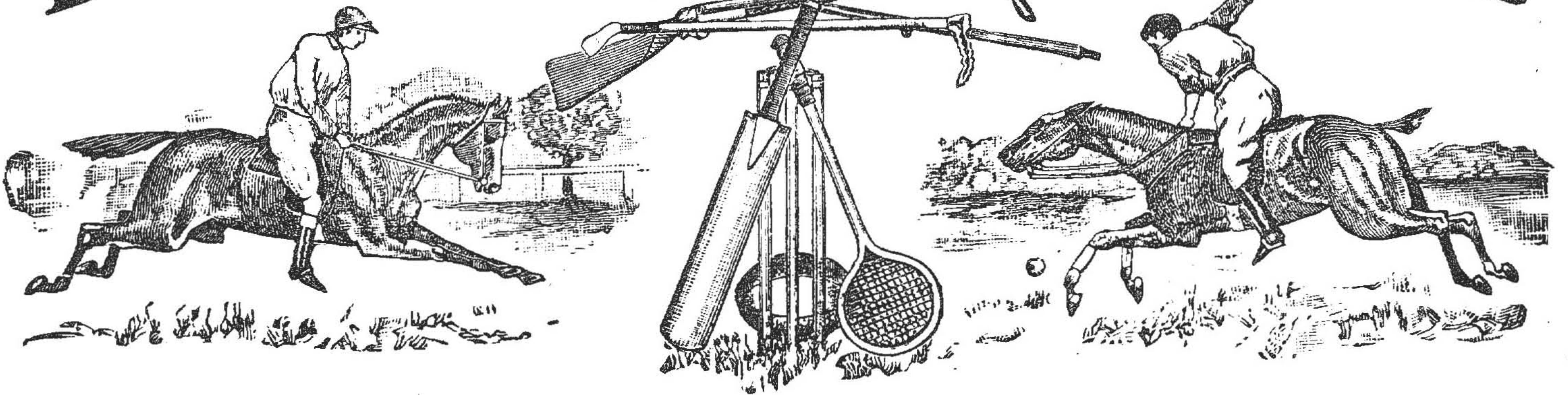


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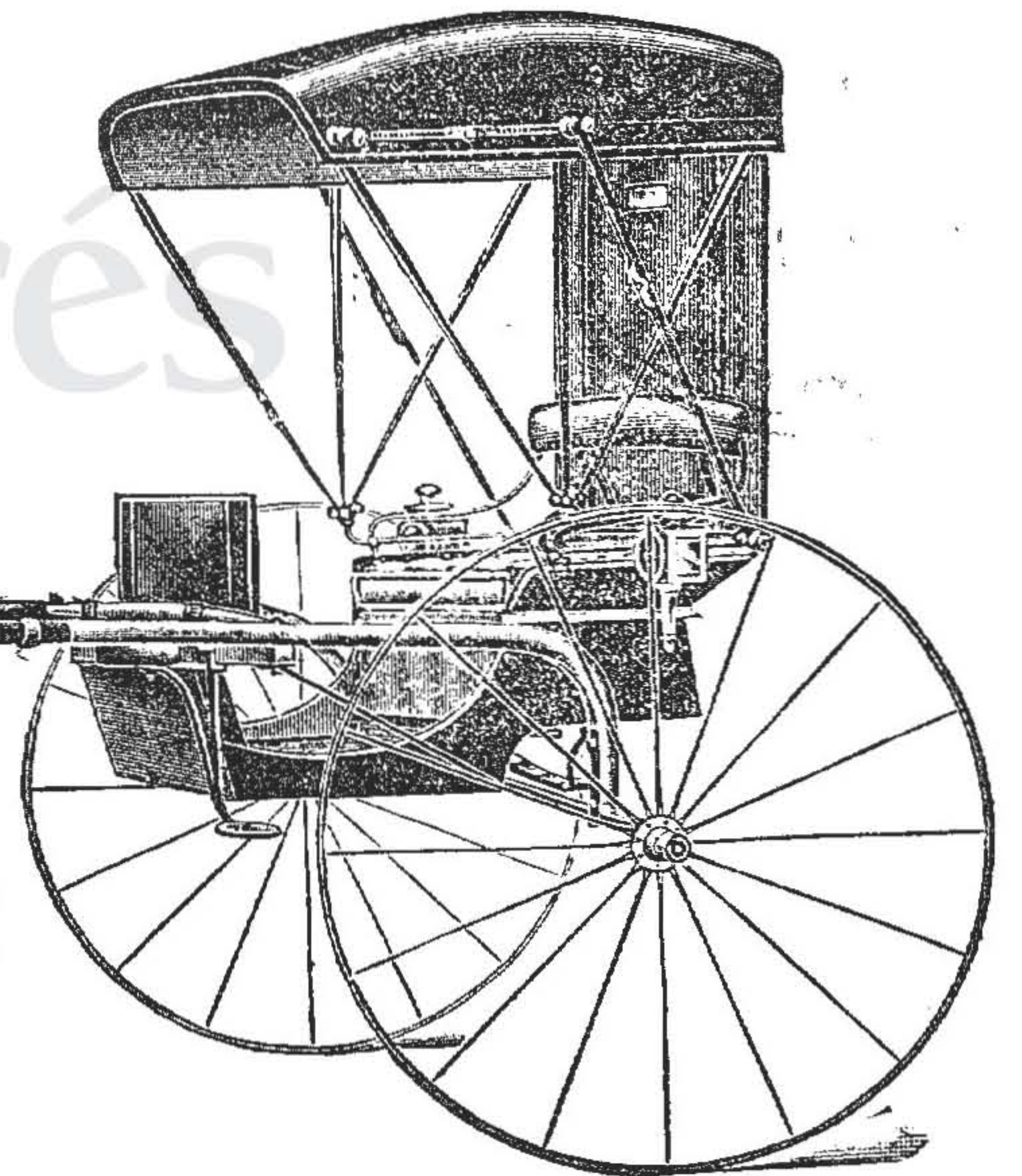
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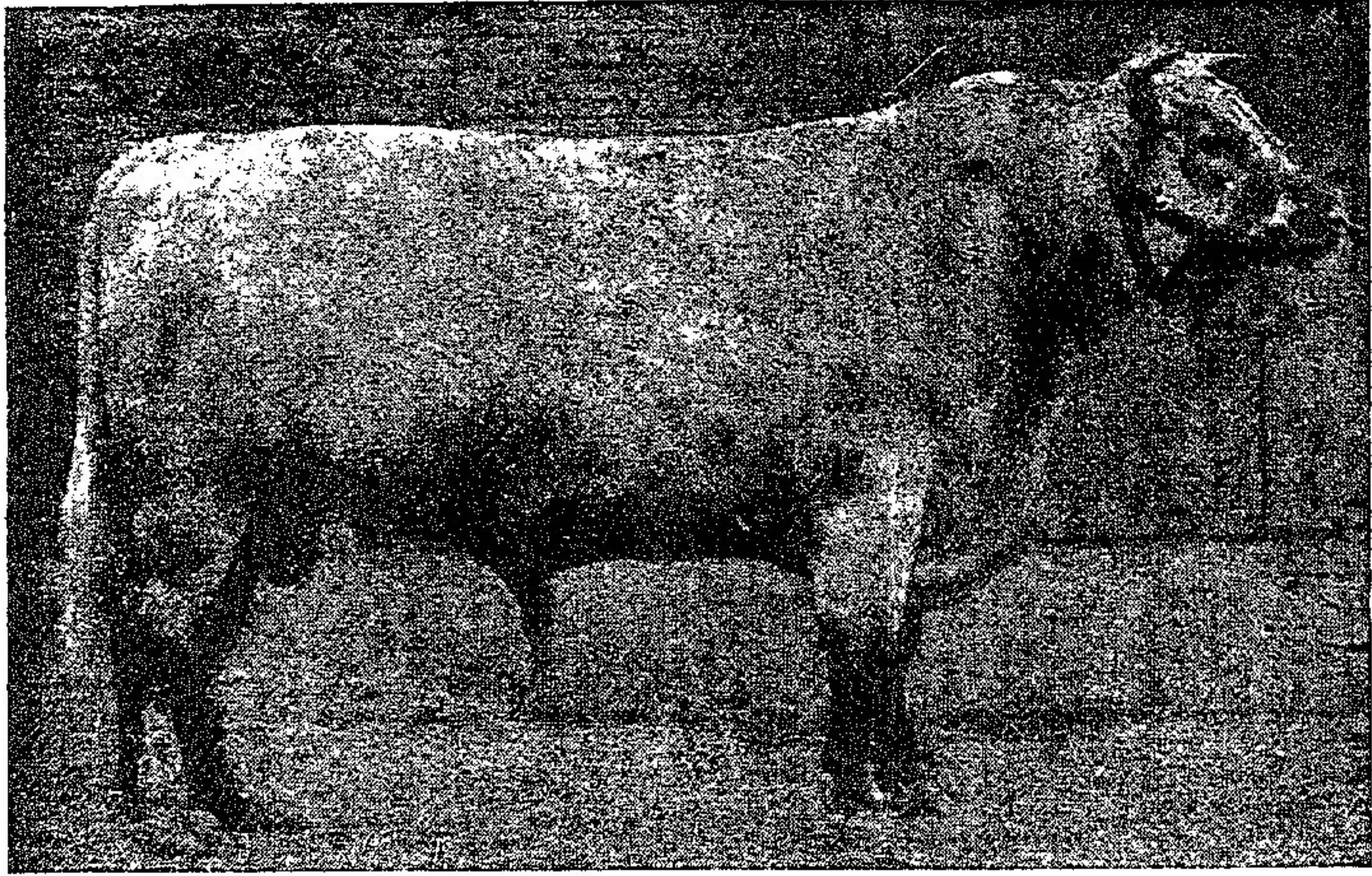
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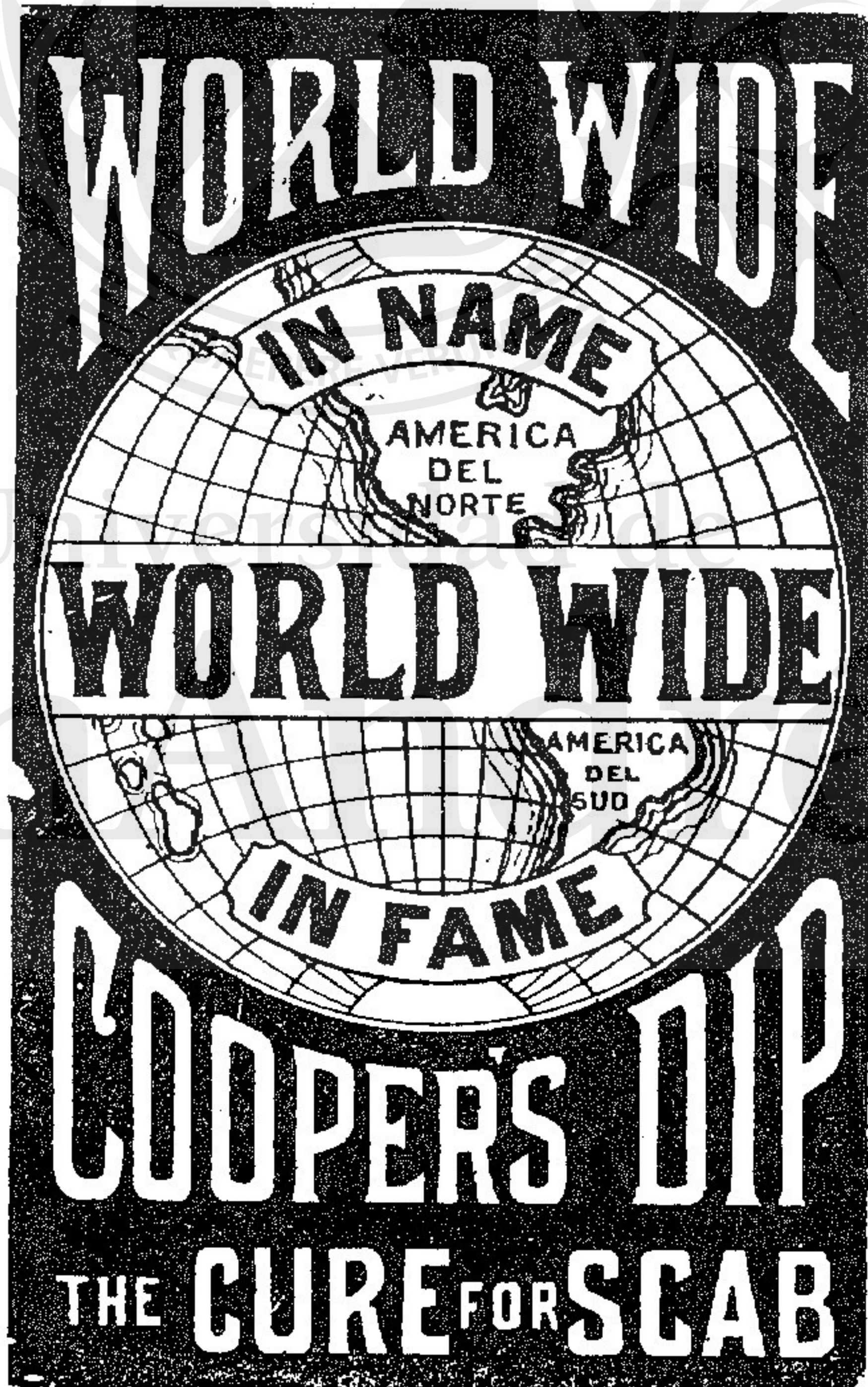
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GOLF.

