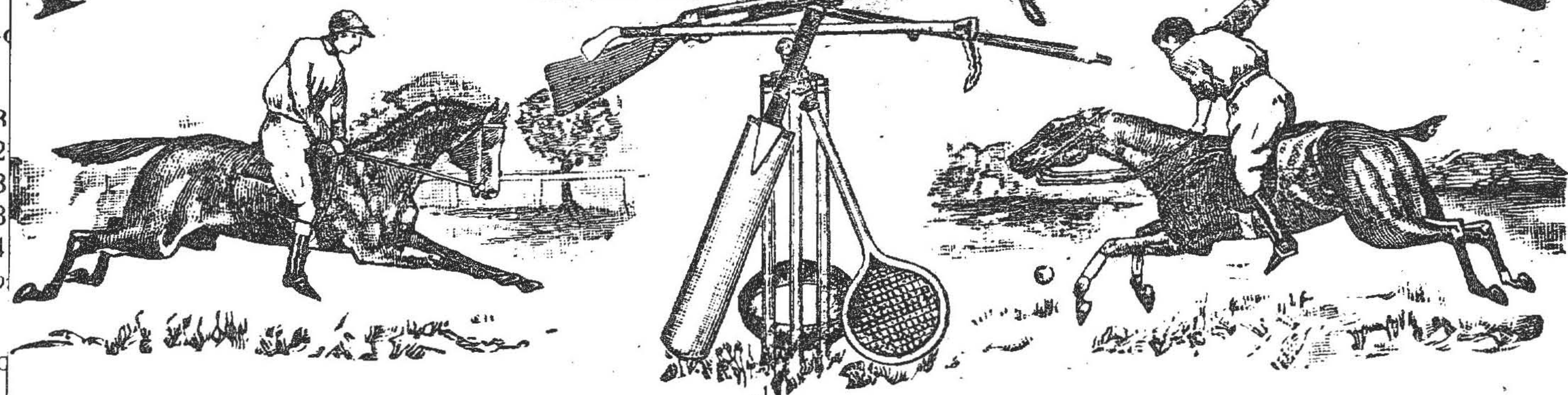


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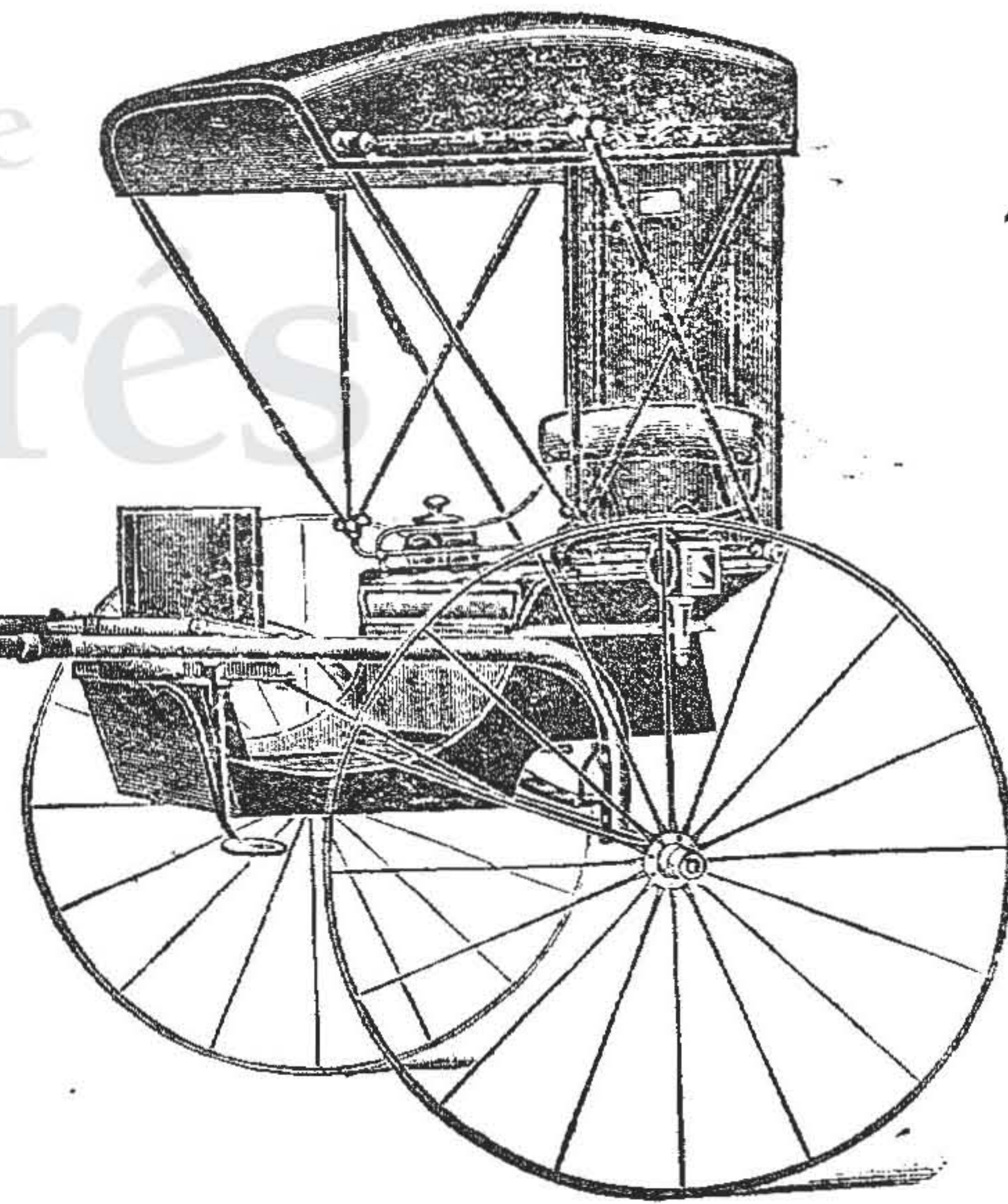
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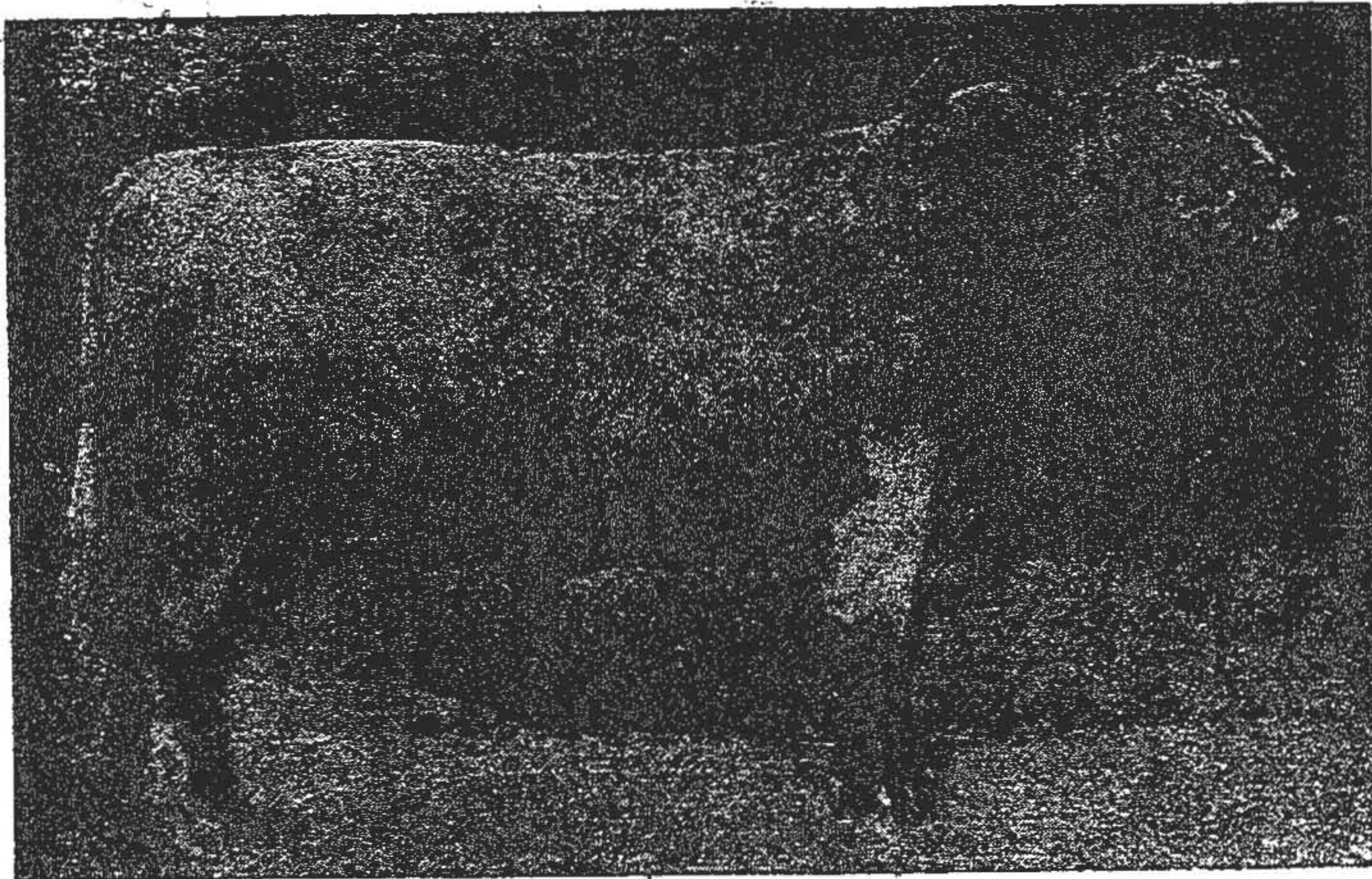
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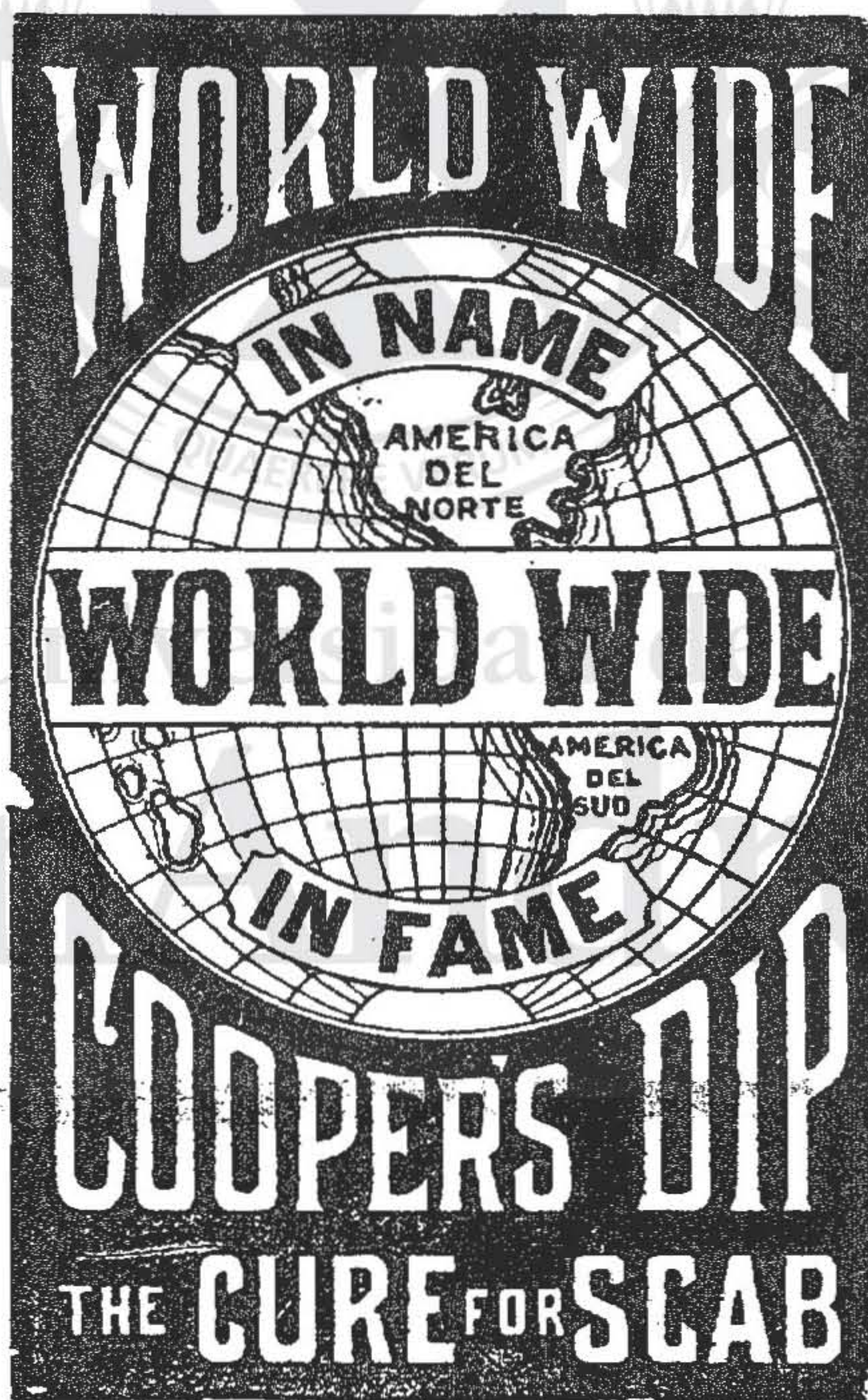
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GOLF.

