter. When once fairly started there may be some talk of the local competition as in previous years, of which nothing has yet been said.

The following was the position of the clubs in the English Association Football League on April 23rd:—

	Matches				
	Played	Won.	Lost.	Drn.	Pts.
Aston Villa.....	33	21	6	6	48
Sheffield United.....	32	17	3	12	46
Sunderland.....	31	17	11	3	37
Wolverhampton Wanderers.....	30	14	7	9	37
Derby County.....	32	13	11	8	34
Nottingham Forest.....	30	12	10	8	32
Newcastle United.....	31	12	11	8	32
Stoke.....	32	12	13	7	31
Manchester City.....	31	11	12	8	30
Bury.....	31	12	13	6	30
Liverpool.....	32	12	15	5	29
Everton.....	31	11	14	6	28
Blackburn Rovers.....	30	12	14	4	27
Notts County.....	31	9	13	9	27
West Bromwich Albion.....	31	10	14	7	27
Burnley.....	31	10	16	5	25
Preston North End.....	30	9	17	4	22
Glossop.....	31	4	18	9	17

## RUGBY FIXTURES—SEASON 1900.

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 May 27—Buenos Aires v. Belgrano, at Belgrano.  
 June 3—Buenos Aires v. Lomas, at Lomas.  
 June 10—Belgrano v. Lomas, at Belgrano.  
 June 14—England and Ireland v. Scotland and Wales, at Flores.  
 June 17—Public Companies v. Private Firms, at Lomas.  
 June 24—Lomas v. Belgrano, at Lomas.  
 July 1—Buenos Aires v. Belgrano, at Flores.  
 July 15—Buenos Aires v. Lomas, at Flores.  
 July 22—Rosario v. Buenos Aires, at Rosario.  
 July 29—Runners up v. Rosario, at Rosario.  
 Aug. 5—Final for Cup.  
 Aug. 15—Buenos Aires v. Old Bedfordians, at Flores.

## RUGBY.

## B.A.F.C. v. MR. N. M. WHITWORTH'S XV

The above friendly game, almost the last before the actual Championship matches, commence, was played on Sunday last at Flores, and a good keen match resulted.

Play commenced at 3.20 p.m., and for the first quarter of an hour was fairly even. At length Ponce de Leon got over for B.A. some twenty minutes from the start, Camp-



bell safely negotiating the kick. Nothing further of note occurred in the first half.

On resuming B.A. pressed at once and seven minutes from the resumption C. Edye scored, Leitch failing to add the major points. After this, play became more even and it was not until ten minutes from time that Edye again scored, Campbell failing to convert, so that B.A. were left victorious by a goal and two tries, or eleven points to nil.

Mr F. C. M. im Thurn kindly acted as referee.

### ESTANCIA AND COLONY.

Of a total of 109,637,851 kilos of wool received by the Central Produce Market during the past clip there still remain 13,685,705 kilos, due to the present low rates existing in the European markets.

Serious complaints are made against the local commissions for the destruction of the locusts in Sunchales and Raquel, Santa Fé. Agriculturists and others have drawn up a legal protest against the commissions, accusing them of arbitrarily imposing fines and other serious charges.

In the provinces of Cordoba, Santiago del Estero, Salta and Tucuman the locusts are committing serious depredations. The "Comision Central" have their agents hard at work destroying the eggs.

It is said that the persistent rumours that the bubonic pest is still in Rosario is attributable to private business interests, which allow the Banda Oriental to export its produce to Brazil while putting all sorts of difficulties in the way of this country. Rosario last year exported to Brazil to the value of nearly four millions gold dollars, while for the first four months of this year the exports have been nil. No doubt it is to these private interests that some of the Brazilian newspapers publish daily telegrams of the ravages the plague is still making in Rosario.

The authorities of Montevideo have ordered to be killed in the corrales of Santa Lucia, owing to their being attacked by the foot-and-mouth disease, thirty head of cattle, and in those of Maroñas five head were also killed through the same cause. On one estancia in the department of San José, B.O., there are 2000 head of cattle suffering from the disease.

Telegrams from Salta state that the Chilian Government have closed the Atacama market against the importation of cattle from that province. This is considered to be both a harsh and unnecessary measure, as no disease exists among the cattle in that part of the republic.