HURLINGHAM.

Members of the above club are reminded that the third Monthly Competition will be held next Sunday.

With the recent wretched weather our links are flooded out, and no Golf will be possible for some few days. By the way, Golfers should remember that George McHardy has just received a large assortment of Golf Boots, which should be just the thing for the present condition of the ground under foot.

We understand that the St. Andrew's Society have decided to hold their annual competitions on Friday, June 29th, at Rivadavia, in consequence of which the third Monthly Competition of the Lomas Club, originally fixed for the 29th inst., will be held on Sunday, the 24th inst.

As announced last week, a Bogey competition will be held at Lomas on Thursday, June 14th, over a course of 27 holes. A complete re-arrangement of the handicaps will be made for this competition.

It is with considerable fear and trepidation that we again take up our pen to write a few lines on our Golf and Golfers, for since our last small, and, as we thought, harmless article, our office has been inundated with letters from which we cannot refrain from giving a few extracts. For instance, from a suburb on the Pacific line a "Constant reader" writes:—

"I totally disagree with your remarks re: the second class of golfers you refer to. I include myself in that category, and far from becoming a discontented or unhappy player, I have at last realised how much there is in the game, and have foresworn many small luxuries to procure myself what I consider an adequate outfit for the game. I now take round with me sixteen clubs, and would you believe it, I used to be satisfied with five! You will see that I have every right to consider myself one of the improved golfers of whom you wrote."

We wonder if "Constant reader" ever played the part of caddy, we hope he pays the boys who "carry" for him double.

From the same suburb "Subscriber" writes us:—

"Talking over your article on our golfers, which appeared in your issue before last, with some friends, they decided that I was a golfer of the first class therein referred to. Allow me, Mr Editor, to strongly object to the jocular strain in which you refer to this class. I do *not* jog round the links, and I *do* prefer doing a good round to a bad one, and further, I very often count my strokes. By the way, could you inform me who is responsible for getting up the various club teams? In our last match three were chosen before me, for our club, whom I know I could give half a stroke, if not a stroke a hole to."

From a Southern suburb, "A keen golfer" writes:—

"Your recent article on our golfers, I regret to say, shows a lamentable ignorance of the game, and in future I would strongly urge you to leave the subject severely alone. For your instruction I would inform you that no *golfer* would dream of playing a round without counting his strokes, and as you apparently sneer at the player who always knows if he is one better or one worse than five, I would further inform you that no *golfer* ever counts his rounds in any other way."

This is rather hard, but "One who knows," from the same suburb, takes our particular fancy. He writes:—

"I don't understand your remark in a recently published article on golf in your paper as to the 'cap fitting'

All I can say is I never count my rounds in any other way than the orthodox one. With regard to being annoyed when told I take my eyes off the ball when making a short approach, I don't agree with you, as I always make a point of telling my opponent whether he fozzles a putt or an approach that he took his eyes off the ball, in fact I like to keep up a running fire of witticisms throughout the game, it helps to relieve the mononoty. As to your story about the lark I can quite sympathise with the player, it is quite probable that the lark *did* put him off his stroke."

From a suburb on the Western line an indignant correspondent writes:—

"Why should my class have been left out of a recent article you wrote on Golf here? We, after all, enjoy the game more than all the rest put together. We start by renewing our acquaintance with 'Mr Dewar' or 'Mr Sanderson,' and thus fortified just have a round 'for a lark.' One of our great ideas is to try and hit some player in front of us, but its great fun seeing them get scared when we drive a ball over a player's head and then to hear their remarks afterwards. Another great joke is to hang about the green as long as possible, trying a certain putt over and over again, when other players are anxiously awaiting to approach that green. In fact we fully realise the absurdity of taking the game seriously and for this reason we get far more amusement out of it than any other golfers."

From a mountainous suburb on the Central Argentine "Old Golfer" writes us:—

"I do object to the form shown by some of our players. They will not try and acquire style and it is a most distressing sight to see some of them playing. I have played at home, and therefore know, but although I'm always willing to advise, even those who sometimes defeat me, my advice is never taken kindly. The caddies, also, are very bad here, and one really has to use one's clubs to them. This keeps them awake, and serves as an outlet for one's temper after a fozzled shot, naturally from a bad lie."

We could, of course, quote many more extracts, but the tone and ideas therein embodied are very similar to those we have already quoted from. Is it strange therefore, if we rather hesitate to write more golf articles? The above letters may be seen at this office, but we frankly warn all inquiring friends that we are, for the next month, under police protection.

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PONY RACING.

HURLINGHAM—JUNE 14.

We give below the entries and weights for the second meeting of the above club to be held on Thursday, 14th June:

Premio Preliminar.—Pequenito 58 in 75 k, Picaflor 58 in 75 k, Mataco 58 in 75 k, Puchito 58 in 75 k, Camarade 53 in 75 k, Nancy 58 in 75 k, Sapo 58 in 75 k, Maipú 58 in 75 k, Paquete 57 in 72 k, Theodore 57 in 72 k, Cocktail 56 in 69 k.

Premio Polo.—No Name 58 in 75 k, Brandy Ball II. 57 in 75 k, Spook 58 in 75 k, Topper 58 in 75 k, Matchbox 58 in 75 k.

Grand Hurdle Race.—Vengador 78 k, Emprestito 78 k, Aida 78 k, Starlight 75 k, Lapinharjú 72 k. Forfeit: Zagal.

Pony Hurdle Race.—Lightning 58 in 75 k, Madcap 58 in 75 k, Spook 58 in 75 k, Chatterbox 58 in 75 k, Paquete 57 in 72 k, Cavalry 57 in 72 k, La Bruja 56 in 69 k, Pitti Sing 53 in 60 k.

Premio Caseros.—Indio 58 in 78 k, Chatterbox 58 in 75 k, Facey Romford 58 in 74 k, Puchito 58 in 73 k, Tuco Tuco 57 in 69 k, Pebete (ex Cocinero) 56 in 69 k, Theodore 57 in 68 k, Don Julio 57 in 68 k.

Premio Bella Vista.—Raton 56 in 75 k, Pebete (ex Cocinero) 56 in 75 k, Cocktail 56 in 72 k, Lady Roberts 55 in 68 k.

VENADO TUERTO—MAY 24.

A very pleasant and successful gymkhana and race meeting was held on the Queen's Birthday on the Club grounds. The day was fine, but a very cold wind was blowing which rather spoilt the day from a spectator's point of view. Nevertheless, most of the ladies of the neighbourhood graced the ground with their presence, and kindly dispensed tea to all comers.

The events were started most punctually by the energetic Secretary, Mr P. C. Tweedie, and Mr George Isaacs, and everything went without a hitch.

The following are the events:—

300 METRE RACE (catch weights), for any pony 58 inches or under.

Mr F. Thompson's Folie.....	Owner	1
Mr H. St. John's Burrito.....	Mr Jeffray	2
Mr J. L. Bury's Backslider.....	Owner	3

Also ran—Mr Sanderson's Gateado, Mr Tweedie's Saino.

A good race won by a head.

POTATOE AND BUCKET RACE. Final heat.

Mr H. St. John.....	1
Mr H. Miles.....	2

Also ran—Mr A. Macdonald, Mr H. R. Miles, Mr H. James, Mr J. L. Bury.

Won easily by three buckets.

GREYNA GREEN RACE.

Mr E. G. Hay and Mr H. Miles.....	1
Miss Elena Isaacs and Mr J. Jeffray.....	2

Also ran—Miss Spackman and Mr Macdonald, Mr H. R. Miles and Mr James.

Owing to the scarcity of ladies several gentlemen had to ride together, but naturally the stakes were given to the first lady up, who thoroughly deserved them by the plucky way she brought her pony through the crowd.

VICTORIA CROSS RACE.

Mr F. Thompson.....	1
Mr A. Macdonald.....	2
Mr H. James.....	3

This was an excellent race causing great excitement, all the ponies took the hurdles in style even with the extra weight of the dummies. Mr Macdonald was first up with his dummy, but was slow in starting, and Mr Thompson caught and passed him, winning by a length.

POLO BALL RACE.

Mr A. Macdonald.....	1
Mr H. St. John.....	2

Also ran—Mr R. Pakenham, Mr J. L. Bury, Mr F. Hearne.

FOOT RACE, Children, 100 yards.

Miss Elena Isaacs, scr.....	1
Master W. Orr.....	2

Also ran—Miss Orr, Miss Thompson, Master F. Isaacs.

A good race won by four yards.

EGG AND SPOON RACE, 600 metres.

The stakes were not awarded as all the competitors dropped their eggs early in the race, so were disqualified.

500 METRES FLAT RACE, for ponies 58 inches or under.

Mr F. Thompson's Folie.....	Owner	1
Mr J. L. Bury's Backslider.....	Owner	2
Mr H. St. John's Galgo.....	Mr Jeffray	3

Also ran—Mr J. Anderson's Gateado.

The flag fell to a good start, the first three ponies running neck and neck for 300 metres, from there Folie drew away winning by a length, the same distance separating second and third.

RACING.

BELGRANO—MAY 31.

The recent stormy weather by no means spared this meeting and a dull damp day and very muddy course made it mournful for the Club, for the few spectators, and still more so for backers, as a glance at the dividends will show.

The promising card was much spoilt by desertions and there was no large field, eleven being the largest number sent off.

The opening mile was anybody's race among such a lot, but went to one of the least fancied in Serafina.

Vertiente did something to console the talent by taking the maiden for young ones, but this was followed by another facer in the 1300 metres. Cosa Cerá upsetting all calculations by winning from start to finish.

Senegal and Hortensia made matters more pleasant by each winning the prizes called after them in easy style.

Then the seven coloured turned out for the final mile, and the hitherto hopeless Thermidor, who had never yet been placed, took advantage of the heavy going, and his light weight to run down his field, and paid a three figure dividend, having only fifty-seven tickets out of 1882.

The betting was small all through and it was a poor day for the Hipodromo Nacional.

The following are the details:—

PREMIO SANTA LUCIA, for three-year-olds that have run more than once without winning. Weight 57 and 55 kilos. \$1100 to first, 100 to second. 1600 metres.

Capt. Dreyfus' Serafina, by Croesus—Santa Fé. 55 k.....	M. Suarez	1
Capt. Hobson's Estopin, 57 k.....	J. Garcia	2
Stud Los Olivos' Blucher, 57 k.....	V. Libonati	3

Also ran—Reina del Salado, Azahar, Armenia, Gacela, Roulette, Perla, Nydia, and Culebrina.

Dividends—Serafina \$51.75 win and 11.55 place, Estopin 8.15 place, Blucher 7.50 place.

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

Stud Vertiente's Vertiente, by Ojo de Agua—Girondina, 54 k.P. Aguirre	1	
Stud Cuaró's Pumh, 54 k.....	F. Perez	2
Stud Carhué's Glicina, 52 k.....	S. Urrutia	3

Also ran—Minero, D'Artagnan, Chola, and Criollita.

Dividends—Vertiente \$7.95 win and 5.75 place, Pumh 4.65 place.

PREMIO SEIDA, for horses of three years and more that have been a year in the country, and have won but not more than \$5000. Weight 54 kilos, 3 kilos extra to winners of \$2 to 3000, and 5 kilos of more than \$3000. \$1300 to first, 100 to second. 1300 metres.