Members of the Buenos Aires Golf Club are notified herewith that the third Monthly Competition, originally fixed for June 24th, has been postponed to June 29th.

On the same day the Rigby Shield, under handicap, the Logan Cup, under handicap, and Smith's Cup, scratch, will be played over a course of eighteen holes. Any members of the B. A. Golf Club, who go in for the St. Andrew's Competition, will thus only have their first and second rounds accepted for the above events.

We hear that some of the visitors to the Lomas links last Sunday were horrified at their condition. Had these same people seen the links some three or four weeks back they would hardly have believed them to be the same. In addition to the exceptional amount of wet, it is obvious that the links have been overworked recently, and have not had a fair chance during this wet weather. One had only to look at the eighth green to see that such was the case.

The ground between the two arroyos, which has to be crossed when playing the first, second, and third holes, was a bad swamp pure and simple, and although we were told that casual water was allowed, the privilege of lifting and dropping behind without losing a stroke was rarely taken advantage of, for it was positively *all* water. We trust that the links will have a good rest, at all events throughout this week, for they need it.

Should the links allow of it, and no more rain falls, the third Monthly Competition of the Lomas Club will be held next Sunday. As far as we know this is the only golfing fixture down for decision, and accordingly there should be a large turn up of members.

ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY GOLF COMPETITION.

The above competition will be held on Friday, June 29th, on the Rivadavia links. There will be three series of competitions, the details of which are as follows:

(1). A Scratch Competition, open to members of the St. Andrew's Society only. The winner will receive a medal, and a silver cup, which has to be won twice before it becomes the actual property of any competitor.

(2). A Handicap Competition, open to members of the St. Andrew's Society, for which three prizes will be given.

(3). A competition open to all golfers, whether members of the St. Andrew's Society or not. Three prizes will also be given for this competition.

In the event of the winner of the Handicap Competition, open to members of the Society, being also the winner of the Open Competition, it shall be understood that said winner shall waive his claim to first prize in the Open Competition.

Entries (accompanied by the entrance fee, \$2 each competition) must be sent in not later than Saturday, June 23rd, to the secretaries of the different golf clubs, or to the secretary of the St. Andrew's Society, 530 Ituzaingo.

LOMAS GOLF LINKS.

A Bogey Competition was played last Thursday on the above links, when H. A. Cowes was returned the winner, P. L. G. Bridger and H. G. Sketchley being equal second. The somewhat high scores may easily be accounted for by the saturated condition of the links, and even the best of players could scarcely hope to get round without being punished somewhere. These Bogey Competitions should become very popular and we think they

will, for they give beginners as good a chance as old hands, which the ordinary handicap stroke competitions do not. Another feature greatly in favour of the Bogey Competitions is the fact that even if a player does make a terrible mess of one or two holes it does not take any of the interest away from the rest of the game as it does in stroke play.

The following are the results of last Thursday's competition, played over a course of twenty-seven holes:

	Handicap	Holes down to Bogey
H. A. Cowes	33	7
P. L. G. Bridger	11	11
H. G. Sketchley	20	11
C. C. Alexander	24	12
C. Alexander	20	13
F. Fitzgerald	31	13
E. Gibson	29	14
P. B. Chambers	40	14
D. Leighton	9	15
W. Flint	11	15
C. W. Bayne	63	19
E. H. Liversidge	31	23
L. Mohr-Bell	47	23

BUENOS AIRES v. FLORES.

The above match was played last Thursday at Rivadavia, when the home club succeeded in winning by seventeen holes. In spite of this rather easy victory, the day's golf was very interesting, and "paper" form was upset in more than one instance. The links have greatly improved and were in good condition, the greens being very generally praised all round.

Below we give the details of the scores:

SINGLES.			
Buenos Aires		Flores	
	Holes		Holes
J. W. Besserer	5	H. Beckett	0
W. Higgins	0	W. Agar	6
T. T. Watson	0	Rev. R. F. Handcock	2
R. Paton	0	H. Hume	0
R. A. Sumner	6	J. S. Agar	0
F. Henderson	6	T. S. Boadle	0
M. G. Fortune	0	G. Forrester	4
L. Walker	0	J. W. Taylor	2
J. T. Darch	9	J. C. Bell	0
Dr. Petty	0	G. T. Cripps	0
Total	26	Total	14

FOURSOMES.			
Buenos Aires		Flores	
	Holes		Holes
J. W. Besserer and W. Higgins	1	W. Agar and H. Beckett	0
T. T. Watson and R. Paton	2	H. Hume and Rev. R. F. Handcock	0
R. A. Sumner and F. Henderson	6	J. Agar and T. S. Boadle	0
M. G. Fortune and L. Walker	0	G. Forrester and J. W. Taylor	9
J. T. Darch and Dr. Petty	5	J. C. Bell and G. T. Cripps	0
Total	14	Total	9

Total result:
 Buenos Aires 8 matches, 40 holes
 Flores 5 , 23 ,

BUENOS AIRES v. LOMAS.

The above match was played, or rather commenced, on Sunday last at Lomas, in dull and threatening weather. The foursomes were not even half through when it commenced to pour and the players were forced to rush for shelter. Under these circumstances it was agreed to decide the match on the result of the singles, which ended

in a brilliant win for the home team. The links were very wet in places, but the visitors had a very useful all-round team and their severe defeat came as a surprise to all.

The following are the details of the scores:

Lomas		Buenos Aires	
	Holes		Holes
D. Leighton ..	4	V. G. G. Scroggie ..	0
P. L. G. Bridger ..	5	R. Paton ..	0
J. Marjoribanks ..	2	W. Besserer ..	0
W. Flint ..	2	M. G. Fortune ..	0
A. Macdonald ..	0	Dr. Petty ..	1
C. Alexander ..	0	T. T. Watson ..	1
R. H. Smiles ..	6	G. T. Cripps ..	0
C. C. Alexander ..	0	L. Walker ..	1
H. Mohr-Bell ..	6	F. Henderson ..	0
J. O. Anderson ..	5	J. T. Darch ..	0
Total ..	30	Total ..	3

Total result:
 Lomas .. 7 matches, 30 holes
 Buenos Aires .. 3 " 3 "

LAWN TENNIS.

B.A.L.T.C. v. LOMAS.

This match was played at the Recoleta courts on Sunday last, but was unfortunately not finished on account of the rain. At the close of the play the following results were considerably in favour of the home club:

Buenos Aires.	
Mrs Goldsmid and H. H. Woodgate beat	Mrs A. Mohr-Bell and S. Mohr-Bell, 6-4, 6-4.
Miss Thurburn and A. Mohr-Bell, 6-4, 2-6, 6-2.	Miss M. Jacobs and H. P. Wright, 6-2, 6-4.
Mrs Boadle and H. L. Kidd beat	Miss Thurburn and A. Mohr-Bell, 6-2, 6-0.
Miss Mohr-Bell and A. J. McMorran, 6-4, 4-6, 7-5.	
Mrs Woodgate and T. V. M. Knox beat	Mrs A. Mohr-Bell and S. Mohr-Bell, 6-5, 6-5.
Miss Thomson and T. S. Boadle beat	Miss M. Jacobs and H. P. Wright, 5-6, 6-1, 7-5.
Lomas.	
Miss Thurburn and A. Mohr-Bell beat	Miss Thomson and T. S. Boadle, 6-4, 6-0.
Mrs Woodgate and T. V. M. Knox, 6-5, 6-2.	
Miss Mohr-Bell and A. J. McMorran beat	Mrs Woodgate and T. V. M. Knox, 6-3, 6-4.
Resumen:	
Buenos Aires, 7 matches, 14 setts, 115 games	
Lomas .. 3 " 9 " 99 "	

Mrs Knight kindly presided at the tea table, but as the rain set in early in the afternoon few visitors came.

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ATHLETICS.

ROSARIO

The sports organised by the Athletic Club of Rosario for Thursday last took place under very favourable conditions. The weather was everything that could be desired and the meeting was patronised by a good assemblage of British residents and many Argentine friends, to whom the various events in a well filled programme afforded much amusement. During the afternoon the Police Band kindly lent for the occasion by the Chief of Police, played various selections which were much appreciated by the visitors. The following are the results of the numerous events:

- Dribbling Football—1. W. Colson—2. A. O. Le Bas.
 - Handicap (for boys under 14 years of age)—1. J. Tenac—2. A. Barnes.
 - Handicap, 100 metres (for pupils of the National College, under 15 years)—1. M. Sanchez—2. E. Martinel.
 - Bucket Race—1. G. Middleton—2. F. Warner.
 - Scramble—1. A. Colson—2. A. Angel.
 - Bicycle Race, 3200 metres—1. A. Colombo—2. V. C. Parr.
 - Animal Race—1. G. Middleton—2. J. J. C. Daniel.
 - Bicycle Race, 100 metres (last to win)—1. A. B. Oldendorff—2. A. Colombo.
 - Handicap, 200 metres (for pupils of National College)—1. A. B. Oldendorff—2. P. Sanchez.
 - Greasy Pole—1. J. Anderson—2. H. Middleton.
 - Egg-and-Spoon Race—1. Miss Ford—2. Miss Francis.
 - Costume Race—1. F. Hardy—2. W. Hardy.
 - Obstacle Bicycle Race—1. H. Middleton—2. G. Middleton.
 - Obstacle Race, 150 yards—1. H. Middleton—2. A. Le Bas.
- On the conclusion of the programme the prizes were kindly presented to the various winners by Mrs Schiffner.

HUNTING.

HURLINGHAM DRAG HOUNDS.

We have had quite a busy week with these hounds, hunting Wednesday, Thursday, and Sunday. The first-mentioned day we met at 3 o'clock at the "cross-roads" and had a splendid thirty-two minutes without a check—seven couples of hounds out, and all but one at the "worry," and they "tailed" very little, which was most satisfactory as we were really galloping all the time. The line was down Margaret's lane, past Balfour's house, through Andradi's, Castillo's, and Guerrero's camp, across the Moron road by the Granja Blanca, to Quirno's big portrero, along the arroyo, past Moussion quinta to finish in Carlos' paddock. A very small field—Mr. Thursby in charge, and Messrs. Sheehan, J. Moncrieff, Brewster and Bedford.

On Thursday at 11 o'clock we had the same run, but it took some seven more minutes to run. We noticed going strong Messrs. Preston (who hunted the hounds and "took a toss"—no damage done), Thursby, Robson, Ravenscroft, Howard, Harnett, Sanderson, Jefferies, J. Moncrieff, Simpson, Brewster, Mendl, Miss Waddell, and Miss Glover.