We would draw the attention of those well-meaning (*sic*) people who are constantly writing complaints to the daily Press regarding the lateness of cargo trains, scarceness of waggons, etc., to the fact that recently a train of twenty-four cattle waggons, carrying 450 head of cattle, left Pieres, a station on the Southern Railway, and arrived at the River Plate Frozen Meat Co.'s establishment, at Campana, in the short time of 22 hours and 40 minutes, a distance, more or less, of 770 kilometres.

The last station on the Southern line was Mitre, where the Western line took charge of the train to the Chacarita and passed it on to the Pacific for transport to Colegiales, and from thence the Rosario line ran it to Campana—its destination. This would, we imagine, put a stop to the continual abuse and ignorance shown by some correspondents to the daily papers, who generally seem only too pleased to publish anything against our Railways.

On Saturday last Mr. John Angus, the Manager of the above Company at Campana, invited a number of visitors, including representatives of the four railways we have just mentioned, to witness the various methods of preparing the meat, etc., for freezing purposes. The half carcasses of the animals gave an average weight of 495 to 500 kilos free of grease and intestines.

This establishment is able to kill, dress and place in freezing departments up to 180 head of cattle and 3000 sheep daily, and are making further arrangements so that the number of cattle may be raised to 500.

We take the following from the *Live Stock Journal* of April 27:

The trade with South Africa and South America in mules, which has been set up by the war, seems in all likelihood to be continued in times of peace. Even the Boers appear to be casting longing eyes on the mules as just what they want for their own regular work. This trade in time will affect that between South America and this country generally to the home breeders' benefit, as, with improved shipping, there was likely to have been a good many vanners sent us from the former as time progressed, and which will not now come. Raising mules for Africa will pay better.

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## CYCLING IN ENGLAND

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The great Easter holiday has come and gone and things cycling have once again assumed their normal condition. The weather, although it might have been worse can scarcely be considered to have been idealistic. It seemed as though March and April were engaged in a mighty tussle for supremacy for the stormy winds of the former, strove with the gentler sway of the mother-month. Hence ensued, at times, a strange jumble of weather, in which lightening and tempest, hail, sunshine and shower, alternated. However, the roads remained good, although at times the wind blew with the force of a hurricane and riding in the teeth of the gale became impracticable for all save the hardy and tactful rider. From Margate an extraordinary accident directly attributable to the boisterousness of the elements is recorded, where a cyclist was blown bodily from his machine through a plate glass window and sustained such injuries that he is not expected to recover. Ladies, especially, found the wind extremely trying and the few "rationally" clad women seen on the road, distinctly scored off their petticoat-bound sisters.

What looks like a particularly hard case is reported from Western London. It seems that two cyclists were riding a tandem through Hammersmith, when they had the misfortune to knock down a woman who was crossing the road. She was more frightened than hurt, and admitted that it was a pure accident as to which if there was any blame attributable she was as much in fault as the wheelmen. The latter saw that she was able to proceed on her way apparently none the worse for her adventure, and they parted on the most amicable of terms. The wheelmen were congratulating themselves on a providential escape when an officious policeman appeared on the scene and took them off to the police station. They were duly brought up at the West London police court, and after being admonished by the magistrate and cautioned as to their future behaviour, they were fined 20/- each and costs, for riding to the common danger.

As shewing the remarkable ease with which cycles which are let out on hire may be appropriated and converted to their own use by evil disposed persons is furnished by the case of the Walthamstow Cycle dealer and the bold bad errand boy. The latter hired the machine for an hour and paid a shilling for its use. The hour passed, and many succeeding hours, but neither boy nor machine returned. The bicycle had been borrowed on the Saturday and on the following Monday the young culprit was found at Stoke Newington endeavouring to dispose of it to another cycle dealer. The price asked was modest and the cycle dealer suggested that if the lad would leave the machine, and call in an hour's time he would communicate with a customer who was on the look-out for a likely mount for Easter. The lad did so and was introduced to a nice quiet looking gentleman who seemed so pleased with the mount that the lad was emboldened to advance his price from £3 to £5 "and dirt cheap at the price," he remarked. The innocent gentleman turned out to be a detective however, and twelve strokes with the birch rod, was the ultimate result.