Stud Melian's Cosa Cerá, by Tissaphernes—Yerua, 4 y, 52 k J. Goyeneche	1	
Stud Paysandú's Westfalia, 3 y, 52 k.....	J. Sarthou	2
Stud Criollito's Rebato, 3 y, 57 k.....	A. Aquino	3

Also ran—Mein Herr, Miraflores, Infierno, Motin, Fiscal, Zouave, and Ismenis.

Dividends—Cosa Cerá \$62.75 win and 14.15 place, Westfalia 4 place, Rebato 5.40 place.

PREMIO SENEGAL, handicap for all winners, limited between 60 and 48 kilos. \$2000 to first, 200 to second. 2100 metres.

Stud El Rubio's Senegal, by Soukaras—Natalie, 4 y, 58 k....	S. Urrutia	1
Ecurie Cerés' Araujo, 4 y, 48 k.....	J. Olmos	2
Stud La Confianza's Regalada, 4 y, 52 k.....	F. Olivera	3

Also ran—Reyezuelo and Eclat.

Dividends—Senegal \$7.95 win and 3.55 place, Araujo 3.10 place.

PREMIO HORTENSIA, handicap for all horses.. \$1500 to first, 100 to second. 1300 metres.

Stud Floresta's Hortensia, by Hervidero—Conformidad, 3 y, 52 k J. Olmos	1	
Stud Escocés' Corsaria, 3 y, 43 k.....	F. Tufrechú	2
Stud El Derby's Evangelina, 4 y, 45 k.....	C. Bustos	3

Also ran—Cyfrano, Beguero, Lidiador, Orquesta, Mlle. de Mezeray, and Urutau.

Dividends—Hortensia \$8.80 win and 4.10 place, Corsaria 6.05 place, Evangelina 4.40 place.

PREMIO PIADOSO, handicap for all horses. \$1500 to first, 100 to second. 1600 metres.

Stud Thermidor's Thermidor by Gloriation—Carmelina, 4 y, 40 k	S. Gallardo	1
Stud Las Perlas' Pildora Azul, 5 y, 48 k.....	P. Garcia	2
Stud Floresta's Casuarina, 4 y, 50 k.....	C. Bustos	3

Also ran—Juliano, Abrojo, Amambay, and Cántico.

Dividends—Thermidor \$113.15 win and 32.30 place, Pildora Azul 17.65 place.

HOME RACING.

THE TWO THOUSAND GUINEAS, RUN ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 2.

Two Thousand Guineas Stakes of 100 sovs each, for three-year-olds; Rowlev Mile.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales's b c Diamond Jubilee, by St. Simon—		
Perdita II., 9st.....	H. Jones	1
Sir E. Cassel's Bonarosa, 9st.....	L. Reiff	2
Lord Cadogan's Sidus, 9st.....	T. Loates	3
Lord Rosebery's Sailor Lad, 9st.....	C. Wood	0
Mr W. Johnstone's Captain Kettle, 9st.....	S. Loates	0
Mr W. Low's Elopement, 9st.....	M. Cannon	0
Mr J. Musker's Westerham, 9st.....	T. Weldon	0
Prince Soltykoff's Vulpio, 9st.....	F. Rickaby	0
Sir R. W. Griffith's View Halloo, 9st.....	J. Martin	0
Mr J. S. Curtis's Star of Hanover, 9st.....	Sloan	0
Mr J. Waugh's Rameses II., 9st.....	Allsopp	0

Betting—15 to 8 agst Elopement, 9 to 4 agst Sailor Lad, 11 to 4 agst Diamond Jubilee, 10 to 1 agst Captain Kettle, 40 to 1 each agst Star of Hanover and Vulpio, 50 to 1 each agst Bonarosa, View Halloa, and Westerham, and 100 to 1 agst Sidus.

The flag was very soon dropped, and when a furlong had been covered Diamond Jubilee, on the right centre, drew out with the lead, View Halloa, who had jumped off in front, going on second, with Captain Kettle. Sidus, Elopement, and Sailor Lad on the left, next. View Halloa soon fell out, and Sailor Lad was done with at the Bushes, from which point Diamond Jubilee drew away rapidly, to win by four lengths; Bonarosa beat Sidus by three-quarters of a length for second place; Elopement was fourth, Captain Kettle fifth, and View Halloa sixth.

RACKETS.

HURLINGHAM.

In consequence of the exceptionally bad weather experienced last Sunday, hunting and polo had to be abandoned at the above club, but a very interesting racquet tournament was got up in the covered court, with the following results:

First round—

C. R. Thursby and R. P. Sidebottom (+ 5) beat Lacey and T. T. Watson (scr), 18-16, 15-12.

J. S. Sheehan and H. Beckett (scr) beat T. E. Preston and Simpson (+ 10), 15-11, 12-15, 18-14.

E. D. Drabble and A. S. Willes (+ 5) beat A. H. Howard and Bruster (+ 5), 12-15, 15-10, 15-8.

Semi-final—

C. R. Thursby and R. P. Sidebottom beat E. D. Drabble and A. S. Willes, 15-12, 15-4.

J. S. Sheehan and H. Beckett, a bye.

Final—

C. R. Thursby and R. P. Sidebottom beat J. S. Sheehan and H. Beckett.

CRICKET.

CRICKET IN ENGLAND.

The prospects for the forthcoming season of 1900, by what we can judge from our English exchanges, are very promising, and this in spite of the many prominent amateurs and others away at "the front."

The success of Surrey over the newly-promoted London County Club gave Hayward the opportunity of founding a good average in the batting line and Lockwood of getting his arm into swing; further, of letting the new Surrey captain, D. L. A. Jephson, walk his quarter-deck for the first time. He may be congratulated on the success of his first engagement. Other counties that will serve under new commandants are Notts and Gloucester, for business pressure has compelled J. A. Dixon to give place to A. O. Jones, and W. Troup's absence has made room for G. L. Jessop. All the new captains by the way are Cantabs.

Those who know speak highly of the West Indian side that is to visit England under the captaincy of R. S. A. Warner, brother of "Plum" Warner, of Middlesex fame and author of a chatty and readable cricket book, newly published, and entitled "Cricket in Many Climes." The presence of several negroes will certainly be an attraction and a novelty, especially as their skill, above all with the ball, is reported as considerable.

The South African team, as all the world knows, has deferred its visit till the war is over, though a fine eleven might be selected from our troops to play a few test matches with them. The bullet has so far been merciful to cricketers, though there can be little doubt that poor Milligan is dead; others, too, have been wounded, famous men some of them, but no serious results have hitherto been reported.

The Rev. W. Rashleigh, of Kent, has been appointed to a minor canonry in Gloucester Cathedral. Whether this appointment, which does not take effect till October, will in the end result in a change of county is not known. He will certainly be available for Kent during 1900, and will, if he changes his mind when he changes his sky, be a welcome recruit for his new county in 1902.

CYCLING IN ENGLAND

May 4th, 1900.

The threatened epidemic of khaki for cycling costumes does not seem, after all, as though it would materialise. However necessary this clay coloured cloth may be for the purposes of obscuring the movements of military bodies, no one can contend that it is a becoming colour, and this is a point to which lady riders attach a great deal of importance. A few hair-brained riders, to whom a little local notoriety is distinctly alluring, have decked themselves out in a sort of semi-military uniform, puttees, and all, and think that they are exciting admiration when they are simply rendering themselves ridiculous. It seems likely that among a certain class, cheap khaki suits may be common enough, but the better class of cyclists will probably stick to the less conspicuous patterns of clothing that have done duty in past times. For all round wear there is nothing to beat sober grey or dark brown.

The great event of the week has been the thousand miles motor trial, and nothing else has been talked of or written about in wheeling circles. The trial has, so far been an indubitable success, and has proved the capacity of cars to be driven through the open country and densely populated provincial towns at a good all round average speed. No untoward incident has occurred to mar the proceedings, and this grand tour has, apparently, been thoroughly enjoyed by all who have taken part in it. The wonderful ability of heavy cars, running with a dead weight, to negotiate the hills encountered en route is remarkable, and there is little doubt that the result of "the trial" will be to promote a better understanding as to the utility of these vehicles, whether for pastime or business. At present, the main difficulty in the way to the popularisation of the motor is the expense, but that they are cheaper than keeping horses for riding or draught, has been abundantly proved.

The increase of motor traffic on the highroads may possibly be an advantage to cyclists, as it will tend to distract the policeman's attention on matters of pace, from the wheelman. The motorist will be higher game, and although he may be more difficult of capture—a piece of string across the roadway will have no terrors for him, nor even the hooked stick dear to the rural bobby—he will be a more important hawl when run to earth, than the comparatively insignificant wheelman. Possibly the present time may afford a favourable opportunity for cyclists to make their peace with the force in the disaffected districts, as with the exercise of a little circumspection, and a little bending to popular prejudices, or local prejudices is perhaps the better term, we may see a gradual dying out of the hostility to wheelmen that characterises some of the towns in the home counties. With regard to the so called "persecution of cyclists," there is no doubt that those who suffered, suffered mainly for the faults of others who had forced the authorities into a state of activity.

The young cyclist found dead at Oundle, with one of his feet fixed in the front fork of his machine, finding the cycle getting beyond control, attempted evidently to apply a brake by pressing his shoe upon the front tyre. An expert rider, who had been in the habit of doing this by way of experiment, might have succeeded, as some riders, who, when coasting with feet on rests, are able to retard the pace by turning their heels inwards, so that the pressure of the part of the shoe immediately above the heel, acts as a rim brake. But the usual form of accident arising from a runaway machine, occurs from the rider's power to retard the machine by back-peddalling being insufficient to check its velocity, and the absence of an effective brake. So soon as this new and apparently irresistible power asserts itself, the rider is apt to lose his head, and, for the moment, relax his efforts. In that moment the machine leaps forward, gaining a momentum that cannot afterwards be restrained, and the luckless rider is bound to inertly await whatever fate may have in store for him.

The London and North Western Railway Co. have just placed upon their system an excellent cycle van, built to carry forty-four cycles without injury. The plan adopted has been that of attaching a series of arms, fixed to

the sides of the van by hinges, which allow of these being neatly folded back against the sides, when not horizontal. Upon each arm running upon a grooved plane, is one that extends, finishing with a clutch at the extremity. The hind wheel of the machine is stationed against the side and runs paralleled with this arm. The claw of the extension piece holds the handle bar securely, and, when adjusted to its necessary extent for this purpose, is screwed down upon the extensible arm. Alternate machines are suspended from the roof, and in the spaces formed is ample accommodation for cyclists' luggage. When not in use for cycles, the van may be used for the carriage of ordinary luggage, or goods.

Many cyclists indulge in the weed whilst cycling, although most experience a difficulty in enjoying a pipe or even the comparatively harmless cigarette, when taking such exercise. The reason why one cannot with pipe in mouth, indulge in a pastime which demands physical powers, is explained by the fact that nicotine has a powerful effect upon the heart, depressing it and rendering it unfit to perform its functions. Hence it is that during the active employment of our muscles, it is as well to leave the weed severely alone. It however, we must have a pipe, have it when we are gently ambling along on the level and scarcely any perceptible effort is necessary to keep the machine running. After meals, when resting so as to allow our food to digest, a pipe may be beneficial by reason of the sedative qualities contained in tobacco, but during its enjoyment the physical powers should be in absolute repose.

Among the hills surmounted during the motor trial run was the one known as Taddington Hill, in Derbyshire, (between Matlock and Buxton), it is two and a half miles long, and has gained a sad notoriety as being the hill where the two brothers riding a tandem recently met their tragic death. One of the principal tests of a good motor is its hill climbing qualities, and in this respect a great advance is being made. The first motor to get to the top was a motor tricycle 2 1/4 h.p. which "romped" up the hill at the rate of over 18 miles an hour. This is a very remarkable performance, and demonstrates the value of being able to aid the mechanism with judicious pedalling. The fact that the vehicle was being driven by an expert pedaller and accomplished hill climber, (on machines wholly dependent upon pedal propulsion) no doubt, was a factor which made for success. But, although the times were slower, all sorts and conditions of motors mounted the hill in creditable fashion.