The meet on Sunday was at Mr. Balfour's quinta, and a large crowd did justice to our host and hostess' good cheer—how is it one's mount always goes better after the rider has had a glass of sloe-gin? Mr. Preston was in charge of the hounds, and they were turned to him by Messrs. Thursby and Willes, and among those out we noticed Mrs. Howard, Miss Huxtable, and Miss Waddell, Messrs Robson, J. and D. Ripley, R. and J. Moncrieff, Harnett, Sanderson, Howard, Brewster, Sidebottom, Mendl, Ravenscroft (on Chatterbox), McMorran (on Kenneth), Bedford (on Facey Romford), Jefferies, Willes, Harnett, Thompson, Simpson, Ryan, and Parker. Hounds were laid on by the side of Mr. Balfour's garden and ran hard down the road to the Flores chacra, across Carlos' and Chicholi's, into Pavo's camp, where unfortunately the "drag" lost their way and were run into, so a long check ensued. The second line took us across the "flat" to the bridge and P.ares Morales up the troop road to Mattaldi's estancia, where a big ring was made, and we

nished by the side of the river opposite Bancalari's mill. By this time the field was a good deal spread out, but the mainly "grief" we saw was a fall our master got at a nasty comp out of the road into Mattaldi's, and Mr. Ryan was gain unfortunate enough to come down early in the run, ge out except for muddy jackets no harm was done.

RACING.

PALERMO—JUNE 14.

A fine though somewhat inclement day, and a programme that included two Classics and eight races, brought out a very good attendance in spite of several under attractions. The course was not very heavy and the fields were full and the racing decidedly good, the favourites were scattered in all directions, and the dividends, though not enormous, were higher than the average, every winner paying double figures.

The opening mile was contested by a poor but very evenly balanced lot of sixteen, the finish being left to Leys and Tormenta, the former just getting home after a tough struggle.

The maiden was considered to be between Wasp and Abina, but fell to Vizcacha, who had made no previous show.

In the Selling Plate. Ameliana, caught in the humour, showed her heels to her field from start to finish, the great favorite, considered a moral, only getting fourth!

The Premio Competencia, in the absence of Germinal, fought by the talent to lie between Cordon Rouge and Marseillaise, and they arrived second and third, but found it too hard a task to concede three kilos to Triboulet, who was little fancied, and paid the largest contribution of the day.

In the other Classic, the Premio San Martin, Leon was made favourite, but his customary rush at the end looked for in vain, and Graco again made an easy win, followed by Carina, who ran very creditably, and Congo.

The 1300 metres for young ones, gave Los Cardos, who looked very fit, a chance of taking something off the high price paid for him, and he looks like ripening for better things.

The long distance gave the best finish of the day, the great weight only getting a slight advantage in the last 500 metres.

Austerlitz wound up a long but enjoyable afternoon making the mile handicap in good style, and as he has in hopeless fashion for a long time, paid a higher dividend than ought to be expected from the brother of Masamisa.

The following are the details:—

PREMIO O'HIGGINS, for horses of three years and more that have been a year in the country, and have not won more than \$4000. Weight 5 kilos, 3 kilos extra to winners of \$2000. \$1600 to first, 100 to second, 500 metres.
 Oriel's Le Pays, by Gloriation—Regina, 3 y, 58 k..... F. Perez 1
 Los Cardos' Tormenta, 3 y, 56 k..... S. Urrutia 2
 Atucha's Princesa, 3 y, 56 k..... R. Garrido 3
 Also ran—Tres Arroyos, Lidiador, Fiscal, Douglas, Memento, Urutau, Iowa, Serafina, Samory, Eléctrica, Morena, and Comadreja.
 Dividends—Le Pays \$12.05 win and 4.45 place, Tormenta 4.95 place, Princesa 5.35 place.

PREMIO SUCRE, for two-year-olds that have not won. Weight 54 kilos. 2000 to first, 200 to second. 1000 metres.
 La Aurora's Vizcacha, by Jupiter—Vivandera, 52 k..... I. Diaz 1
 Etoile's Wasp, 52 k..... F. Perez 2
 Fernandez's Nuri 52 k..... A. Zalazar 3
 Also ran—Carlomagno, Pumh, Daiman, Canton, Roscola, Linterna, Milady, Rubina, and Casta.
 Dividends—Vizcacha \$16.60 win and 4.50 place, Wasp 3.85 place, Nuri 5.35 place.

PREMIO REMATE, for horses of three years and more that have been a year in the country. Weight for age. The winner to be sold for \$5000. Those entered to be sold for less to be allowed 3 kilos for each \$1000 reduction, 3 kilos extra for every win in a Selling Plate. \$1800 to first, 200 to second. 1700 metres.
 Calchin's Ameliana, by The Laddie—Samaria, 5 y, 49 k..... N. Sosa 1
 Fernandez's Cassio, 3 y, 45 k..... D. Torterola 2
 Hobson's Victoriosa, 4 y, 46 k..... F. Licieri 3
 Also ran—Alarife, Judio, Orleans, Amambay, Duque, and Soliman.
 Dividends—Ameliana \$16.90 win and 6.05 place, Cassio 8.55 place, Victoriosa 8.35 place.

PREMIO COMPETENCIA, for colts and fillies born since August 1st, 1897. Weight 54 and 52 kilos, 3 kilos extra to winners of one or more Classics. \$5000 to first, 500 to second, 1300 metres.
 Oriel's Triboulet, by Acheron—Hourri, 54 k..... J. Ribero 1
 Don Gonzalo's Cordon Rouge, 57 k..... F. Perez 2
 Lancero's La Marseillaise, 55 k..... J. Olmos 3
 Also ran—Ivette, Mercurio, Alcoran, Loti, Montiel, Can Can, Gri-Moscová, Aguila, and Roi Soleil.
 Dividends—Triboulet \$48.45 win and 8.15 place, Cordon Rouge 3.10 place, La Marseillaise 3.30 place.

PREMIO SAN MARTIN, for horses of three years and more. Weight, three years 53 kilos, four years and more 56 kilos, 3 kilos extra to winners of \$10 to 15,000, 5 kilos of \$15 to 25,000, and 7 kilos of more. \$5000 to first, 500 to second. 2000 metres.

Stud El Plata's Graco—by Tissaphernes—Cinisca, 3 y, 58 k..... J. Sarthou 1
 Stud Don Gonzalo's Carina, 3 y, 58 k..... F. Perez 2
 Stud La Alianza's Congo, 3 y, 56 k..... P. Aguirre 3
 Also ran—Bohemio, Infantine, Republicano, Discreto, Leon, Seida, Yerba Amarga, Bobby, and Juliano.
 Dividends—Graco \$14.90 win and 4.60 place, Carina 5.25 place, Congo 6.60 place.

PREMIO PUEYREDON, for two-year-olds. Weight 54 kilos, 3 kilos extra for every ordinary win and 5 kilos for every win in a Classic. \$2200 to first, 200 to second. 1300 metres.

Stud Los Cardos' Los Cardos, by Orbit—Isology, 54 k..... S. Urrutia 1
 Stud Modesta's San Graal, 54 k..... P. Aguirre 2
 Ecurie Nuevo's Kruger, 54 k..... R. Garrido 3
 Also ran—Polas, Creso, Bella Eloisa, Limosnero, Caligula, Camaleon, Charabon, Campeon, La Nilson, Fantasia, and Pasionaria.
 Dividends—Los Cardos \$10.20 win and 4.85 place, San Graal 5.55 place, Kruger 4.05 place.

PREMIO COCHRANE, handicap for all horses. \$2200 to first, 200 to second, 2400 metres.

Ecurie Azur's Modista, by St. Gall—Modiste, 3 y, 46 k..... F. Licieri 1
 Stud Oriel's Aurore, 3 y, 56 k..... F. Perez 2
 Stud La Confianza's Regalada, 4 y, 56 k..... F. Olivera 3
 Also ran—Primerio, Florida, Araujo, and Chacabuco.
 Dividends—Modista \$15.90 win and 5.15 place, Aurore 3.25 place.

PREMIO BLANCO ENCALADA, handicap for all horses that have won. \$2000 to first, 200 to second. 1600 metres.

Ecurie Pergamino's Austerlitz, by Acheron—Belle Fille 5 y 52 k..... J. Sarthou 1
 J. Quaini's Guña, 4 y, 51 k..... F. Gomez 2
 Stud La Alianza's Fortunio, 4 y, 56 k..... S. Urrutia 3
 Also ran—Nihuil, Octubre, Vivaracho, Réve d'Or, Tántalo, Muñeca, Corsaria, Mirabeau, Casuarina, Fagotin, Guamini, Porthos, and Thermidor.
 Dividends—Austerlitz \$25.85 win and 7.40 place, Guña 11.80 place, Fortunio 3.30 place.

PALERMO—JUNE 17.

It seems to be a settled thing now that every Sunday shall be a rainy day, and this was by no means an exception. The first two races were run under good conditions, but after this the drizzle turned into steady rain with a good deal of thunder and not a little wind, and the course became a muddy river.

Under these circumstances, the Classic, which was expected to clinch the superiority of Germinal, became an open race, and the favourite disliked the heavy going so much as not even to be placed. Cordon Rouge, the improving champion of the Stud Don Gonzalo, won a good race from La Marseillaise, thus confirming their previous running.

No less than twenty faced the starter in the first race, the unlucky Eva being at length able to claim a win without being challenged, the finish being a close one with Nene.

A field of fourteen appeared for the young ones 1200 metres. Caburé just getting the better of Kruger and Yerba Dulce on the post.

A light weight, a poor field, and an already heavy course enabled the unsteady Orquesta to keep ahead the whole 2000 metres in the Selling Plate.

Orizon was a great favourite in the long distance and ran quietly behind to the paddock where he passed his field at his ease and won at a hand gallop.

Nicolini did much the same thing in the 1700 metres, for once he got his head there was nothing to touch him.

The final 1500 metres brought a fine struggle between Omnium, Travieso, and Balcarce, and a good rush by Guña at the finish which gave her third place.

The following are the details:—

PREMIO NENE, for horses of three years and more that have been a year in the country and have not won more than \$3000. Weight 54 kilos, 3 kilos extra for every win. \$1600 to first, 100 to second. 1400 metres.
 Stud Monfi's Eva, by Soukaras—Iva 52 k..... J. Insaurraide 1
 Stud Oriel's Nene, 57 k..... F. Perez 2
 Jorge Atuchas' Mago, 57 k..... R. Garrido 3
 Also ran—Motin, Tres Arroyos, Douglas, Infierno, Diana, Santa Lucia, Gurupi, Olivero, Memento, Pensamiento, Longfellow, Payaso, Azahar, Masanielo, Orthata, Samary, and Comadreja.
 Dividends—Eva \$10.95 win and 3.60 place, Nena 4.30 place, Mago 3.30 place.

PREMIO AMIANTO, for two-year-olds, winners of Classics excluded. Weight 54 kilos, 3 kilos extra for every win. \$2000 to first, 200 to second. 1200 metres.

Stud America's Caburé, by Amianto—Rotonde, 54 k..... R. Garrido 1
 Ecurie Nuevo's Kruger, 54 k..... P. Aguilera 2
 Ecurie Ben d'Or's Yerba Dulce, 55 k..... F. Conde 3
 Also ran—Tenebroso, Clover, Bandolero, Avion, Mercurio, Cronje, Milady, Patagonia, Waxy, Doña Sol, and Pepita.
 Dividends—Caburé \$52.10 win and 11.90 place, Kruger 4.25 place, Yerba Dulce 5.20 place.

PREMIO A RECLAMAR, for horses that have never won a Selling Plate. Weight for age. The winner to be sold for \$3000. Those entered to be sold for less to be allowed 3 kilos for each \$500 reduction. \$1800 to first, 100 to second. 2000 metres.