The International Cyclists' Association of which the Scottish Cyclists' Union and the National Cyclists' Union were integral parts and which embraced the racing Unions representative of France, Germany, America &c., has been the august body which has governed the International or World's Championships. For some time there has been marked friction between the foreign representatives and the British, the chief opponent of things English being the Union Velocipedique de France, a French body analagous to our British Unions. The irritation has recently become so acute that at a recent meeting Mr Sturmev, the English representative, quitted the conference in high dudgeon. The sequel is startling. It is nothing less than an organized attempt at a secession from the I.C.A. and a proposal to create a new Union to be called "L'Union Cycliste Internationale." The Scottish Union has been invited to join. The engineering of the new scheme is in the hands of French racing body who propose to hold the World's Championships under its auspices at the Paris Exhibition this year.



In hearing a recent case against a cyclist for riding to the common danger, a London magistrate laid it down that even five miles an hour in the city streets is a source of danger and that even the ringing of a bell does not extenuate matters. This dictum only shows to what lengths rabid anti-cyclists will sometimes go in their insensate hatred of the wheel. If he had said there were occasions when even riding at five miles an hour might constitute an element of danger it would have been accepted as an honest view and one might have charitably concluded that the magistrate was suffering from an attack of nerves. But when the statement attributed to him is made without any qualification it makes the oracle who gave utterance to it look extremely foolish. All these absurd admonitions about pace are "vapid and abundant" for every cyclist knows that in the city streets, congested as they are with traffic, it is impossible for a cyclist to ride except at a slow pace and the wheelman himself runs far more risks than do pedestrians.

In one of the great monthly reviews there is an excellent article dealing with the anomalies which exist in the law as affecting cyclists at the present day. A good deal of sly fun is poked at the pedestrian and the legal formula that he has as much right to the use of the road as the path. It is often observed by the cyclist in the course of his rambles afield how perversely provoking and obstinate the pedestrian is in his preference for the roadway even where it is narrow, to the path, where an excellent footway exists. It is no uncommon thing to notice that in the country, especially upon little frequented highways, pedestrians will quit the path and walking two or three abreast effectually block the roadway, glancing menacingly at the inoffensive wheelman who dares to timidly ring his bell as a sign that he would like to pass. These self-same people are never found leisurely perambulating in front of a bus or van. If they had the courage of their convictions that they have as much right to occupy the road as the best vehicle ever driven, we should not find them dashing for dear life over each busy city crossing.

If the footpath is not put down to safeguard the pedestrian from the perils of the road, for what reason is public money spent upon it? is the forcible question asked by a writer on the subject; and one might amplify this by asking why is it exclusively reserved for pedestrians so that the most innocent and harmless encroachment upon it is jealously resented, although no one is incommoded thereby! The fact is that the pedestrian is too much pampered and spoiled by those whose duty it is to expound the law, and no harm would be done it, where in a case of an action for damages by a pedestrian, for being knocked down by any form of wheeled traffic, he should be compelled to show a good reason for having preferred the roadway to the path. If he failed, then his sheer obstinacy, one can call it nothing else, might be viewed as contributory negligence on his part. However, old traditions did hard and probably we shall be well into the twentieth century before the rights of the cyclist are duly recognized by a younger generation which has grown up with the wheel.

The National Cyclists' Union has decided with ingenuity worthy a better cause, that motor races, when at no part of the prescribed distance pedal pressure is brought into play, are not governed by N.C.U. rules. The result has been arrived at in concert with the Automobile Club and the decision arrived at is shortly this. Motor tricycle races may be held on racing paths under Automobile rules and will not be viewed as athletic contests if such pedal propulsion as is necessary is applied before the motor-tricycles cross the starting line from which the distance to be traversed in competition is measured. Thus supposing a mile scratch race; if in order to acquire impetus the pedals are used, N.C.U. rules prevail. But if the race being nominally for a mile, the competitors start the few yards behind scratch necessary to get the requisite momentum, so long as the competitors use their pedals during no portion of the allotted mile, N.C.U. rules would not apply. It is a subtle and almost academic distinction, but as both the N.C.U. and the Automobile Club seem satisfied there is nothing more to be said.

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"If a man refuses to drink when you offer him water, don't give him any water for two days. That will teach him to be thirsty at any time you choose to water him. In fact, he should learn to do without water.

"In winter remove his clothing to prevent his taking cold. He will also dry quicker when you overdrive him. Hang a blanket on his back with his neck and limbs exposed, same as with clipped horses. Men thus treated are much healthier.

"When your man is frightened do not speak to him, lest it soothe and assure him, but saw his mouth violently and lash him severely. Nothing allays fright or nervousness like abuse.