A Brighton paper has published some severe strictures on the Bank Holiday cyclist. It draws a quite unenviable attention to his "loud" stockings, of garish hue, his "sloppy" cut clothes, bicycle stoop, loose ungainly stride, and things *ejusdem generis*; and unfortunately justice compels one to add that harsh, as these comments may appear, they are to a certain extent, justifiable. But what the observant commentator did not notice is that there are cyclists and cyclists. Among the hundreds and thousands of votaries of the wheel, there is no difficulty in finding the cad and the poppingjay. It would be as profitable to paint a picture of some bibulous bribe-taking journalist who has his price, and is seen hanging around police-court taverns, with offers to keep a report out of his wretched gutter-rag, for the price of a smoke and a pint, and to say that this creature was a representative of journalism, as to condemn cyclists as a body, for the sake of a few snobs who ride.

Polo Association of the River Plate.

THE TOURNAMENT has been postponed from the dates originally fixed for it, June 28th and following days. The dates on which it will now be held will be advertised shortly.

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BUENOS AIRES.

REMINISCENCES OF SOUTH AFRICA.

(BY ONE WHO HAS SEEN A GOOD DEAL OF IT.)

I.

As great interest is at present centred in affairs at the Cape, and as I passed some years there, more years ago than I care to think of, as the remembrance brings home to me very forcibly the fact that I am not so young as I was, a reflection which, though life has by no means been "all beer and skittles" for me, is still not a pleasant one, it has occurred to me that the articles which I intend to write under the above heading may likewise have some interest for the readers of *Sport and Pastime*, that is to say if the Editor should elect to publish them.

Some of my recollections of South Africa are extremely pleasant, whilst others are, perhaps, the reverse, anyhow looking back I should not care to wipe the page on which they are recorded out of the "mental diary" of my life.

I have seen lately in many papers anything but complimentary allusions to the climate, but as I knew Cape Colony and some parts of Natal, besides Basutoland, British Basutoland, and the Orange Free State, very fairly well, and never had a day's sickness there, and as the country is especially recommended for consumptive patients by medical experts of undoubted ability, I cannot quite see where its climatic disadvantages come in, and I must say that for all round nice weather, the Orange Free State for instance, is hard to beat, though the heat is certainly intense at times. But defence of the climate is not the object of these notes, more especially as the said climate is quite capable of vindicating its own reputation.

At the time of which I write, South Africa, although rapidly opening up was naturally not nearly so advanced as it is to-day, though I cannot help thinking that no account of "up to date" improvements and refinements could ever really civilize the true Afrikaner born Dutchman, a Boer he is by name and in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred a "Boor" by nature, and it riles me to hear Englishmen eulogizing the bitter enemies of their country and liberty. True those who do so are, as a rule, absolutely ignorant of the subject, and therefore some people may say that it should not trouble one, but for my part I think that if a man is ignorant of any subject he should let it severely alone. I could give scores of instances of the cowardice and treachery of these "gallant defenders" of the rights conceded to them by "rapacious" England and so shamelessly abused by them. South Africa when once under the British flag, should be an ideal colony, but the powers that be will undoubtedly have to rule it with a firm hand for some years to come.

The mention of the names of places, in the war telegrams, with which I was long since familiar, bring back memories which more recent events had almost obliterated and I seem sometimes to live over again the scenes of the past. The name which occurs to me at the moment is Deaar Junction, on the road from Cape Town to Kimberley. That was about the best place I was at before going down to Cape Town and from thence to England, it was there that a great fight occurred between the Zulu and other Kaffir labourers on Christmas Day in the year 1883. I had at the time a small contract on the Railway Extension from Port Elizabeth to Kimberley, employed some 20 or 25 niggers, and my work lay at about ten miles distance from Deaar—or Brounge—junction. Now at the time of which I write a feud always existed between the Zulu workmen—who, by the way, were then called Delagoa Bay Zulus—and the other niggers of various tribes, who were employed in very large numbers on railway and other public works—for what reason I cannot say I only know that such was the case—which generally culminated in a regular set to. I believe that the occasion of which I am about to write was by no means the first on which blood had been shed, but as it was the only one which came under my notice, I cannot speak of any other.

For some 15 days before Christmas it was pretty openly announced that a grand fight was to come off on the 25th, and the railway contractors, who had their wits about them, had all their 'pick' handles, shovels, etc., carefully stowed away after working hours, but even so a great many implements were stolen to send as weapons at the last. On Christmas Eve the hands knocked off work early, and a continuous line of blacks poured along the road towards Deaar, where the Zulus were mostly engaged. I had at the time an old Zulu nigger working

for me as cook, who rejoiced in the name of "September," who posted me up as to the movements of the opposing factions, and finally left me without dinner, that is to say as far as he was concerned, though a friend of mine and I managed to cook a very decent feed for ourselves. On the night before the fight "September" told me that the battle was to commence at 5 a.m., and I accordingly got my horse up over night to ride over and see the fun. That the attacking party meant business was evident, as all were armed, some with really very formidable weapons, such as axes, picks, handles, "knobkerries," and long heavy canes, to which half sheepshears were tightly lashed to be used as spears. Well, to cut the matter short, I got to Deaar just before 5 a.m. on the eventful morning, to find the fight over, the "mixed tribe" lot had stolen a march on the Zulus, and, taking them by surprise, had completely routed them, but the field of battle presented a horrible sight. As well as I can remember there were about 59 dead and terribly-lacerated bodies lying about, nearly all of which had been Zulus. Poor old "September" crept back the next day with his left hand fearfully smashed, and two wounds on his head, either of which would have killed a white man, and though we doctored him up, he was never quite such a good cook as before, especially when he had taken a lot of "Cape smoke"—Dop brandy. I could never look at his head without thinking of the nigger blacksmith, who, after he had been kicked on the skull by a mule, when asked how he felt, said "O, my head's alright, Boss, but tank de Lord de mule broke his leg." Niggers skulls are thick. The bodies of the slain were buried by contract by a "Nap" at, I think, 7s. 6d. a head. He made a nice little job of it, as he carted them all off to a deep disused well and shunted them in, afterwards tilting a few loads of earth in after them—at least so I was told, and I have no reason to disbelieve the statement. Then the Cape Government resolved to take drastic measures, and sent a troop of Cape Mounted Rifles to the spot, besides two companies of Capetown Volunteers. The parting of the latter from their friends I heard afterwards was pathetic in the extreme, and the consumption of "Three Star French" prodigious; but as the thirst for blood of the swarthy antagonists had already been satisfied, military interference was not called upon. The affair was useful to the bar-keepers at Deaar, as all hands congregated to discuss the matter, and, as talking was dry work, many casks of all kinds of liquid were consumed, and I believe one or two unfortunate wretches kept alternately seeing millions of dead niggers dancing on their heads and in other fantastic positions and imbibing "Cape smoke" to shut out such visions, until life became past bearing, and they resolved to join the great majority themselves. One I know deliberately cut his throat, first announcing that he could not "keep those black bounders off, as they would do for him, so he thought he'd better forestall them," and, before anyone could interfere, he did so. I bought a heavy blood-stained knobkerry from "September" for 2s. 6d., as a memento of the affair, which, with other equally interesting "relics," I carted home and left when I came to this country.

The volunteers returned to their anxious friends in Capetown covered with glory, as they got some good "blank cartridge" practice and were eye witnesses of the place where the fight had been fought. Work went on on the Extension as before, black labour being as plentiful there as "Naps" are here. Deaar is, I believe, quite a considerable town now, but, at the time of which I write, it was composed of a collection of corrugated iron sheds and tents.

The country around is rugged, and eminently fitted for guerrilla warfare, as there is any amount of cover to be found in the ironstone kopjes, which are scattered about in all directions.

(To be Continued.)

ROUND THE TOWN.

The wedding of the week was that of Miss Stella Bell and Dr. J. Posse, which was celebrated at St. John's Church last Wednesday night, the Rev. Thomas Wilkes officiating. The Church, which was most tastefully decorated, was filled to overflowing by the numerous friends of the bride and bridegroom. The bridal party entered the Church well on time, the bride who wore a rich white satin dress, trimmed with old Brussels lace, looked very charming, and was escorted by her father, Mr Thomas Bell. The bridesmaids, the Misses Cora Pasman, Cipriana

Saenz Peña, and Sara Urtubey, were all robed in white, and each carried a pretty shower bouquet of pink roses. The post of groomsman was filled by Mr A. Funes Lastra. A large reception was held after the ceremony, followed by a dance, which was kept up until the early hours.

From Mendoza we hear that the dance got up by the English residents, in honour of the Queen's Birthday, was in every way a complete success. Everything was extremely well managed and nearly all the principal families were represented.

We have rarely known the influenza fiend have such a time of it, as the present, in this city. Every second person one meets has either had it, has got it, or is evidently going to have it. Bad colds are the order of the day, and those who are not suffering from this excessively disagreeable complaint are quite out of the fashion.

Hunting at Hurlingham, with the really excellent pack of draghounds, is quite *the* Sunday amusement just now, and its ever increasing popularity is well deserved. The Master and his lieutenants are doing all in their power to make these weekly runs with the hounds a success, and we are delighted to see their efforts so well appreciated.

We beg to remind our readers that to-night the first performance of the season, by the Amateur Dramatic Club, will be given at Prince George's Hall. Judging by the dress rehearsal which took place on Monday night, a very enjoyable evening may be anticipated.

We have received a circular from the Equitable Life Insurance Company, signed by Mr T. T. Watson, the General Manager of the East Coast of South America, announcing that the Company intends to renew its operations in this city. Mr H. St. John Munro has been named Manager, and the new offices are in the Avenida de Mayo 761, with another entrance from Rivadavia 762.

We were afraid that our critique on the performance of the "Messiah," on the night of June 1st, would degenerate into a diatribe against the weather, but the British Community was not to be frightened by rain and mud on such an occasion, and the Hall was nearly full at half past eight, when the conductor took his place punctually to time. The rendering of Handel's sublime music was pleasing even to those who have often heard it in the Centre of Classical Oratorio. The soloists were all very successful, Mrs Russell Greig, who has improved wonderfully of late, getting much applause for the exhilarating air "Rejoice greatly," which suits the flexibility of her voice. An encore could well have been accepted here as indeed by Miss Reddall for "He was despised," and Mr Leslie Wilson for "Thou shalt dash them," but these singers had enough to do without repeating, and only Mr Colquhoun, whose voice and lungs will stand any amount of pressure, responded to a call for a very spirited rendering of "Why do the Nations." The ladies and gentlemen who took part in the choruses must be congratulated on singing them as well as they are likely ever to be done in a community of this size. The audience was very appreciative and would have liked a repetition of "For unto us" and "Hallelujah," but this was impossible without making the evening too long. Some few of those present had to leave before the end, on account of trains and long distances, but the majority remained to hear the last note of the Amen. Musicians will appreciate the qualities of the orchestra and the training of the choir when told that there was no possibility of arranging a practice together. The only friction caused by this was after the interval when the musicians were hardly ready and caused a little confusion in the attack, but the admirable training of the singers stood them in good stead, and after a bar or two all were together again. In conclusion, we have to heartily congratulate Mr J. Hampden Wall, the popular conductor, whose untiring efforts have resulted in such a brilliant success, and to whom too much praise cannot be given for the patience with which he has devoted his time and talents to form a choir able to tackle such music, and we hope another occasion may soon occur for him to use the bâton.

What a week of bad weather! Matters in this respect reached a climax on Sunday, when it practically poured all day, putting everybody into a bad temper and preventing any out-door sport being enjoyed altogether. The preceding Sunday, it will be remembered, was spoilt by a wet afternoon, so our sportsmen are not having the best of luck as regards the weather just now.

Indeed there was nothing whatever to do last Sunday, and in this point we are inclined to think that this city is far behind all others of its size in the world. We know of no more miserable place on a real wet day than Buenos Aires. Certainly just now we have the "journey through Palestine," but having to wait a couple of hours or more for a seat is hardly sufficient to tempt one out even to view the beauties of the Holy Land. No, old B.A. is certainly a "fair-weather" city.

We have to acknowledge the receipt of Mr Elmer Dwiggin's new book "Pharaoh's Broker," which is extremely interesting, clever and original. The writer has evidently a sound knowledge of physics and astronomy which, in describing a journey to Mars, he turns to excellent account. We shall look forward to Mr Dwiggin's next work.