Petite Ecurie's Orquesta, by Esperanza—Corista, 3 y, 40 k..... F. Licieri 1
 Stud Dalila's Dalila, 3 y, 46 k..... J. Olmos 2
 Stud Don Gonzalo's Bobby, 4 y, 57 k..... F. Perez 3
 Also ran—Destino, Kaolin, and Eléctrica.
 Dividends—Orquesta \$9.50 win and 4.70 place, Dalila 5.05 place.

PREMIO PRODUCCION NACIONAL, for colts and fillies born since August 1st, 1897. Weight 56 and 54 kilos. \$7000 to first, 500 to second, and third saves stakes. 1400 metres.

Stud Don Gonzalo's Cordon Rouge, by Gay Hermit—Framework, 56 k
F. Perez 1
Ecurie Lancero's La Marseillaise, 54 k.....J. Olmos 2
Ecurie Argentina's Alvarado, 56 k.....A. Diaz 3
Also ran—Limosnero, Germinal, Alcoran, Can Can, Catriel, Atenas, Ilimani, Segunda, Sendero and Tronera.
Dividends—Cordon Rouge \$15.95 win and 4.60 place, La Marseillaise 5.25 place, Alvarado 14.70 place.

PREMIO ESPERANZA, handicap for all horses limited between 62 and 52 kilos. \$2500 to first, 250 to second. 2400 metres.

Stud Oriel's Orizon, by Orbit—Hourri, 4 y, 58 k.....F. Perez 1
Ecurie Gonin's Gonin, 5 y, 59 k.....P. Aguilera 2
Petite Ecurie's Bonaparte, 3 y, 55 k.....I. Diaz 3
Also ran—Dante and Caramelo.
Dividends—Orizon \$4.15 win and 2.55 place, Gonin 2.95 place.

PREMIO BOLIVAR, handicap for horses that have not won more \$12,000. \$1800 to first, 100 to second. 1700 metres.

Ecurie Sans Souci's Nicolini, by Jupiter—La Patti, 3 y, 52 k...J. Sarthou 1
Jorge Atucha's Princesa, 3 y, 46 k.....J. Feliú 2
Mr Ipso's Athou, 3 y, 50 k.....N. Sosa 3
Also ran—Seida, Criollito, Republicano, Caprice, Réve d'Or Plátano, Picquart, and Modista.
Dividends—Nicolini \$9.40 win and 4 place, Princesa 17.60 place, Athou 5.70 place.

PREMIO OJO DE AGUA, handicap for horses that have won more than \$12,000. \$2000 to first, 200 to second. 1500 metres.

Ecurie Belgrano's Omnium, by Orbit—Himalaya, 4 y, 58 k...S. Urrutia 1
Stud Don Gonzalo's Travieso, 4 y, 55 k.....F. Perez 2
J. Quaini's Guña, 4 y, 49 k.....J. Olmos 3
Also ran—Balcarce, Veneno, and Abrojo.
Dividends—Omnium \$11.10 win and 4.40 place, Travieso 3.65 place.

PONY RACING

HURLINGHAM—JUNE 14.

The second meeting of the season was held on Thursday last, when, in spite of the threatening state of the weather, a very fair number of visitors were present, and were rewarded by witnessing a good day's racing, the interest being well kept up throughout. It is impossible to remember all who were present, but among others we noticed the Hon. W. A. C. Barrington, Baron Peers, Major Kennedy and members of the families of Ravenscroft, Drysdale, Anderson, Lockwood, Lacey, Preston, Moncrieff, Huxtable, Thurburn, Pasman, Heriot, Scott Robson, Jefferies, Drabble, Thursby, Bagley, Stuart, Thompson, Leitch, Campbell, Gibson, Plews, Fleming, Darbyshire, McMorran, Mackintosh, Bennett, Mullaly, Manifold, Sumner, Sheehan, etc., etc. The fields were above the average and showed a vast improvement on those of the previous meeting. Although the going was naturally heavy, after the rain earlier in the week, there was some excellent racing. The closest finish of the day was that for the Premio Caseros, a thousand-metre race for ponies of 58 in., which produced a fine struggle between Mr. Howard's Facey Romford and Mr. Ravenscroft's Chatterbox, these two fighting every inch of the ground down the straight, the former eventually getting home by a neck.

The principal event of the meeting, the Grand Hurdle Race, resolved itself into a match between Mr. Samson's Empréstito and Mr. Drysdale's Vengador, the former, steered by Mr. Balfour, landing a winner by two-and-a-half lengths. Lapinharjú came down, but fortunately his rider, Mr. F. J. Bennett, escaped with only a shaking. Altogether it was a very successful meeting, and greatly enjoyed by the many visitors present.

The following are the details of the various events:—

PREMIO PRELIMINAR, for ponies of 58 inches or under that have never won at Hurlingham. Weight for inches. \$100 to first. 600 metres.

Mr S. Risso's Sapo, 75 k.....Owner 1
Mr M. R. Mackintosh's Nancy, 75 k.....Owner 2
Mr T. E. Preston's Theodore, 72 k.....Mr A. S. Willes 3
Also ran—Picaflor, Matabo, Puchito, Camarade, Paquete, and Cocktail.
Won easily, two lengths between second and third.
Dividends—Sapo \$5 win and 2.70 place, Nancy 2.60 place, Theodore 3.30 place.

PREMIO POLO, for polo ponies that have never won at Hurlingham. Weight for inches. \$100 to first. 300 metres.

Mr J. Ravenscroft's Spook, 75 k.....Mr J. Canevari 1
Mr F. E. Kinchant's No Name, 75 k.....Mr F. J. Balfour 2
Mr F. M. Heriot's Brandy Ball, 72 k.....Mr F. de C. Heriot 3
Won by nearly a length, a length between second and third.
Dividend—Spook \$3.20 win.

GRAND HURDLE RACE, for a cup value \$250, to be won three times by the same owner before becoming his absolute property. 3200 metres.

Mr W. Samson's Empréstito, 75 k.....Mr F. J. Balfour 1
Mr J. N. Drysdale's Vengador, 72 k.....Mr B. Bedford 2
Mr R. S. Moncrieff's Starlight, 72 k.....Mr D. Ripley 3
Baron Peers' Aida, 73 k.....Mr Bridger 0
Mr T. Hubbard's Lapinharjú, 80 k.....Mr F. J. Bennett 0
Empréstito soon took the lead, and making all the run-

ning won by two and a half lengths, Starlight a bad Lapinharjú fell.

Dividends—Empréstito \$6.60 win and 2.50 place, gador 2.60 place.

PONY HURDLE RACE, for ponies of 58 inches or under that have never won a hurdle race at Hurlingham. \$100 to first. 2500 metres.

Mr B. Bedford's Lightning, 75 k.....Owner 1
Mr H. C. Thompson's Pitti Sing, 60 k.....Mr C. Lacey 2
Mr J. Ravenscroft's Spook, 75 k.....Mr A. S. Willes 3
Mr R. S. Moncrieff's Paquete, 72 k.....Mr D. Ripley 0
Mr C. R. Thursby's Cavalry, 72 k.....Owner 0
Mr M. Orrego's La Bruja, 69 k.....Mr J. F. Teisare 0

After a good race, Lightning won by a length, two and a half lengths between second and third, The winner was sold just before the race.

Dividends—Lightning \$7.40 win and 4.70 place, Sing 6 place.

PREMIO CASEROS, handicap for ponies of 58 inches or under \$100 to first. 1000 metres.

Mr A. H. Howard's Facey Romford, 74 k.....Mr B. Bedford 1
Mr J. Ravenscroft's Chatterbox, 75 k.....Mr F. J. Balfour 2
Mr T. E. Preston's Theodore, 68 k.....Mr A. S. Willes 3
Mr José R. Rojo's Puehito, 73 k.....Tte. Rojo 0
Mr M. Duarte's Tuco-Tuco, 69 k.....Mr J. Canevari 0
Mr D. Cassalla's Don Julio, 68 k.....Mr G. Vayo 0

The best race of the day, Facey Romford just getting home by a neck from Chatterbox, Theodore being a length behind, third.

Dividends—Facey Romford \$25 win and 8.20 place, Chatterbox 4.20 place.

PREMIO BELLA VISTA, for ponies of 56 inches or under. \$100 to first. 1000 metres.

Mr T. G. Lordat's Raton, 75 k.....Mr A. Sasso 1
Mr W. Lacey's Lady Roberts, 68 k.....Mr C. Lacey 2
Mr J. Canevari's Pebete, ex-Cocinero, 75 k.....Owner 3
Mr D. C. M. Heriot's Cocktail, 72 k.....Mr F. de C. Heriot 0

Won easily by five lengths, four lengths between second and third.

Dividend—Raton \$3.40 win.

AMONG THE BOERS.

FRED WEDDERBURN—HOW HE WAS CAPTURED AND A HOT FIGHT AND A GALLANT STAND.

From a file exchange we take the following account of the fight in which F. Wedderburn, from Santa Fe and A. N. Hill (Ludueña) were taken prisoners. As this is the first account of it that we have seen, we think it of interest our readers.

"As our readers are aware, Mr Fred Wedderburn, second son of Mr. Wedderburn, of Birkhill, was taken prisoner by the Boers at Watervaal Drift on the 15th of February last; but the circumstances of his capture are only now come to hand. It will be remembered that he went from the Argentine to South Africa as a Volunteer and a feature of his company (which was raised at Buenos Aires by Mr. Somervell) was the men's statue. Mr. Wedderburn is himself over 6 ft. 2 in., and yet he was under the average height of the corps.

"It now seems that although fighting against hopeless odds on the day of his capture, he and his hand-picked comrades did not surrender without making a desperate and determined fight and giving the Boers as good as they got. He owes it to an attack of pneumonia that he was not taken on to Pretoria, but was left at Jagersfontein Hospital, where he was relieved by General Clement on 27th March. From a letter just received from his parents at Birkhill, we have been permitted to publish the following extracts, which speak for themselves as to the bravery displayed throughout a trying and perilous mission:—

"Jagersfontein Hospital,
"24th March, 1900"

"I was taken prisoner by the Boers on February 15th while escorting a convoy of a few waggons and several barrels.

"We were only 28 of an escort, and a lot of our men had scarcely any ammunition, and, of course, 28 men is a very insignificant escort to go right into the enemy's country without a guide. There were six of us from the Argentine, the rest were a mixed lot of officers' servants, Argyle and Sutherland Highlanders, and a few Scotch cashires. We were under the command of Major E. G. of the Oxfords.

"We marched out of camp near Orange River on the evening of February 14th in pours of rain. We marched till 12 p.m., and then lay down on the veldt, soaking and miserably cold, to try to sleep. Next morning

place, back we marched again with orders to keep at a distance of 800 yards in advance, and to follow a telegraph wire.

At 1 o'clock we came in sight of a small river and an English camp which was being attacked by the enemy. I went ahead a bit and watched the fight. It was a grand sight to see the Lyddite landing on the hills, and blowing up rocks into the air. I watched for about ten minutes when the enemy spotted me, and a few bullets came unpleasantly near me, one cutting up the sand right under my horse's nose. I saw a body of mounted men ride over a hill on the other side of the river, taking up a position directly in front of where our waggons were being fired upon, so I galloped back to the convoy and reported to the officer what I had seen. Soon afterwards I and another fellow—Hill by name—were sent down to the river to find out whether there was any water in it, so I galloped forward. We got to the river all right, and found plenty of water. I said to Hill I was sure the Boers were on a hill about 300 yards off, and I told him to turn his horse and jam home the spurs. We turned, and no sooner had we done so than there was a perfect shower of bullets all round us. One struck my horse in the tail, and he got his head down and bucked fearfully. Hill got the start of me. I saw him stagger in the saddle and got up alongside of him, and asked him if he was hurt. He said he had one through the leg, but could sit up all right, so we lay flat on our horses' necks and rode on. The bullets cutting up the sand all round us. When we got near the convoy, which was about 1 1/2 miles from the river. We found that Hill had a bullet through the thick part of the leg above the knee; but, fortunately it had not struck the bone, so we bound it up, and the convoy was ordered to retire to a piece of level ground about 100 yards from a small bank which sloped gently down to the river, and there to halt and unload the waggons, making a sort of barricade of the bales of hay and some boxes of cartridges. We were not kept waiting long. We saw about 100 Boers ride round a hill at a distance of about 1800 yards, and dismount. We were forbidden to fire until they got close, as we were short of ammunition, but a Boer near me had one shot and I distinctly saw a Boer fall from his horse. We did not get another sight of them. They were up right under the bank and opened a fearful fire on us. I could only get a glimpse of a head here and there to fire at. Our men were being knocked over every minute, and our horses were killed. Neither the bales of hay nor the boxes stopped the bullets a bit. I forgot to mention that my horse got a bullet through the throat while I was galloping back from the river, and died shortly after I got to the convoy. There was a young lieutenant lying almost dead behind me, but slightly to the right of me. He asked me to Volunteer a look over the bales of hay to see if the Boers were at. Being a flank movement, so I told the fellows near me to lie low, and put my helmet up above first. Of course it was a shower of bullets fired at it! but none hit it; I looked over at them while they were reloading, and I stepped round to tell him that they were making a flank movement to the left, but he was lying on his face with a bullet through his heart, poor fellow. I don't think he had any more pain.