"If it is not convenient to feed your man at noon let him go hungry, and by active use of the whip secure as much work as food would do. Of course this wears him out fast, but men are cheap now and food costs money.

"Put tight shoes on your man and keep them there until he is lame. This will make him thoroughly miserable, as it does horses.

"When you hire a man get all you can out of him, and don't be hampered by humane sentiment. Nobility consists not in wisdom or kindness, but in manfully overriding the rights and feelings of all other beings. I am sure these rules are correct, for I learned them when a colt from my master, and surely he knows what is right. And does not man do as he would be done by?"

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When Jemmy Bayley had attained the mature age of fourteen, and the dreaded "School Board man" had no longer power to coerce him into the distasteful paths of learning, it became necessary to decide the important question of his future walk in life. His father, who kept a lucrative beerhouse in the immediate vicinity of some great ironworks at Grimston, in the Black Country, was strongly of opinion that the real path to competence lay, as had his own, through "the works," but Jemmy himself held quite different views. From the time he was able to run about he had developed an extraordinary passion for riding. As a matter of course, he preferred horses; but when the noble gee-gee was not available he was well content with a mule or a donkey. Once he had tried to get a gallop out of an aged cow, but the obstinate animal, failing to see any fun in the game, promptly flopped down and rolled upon the would-be rider. The one and only business for him, he declared, was that of a jockey.

At first Bayley senior scoffed at the idea, but a crafty suggestion of Jemmy's brought him to a more reasonable frame of mind. "Dad," said he, "you're allus backin' 'orses, and you don't find a winner not once in a twel' month—you know you don't. But, if I was in a big stable, look at the tips I could send you—good things every week! Why, you'd win a fortin in no time."

Bayley, like most of his class, was fond of backing his fancy, but he showed so little discrimination in the process that his ill-luck became proverbial throughout Grimston. He admitted that there might be something in what his son had said, and the more he thought over the matter the better he liked it. Apart from personal profit, he knew it would cast a halo of glory over the Rising Sun to have information coming there from one in the know; perhaps, in time, from a real, live jockey. He could afford to pay a premium, for he had feathered his nest pretty comfortably, and Jemmy was an only child.

So it fell out that in a month or two, young Bayley found himself a fullblown stable lad at a place called Woodbridge, not far from the Welsh border. Unhappily for him, Hicks, the man who ruled the establishment, was an ill-tempered, tyrannical ruffian, whom the boy soon came to cordially detest. In other respects, too, he discovered speedily that his rosy visions of a glorious time spent on the backs of swiftly galloping steeds were absolute delusions. For a long time he was not allowed to go near a horse, much less mount one. He was at work from early morning till late at night cleaning out the stables, sweeping the yard, running errands, doing anything and everything that his strength would permit. There was no possibility of skulking, for Hicks was a vigilant taskmaster, and uncommonly ready with his ashplant.

The food was poor in quality and stinted in quantity, and Jemmy remembered with keen regret the rough plenty of the Rising Sun. At night the boys slept in a draughty loft over the stable, where the rats played hide-and-seek in the darkness, and at first it seemed to Jemmy that he had scarcely closed an eye before he was rudely aroused again. It was summer-time, and "morning stable" was at 4 a.m.

If it had not been for very shame, Jemmy would have "chucked his job" before the end of the first week; but the lad had a good deal of backbone in him, and he resolved to see it out. He might become a jockey some day, and then—ah! then. And in time his existence became more endurable. Presently he was put up on the quietest animal in the string, and as the little chap was absolutely devoid of fear, and looked upon falls as part of the day's work, it was not long before he became a capable horseman.

Jemmy was quick at everything except book-learning—which he abhorred—and he soon mastered the details of his business. By the time he had been six months at Woodbridge he could groom a horse, or ride one as well as the oldest hand about the place. His utter fearlessness, indeed, often caused him to be placed in charge of the most intractable beasts in the stable; and it was in this way that his great trouble with the trainer, Hicks, came about.

The string, lately reinforced by some half-dozen thoroughbreds, was at exercise one morning when one of the new arrivals, a bay colt called Bustard, indulged in some wild antics, ending by unseating his rider. The boy was severely shaken and evidently unfit to remount the refractory animal, so the head-lad ordered Jemmy to



take his place. "Don't let him break away," he said, or "you'll get what for."

"He'll have to pull my arms out if he does," returned Jemmy, confidently.