It is with deep regret that we have to announce the death of Mr B. Wedderburn Ogilvy, late of Mr Benitz's estancia La California, which sad event occurred on board the ss. Cymric, while on his way to South Africa. We are indebted to a home exchange for the following account:

"The death at sea of Private Wedderburn Ogilvy was greatly deplored by the whole contingent, and the young man's funeral, under the unwonted circumstances, made a deep impression. One Yeoman, describing the incident, says:—At twelve noon of the day on which we sailed from Las Palmas, the Fife men were ordered to assemble at the mess tables at once, and all received a great and painful shock when Sergeant-Major Simpson announced that one of our number, Private Wedderburn Ogilvy, was dead. We all knew he had been taken to the hospital that morning ill, but no one understood it was at all serious. We were told to parade at 4 p.m. for the funeral. Groups of Fife men might be seen talking over the sad news, and members of the other corps on board also. Work went on as usual until 4 p.m., when the Fife men were at the stern of the ship, from which the body was lowered. The deceased's sub-section and sergeant had gone to the hospital with another three or four of our number, and presently, headed by Private Cotterill, of the West Kent, playing "Lochaber no more" on the bagpipes, the procession slowly moved towards the stern. First came the captain and officers of the ship, then Colonel Mitford and staff, and then two ship's boys dressed in white. The body, wrapped in a Union Jack, was followed by Sergeant Lumsden. Four officers joined when they arrived at the stern, and after a short prayer the remains of our late comrade were committed to the deep. All of us had the highest regard and esteem for the deceased. He was so very keen and enthusiastic in every way over going into active service, and his experiences at cattle-ranching in South America—a great many of which he had often related to us with great interest—were certain to stand him in good stead at the front. Everyone had a good word for him, and one or two old Argentine friends, whom he had discovered on board among other companies, also had the highest opinion of him. It cast quite a gloom over the Fife Company for a day or two, but soon the day's duties and amusements went on as before. The doctors described his death as due to acute pneumonia. He had been on guard for 24 hours the day previous with myself and others, and he then only complained of a cold.

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NOTES.

It was, of course, found utterly impossible to carry through any of the sporting fixtures arranged for Sunday last, owing to the truly awful weather that prevailed. Thus everything had to be postponed, including the races, football, and golf. We understand that the Rugby Championship match between Lomas and the B.A.F.C., and the second division League fixture between Belgrano and the Porteños A.C. will be played on other dates. Let us hope that the clerk of the weather will be kinder to us in the future.

The La Colina polo tournament promises to be a very great success this year, as in addition to the La Colina and Curumalan teams we hear of at least three others who have entered. Our readers will remember that this tournament was started last year, Mr C. H. Krabbé having presented a handsome challenge cup for it. Last year it was won by the Curumalan team, and we hear they intend, making every effort to retain the trophy.

Of teams from Buenos Aires, the Hurlingham Club-House team and the "Horse-Copers" have entered. The former will consist of Messrs C. Jefferies, R. P. Sidebottom, E. D. Drabble, and T. Robson, while the latter will be represented by Messrs F. J. Balfour, R. Isherwood, R. Scott-Moncrieff, and F. E. Kinchant. A team calling themselves the Nondescripts, and perhaps Baron Peers' native team, may also compete.

It has been decided to postpone the annual Polo Championship Tournament from the original dates, June 28th and following days, to a later date not yet decided upon. In place of the Championship Tournament, it is hoped that the original date will be used for a club tournament, open to any club or team that may care to enter, of which we will give details later on.

We were only able to publish the bare results of the gymkhana meeting, at Venado Tuerto, in our last issue, but have since received more details which we publish in another column. The meeting was held to celebrate the Queen's Birthday, and proved a great success in every way, thanks considerably to the efforts of the energetic Secretary, Mr P. C. Tweedie.

The first of a series of Polo Pony Shows was held at the Crystal Palace on May 28th. There was an encouraging number of entries in the seven classes, and the

quality was good. This being so we heartily congratulate Mr H. E. R. Bedford, whose pony Shandon, which was bred in this country, was placed third in the class for heavy weights, of which there were eighteen.

Referring to this Show the Polo correspondent to *Land and Water* writes:

"The Argentines also scored a success. Biograph, a chesnut, with one of the best forehands I have ever seen on a polo pony, has pace and manners. Shandon, a compact dark brown, of a type which is familiar to us in Elastic, was one of the best trained polo ponies shown. From the ground he looked a little short in the rein."

A correspondent, who has the interests of sport in this country very much at heart, writes us:—"It is a matter of continual wonderment to me why the programmes of the Hurlingham Club should be issued in Spanish and still more so—why they should be published in *Sport and Pastime* in that language and not in English. I was almost tempted to place a query after the word Spanish, for I am not at all sure that some of the programmes would be accepted as correct by real authorities on the language. It is by no means easy for an Englishman to translate from English into correct Spanish, even the ordinary everyday correspondence, but it is still more difficult to do so when the language is technical.

"Surely also the Hurlingham Club is an English Club, and *Sport and Pastime* is even more an English publication, and looked upon as the official organ of all matters relating to sport—and further is a paper which is largely sent home to friends and sportsmen generally who take an interest in the amusements here. Now I would ask you what does a programme printed in *Sport and Pastime* convey to the average Englishman here—less still to the average Englishwoman—and even less to your readers at home? It is by no means an easy task for a man unacquainted with racing expressions to make out a programme in English without falling into errors through ignorance of the proper terms to use. How much more difficult for an Englishman, without thorough command of Spanish, to translate the programme correctly into that language and convey the exact meaning to both nationalities?

"It is apt to make one wonder whether we are making programmes and racing for the amusement of English members and their friends, or for the benefit of the few Argentines who always share in our sport. Surely it would be easier and more rational to make the programme in English and publish it in English for the benefit of members and the community in general, and let a translation be made for the native papers so that others may be able to enter. We are by no means selfish. We want to draw good ponies for Hurlingham and have high class racing, and therefore do all we can to encourage Argentine sportsmen to join us, but that is hardly sufficient reason to make us abjure English and go so far as to print an English programme, in *the English sporting paper*, in Spanish.

"I fancy I can remember the day when it was printed in English without any objection being raised. It is our own language and therefore the one we are best able to convey our real meaning, but I fancy very few of us would care to translate back from the Spanish into English. For example—what is a 'petizo de polo'? No Argentine would call a 58 inch polo pony a 'petizo' to begin with—and does it mean a pony which has played polo, i.e.

qualified? If not, why say *polo* pony? Again does it not seem absurd in a Spanish programme to see 'Pony Hurdle Race,' alongside of 'Premio Preliminar?'

"It is more or less on a par with the Racing Rules. Hurlingham has, if I mistake not, its own Rules of Racing, which are more or less adequate, but when Hurlingham was placed under the protection of, or affiliated to the Jockey Club, the latter club's rules were held to apply. Jockey Club rules, however, are hardly adapted to gallopway and pony racing—they were not framed for them—and in the same manner programmes for pony racing are hardly framed for the Spanish language. Does it not seem to you that both might be dispensed with to advantage, i.e. as far as official work is concerned, although, of course, the programmes could and should be translated as correctly as possible for the benefit of our friends who enjoy our races but do not understand English?

"Do you not think that it is rather a pity that the entries for some of our most important races should close so long before the entries for other races to be run on the same day? I may be wrong, but I think it will tend to reduce rather than increase the fields, which, I take it, is not the end in view. The Members' Cup was run for so early in the year that nobody was prepared with candidates, though it should have been the most popular race of the season, and similarly, I fear, members will be unprepared for the other races—the entries will close too soon.

"It is not here, as it is in England, where owners keep horses from year to year, rear and buy others, and make a business as well as an amusement of racing. We are, after all, a struggling impecunious lot, ready to enter anything we may have at the time fit to run but very few of us keeping animals for the sake of racing them, and, therefore, not having anything to enter so long before the race. Of course nothing is done without a good motive, and it would seem as if this new departure were initiated to prevent people buying or borrowing a horse or a race, at the last moment. If my surmise be correct the object may be attained, but will the result be conducive to good fields under the conditions prevailing in this country? Will it not rather tend to reduce entries, and confine the races to those horses whose owners can afford to keep them from year to year for racing and steeplechasing alone?

"Nothing could be further from my wishes than to exclude or in any way penalise those gentlemen who do a great deal for our racing by keeping good horses and running them, but are we not, on the other hand, penalising the sportsman who would be only too glad to get a horse to enter—for the sport of the thing—if it did not cost him too much? How often do we hear of horses being entered to make a field, which have no chance of winning, but which give the owner or a friend "a good view of the race," which would not be entered as things are now, because one has not had a chance of coming across them!

"For myself, I have a well-bred horse, somewhat fat it is true, but I have had no chance of trying it for speed or endurance or jumping so early in the season, and I know of another which, if it turns out well, I can have—but my means will not allow me to keep both—and I am more than assured that the first string will prove an absolute failure. I certainly should not think of entering either of them now on the chance, although I would certainly try and get something with four legs before the races.

"Our friends, however, are keeping horses from last year and *good* ones, or they would not keep them. They would buy better, and at the price they could afford to pay would see that they *were* better. Surely the old system of closing the entries just before the race would not prejudice anyone, and would allow of more entries to be made. Perhaps it is too late to alter the rule now, but I think the comment is not altogether uncalled for, and the results will show later if it is justified or not."

Thanks to the courtesy of the manager of the "Pacific and European Telegraph Company," we were advised in excellent time of the result of the Derby, and our telephone suffered in consequence! There was general rejoicing in British circles the world over when it became known that the best of good sportsmen, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, had, for the second time, carried off the Blue Ribbon of the Turf. [It will be remembered that the first occasion was four years ago, when Persimmon finished a gallant winner.

Altogether twelve came to the starting post, the eventual winner, Diamond Jubilee starting at 5 to 2. The second and third places were filled by Simondale and Disguise respectively. Surely never before has one experienced what our genial Prince has, for to be shot at, to win the Grand National, the Two Thousand and the Derby, all within the space of ten weeks, must indeed be a unique experience.

Of all the people who had occasion to be disgusted with the detestable weather on Sunday, and that means pretty well every inhabitant of the city and province, those interested in racing had, perhaps, most to complain of. All racegoers, habitual and casual, were on the tip-top of expectation at the meeting, for the first time this year, of Pillito, Dictador, and Valero, the three most renowned champions of the Argentine Turf at this moment. The Premio Hipodromo Argentino, in which this encounter is to occur, also includes among its competitors, Gonin, Ovacion, Le Sancy, Etolo, Leon, Graco, Don Pepe, Bonaparte, and Yerba Amarga, and a more brilliant lot will hardly face the starter this year. Add to this attraction the unusually well filled programme, and the general disappointment can well be appreciated.

At a late hour on Monday night the Committee resolved to hold the postponed meeting on Friday next. The big race will doubtless bring out a certain number of people, but many who are unable to get away on a working day will consider themselves defrauded of a treat. Another effect of this arrangement will be another three days racing with one day between, as there is a full programme for Belgrano on Thursday, and racing men will have a chance, if such a thing is possible, of getting a surfeit.

The Classic for June 10th is the Premio Competencia, 1300 metres, for both sexes, in which Germinal will meet La Marseillaise on even terms, and a victory over this speedy filly would place the son of Stiletto on a higher level than anything that has appeared this year. There are still two untried colts, of whom great things are expected, Penitente, half brother to Pas-si-bête, the highest priced colt of last year, and Primer Consul, own brother to Bonaparte, and as it is quite probable that both of them will make their appearance on this occasion, and be in receipt of three kilos from Germinal and La Marseillaise, we can hope to see the most interesting event hitherto among the young ones this season.

The numerous friends of Mr W. D. Campbell will be glad to hear that, when last heard from, he was safe and well. After many varied experiences he joined the Imperial Light Horse, and in his last letter, extracts from which we have been privileged to see, he was under the impression that his regiment was off to the relief of Mafeking. We wish Mr Campbell all good luck and shall hope to see him back here safe and sound before the end of the year.

The athletic meeting to be held at Rosario on the 14th inst., of which we gave full details in a recent issue, must not be confounded with the annual sports of that club, which will, as usual, be held on August 30th. The meeting on the 14th is only a bye one, just to give the members and their friends a good day's amusement.

The cricket match last month between the M.C.C. and Notts attracted quite a big gate, all attention naturally being centred on the encircling nets and the bye-laws which deal with their use. If a ball hit the net, the batsmen ran all the runs they could and the striker received a bonus of two runs into the bargain. This worked out pretty justly, batsmen and fieldsmen getting a good deal of unusual exercise, and the tariff of runs being about right. As, however, a hit over the nets received but three runs, all told, an obvious injustice was done to the hitter, and we expect that five will be allowed in the future. If hitting, with its risks and the attendant abbreviation of innings, is to be encouraged, the bye-law will have to be altered, so as to give the lively batsman his due reward; otherwise "piffing" will be the lucrative game in the future.