By this time we were under an awful fire from the Boer flank and front, and the cries and groans of the wounded were sickening. I looked round me, and found that about every third man was either killed or wounded; I think I and the chap next me made some pretty good shots. If we had gone on another ten minutes we should all have been killed, so Major Eveleigh put up the flag of truce, and the Boers came up and took us prisoners. They marched us sound ones off, and took the wounded in ambulance waggons. There were three killed and seven wounded, out of 28. We killed four Boers, and wounded three, I think. . . .

"I had got a very bad cold on my chest on board ship coming from the Argentine, and this kept getting worse and worse. We left our wounded at Koffesfontein hospital, 1,30 miles from here, and we were taken on in waggons towards Pretoria. I must say that the Boers treated us prisoners very well. We got as far as here, and then they brought a doctor to see me (a Scotchman, Hay, by name). He said I could not go any further, and brought me up here to the hospital.

"The nurses and doctor who attend the hospital are all English, and I think it is owing to their careful treatment that I pulled through all right, as I was really bad all night with pneumonia. I am all right now, and they are feeding me up like anything; but I am still a prisoner, though expecting to be relieved every day.

"Monday, March 26th.—This is the last place in the Free State in possession of the Boers, and three British regiments are going to arrive here to-morrow to take the place; but there will not be any fighting, as all the Burghers about here have laid down their arms and gone to their homes, or escaped into the Transvaal.

"I shall be glad when we are relieved, as we can then send letters home. Up to the present, of course, all communication has been cut off, and we have had hardly any news except from the Boer papers, which are composed of nothing but lies. . . . This place (Jagersfontein) is a great diamond mine (the largest diamond in the world was found here); but there are very few men working in it now on account of the war. The hospital belongs to the mine.

"Three days after I came here six more British wounded were brought in. They were wounded and taken prisoners at Colesberg; but only one of them was seriously wounded—his leg badly fractured. It is funny to see the soldiers knitting! they knit shawls and socks and all sorts of things. They are mostly good fellows—all army reserve men except one—and none of us have ever lived better than we have in this hospital. We get everything we want—fruit, tobacco, etc., etc., and all at the expense of the Mine Company. An English clergyman comes up every Sunday, and we have service and hymns in the evening.

"The Boers about here are very bitter against us, and when they come to see us they always have some taunt; but we give them back better than they give us! and, now that our troops are coming, they have not a word to say for themselves, and are drinking the Queen's health again! (some who said before that they would like to see the town flooded with English blood!)

"March 28th.—Yesterday at 9 a.m., 2000 British troops marched in here. It was a grand sight. Then General Clements read out Lord Roberts' proclamation saying that the British Government did not blame the Burghers of the Free State, but put the entire blame on the Free State Government, and that all Burghers who laid down their arms peacefully might return to their homes and their ordinary occupations.

"All day to-day the Burghers have been bringing in their arms to the Government House.

"The General and his staff came up here to the hospital, and I had a long talk with him.

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ESTANCIA AND COLONY.

The Rural Society will hold its Fifth Annual Show on their grounds at Palermo from the 21st to the 30th of September. Breeders who have gained championships in former years will not be allowed to compete for them again at this show, but they may compete for any special prizes that may be offered. Animals from foreign countries are not to be placed on exhibition.

A Cattle Show will be held at Las Rosas, F.C.C.A., on the 28th of October, under the auspices of the Santa Fé Rural Society. There will be classes for bulls, cows, and calves of the Durham, Hereford, Polled Angus, Friburgo, and Holstein breeds. Horses of both light and heavy draught will be a speciality, and the exhibitors of sheep can present Lincolns, Merinos, and black-faced. The prizes will consist of gold, silver, and copper medals and diplomas.

Rosario seems to be returning to its wonted activity before the so-called "Bubonic Pest" was declared to exist, as there are, at the present time, no fewer than ten vessels loading wheat and flour there for the Brazils.

The Province of Santa Fé has produced this season 1,023,074,023 kilos of wheat, 139,290,515 kilos of linseed, 1,523,193 kilos of barley, 730,489 kilos of birdseed, and 360,076 kilos of turnip-seed. There are 1,393 steam thrashers in the Province.

There are between 1,500 and 2,000 hectares of land under rice cultivation in the Province of Tucuman. The cost of this and harvesting is about \$50 per hectarea, not including the cost of the land, which is estimated at from \$30 to \$40 the hectarea. With a few exceptions the whole Province of Tucuman is suitable for rice planting. The yield per hectarea is put down as from 1,000 to 3,500 kilos, according to the class and quality of the land, and whether grown on dry or wet soil.

The Foot-and-mouth disease is making great headway in the department of Florida, B.O. When it first broke out the mortality among the animals attacked was very slight, but it has now reached alarming proportions, and what is more strange is the fact that mestizo animals suffer far more in this respect than the criollo breeds.

Estancieros in the Partido of Dolores, competent of judging, put down the losses in sheep and cattle, on account of the floods at three million dollars. It is feared that the lambing season, which commences next month, will be a total failure, and a heavy mortality in sheep may be looked for. Where there is no water the camps are covered with mud, which will cause the wool to fall off the sheep that may die, thus rendering the skins almost worthless.

In all the inundated parts of the Partido there has been a total loss of potato, maize, wheat, and other crops.

From the Partido of Ajó (General Lavalle) we hear that several estancieros there have lost up to thirteen hundred sheep out of a flock of two thousand, and that the lambing will be a total loss. Large numbers of cattle have also died.

One of the results of the war, and the inclusion within the Empire of the Boer States, will doubtless be a better knowledge of their agricultural resources. At present there are no reliable statistics, and it will be of interest to discover, among other things, the number of sheep in the Transvaal and the Orange Free State. Of course, the waste of war has no doubt been terrible, and the normal flocks have been greatly reduced, though it will probably not be long when peace is restored before the losses in this respect are replaced. In Cape Colony there are—or were in 1897—rather more than 14,000,000 sheep, and in Natal—in the same year—about 717,000. In both instances there had been a considerable reduction in recent years. South Africa in the future will probably become a great wool and mutton-producing country.

The demand for horses for light cavalry, of which so much has been heard since the war in South Africa began, seems to have found an echo in France. The executive of the French stud operations, now directed by Mons. Plazen, have, since November last, been devoting very special attention to the South-western horse, otherwise the Anglo-Arab, which is chiefly bred in those districts of France. Two prizes, each of the value of 12,500 francs (£500), are offered to be run for by Anglo-Arabs at Tarbes, and all horses running for either of these stakes may be claimed by the Government for the National stud at a fixed price of 20,000 francs.

From January to April the number of cattle exported from Ireland to Great Britain was 179,488, as compared with 219,205 in the corresponding period last year, being a decrease this year of 39,717. Of sheep 68,597 were exported, against 64,076, an increase of 5,521, and of pigs, 304,776, against 279,911, an increase of 32,865. The horses exported numbered 12,102, against 11,291, an increase of 811.

It is reported that a collection of one hundred and seventy-five different designs of horseshoes is one of the exhibits at the Paris Exhibition, and this should of a certainty prove a most interesting feature of the exhibition to riding and driving men. It does not, however, necessarily follow that there exist one hundred and seventy-five different diseases and malformations of the horse's hoof, but, nevertheless, it is by no means improbable that amongst so many shoes there will be found some novelties which may prove of benefit to owners who, unfortunately, for themselves, possess animals with faulty feet.

The sale is announced from New York, at the long, if not record, price of two thousand pounds, of the 15h 3 1/2 in. show harness horse Red Cloud, which won the championship in the over 15h. 2in. class at the last New York Show. Red Cloud was purchased by Mr. D. Grand from Mr. T. W. Lawson, of Boston, from his owner, Mr. Elkins, and the sensational figure at which he changed hands should considerably add to the already rapidly advancing popularity of the so-called heavy harness horse in the United States.

On May 14th, in the Court of Queen's Bench, the Anglo-Argentine Live Stock Company obtained judgment for £4,900 against Mr. Westell, shipowner, as damages for the loss of cattle and sheep on a voyage from the River Plate to Deptford. The plaintiffs chartered the steamship to carry 204 bullocks and 1,290 sheep, and in addition the vessel carried a cargo of wheat and linseed. They pleaded that the vessel was overloaded, and that this was the reason why no fewer than 153 bullocks and 1,070 sheep were swept overboard with the pens in which they were confined on the decks. The defence was that the contract relieved the defendant of all responsibility for losses; but Mr. Justice Mathew held that this plea would not hold good, as the losses were due to want of reasonable care on the part of the defendant.

The *Live Stock Journal* says that it is matter for congratulation that notwithstanding the large number of diseased cargoes of cattle and sheep arrived at Deptford from the Argentine suffering with foot and mouth disease, no outbreak traceable from this source has been reported.

From the same source we learn that a high authority in this country states that the wool clip here is a very short one, and that the quantity shipped in 1900 will hardly reach 1,500,000 metric tons (of 2205 lb.) as compared with 1,718,429 tons exported in 1899. Some other authorities, however, take a less unfavourable view of the outlook.

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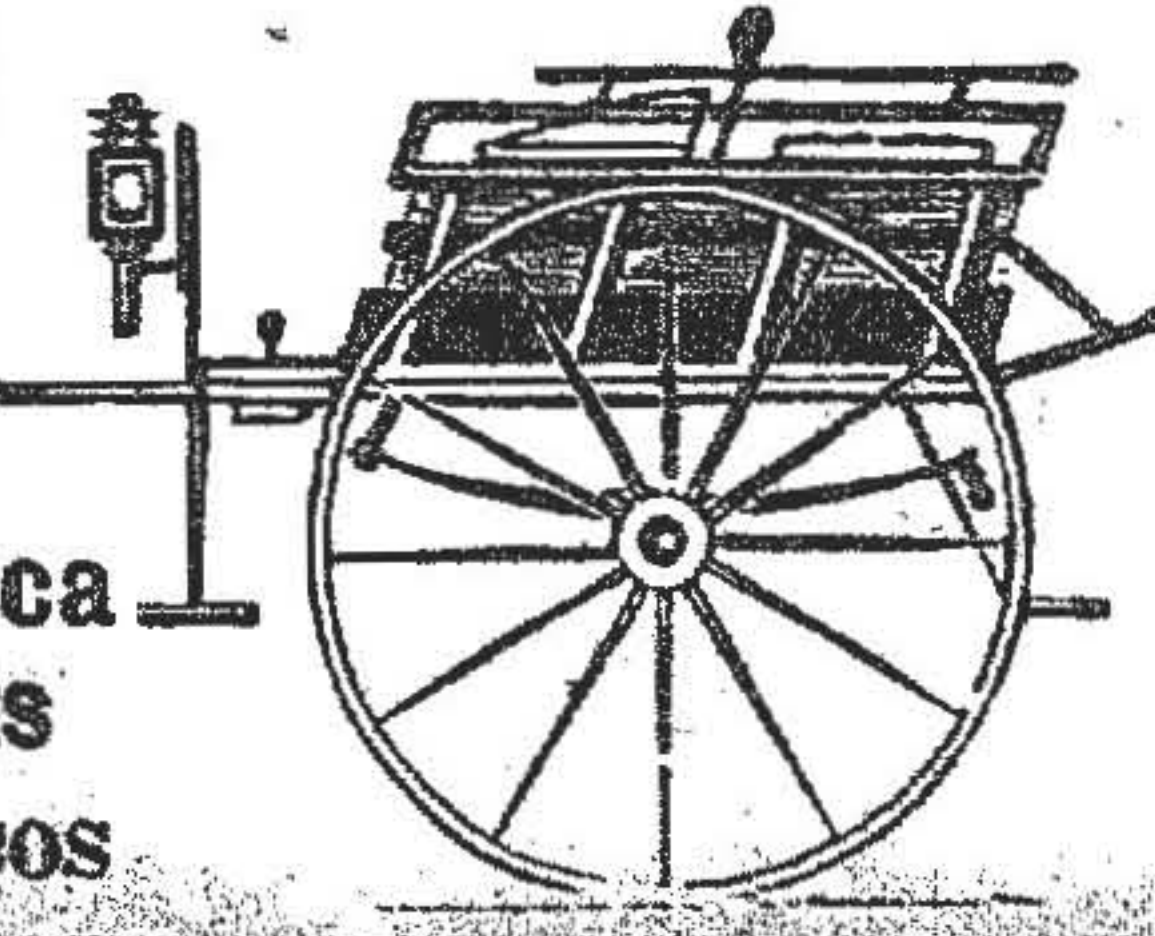
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NOTES.