But the bay proved a worse handful than he imagined. After a few preliminary buck-jumps, he commenced walking around on his hind-legs like a circus horse, and then tried to stand upon his head. Finding these tactics ineffectual, for Jemmy stuck on like grim death, he suddenly started off at a mad gallop. Jemmy let him have his head for about a mile, then took a pull at him, but found to his dismay that he could make no impression on the callous-mouthed brute. He pulled and pulled, but the headstrong beast never slackened his furious pace till he had gone fully four miles over the downs, and was completely pumped out.

When Jemmy returned to the others he found that Hicks had joined them, and the trainer was looking as black as thunder. "You internal idiot!" he growled, "get off."

Jemmy, thoroughly exhausted, dropped from Bustard's back, and was immediately seized by the neck, while a shower of stinging blows from the trainer's tough ashplant fell upon his legs, and back, and sides. At first the boy struggled violently, but he found himself powerless with Hicks' muscular grasp, and he took his punishment without a cry or a sob; but his nether lip was bitten through in the effort.

"There!" roared Hicks, when his arm was quite tired out, and Jemmy had fallen in a limp heap at his feet, "you'll not do that again in a hurry."

The weals on the lad's body healed in time, but the scars upon his soul remained raw and angry. Jemmy felt that the cruel thrashing he had received was wholly undeserved; he had done his very utmost, and for reward had been beaten like a dog. He swore a great oath—and Jemmy possessed a large and varied assortment of swear words—that he would be revenged upon Hicks, if he had to wait until he was seventy.

Early in the following spring Jemmy found himself in the proud position of stable attendant to Blondel, who was first favourite for the Hillminster Handicap. The preferment so early in his career was owing entirely to the horse himself. He was a colt of distinctive character, who, in his own queer way, had taken a fancy to young Bayley, and simply declined to allow anyone else to wait upon him. And as Blondel could on occasions use both heels and teeth, he generally contrived to make his wishes respected. The boy warmly returned the big chestnut's affection, and would have gone through fire and water for him.

Blondel was the property of a young gentleman of the neighbourhood named Winthrop, who had experienced the most abominable ill-luck during the previous season. It was said in the stable that he was going nap this time, and was putting his bottom dollar on Blondel for the Hillminster race. The horse had wintered well, and was now in the pink of condition, so the lads looked upon his victory as certain, and put all their spare silver on him.

About a week before the race, Jemmy wrote a letter to his father, and, though the orthography was dubious, he contrived to make his meaning perfectly clear. He informed the author of his being that Blondel was a "morril," and that he must back the chestnut to win a hundred—a stupendous sum in Jemmy's eyes. He also requested his sire to put him on "half a nicker" each way, and further added that when the good thing came off, "his luvin' sun," would feel obliged by the gift of a "wach an' chane." Jemmy hadn't spent nearly a year among stable-lads for nothing.

A couple of days after the despatch of this missive a stranger, accompanied by a prominent light-weight jockey, arrived at Woodbridge one morning. The rumour soon spread among the lads that the visitor was the owner of Ranksman, a newly-arrived horse, also engaged in the Hillminster Handicap, and a trial was, of course, anticipated.

The only animals taken out next morning were Blondel and Ranksman, accompanied by Hicks, the head-lad, the jockey, and the owner. Several of the lads grumbled loudly at being debarred from seeing the spin, but Jemmy held his tongue. Directly the horses had left the yard he slipped quietly after them, and, keeping well in the shelter of the gorse and furze, which thickly clothed the slopes, he reached the trial ground unobserved. Presently he was ensconced in the thickest part of a big gorse patch close to where he knew the trial gallops usually finished.

It had flashed upon him all of a sudden that there was something underhand about the business. Why was not Mr Winthrop present? And why was his horse being tried without his knowledge? That such was the case Jemmy felt no doubt, for he had himself heard Hicks tell Blondel's owner that he had nothing good enough to try the colt with, but that he was in tip-top condition and on last year's form the race looked very like a gift for him. And now he was going to be tried with a horse whose merits were quite unknown in the stable! It looked decidedly fishy.

Jemmy was very jealous where his favourite was concerned, and he would cheerfully have risked his neck for the chance of paying his debt to Hicks; so he had a double interest in watching the trial. Luck favoured him from the outset. He had only been settled in his hiding-place a few minutes when the horses cantered past on their way to the other end of the ground. Peeping out cautiously, he saw that the head-lad was on Blondel while the jockey rode Ranksman; but he drew back quickly when the sound of voices fell on his ears, and he discovered that the trainer and his visitor were standing within a few yards of him—so near, indeed, that he could hear every word they said.