As the game was played the new system was generally voted "stuff and nonsense" at the first inspection but many men, good judges, too, after half an hour of it began to think that the innovation was both amusing and useful. It can hardly last long, however, as runs come appreciably faster and easier, and club matches will consequently be good for averages. In any case it would be an anomaly for one class of big matches to be played under conditions which the counties are bound to find impracticable except by that general *consensus* which is impossible.

According to Worrall, who was over in England with the last Australian cricket team, Harry Trott, the old captain (though much the same in his manner), is showing great form at cricket. He bowls, bats, fields, and runs between wickets now himself. He really bats splendidly, bowls fairly well, and is almost as clever as ever at point. 'He did a smart piece of work the other day,' writes Worrall. "A batsman made a fine cut, Trott stoped it brilliantly with his left hand, picked it up with his right, wheeled round smartly, threw the wicket down, and ran the man out. In an inter-colonial it would have been cheered to the echo."

The annual general meeting of the Hurlingham Club was held on Wednesday afternoon last at the Club's offices in Calle Piedad. Some twenty members attended under the presidency of Mr T. E. Preston. The chief business of the meeting was the election of committees for the ensuing year, each committee to consist of three members and two *suptentes*, the result of the voting being as follows:—

Racing Committee—Messrs R. W. Anderson, A. M. Challinor, G. L. McMorran; Suptentes, Messrs B. Bedford, and J. N. Drysdale.

Election Committee—Messrs J. N. Drysdale, R. W. Anderson, T. S. Boadle; Suptentes, Messrs F. Henderson, and J. M. Mullaly.

Cricket and Football Committee—Messrs J. Stuart, E. L. Rumboll, B. Bedford; Suptentes, Messrs A. Lace, and J. O. Anderson.

Rackets and Bat Fives Committee—Messrs R. A. Sumner, J. K. Cassels, A. S. Willes; Suptentes, Messrs J. Drysdale, and B. Bedford.

Polo Committee—Messrs R. S. Moncrieff, F. J. Balfour, J. M. Mullaly; Suptentes, Messrs B. Bedford, and A. M. Challinor.

Golf Committee—Messrs T. T. Watson, V. G. G. Scroggie, F. Henderson; Suptentes, Messrs T. S. Boadle, and R. Paton.

Pigeon Shooting Committee—Messrs J. M. Mullaly, H. K. Penrose, C. Jefferies; Suptentes, Messrs A. Ballauf, and F. Henderson.

House Committee—Messrs W. Harnett, J. M. Mullaly, D. Robertson; Suptentes, Messrs A. S. Willes, and C. Jefferies.

These elections concluded, the meeting closed.

FOOTBALL.

ARGENTINE ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL LEAGUE FIXTURES—SEASON 1900.

DIVISION I.

June 14—Quilmes v. English High School, at Quilmes.
June 14—Belgrano v. Lomas, at Belgrano.
June 17—Quilmes v. Lomas, at Quilmes.
June 17—Belgrano v. Rosario, at Rosario.
June 29—Quilmes v. Belgrano, at Quilmes.
July 8—Belgrano v. Albion F.C., at Montevideo.
July 9—Belgrano v. C. U. Railway, at Peñarol, M.V.
July 9—Lomas v. English High School, at Lomas.
July 22—English High School v. Belgrano, at Belgrano.
July 29—Belgrano v. Lomas, at Quilmes.
Aug. 15—Quilmes v. English High School, at Coghlan.
Aug. 26—Final of Cup Tie.
Aug. 26—Belgrano v. Albion F.C., at Belgrano.
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.

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 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

RUGBY FIXTURES—SEASON 1900.

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.

LOMAS A.C. v. BELGRANO AC.

The above Championship match will be played next Sunday at Belgrano, on the old ground. Train leaves Retiro at 2.25 p.m. (B.A. y R.) The following will represent Lomas:—

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 Half-backs—H. Mohr Bell, B. A. Iles.
 Forwards—F. H. Jacobs (capt.), L. Jacobs, E. H. Liveridge, H. P. Wright, R. H. Smiles, A. A. Miller, B. Carlyle, H. Campbell.
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ESTANCIA AND COLONY.

The Provincial Department of Engineers has sent to Dolores, Castellí, Maipú, Las Flores, Rauch, Ayacucho, Olavarria and Pilar, engineers and peons to destroy all embankments, made by estancieros or others, that impede the natural course of the water after the recent rains. Culverts are also to be made in various parts of the line of the Southern Railway.

On Thursday morning last a heavy fall of hailstones took place in the town of Las Piedras, B.O., causing great damage to vines, alfalfa, and crops in general.

From the 26th of March to the 30th ult., the River Plate Frozen Meat Company, at Campana, had killed 6,400 head of cattle. During the past year this company exported 787,000 frozen sheep carcasses, while it is estimated that this year the total will reach no less than 1,250,000.

The estancia "Los Nogales," at the Correas station of the Magdalena branch of the Southern Railway, was sold last week by Messrs. Roman, Bravo and Co, and realized the sum of \$642,824.29. The camp was divided into four lots, that of Los Nogales Los Tambos, Las Chacras, and La Invernada. Los Nogales, comprising 1,349 hectareas, was bought by Dr. B. Llerena, at the rate of \$170 the hectarea; Los Tambos, 847 hectareas, by Mr. C. Videla, at \$180 the hectarea; Las Chacras, 1,140 hectareas and a fraction, by Mr. B. Ginocchio, at \$146 the hectarea; and La Invernada, 725 hectareas and a fraction, by Mr. V. Navarro, at \$130 the hectarea.

The "Live Stock Journal" says that it appears as though the fact that Argentine ponies are used for Polo playing in England has been duly noted in America, and also that it will be responsible for the importation of cow ponies into Great Britain from the States. Whether the manners and mouths of these ponies will prove all that is desired by Polo players is a matter that time will show after the cow ponies have had a trial, but the one thing which should be expected of them is stamina, and that is a point in their favour. The cow pony should likewise be found speedy and full of courage; but whether they succeed or not, it is questionable whether British breeders could not produce better players from the materials they have at hand if only they possessed the energy to do so.

Now that the remount difficulty in South Africa seems to have been pretty nearly disposed of, the newspaper correspondents have turned to the veterinary deficiencies. One of them telegraphs from Bloemfontein that with the increase in the number of horses, the deficiencies of the veterinary department are becoming more apparent. It is, he says, a question which appeals directly to the pocket of the taxpayer. "Large sums are being wasted weekly from the absolute inability of the staff provided to undertake the necessary work." We think, however, that the difficulties referred to will soon be surmounted. Perhaps the reported outbreak of horse sickness among the animals in the Natal division of the Army may prove to be a more serious matter, and it is hoped that the ailment may prove to be of a mild type and not be widespread.

Shorthorn breeders in the United States are just now obtaining some fine prices for their best animals. At a sale of a draft of fifty head from the herd belonging to Mr. F. A. Webster, an average of over £80 was realised. Six animals made four-figure prices in dollars, the highest price being realised for a six-year-old cow named Golden Lassie, sired by Gaveston, which was knocked down to Mr. Casey, Shawnee, at £400. Mr. Casey also purchased Lavender Countess, a four-year-old cow, for £240, and a six-year-old cow, Linwood Victoria 26th, at £215. Another six-year-old cow name Mysie Cromwell, sired by Cromwell, was sold to the Iowa Agricultural College for £206; and a seven-year-old cow, Gondola, sired by Mino-taur, went to Messrs. Biglet for £230. The highest priced bull was Golden Lad, a two-year-old, sired by Duke of Oakland, which went to Mr. Beaumont, Newhaven, at £200.

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Some more good prices were realised at the annual sale of Shorthorns belonging to Mr. H. F. Brown, Minneapolis, which was attended by breeders from all parts of the United States. Here the top figure was £221, which was given for a cow named Spicy of Browndale 4th, calved on October 30th, 1393, the purchaser being Mr. M. J. Wood, Williamsport, Ohio. The two next highest were £146 and £140, obtained for two cows, named respectively Red Empress, an imported animal, calved on March 2nd, 1891, and Spicy of Browndale 8th, calved January 20th, 1898. Three other females realised £100; and several made considerably over £60 each; but only one bull sold for a three-figure price, and that was Nominee, calved on November 2nd, 1892.

A friend just down from Entre Rios informs us that the "fiebre aftosa" is very prevalent in the camps round and about Gualeguay, but that the disease is of so mild a nature that the animals are well again in four days, and lose very little in condition.

The Polish Colony at Apóstoles, Misiones, which was founded in 1897, now consists of over 260 families. The colonists have built a church and a school-room, which has accommodation for eighty children. Everything in the Colony has a look of prosperity about it—fat cattle, poultry and other domestic animals—while on every side there are to be seen well-cultivated clearings of maize, mandioca, rice, linseed, cotton, and vegetables. The Governor of Misiones, Sr. Lanusse, has forwarded samples of the cotton grown there to the chief of the immigration department in Buenos Aires, Sr. Juan A. Alsina, with the idea of getting it known here.

The principal topic of consideration among camp men, during the past week, has been the terrible floods down South, which have done—and are doing—an incalculable amount of damage, both to crops and live stock. Thousands and thousands of animals have been drowned, while as many are dying of starvation. The actual state of affairs is almost impossible to realise without seeing it. Round and about Las Flores the water in places comes up to the roofs of the ranches, while from Chascomus to Dolores, from Maipu to Ayacucho and from Rauch to Canuelas, there is one huge sea of water. It is impossible yet to estimate with any idea of accuracy the probable losses, but that they have been—and will be—enormous is, we fear, only too true. The news late yesterday was a little better, but it will be a very long time before the waters can properly recede, meanwhile everything possible is being done to save the live stock.

We take the following from an English exchange, dated May 5th:

"There seems little prospect of any advance in the price of wheat for some time to come. It has remained for a considerable time about 26s. a quarter, and if anything the tendency is downward. The Argentine farmers are forwarding record shipments, for the outbreak of plague which was expected to delay delivery, has fortunately been confined to small dimensions, and has caused no great inconvenience to commerce. So far as regards English prospects, the young wheats, though, like all other vegetation, backward, show very strong and healthy in the brairds, and the fields are few which display the yellow tinge which betoken the effect of spring frosts. The recent damp and warm weather has had the result of bringing on the herbage, and farmers will no longer have to buy so much bran, which has lately formed a considerable item in their expenditure.

"The Board of Agriculture's order, prohibiting the importation of live cattle from Argentine and Uruguay, came into force on May 1, and not at all too soon, for there seems no reasonable doubt that that part of the world has been the source of the recent infection, which has resulted in the outbreaks in Norfolk and Suffolk. For some time to come, the live meat trade with South America must be considered at an end, and though the step will cause not a little inconvenience to Liverpool shipowners, we fear there was no alternative. Before the order was received in Buenos Aires, several ships had taken out their cargo and sailed for the Mersey. The Parana brought 309 cattle and 1,203 sheep to the home port on Saturday, but on examination a clean bill

of health was shown. The Severus, on the other hand, which came into port on Monday, had several cases on board, and all the cattle and sheep were promptly slaughtered at the lairages under a special order from the Board of Agriculture. The like fate befel the cargo of the Bellagio, of 230 oxen and 1,200 sheep, for this also was found to be seriously infected."

KIPLING AND THE OTHER TWO.

I think we all have, consciously or unconsciously, our favourite numbers, and Mr Rudyard Kipling's is three. In most of his strongest stories he limits himself to three leading characters, as though he instinctively felt that he could handle that number with most ease and skill. We see the habit crystallized, as it were, in "Soldiers Three," but the influence of the familiar numeral pervades all his work, from his "Schoolboy Lyrics" upwards; and, as nothing exists without a cause, we may ask why it should inevitably have been "Soldiers Three" and not "Soldiers Two" or "Four?" Mr Kipling supplies a clue in his more recent creation of "Stalky and Co." In a different rank of life, "Stalky and Co." are merely Mulvaney Ortheris, and Learoyd in their teens. They bear just the same relation to their school as the three immortal Tommies to their regiment. At once its pride and its disgrace always in trouble and always admired or feared by the others; thoroughly understood and highly valued by any sympathetic spirit placed in authority over them, but an uncommonly awkward team to drive in ordinary harness pre-eminent in wordly wisdom, but always lagging behind the rest in the routine duty that wins professional or school rewards—in a word, these brilliant black sheep of their respective flocks, "Soldiers Three" and "Stalky and Co." are the same persons.