The seventh consecutive Sunday morning broke dull and threatening, ending up with a perfect deluge, casting a gloom over everything, and quite spoiling the numerous sporting fixtures. It is really most tantalising for our sportsmen, as during the week the weather holds up, only to break up again on the Sundays. Let us hope that we have seen the last wet Sunday for many a long day, and that no more sporting events will be spoilt or postponed on account of the weather.

The gloom caused by the bad weather was intensified a hundred times when the news rapidly spread through our sporting circles that Mr R. L. Goodfellow, the best of good sportsmen, had died, after a lingering illness, in the early hours of Sunday morning. It is impossible to adequately convey to our readers how much the late Mr Goodfellow has done for sport in this country. Of recent years ill-health has interfered sadly with this good work, but formerly he devoted himself with a will to training up his boys to be good athletes.

As head-master of the Lomas Academy he has turned out innumerable athletes, and there is scarcely a football or cricket team in the country to-day in which his handiwork cannot be traced by the special skill of some member or members. As Hon. Secretary of the Lomas Athletic Club, a post he only relinquished when compelled to do so by ill-health, he worked well and hard in the interests of the Club, and its present strong position is, to a great extent, owing to his untiring efforts. To his sorrowing relatives we offer our deepest sympathy.

On Thursday last the present Cup holders in the Association Football League fully avenged themselves on their old rivals the Lomas team, by defeating them by two goals to nothing. This was the return match, as it will be remembered the first meeting took place quite recently, on which occasion Lomas won by two goals to none. The new ground at Belgrano was used last Thursday and should become a very nice little one in time. At present it is very soft and rough and hardly conducive to good football.

The difference in the form displayed by the Lomas players in the two matches was most marked. In the first match they combined nicely and played a good game all round. On Thursday there was no combination to

speak of, and all seemed off colour. The Belgrano men, on the other hand, played a good sound game, combining well and shewing any amount of dash. The competition is now in a more interesting stage than ever, and there should be a good fight for first place.

The other first division match was played at Quilmes, where the home team suffered defeat at the hands of the English High School to the tune of four goals to none. We understand that the Quilmeros were not up to full strength, so that their plucky fight during the first half against their strong opponents augurs well for their future success in the League.

A goal had to be disallowed in this match owing to the ball coming in contact with a spectator. This is an old trouble here and always has been, and more than one club has found it absolutely necessary to rope in its enclosure. If this is not done it is practically impossible to keep spectators back off the touch lines, but the referee should always see that the goal lines are left free.

Although the Association Football League authorities had special forms printed this season for the purpose of giving the official referees less trouble in handing in their reports, several of these latter are overdue and have not been sent in to the Hon. Secretary. It is thus impossible to publish official tables of the positions of the clubs in the various divisions, and the only ones we have seen published are hopelessly incorrect. Referees should take particular care to hand in the necessary details as soon as possible so that everything may be kept up to date.

The second Hurlingham race-meeting of the season was held last Thursday, and, although the weather looked very uncertain, the attendance was well up to the average, and a really good day's sport was enjoyed. Empréstito won the great event of the day, the Grand Hurdle Race, and was ridden by Mr F. J. Balfour, the winner making all the running and finishing two and a half lengths in front of Vengador. The race between Facey Romford and Chatterbox was worth going a long way to see, and caused great excitement, the former winning by a neck only.

We hear that an interesting match has been arranged between Mr F. E. Kinchant's bay pony Picaflor and Mr R. P. Sidebottom's brown pony Abanico. The race will be run on June 29th, over three hundred metres, on the flat, weight for inches. Considerable interest is being evinced in the match, and it is sure to attract a large number of sportsmen to Hurlingham.

The Standard published a note last week referring to the disqualification of a mare named Bonnet Box in the Capetown Gymkhana Galloway Races, and as some people are always ready to place the very worst construction on events—even if they be only founded on very vague rumours—some very disagreeable things were hinted at. We had heard rumours of some unpleasantness having occurred at these races some time before, but inasmuch as we had absolutely no facts to hand on which to form any judgment, we preferred to leave the matter alone until we had authentic information to guide us.

The subject had already gained more publicity than it merited at such an early stage, and had become common talk on the Bolsa before the note in question appeared in *The Standard*, and we now think that the time has come for us to notice the subject formally. Before we do so, however, we should like to draw attention to the

polish and irresponsible way in which people allow themselves to talk on matters of which they are technically perfectly ignorant, especially when they have nothing but the wildest rumours to go upon. As our readers may suppose, we have done everything possible to get to the bottom of the matter, but even we, up to the present, *now absolutely nothing*.

We are, however, in a position to be able to rectify some of the errors which the gossips have rushed into headlong, and that is all we can attempt to do—still that a good deal. We have seen the paper which is published in the Cape under the title of the *Licensed Victuallers' Sporting Gazette*, in which it is stated that a mare, Bonnet Box, was entered for a maiden race which she won easily. That it was discovered next day that Bonnet Box was the mare Espingarda from this country, that she had won several races, and on an objection being formally lodged, the mare was disqualified and the race given to Edward, who finished second, on account of improper nomination and incorrect age.

We do not know what position the above-mentioned organ occupies in the Cape, but the article in question is apparently written under the influence of great excitement, and would appear to be prompted, as much by personal animosity, as by righteous indignation, and further suggests the spitefulness of a man who had lost, or perhaps failed to gain, what to him would be a goodly sum of money—even more, it is what one might expect from a man who had backed heavily, for him, the second horse, in the belief that he knew something which would insure the disqualification of the winner. This is made apparent by the manifest imputation of fraud cast on the owner of Bonnet Box, by the statement that the race was a maiden race, and that the change of name from Espingarda to Bonnet Box was made with intent to deceive.

As we have said we are not in possession either of the programme of the meeting or the rules of racing in the Cape, and we must therefore, leave those points out which bear upon the rules. We have, however, been credibly informed that the race in question was a *Galloway Handicap*, not a Maiden Race, and that the age of the mare was given as 5 to 6, which was perfectly correct, and especially stated on account of the ages here and in England being calculated on different lines. It was also mentioned that the mare was a pold pony and had run second in a Gymkhana meeting in the Plate, all of which was perfectly correct. We have seen nothing so far with the exception of the statement in the paper to lead us to suppose that the mare has been disqualified, and if she were disqualified it would appear to have been on the score of imperfect description of age rather than on account of any change of name.

We have heard a great amount of talk about the change of name, but we knew the mare well, and although she had only run here under the name of Espingarda, we know that she was always called Bonnet Box by her owner, and had she run again here would have run under that name—ex-Espingarda, of course. Now, the rules as to change of name are that if a horse has run at a *recognised* meeting under one name he cannot run at another *recognised* meeting under another name without his late name being stated in addition for three consecutive meetings. If a horse has run at a meeting which is *not recognised* it is as if he had *never run at all*, and his owner may put on what name he likes. Hurlingham also specifies the meetings which it recognises and takes

them into account—of the rest it takes no notice whatever.

We believe we are correct in stating that the Argentine Jockey Club does not recognise the English Jockey Club as regards these points and *vice-versa*—nor yet the Brazilian and Chilian, and we can quite believe that it does not recognise the Capetown Gymkhana nor the Capetown Gymkhana recognise it. If this is the case, even had the race in question been a Maiden Race, there would have been no necessity to mention Bonnet Box as ex-Espingarda because a winner under Jockey Club Rules would have been a maiden there, and the name she bore in this country would have been of no import. We gather, however, that the race was a Galloway Handicap and as Galloway races are not recognised by the Jockey Club, and are sometimes called illegitimate racing, this would strengthen the position still more. The mare's performances under Hurlingham Galloway and Polo Pony racing rules were given correctly, and any others would have been quite irrelevant.

As we have already pointed out, we know very little of the facts and the foregoing remarks may serve to give cause for reflection to those who in utter ignorance of racing matters have been the first to give judgment in no unmeasured terms. Were the discussions and remarks harmless it would afford intense amusement to anyone who could slip from group to group and listen to the sage opinions and ungrudging criticisms which these irresponsible people utter, but unfortunately they are not harmless—on the contrary, they are calculated to leave behind, even if not confirmed in any way and consequently disproved, the stigma which they themselves are the first to recognise would carry with it social ostracism, and yet they unthinkingly make statements, quite devoid of foundation, deduct from them the very worst construction and ultimately condemn unheard.

Our fears about the mediocrity of the new generation have unfortunately been justified by the event, and Germinal, the only two-year-old who seemed likely to turn out a crack, did not even get a place in the Premio Produccion Nacional last Sunday, the first of the important races for young ones this year. The winner, Cordon Rouge, has been steadily improving for some time, but was unable to concede three kilos to Triboulet the week before. Thus Delice, La Marseillaise, Alvarado, Tres Arboles, Germinal, Cordon Rouge, Santa Eugenia, Catriel, and various others, have strutted their half hour on the stage and have all been beaten in turn. The most consistent performers are still Germinal, Cordon Rouge and La Marseillaise, but none of them have yet shown signs of being really first-class.

The upsets of form have by no means been confined to the youngsters. Alarife, put into a Selling Plate with only 57 kilos, was only able to get fourth place, the winner being Ameliana with 51 kilos, while the second and third places were filled by inconsiderable light weights. The son of Avril and Intervention, as we have had occasion to remark before, seems to think it worth while to gallop only when his adversaries are of the first water, such as Pillito, Dictador, etc. Balcarce, who has shown such form lately, was completely run down by Omnium and Travieso, horses he has beaten repeatedly lately. The bad weather and heavy going make some difference, no doubt, but do not altogether explain so many contradictions. The Premio Lawry, on the 24th, is a mile for older horses, which will not be of much assistance in defining form, as the penalties exclude the cracks and the field should be large and moderate.

The Bogey Competition held on the Lomas Golf Links on Thursday proved a great success, and we shall expect to see many more such competitions arranged for on any open dates that there may be during the rest of the season. The winner, on this occasion, turned out to be Mr H. A. Cowes, Messrs P. L. G. Bridger and H. G. Sketchley being equal for second place. As the links were naturally suffering considerably from the effects of the previous rain, "Bogey" had a pretty good time of it winning all along the line!

The Rivadavia links were well patronised on Thursday last and presented a very animated scene, the occasion being an inter-club match between Buenos Aires and Flores. After a jolly day's golf the home team proved too strong for their visitors and won by seventeen holes. A noticeable feature of the visitors' score was that out of the twenty-three holes they won, two of the "tail" claimed no fewer than fifteen as their share. The full scores may be found under "Golf."