"You'r sure Winthrop suspects nothing?" the stranger was saying.

"Not he; he thinks it's as good as a walk-over for his. He inquired about Ranksman the other day and I told him the colt wasn't half fit—only going for an airing." Both laughed heartily.

"Then you think Ranksman can stretch him?"

"Well, if he gets within a length or two it'll be good enough. They're coming!"

The quick thud of galloping hoofs vibrated upon the air, and Jemmy could scarcely refrain from standing up to see the race. But he had a wholesome dread of Hicks; he knew the trainer would certainly "do for him" if he caught him prying into his secrets.

Louder and louder grow the rapid hoot-beats, and now he has caught sight of the horses. They are not above two hundred yards off, racing neck and neck, with both riders hard at work. Just as they reach the gorse-patch Blondel makes a great effort, and wins an exciting trial by a bare half-length.

"Waat did I tell you?" cried Hicks, exultingly. "That's at level weights, and there's twenty-one pound between them in the race!"

"By gosh! it's a good thing!" exclaimed the other.

"Good thing!" echoed the trainer. "There never was such a dead cert, known since racing was invented. You could put your wife and family and all belonging to you on it."

Jemmy caught a few more words about all the money to go on at s.p., and then the pair moved away. He also made tracks immediately, and was fortunate enough to reach the stable-yard before the trainer's return.

The trial took place on the Saturday, and the Hillminster Handicap was to be run upon the following Tuesday. For a couple of nights Jemmy hardly slept a wink, and his appetite, usually keen, fell off to such a degree as to arouse the wonder of his comrades. His mind was in a whirl of anxious thought, the difficult problem he had to solve being—how was Ranksman to be prevented from winning? For he had made up his mind that the trainer's clever plot should be foiled at whatever risk to himself. He could see that the horse had been brought to the stable for the sole purpose of being tried with Blondel; and apart from his private grudge, he loathed Hicks for the base ingratitude he had shown to the generous young gentleman who had been his support for years.

"He's a rotten bad 'un, he is," was Jemmy's summing up.

The great obstacle in his way lay in the fact that Ranksman was to be backed at starting price; otherwise he could have settled the obnoxious animal easily enough. For his revenge to be complete Ranksman must run and lose; so that, whatever was to be done, must be effected on the day of the race. Jemmy couldn't see his way at all; but he decided to keep his eyes open and trust to luck.

The horses were despatched to Hillminster the day before the race, Jemmy and another lad in attendance, and the trainer travelling by the same train. They arrived in the afternoon, and put up at an inn not far from the course.

All next morning the boy was keenly on the alert, but no shadow of a chance came in his way. He was so full



of his plans, so eager and anxious, that he didn't hear half what was said to him, and more than once incurred the stern reproof of Hicks. The horses were in the paddock, the race to be run in fifteen minutes, and still he had done nothing. He was almost despairing, and on the point of doing something desperate, when Kelmer, the jockey who was to ride Ranksman, accosted him as he was leading Blondel around.

"Here, youngster," he said; "take hold of this for a bit," and he handed over a very light racing saddle—the one, in fact, which he was about to use in the race.

When, a few minutes later, Kelmer reclaimed the article, uneasiness and anxiety were banished from Jemmy's countenance. Instead, it wore a look of placid content, as one who has performed an arduous task to his entire satisfaction.

Ranksman was first way, and made strong running till very near home, when he was caught and easily beaten by Blondel. Most people commented harshly on Kelmer's exceedingly tame finish, but when it leaked out that the lad had ridden the last quarter of a mile without either stirrup-iron—leathers had been partly cut through before the race, and gave way when the finish came—he was fully exonerated. Only a Malerba could have won under such circumstances.

To outward appearance tolerably calm, Hicks inwardly was a raging maniac. On all sides he was offered congratulations on his good luck, while all the time he knew he was absolutely ruined. He had not only backed Ranksman for all he was worth, but had sent out a heavy laying commission against the favourite. He longed to break out into wild curses against everything and everybody, and the effort at suppression was almost beyond his strength. In that moment he was more than punished for his treachery.

Jemmy was closely questioned on the subject of the stirrup-leathers, but his replies were so ready, and given with a face of such cherubic innocence, that suspicion passed him by. However, it was not long before he discovered that the air of Woodbridge was not suited to his constitution, and, as he put it, "he took his hook."