And another very marked coincidence deserves notice, namely, that in each of the triple alliances there is one predominant partner standing head and shoulder above the other two in presence of mind, wisdom, and resourcefulness. What "Stalky" is to Beetle and McTurk Mulvaney is to Ortheris and Learoyd. The stories might in fact, be re-named "Mulvaney and Co." and "Schoolboys Three" without any loss of aptness; while, if we could drop the three schoolboys a few notes in the social scale, and give them the soldiers' variant dialects, we might re-name them Mulvaney, Ortheris, and Learoyd, and read the two works as merely two sections of the lives of the same three characters. Moreover, this analysis of the relation which the individuals of each trio bear to each other holds more or less in all of Kipling's three-charactered tales. In each there is one man of commanding character, such as, to take an instance, Strickland. He is almost always a strange, but grandly sympathetic figure like Mulvaney, and takes into his confidence and friendship, a genial, quick-witted friend like Ortheris. The third person of the trio varies more; he is introduced on a set purpose to make the story, but unconsciously to complete the trio. This third person is often the nominal hero, but more often, perhaps, the victim in the narrative; though, apart from the miraculous vivid description of the incidents which befall him, the whole power of the story is concentrated in the declination of the character of the first person, as "Soldiers Three," in spite of the numerous episodes in which Ortheris and Learoyd are separately concerned, may be described as the history of Mulvaney. Even when Mulvaney is absent his influence is over it all. He is still the captain and the guiding star of "the other two," Strickland similarly dominates the tales with which he is connected; and we may select to illustrate this, that terrible nightmares sketch, "The Mark of the Beast." How little we think of Fleete, his sentiments and feelings. The grim resourcefulness of Strickland and his recourse to fearful measures of salvation which the narrator scarcely dares to hint at form the real theme of the story. It is Mulvaney, or Stalky, on another plane, with his confident Ortheris or Beetle dealing with a desperate emergency. Fleete is still Learoyd, although he has been stamped with "The Mark of the Beast," and has become a beast; for we need only to take the story of Greenhow Hill, in which Learoyd conceived a cowardly plan to murder the Minister, and imagine the measure which Mulvaney, had he been present, might have been forced to take, with the aid and approval of Ortheris, to cure him of his madness, to have a fair parallel to the story of Fleete's demoniacal possession and its removal. Stalky and Beetle, too, would have stopped at no half measure.

...sures had McTurk exhibited symptoms of the influence of the Evil One.

And this comparison carries us to another fact, namely, that the second person in each of Kipling's trinities, is, consciously or unconsciously, himself. We are all guided in alter-life by the experiences of childhood, and Kipling naturally places himself in the position which he occupied at school, midway between two companions, one of whom he revered as leader. The hero-worship of boyhood never leaves us entirely like the measles or the love of sour apples; and in the aptitude of Ortheris towards Mulvaney, of the "I" in the Strickland stories towards Strickland, or of Beetle towards Stalky, we see Kipling's unconscious photographs of his own mind. That the narrative of Stalky and Co—or, at least, the relation of the conspirators towards their schoolfellows and masters—is founded upon the actual experiences of Kipling's life at school, appears from one of his very earliest writings, "The Dusky Crew," incorporated in a tiny volume which was printed for private circulation in 1881, four years before the first edition of "Departmental Ditties" appeared. The volume is called "Schoolboy Lyrics," and is known to very few, even among the most enthusiastic of Kipling collectors. The opening verse runs:—

Our heads were rough and our hands were black
With the ink stain's midnight hue,
We scouted all, both great and small,
We were a dusky crew.
And each boy's hand was against us raised
'Gainst me, and the other two.

Here we have a very life-like description of Stalky and Co., written by young Kipling at the very time when he was the lieutenant in that now world-famous gang. And the accuracy of the likeness grows in the second verse:—

We chased the hare from her secret lair,
We roamed the woodlands through,
In parks and grounds far out of bounds
Wandered our dusky crew.
And the keepers swore to see us pass,
Me, and the other two.

This is a complete epitome of the opening chapters of "Stalky and Co.," and leaves no doubt as to the identity of that redoubtable trio with "The Dusky Crew." Among their other achievements, the Dusky Crew grow and eat lettuces and cress "in secret caves in the cold, dark earth," and "The radish red gave sweets repast To me, and the other two." But the hand of fate falls heavily upon them, as it falls at times in the story upon Stalky and Co.

Our lettuces are dead and gone,
Our plans have fallen through;
We wander free in misery,
We are a wretched crew;
For a master's wrath has fallen on us,
On me, and the other two.

He found our cave in the cold dark earth,
He crept the branches through;
He caught us all in our Council Hall,
Caught us, a dusky crew;
To punishment he led us all,
Led me, and the other two.

That this represents a climax of the misfortunes of Stalky, Beetle, and McTurk, at "The Coll." or—Kipling, and—at Westward Ho there can be no doubt whatever; and a triumvirate of schoolboys which included in their number one who could thus versify their disasters must have had mirthful times when fortune smiled upon them. There are men in the service who distinctly recollect Kipling at school in the "Beetle" days, but none who anticipated the fame that awaited their short-sighted, undersized, and queerly-gifted playmate. To the masters he was a conundrum, but the "other two"—well to the other two he was, *mutatis mutandis*, what Ortheris is to Mulvaney and Learoyd, the "little man" with the ready tongue and bantam pluck, without whom no good fortune was complete, and with whom no bad luck was beyond alleviation by cheery jest and eccentric philosophy.

If we bear all this in mind we can understand why, with infinite variety of incident and amazing range of fancy, so many of Kipling's tales are built on the same round plan; and why the keynote of almost all is hero-worship, and the worship of that class of hero who is the British schoolboy's ideal. With no more respect for authority than is necessary to maintain the good reputation of that which you honour—your school, your service, or

your country—with no more scruple as to the employment of means than is consonant with the achievement of an honourable end; but with no meanness and no cowardice—the schoolboy's cardinal sins—and no shirking of the worst, if the worst must come—such are the qualities of Kipling's heroes. Such were Stalky and Strickland and Mulvaney; and by the side of each stands a figure, sometimes clearly defined, like Beetle and Ortheris, sometimes indistinct, like Strickland's confidant and friend, but always the same. Smaller in stature but readier of tongue, faithful to his leader and to his leader's ideals, this is Kipling the schoolboy and Kipling the man.

Compared with Stalky and Beetle, Mulvaney and Ortheris, or Strickland and "I," the third person is the "general utility" man of the company; and, save in such tales as those already referred to—"On Greenhow Hill" and "The Mark of the Beast," where the third person is the hero or victim of the story—his individuality could be spared from it. Any other person would have done as well. Thus the effect of "the other two" upon Rudyard Kipling and his work may be narrowed down almost to the effect of one only—the leader. Whether as Stalky, Mulvaney, or Strickland, he is a being apart from his kind with virtues revealed to a few; a man hard as nails and straight, where he sees his duty, as a carpenter's rule; a man without tear or favour; clear-headed and strong-armed, wise in thought and prompt in action. It may be that, like Stalky, he sets all rules at defiance; that like Mulvaney, he puts his foot through the letter of the Ten Commandments; that, like Strickland, he shrinks from no fracture of the penal code to attain his proper ends; but he remains a hero, worthy of hero-worship, a figure of superhuman size, with just such virtues as youth admires, and just such defects as youth condones. Hence Kipling's enduring preference for the men of action, such men as the Indian frontier breeds, and such men as we send to rule them. In each of his fine characters we see the incarnation of the ideal Stalky grown to manhood; by his side we see, either a narrator or companion, the adult Beetle; and when the third is added, whether Learoyd or another, we merely have unconsciously crystallized, in immortal prose, the schoolboy relations of "Me and the other Two."

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"It looks a moral for him, guv'nor, don't it?"

The two men were closeted together in a private room of one of the principal hotels at Hillborough one morning in late October. The first speaker, Bulger by name, a big man, attired in checks of aggressive pattern, and with the "mug" of an ex-pugilist, was a leading penciller; his companion, the person whom he addressed as "Jerry," was smaller and slighter of build, dressed entirely in rusty black, with a hairless, white face, and a pair of pale blue eyes with a look of infantile innocence in them that might have deceived the keenest man-hunter from Scotland Yard. In appearance he looked a poverty-stricken Dissenting minister or open-air preacher; in reality, he was one of the boldest and most unscrupulous ruffians that ever infested the shady outskirts of the Turf.

"Now, Jerry," Bulger went on, "what I want to know is—can anything be done? You've helped me out of a hole before now, and I tell you I never was in a worse one."

"You see, guv'nor, there's so little time," objected Jerry; "the race is run to-morrow, and the boss is here watching night and day. Why didn't you send for me sooner?"

"Because I was a blamed idiot—because I believed it that ass, Malkin, as told me his horse, Flasher, was sure to beat Greenfield. And only yesterday he comes and tells me as he hasn't an earthly while Greenfield keeps well—yah!"

"Well, guv'nor," said Jerry, speaking in the softest and mildest of voices, "you can't hardly blame Malkin. Who was to know that Greenfield would improve some think like two stuns in a fortnight?"

"Yes, there's some truth in that," admitted Bulger, "and it's all because they've put up the stable-lad instead of a jockey."

"By jingo! you've given me an idea," cried Jerry with more animation than he had yet displayed. "What if that lad—Birch, don't they call him?—couldn't ride to-morrow?"

"Great Scott!" Bulger exclaimed, "you've hit Jerry. If you can only manage that—but there, it's impossible," he added, despondently.

"We shall see about that," returned Jerry, with quiet confidence. "It must be something jolly tough as I'd call it impossible. Now, guv'nor, let's get to business. If I can contrive to keep this lad out of the way till the race is run, what'll the job be worth?"

"A hundred quid," returned the other, in a burst of generosity.

Jerry shook his head. "Not good enough—not my chinks. Just think how many thousands you'd drop if the boss was to go and win, eh? Now, if Birch don't ride, it's a hundred to one against Greenfield tryin' a yard; an' 'stead o' bein' pretty nigh broke you'll collar a decent bloke to say nothink of the chance of Flasher winnin'. Now, guv'nor; my terms is three hundred."

Bulger vainly endeavoured to haggle, but Jerry remained firm, and ultimately his terms were accepted.

On the following morning, about ten o'clock, Jerry Birch, little dreaming of the perils in store for him, came out of the Horse and Trumpet, where he was staying with the trainer, his master, and, lighting a cigarette, set out for a short stroll. He was in the highest possible spirits for he saw, as he believed, the high road to fortune stretching straight before him. In a fortunate hour he met him, Greenfield, then a two-year old, had been placed in his charge, and a strong affection grew up between the horse and his attendant. Jemmy was naturally kind hearted, and he had perfect control of his temper, so that none of the horses he looked after were ever ill-treated by him. He made pets of most of them, but his particular favourite was Greenfield, who, quite intractable to other hands, was in his hands as quiet as an old sheep. When a jockey tried to handle him Greenfield became a perfect terror. He would bolt out of the course, jump the rails, throw the rider—do anything, in fact, but gallop. In consequence till the autumn of his three-year-old days not a single event, great or small, had been placed to his credit. It was that his trainer, Judson, noticing how admirably the horse behaved while in Birch's care, decided on giving

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"He can't do worse than the best of the jockeys have done," reasoned the trainer, "and may possibly do much better."

So Jemmy's heart was filled with delight when informed that he was to have his first ride in public on the back of his favourite. Greenfield, as usual, was down among the bottom lot with 6st 7lb, and the lad, who was about seventeen years of age, could just manage to do the weight comfortably.

To the surprise of everybody, and the consternation of not a few, Greenfield went to the front at fall of flag and remained there throughout, winning in a hack canter. For the Hillborough Handicap, to be run a week later, his weight, including a 10lb penalty, was no more than 7st 3lb, and punters looked in vain for his conqueror. The race, indeed, seemed to be all over bar shouting; the betting naturally collapsed; and people like Bulger, who had laid long odds against Greenfield before his recent victory, found themselves with ruinous books to face.

Jemmy Birch had not proceeded far when he was accosted by a pale-faced, simple-looking man in a smart livery, who touched his hat respectfully and said: "Beg pardon, sir, but might you be Mr Birch?"