FOOTBALL.

ARGENTINE ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL LEAGUE FIXTURES—SEASON 1900.

DIVISION I.

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

ASSOCIATION.

LOMAS A.C. v. BELGRANO A.C.

The above match in the first division of the League was played last Thursday at Belgrano, before a large and enthusiastic crowd of spectators. The match was played on the new ground which, at present, is somewhat rough, but which gives promise of making an excellent little ground. On this occasion the Belgrano team completely turned the tables on their late victors, winning by exactly the same margin as they had previously been defeated by namely two goals to none. The Lomas team were

late in arriving, and it was considerably after the advertised time when a start was made.

The visiting captain won the toss and decided to defend the Belgrano end goal, thus having a useful breeze behind, as it was blowing straight down the field. Chiefly owing to this fact, and after the Belgrano forwards, by good combination, had run the ball up the ground once or twice, Lomas started a prolonged attack, but the shooting of the forwards was lamentably weak, and an utter lack of dash prevented many good chances being taken. The Belgrano backs defended their lines brilliantly, but the uneven state of the ground and the wind made it very difficult for them to give their forwards any opportunities. Still attacking, Lomas in quick succession forced four corners, all of which were beautifully placed and from three of which goals should certainly have been scored, but they all proved of no avail, the defending backs clearing every time. Malm and C. E. Dickinson made one or two good runs up the left wing, but the shooting was weak, although both Coe and C. E. Dickinson caused the Lomas custodian to handle. G. N. Dickinson was also very busy on the right wing, but he did not get the ball across and over-ran the line more than once. Many chances of breaking through came to the Lomas line of forwards, and although both outsides put in some nice centres, the inside division were all to pieces and rarely in their places, while right along the line there was an utter lack of combination. So matters continued until the whistle sounded for half time, the score sheet being blank.

On resuming, the home team at once took advantage of the wind, which had slightly increased in strength, and attacked vigorously. They were repulsed, but soon returned to the charge and forced a corner. This had no result and the Lomas right wing got away and F. Boutell giving Anderson a neat pass, the latter dashed away and had an easy goal at his mercy when Duggan cleverly intercepted, and the ball passed harmlessly over the cross bar. After this, the long kicking of the Belgrano backs, and the superior combination of their forwards kept the Lomasites continually on the defensive, and after several futile attempts to score, Coe got an easy chance which he proved fully capable of taking, and amidst much enthusiasm the ball was banged into the net. This reverse had a good effect on the visitors, and for about the first time during the game, some combination was shown by them with the result that they had bad luck in not scoring, as they came very close to it more than once. After this effort had died out Lomas were soon defending again, Pfeiffer, one of the Lomas half-backs, badly injured his toe which caused his retirement, and although he pluckily returned, Lomas were practically playing one short from now on. Belgrano now kept up a perfect bombardment on the Lomas goal, the spasmodic and entirely individual efforts of the visiting forwards being easily repulsed by the home backs, who were in capital form, and before long C. E. Dickinson, with a high shot, beat the Lomas custodian for the second time. Lomas tried hard to retaliate, but it was of no avail, and the game ended in a win for the cup-holders by two goals to nil.

The better team, on the day's play, undoubtedly won, but it must be remembered that the ground is a very small one, almost minimum size we should say, and no doubt this, to a very great extent, prevented the visiting team getting together.

The following were the teams:—

Belgrano—

Goal—R. D. Barker.
Backs—A. C. Addecott, G. L. Macfarlane.
Half-backs—E. L. Duggan, H. Roy, Newland.
Forwards—W. Malm, C. E. Dickinson, H. Craven, Coe, G. N. Dickinson.

Lomas—

Goal T. Flint.
Backs—J. Walker, C. W. Reynolds.
Half-backs—P. Pfeiffer, F. H. Jacobs, A. A. Miller.
Forwards—C. Gibson, F. C. Boutell, J. O. Anderson, R. A. Brooking, G. Leslie.
Referee—Mr W. McEwen.
Linesmen—Messrs F. H. Chevallier Boutell and F. Wibberley.

QUILMES v. ENGLISH HIGH SCHOOL.

The above clubs met in the first division of the League on Thursday last at Quilmes, the visitors proving successful by four goals to none.

The Quilmes captain having won the toss decided to

utilise the wind and defended the river-end goal. As soon as the ball was set in motion it was seen that the struggle was going to be an even one. First one side and then the other attacked in turn, but the defence of both teams proved equal to the calls made on it.

After the ball had travelled up and down for some time Moore scored for the visitors, but the referee was unable to allow the point as the ball had previously touched a spectator. Continuing both teams worked their hardest to gain an advantage, and Quilmes were nearly successful in opening the score, as Williams only just missed scoring.

Play was very even indeed, and try how they would the custodians still held their charges intact when the whistle announced half-time.

On resuming play continued to be of a fairly even nature for some twenty minutes, but gradually the visitors began to wear their opponents down and before long asserted their superiority. The Quilmeros tried hard to keep their opponents out, but it was of no avail, and before the final whistle sounded, J. Moore, E. Moore, and Leonard had all beaten the home goal-keeper, the last named scoring twice, so that Quilmes were defeated as stated above.

The better team undoubtedly won, but the losers are to be congratulated on the plucky fight they made of it.

Mr H. W. Botting acted as referee, and Messrs F. Bouwer and J. Clark looked after the lines.

The following were the teams:—

English High School—

Goal—J. Mackechnie.

Backs—W. Buchanan, G. Brown.

Half-backs—E. Buchanan, A. A. Mack, E. Brown.

Forwards—W. Jordan, J. Moore, S. U. Leonard, H. Jordan, E. Moore.

Quilmes—

Goal—E. Cunningham.

Backs—Walter Stirling, W. Leslie.

Half-backs—W. Dunne, H. Torre, R. N. Clark.

Forwards—B. Parry, P. Hooton, J. H. Williams, Wm. Stirling, C. P. C. Comber.

LOMAS A.C. v. QUILMES.

The above match was played last Sunday at Quilmes in miserable weather, as before the game had been in progress any length of time a heavy downpour came on, soaking the players field and ball, and rendering all scientific play out of the question.

The sad death of the late Secretary of the Lomas Club completely upset the visitors' team at the last moment, and they had eventually to take the field one short.

During the first half most of the scoring took place, Williams, E. O. Morgan, and Torre, each succeeding in beating the Lomas custodian, while the Lomasites only found the net once, from a scrummage in front of the Quilmes goal.

On resuming after half-time in pouring rain the game became more of a scramble than ever, and only one goal was scored, P. Hooton adding another to the Quilmes score, the result thus being a win for Quilmes by four goals to one.

Mr. Baldock took charge of the whistle, and Messrs. F. Walker and A. G. Lovett acted as linesmen.

The following were the teams:—

Quilmes—

Goal—W. Williams.

Backs—W. Stirling, W. Leslie.

Half-backs—W. Dunne, H. Torre, F. Parry.

Forwards—C. P. C. Comber, P. Hooton, F. H. Williams, R. Muir, E. O. Morgan.

Lomas—

Goal—T. Flint.

Backs—J. Walker, C. W. Reynolds.

Half-backs—L. Jacobs, A. A. Miller, J. Rodman.

Forwards—R. A. Brooking, F. H. Jacobs, L. Nobili, J. C. Boutell.

ROSARIO A.C. v. BELGRANO A.C.

On Sunday last the Rosario Athletic Club received a visit from the Belgrano team to try conclusions at Association football, and the match was played under anything but pleasant climatic conditions at Plaza Jewell. During the morning a heavy fog hung over Rosario, which was followed by a drizzling rain. Fortunately, soon after play began the weather cleared up a little but the ground was very soft. The Belgrano team proved the winners, and from the fine condition and general form displayed, well deserved their victory of 4 goals to 1. Although the

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BUENOS AIRES.

Rosario team worked hard, and some of them played a splendid game throughout, notably Penman and H. Middleton at back, and Topping, Parr and Le Bas forward, there was a general lack of combination throughout, and, it is very evident that more practice together is required to render the team at all formidable.

The following were the teams:

Belgrano A.C.—

Goal—G. C. Norman.

Backs—A. C. Addecott (captain), W. Buchanan.

Half backs—H. J. Fraser, E. L. Duggan, C. E. Dickinson.

Forwards—G. N. Dickinson, W. H. Coe, H. A. Craven, F. C. Wibberley, W. E. Malm.

Rosario A.C.—

Goal—H. Dorning.

Backs—W. S. Penman (captain), H. Middleton.

Half backs—F. M. Martin, — Barford, C. Parr.

Forwards—A. W. Topping, J. Parr, C. Newell, G. Middleton, A. Le Bas.

Newell kicked off for Rosario, but the ball was quickly taken possession of by the Belgrano forwards and G. N. Dickinson by a nice dribble got well up to the Rosario ground, but for a time was restrained by H. Middleton, shortly afterwards he got past and tried a shot which went wide. A good return was made by Penman, but the Belgrano forwards again secured and got through, Wibberley taking a shot from which a corner resulted. This proved futile and Rosario had a turn. They were not left long in possession, however, as Addecott returned the ball just to the right place and the Rosario goalkeeper was called upon to defend his citadel, which he did in a very praiseworthy manner. The Belgrano forwards were not to be denied and another shot was quickly taken, but the player was ruled off-side. From the goal kick Newell took the ball up the field and it looked as if Rosario was to open the score, but the only result was a futile "corner." After some exchanges between the backs, the Belgrano forwards again got on to the ball, and some pretty passing resulted in G. N. Dickinson sending in a splendid long shot which it was almost impossible for any goalkeeper to stop. The Rosario players then seemed to realise that they had their work cut out, and from the centre kick, Newell made a splendid dash, but was well tackled by Addecott and his effort was of no avail, the ball quickly travelling back to the other end, and Coe was enabled to register another point for Belgrano, whilst a few minutes later, as the result of a free kick, C. E. Dickinson raised Belgrano's score to 3 goals. Le Bas and C. Parr received the ball from Newell and made a splendid attempt, just getting past the Belgrano backs, and a very good shot from the former caused the custodian to exert his defensive powers, which he did effectually. Half-time was soon called and ends were changed, with Belgrano 3 and Rosario 0 goals.

During the interval tea was provided for the players, over which Mrs Daniel kindly presided.

On resumption, Rosario commenced to press and quickly claimed a goal which, however, was disallowed by the referee. Play for a short time was confined to the Belgrano quarters, and Rosario were awarded two corners in quick succession, but could gain no advantage. From a free kick for "hands" against Belgrano Newell got away but was not supported as he should have been and Buchanan returned the leather into the custody of the Belgrano forwards, who were very quick to make use of their opportunity, and after encountering strong opposition from Penman they managed by judicious passing to work it through and Coe again beat the Rosario goalkeeper. Rosario had all along been playing up with great energy, which was at last rewarded, as a few minutes after the ball was started from the centre Newell received a good pass from Topping and sent the ball into the net. Up to the time when the whistle was blown no further score was made and the play was very evenly divided, both ends being in turn attacked, and as well defended. The result of the game at the close was Belgrano 4 goals and Rosario 1 goal.

Mr F. Francis kindly acted as referee to the satisfaction of all parties. Messrs J. R. S. Fox and W. Colson looked after the touch lines.

RUGBY FIXTURES—SEASON 1900.

- 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.

SCOTLAND AND WALES v. ENGLAND AND IRELAND

The above friendly game was played last Thursday at Flores. Rumboll won the toss for England and decided to defend the town-end goal, Roberts kicking off against a slight wind. The exchanges left play in the S. and W. twenty-five, McMorran getting in a useful punt. From the throw out Edge broke away, and play ensued in mid-field. After several scrummages L. Jacobs got away from a "scrum" with the ball at his feet, and without being molested placed it safely behind the posts. The same player easily converted.