"I think I've paid him out for that their hidin'," was his parting reflection.

## FIXTURES.

### GOLF.

#### MAY.

Sun. 27—Monthly Competition, at Lomas.

#### JUNE.

Sun. 7—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.

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May 25—Hipódromo Nacional, Belgrano.

May 27—Hipódromo Argentino, Palermo.

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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:—

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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.

## P O L O.

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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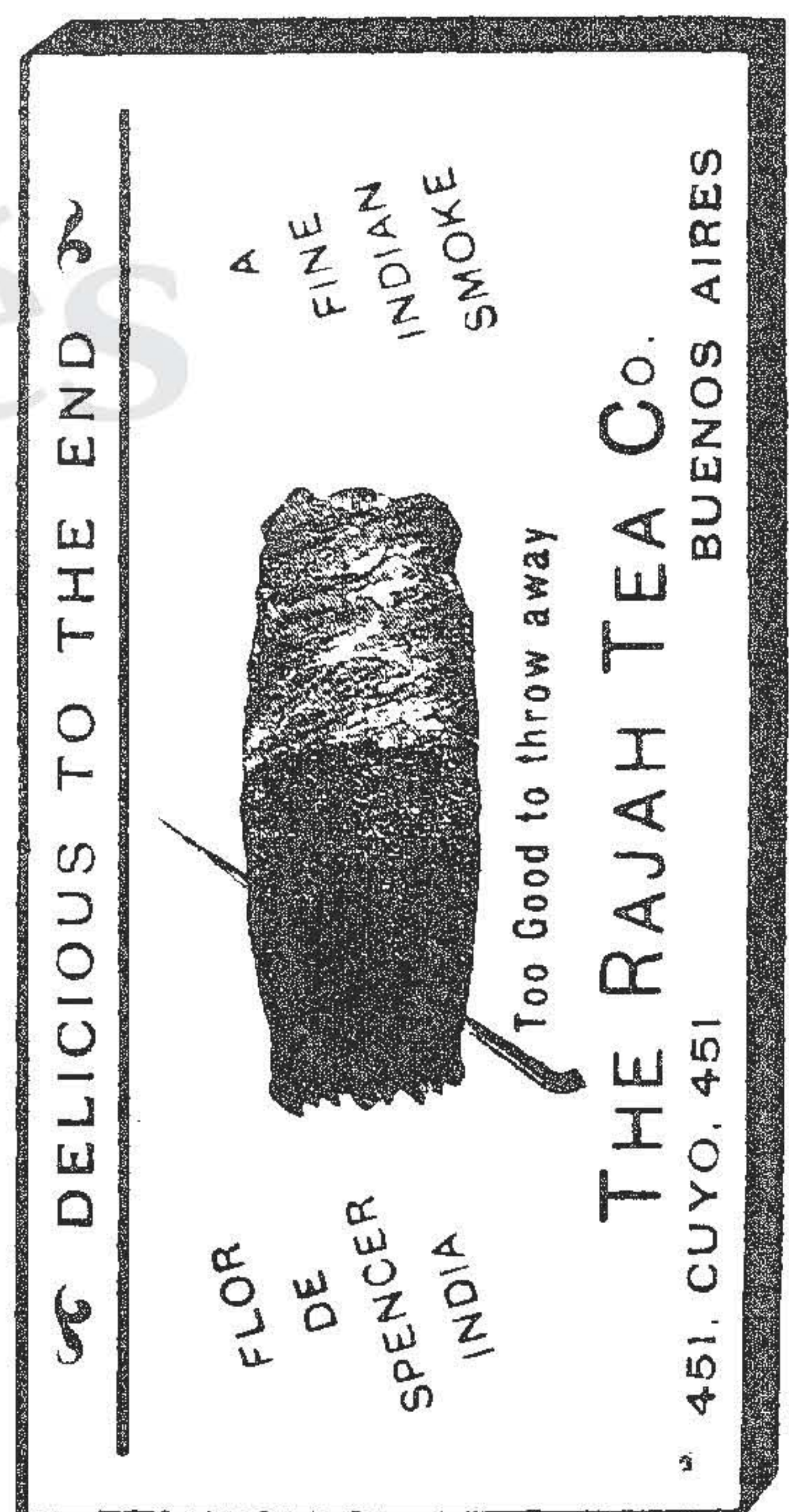
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