Quite flabbergasted by this ceremonious style of address, Jemmy stammered out, "Y—yes."

"Captain Belmont's compliments, sir, and he wishes to see you at once. I was to take a cab the minute I found you."

Curiously enough, a disengaged four-wheeler came along at that very moment, and before he fairly knew what he was about, Jemmy found himself seated inside with the man in livery, while the cab was driven away at a rapid pace.

It was certainly an unusual thing, but still there was nothing in it to excite alarm or suspicion in the lad's mind, for Captain Belmont was the owner of Greenfield, and might easily have something important to say to his jockey on the morning of the race.

"The captain is stopping at the Great Northern, isn't he?" ventured Jemmy, presently.

"He has rooms there, was the reply, "but just now he is staying with a friend of his a little way out of the town. We shall soon be there."

There was no further conversation, and Jemmy was speculating in a dreamy sort of way as to what Captain Belmont could possibly have to say to him, when he was rudely aroused by an arm thrown suddenly round his neck, while a handkerchief, saturated with something caustic and stifling was pressed forcibly to his mouth and nostrils. The lad struggled violently, but his assailant, though small of stature, was wiry and muscular, and presently he fell back insensible; the chloroform had done its work.

When consciousness returned to him, Jemmy found himself lying upon a sofa in a small, meanly-furnished room, and close by, in a comfortable old armchair, sat the man who had so cruelly deceived him. He had cast aside his livery, and now wore a suit of faded black—he was none other, in fact, than Bulger's friend Jerry.

"Well, young 'un, waked up, 'ave year?" he said, with pleasant smile.

The lad's faculties were still all abroad, and it was some time before he could collect himself sufficiently to demand—

"What does it all mean? What have I done?"

"Now, don't you trouble your little self," returned Jerry, soothingly, "you're as safe 'ere as if you was at home in bed, as long as you take things quiet and don't make no row. If you was to attempt to call out, for instance," continued Jerry, baring his gums in a wolfish smile, "I should just let daylight into yer with this little beauty." And from his breast-pocket he produced a small five chambered revolver.

Jemmy was a lad of strong common sense, and he at once recognised the futility of resistance; still, there could be no harm in asking for an explanation. The whole business was a mystery to him. "How long are you going to keep me here?" he inquired.

"On'y till 'alf-past three or a quarter to four."

"Oh!" groaned Jemmy, "the race will be over by then."

"Yes," returned the other, with a wicked twinkle in his eyes, "the race will be all over then—see?"

The poor lad saw but too plainly, and was completely crushed by his misfortune. He realised that he was the victim of a wicked conspiracy to prevent his riding Gre-

enfield in the big race, and without him he knew well the colt would refuse to gallop. What would Judson—what would Captain Belmont—think of him? For all he could tell they might think he had disappeared of his own free will—bribed to it, most probably. Oh! the shame, the misery of it! He saw his career blighted, his character ruined, and, boy as he was, the tears started to his eyes.

"Oh! how I wish I could kill you!" he burst out at length.

Jerry laughed genially. "Your feelin's does you credit, youngster," he said; "but you ain't got the chance—nor won't. You can 'ave grub, or liquor, or smoke—anythink in reason; but you don't stir from this spot till the time I've mention d. So now make yourself at 'ome."

But Jemmy was altogether too miserable to be solaced by creature comforts, and lay for hours in silent wretchedness.

Bulger was informed as speedily as possible of the successful carrying out of his confederate's plan, and he jumped from his chair in delight. "Well done, Jerry!" he roared out. "By Christopher, it's the best bit of news I've heard for a twelvemonth!"

And when the messenger had departed he summed up the situation thusly—"I can make a reg'lar pile out of the bloomin' favourite to-day. It's a good thousand to one against him winning, and they'll tumble over one another to get six to four. Lor, what a game it'll be!"

At the time it undoubtedly looked all the odds, and yet, strangely enough, the very long shot was destined to come off, through the intervention of that mysterious entity known as the Clerk of the Weather. The morning was cloudy and overcast, and towards the afternoon it grew blacker and blacker. The first two races were run and the jockeys were being weighed out for the principal event when the storm burst—a storm the like of which had never been witnessed by anybody at Hillborough. The opening signal was an appalling crash of thunder, followed by another and another. Then "the heavens were rent asunder," and rain, mingled with hail, came down in torrents. Shortly after, a mighty wind arose, which in a brief space overturned a refreshment booth on the course, and threatened every moment to tear down the grandstand itself. Everybody sought shelter wherever it could be found; but the great mass of the people stood helplessly in the open, while the rain drenched them and the hailstones—some solid lumps of ice—cut and bruised their faces.

When the storm had raged for about an hour the stewards held a consultation in their room. What was to be done? There was not the least sign of abatement, and to send jockeys out to face such awful atmospheric conditions would be little short of murder. Besides, the short October day was rapidly drawing to a close, and soon there would be no light at all. By degrees the inevitable conclusion forced itself upon them: for the first time in its long history the Hillborough Handicap must be—*postponed!*

The decision was at once communicated to all within reach, and yet, so terrific was the fury of the elements, none but the tempest-tossed outsiders ventured to leave the course.

"Gory Hades!" yelled Bulger, when he heard the news, for all at once the stunning fact came home to him that the hour when young Birch would be liberated was past. He hoped with all his soul that Jerry, seeing the unusual conditions, might have the wisdom to detain him; but alas it was scarcely to be expected.

As a matter of fact the idea of postponement never entered Jerry's mind—how could it, indeed, seeing that such a thing had never happened before? And soon after the appointed time Jemmy was placed in the same cab which had done duty in the morning, and conveyed to within a short distance of the Horse and Trumpet. The astonishment and delight of Judson may be imagined when, on his return from the course, he found the missing lad and heard his story.

Needless to say, there was no other opportunity given to the enemy, and next day Jemmy found no difficulty in steering Greenfield to victory.

FIXTURES.

RACING.

June 7—Hipódromo Nacional, Belgrano.

June 8—Hipódromo Argentino, Palermo.

June 10—Hipódromo Argentino, Palermo.

GOLF.

JUNE.

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.
 Sun. 24—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

HURLINGHAM FIXTURES—SEASON 1900.

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

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

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

POLO.

June 9, 10—La Colina Polo Club Annual Tournament.

ATHLETICS.

June 24—Rosario A.C. Sports, at Plaza Jewell, Rosario.

LIST OF CLUBS WITH THEIR SECRETARIES.

ATHLETIC CLUBS.

AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION OF THE RIVER PLATE—*Blue and White*—E. Danvers, Piedad 475.
 BANFIELD—*Maron and Old Gold*—J. H. Quick, Contaduria, F.C.S., Plaza Constitucion.
 BARKER MEMORIAL SCHOOL—*Blue and Gold*—H. S. Chappell, Las Golondrinas, Lomas de Zamora, F.C.S.
 BELGRANO—*Black and Gold*—J. R. S. Fox, Avenida de Mayo 748.
 CENTRAL ARGENTINE RAILWAY—*Red and White*—R. H. Chamberlin, Almacenes, F.C.C.A., Rosario.
 CORDOBA—E. R. Fowler, F.C.C.C., Cordoba.
 CORDOBA AND ROSARIO RAILWAY—H. Dorning, Almacenes, F.C.C. y R., Rosario.
 ENGLISH HIGH SCHOOL—*Red and White*—A. Coste, Santa Fé 3590.
 FLORES—*Magenta, Black and Blue, with narrow White Stripes between*—B. G. Henderson, Estacion Once, F.C.O.
 LANUS (F.C.S.)—*Dark Blue*—F. W. Fothergill, Plaza Constitucion, F.C.S.
 LOBOS—*Blue and Red*—H. Wilson, Rivadavia 639.
 LOMAS—*Lincoln Green, Scarlet and Gold*—R. L. Goodfellow, Lomas Academy, Lomas de Zamora, F.C.S.
 PALERMO—*Red, Blue and White*—A. J. Rugeroni, Piedad 345.
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 FISHERTON—G. W. Hamill, c/o. F.C.C. y R., Rosario.
 FLORES—M. Leishman Runciman, Avenida de Mayo 651.
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 JUJUY—*Black*—N. Leach, Salta (Argentina).
 LABOULAYE—*Green and White*—W. J. Grant, Laboulaye, F.C.P.
 LA CARLOTA—John C. Todd, Estacion Villa Nueva, F.C.V.M. á Rufino.
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 LA VICTORIA—*Brown and Yellow*—Magnus Fea, Estacion El Trebol, F.C.C. / Locusts—*Red*—C. A. Hay, La Langosta, Venado Tuerto.
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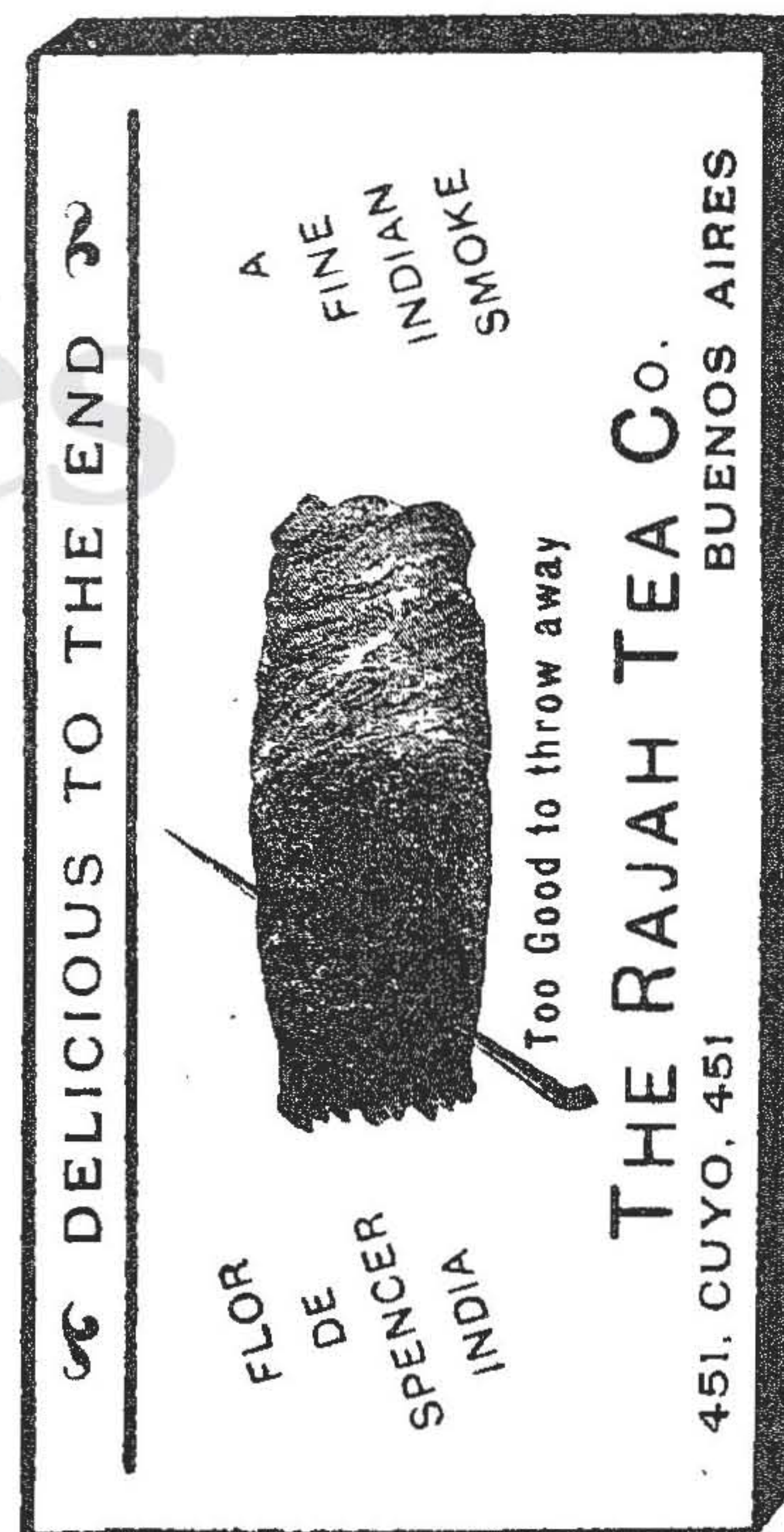
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