This reverse apparently had a good effect on S. and W., as they set to work in earnest, and from a scrum-mage Aaron passed to Campbell, who handed on to Leitch, and the last-named was rumping in when well brought down by Forrester, who, at that time, was playing full-back. After the scrum-mage which ensued Fothergill got possession, and looked like getting through but was pushed into touch close on the E. and I. goal line. From the throw-out a regular "hacking" match ensued until one of the Blagdens touched down in self defence. Play now remained more or less in the centre of the field, and although the outsides were given several chances they made no appreciable headway, except by punting into touch. From one of these punts Roberts got possession and passed to Bellamy, who scored for S. and W., but Campbell failed to convert. Directly E. and I. had dropped out, a good return by Fothergill gave Edge a chance, and he scored close to the touch line, Fothergill failing with the kick.

After the interval, during which Mrs. Simson kindly dispensed tea to all, E. and I. had to face the wind, and from now on S. and W. had the best of matters as far as the forwards were concerned, although the play of Rumboll, McMorran, and Nixon neutralized their superiority by time after time finding touch, and giving their forwards a much-needed breathing space. At last, however, S. and W. took the ball down to within a couple of feet of the E. and I. goal line, where Aaron, who was unmarked, bounced the ball and fell over. Fothergill converted with a fine kick, which recalled the famous kick in the final for the cup last year. On kicking off again every player had his share of the play, the ball finally being taken down by Fothergill, Campbell, and Leitch, the last-named getting over. This time Fothergill failed with the kick. With the ball again in motion Edge, who had been prominent throughout, burst through a "scrum" with the ball at his feet, and dribbling up the field kicked rather hard, but luckily the ball bounced off Nixon and Edge caught it and rushed over, but again the additional points were not added, and the game ended in favour of Scotland and Wales by one goal and four tries (seventeen points) to one goal (five points).

Mr. Whitworth kindly acted as referee to the satisfaction of all.

The following were the teams:—

Scotland and Wales—

Back—Fitzpatrick.

Three-quarter backs—J. S. Campbell, F. Leitch, F. W. Fothergill.

Half-backs—M. Aaron, Morton.

Forwards—J. C. Bellamy, Lottemoser, Roberts, C. Edge, Stewart, L. Ponce de Leon.

England and Ireland—

Back—C. S. Nixon.

Three-quarter backs—A. J. McMorran, W. Fowler, H. A. Cowes.

Half-backs—E. L. Rumboll, C. Fowler.

Forwards—A. imThurn, G. Blagden, R. Blagden, L. Jacobs, N. G. Forrester, Shultz, Lyons.

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ROUND THE TOWN.

The second performance of "The Messiah" will be held at Prince George's Hall on Monday next, the 25th inst. As the proceeds of this performance will be devoted to the Relief Fund of the Indian Famine it should be very largely supported, and we shall confidently expect to see the hall crowded. A limited number of reserved seats at five dollars will be arranged for, other seats in the body of the hall will be three dollars, and the gallery two dollars. Tickets may be obtained at L. Mortlock's, Florida 61.

The second Cinderella dance of the season was even better attended than the first one, "too well attended" as we heard one or two young and enthusiastic dancers remark. The floor was absolutely perfect, but what struck everyone was the original and tasteful way the hall had been decorated. We have never seen the hall so prettily decorated, and the decorations reflect the highest credit on the good taste of whoever was responsible for them.

It is with very deep regret that we have to announce the death of Mrs G. O. C. Lawrence, which sad event took place at Vienna on May 18th. Mr and Mrs Lawrence only left here a short time ago, in the best of health, for a year's stay in Europe, but at Vienna typhoid was contracted which terminated fatally. The sad tidings of Mrs Lawrence's death will come as a great blow to many here, where she left many friends behind. To her husband and sorrowing relatives and friends we offer our deepest sympathy.

The coachmen of New York are up in arms, or, at all events, have gone so far in that direction as to issue a manifesto in which they bring their grievances before a sympathetic public, and likewise demand that they, like hackney coachmen, should be registered. The primary reason which has influenced this action appears to be the antipathy of the New York Jehu against his English rival, who is introduced to America by a wealthy master, discharged by the latter in due course of time, and left to glut the already overcrowded labour market. At present, as the law stands, a coachman has been pronounced to be a domestic servant, and consequently outside the influence of the labour law, and this is exactly what the framers of the manifesto desire to see altered. The case of these people, however, appears to be a little weak when one of the arguments they produce in support thereof consists of the suggestion that because the rule of the road in Great Britain and America happens to differ, the early training of the English driver renders him an object of danger to the lives and limbs of the pedestrians of New York.

We would again remind our readers that to-day is the last day on which tickets can be applied for, from Mr J. Y. Caldwell, London and River Plate Bank, for the San Martin Subscription Dances, which will be held on Thursday, June 28th, and Wednesday, August 29th, respectively. Everything possible is being done to ensure the success of these dances, and they should be well attended. Furlotti's band has been engaged, and if any of our readers want to spend a really jolly evening we recommend them to lose no time in applying for their tickets.

We understand that the marriage of Miss Muriel Buxton and Mr A. V. Sly will take place on Wednesday, July 11th.

Frank Brown will open with his new company, at the San Martin, next Saturday. Most of the troupe are expected to arrive to-day and are supposed to be quite the strongest company he has yet got together. This will be good news for all lovers of the circus.

We again take this opportunity of reminding our readers of the sale of work and musical entertainment being held at the Phoenix Hotel, in aid of the funds for defraying the debt in the Parish Room of St. Saviour's Church, Belgrano. It was opened yesterday and will continue open this afternoon and evening, so there is no time to lose.

We are delighted to hear that the St. John's Club is going ahead strongly. We have received a copy of the proposed rules, which had we room, we should have been very glad to publish. A meeting is to be held before the end of the month of all supporters of the Club, and we shall hope to see a real bumper meeting. Such a club as this is badly needed here and it should meet with very hearty support.

More forged ten dollar bills are supposed to be on the market. This additional supply is said to have arrived from England, where the work has not apparently been very brilliantly executed. The printing is in blue ink, and the general get up is not good, especially the printing of the portrait of General Roca in the corner.

STEVE BROWN'S BUNYIP.

BY J. A. BARRY.

The general opinion of those who felt called upon to give it was that Steve Brown, of the Scrubby Corner, 'wasn't any chop.'

Not that, on the surface, there seemed much evidence confirmatory of such a verdict—rather, indeed, the contrary.

If a traveller, drover or teamster lost his stock, Steve, after a long and arduous search, was invariably the first man to come across the missing animals—provided the reward was high enough.

Yet, in spite of this useful gift of discovery, its owner was neither liked nor trusted. Uncharitable people—especially the ones whom he took such trouble to oblige—would persist in hinting that none knew so well where to find as those that hid.

All sorts of odds and ends, too, from an unbranded call to a sheepskin, from a new tarpaulin to a pair of hobbles, had a curious knack of disappearing within a circuit of fifty miles of the Browns' residence.

In appearance, Steve was long, lathy, awkward and freckled, also utterly ignorant of all things good for man to know.

Suspicious, sly and unscrupulous, just able by a sort of instinct to decipher a brand on an animal, he was a thorough specimen of the very worst type of far inland Australian Bush Native, and only those who have met him can possibly imagine what that means.

Years ago, his parents, fresh from the wilds of Connamara, had squatted on this forest reserve of Scrubby Corner. How they managed to live was a mystery. But they were never disturbed; and in time they died, leaving Steve, then eighteen, to shift for himself, by virtue of acquired knowledge.

Shortly after the death of his mother, he took unto himself the daughter of an old shepherd on a run adjoining—a fit match in every way—and continued to keep house in the ramshackle shanty in the heart of the Corner.

He had never been known to do a day's work if he could possibly get out of it; much preferring to pick up a precarious living by 'trading' stock, 'finding' stragglers, and in other ways even less honest than the last, but which nobody, so far, had taken the trouble of bringing home to him.

It was Sunday, and the caravan was spelling for the day.

Greg, having had his dinner—only a half ration, as feed was scarce—and feeling but little inclined for a chat with the tiger, or the lion, or the bear, or any other of the sulky, brooding creatures behind the iron bars, whom he saw every day, and of whose company he was heartily tired, took it into his great head to have a look at the country.

So, unperceived of Hassan Ali, who was fast asleep in the hot sunshine, or any of the rest dozing in the tents, Greg, plucking a wattle up by the roots to keep the flies off, sauntered quietly away. He was not impressed by inland Australia. In the first place it was hot and dusty, also the flies were even worse than in his native Ceylon. Nor, so far as he could discover, was there anything to chew—edible that is—no tender banana stems, no patches of young rice or succulent cane. All that he tried tasted bitter, tasted of gum, peppermint or similar abominations. He spat them out with a grunt of disgust, and meandered on.

Presently the scrub grew thicker, and, heated more

than ever by the exertion of pushing his huge body through an undergrowth of pine and wattle, he hailed with delight the sight of a big waterhole, still and dark, in the very heart of it. Descending the slope at the far side of the thickly-grassed, open glade, Steve Brown, driving a couple of 'lost' horses, paused in dismay and astonishment at sight of the immense beast, black, shining wetly, and sending up thick jets of water into the sunlight to an accompaniment of a continuous series of grunts and rumbling noises.

'Hrrmp! hrrmp!' blared Greg, in friendly greeting, as he caught sight of the figure staring fascinated.

And then he laughed to himself as he saw how the loose horses, snorting with terror, galloped off one way, and the horseman another.

But it was getting late; so, coming out of the water, and striking a well-beaten path, he followed it. Supper time was approaching, and he kept his ears open for the shrill cry of Hassan Ali.

Meanwhile Steve had made a bee-line on the spur for home, with some vague idea surging through his dull brain of having caught a glimpse of an Avenging Power. It is mostly in this way that anything of the sort strikes the uneducated conscience.

'What's the matter now?' asked his wife as he entered, pale, and with hurried steps. 'You looks pretty badly scared. Did the traps spot yer a-plantin' them mokes, or what?'

'Traps be hanged!' replied Steve. 'I seen somethin' wuss nor traps. I seen the bunyip down at the big waterhole.'

'Garn, yer fool!' exclaimed his wife, who was tall, thin, sharp-faced, and freckled, like himself. 'What are you a-givin' us? Why, yer gittin' wuss nor a black fellow wi' yer bunyips!'

'Well,' said Steve, tanning himself with his old cabbage-tree hat, and glancing nervously out of the door, 'I'll tell yer how it was. Ye knows as how I dropped acrost that darkey's mokes when he was camped at the Ten Mile. Well, o' course, I takes 'em to the water in the scrub—you knows the shop—intendin' to hobble 'em out till such time as inquiries come this road. Well, jist as I gets in sight o' the water I seen, right in the middle of it, I seen—I seen—but here he paused dead for want of a vocabulary.

'Well, thick-head, an' wot was it ye seed—yer own hugly shadder, I s'pose?' said Mrs Brown, as she caught up and slapped the baby playing with a pumpkin on the floor. 'Look better on yer, it would, to wind me up a turn o' water, an' it washin' day to-morrer, 'stead o' comin' pitchin' fairy stories.'

'It warn't,' replied Steve, taking no notice of the latter part of her speech. 'But it was as big—ay, an' a lot bigger'n this hut. All black, an' no hair it was; an' 'tad two white tushes's, long as my leg, only crookt, an' a snout like a big snake, an' it were a-spoutin' water forty foot high, and soon's it seen me it bellered agin and agin.'

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'You bin over to Walmsley's shanty to-day?' asked his wife, looking hard at his pale face and staring eyes.

'No, s'elp me!' replied Steve; 'not ter a month or more! An' yer knows, Mariar, as it aint very often I touches a drop o' ennythin' when I does go over.' Which was strictly true, for Steve was an abstemious rogue.

'Well, then, you've got a stroke o' the sun,' said his better-half, dogmatically, 'an' you'd best take a dose of salts at oncest, afore ye goes off yer 'ead wuss.'

'Hrrmp! hrrmp! hrrmp!' trumpeted Greg cheerfully, as at this moment, interposing his huge bulk before the setting sun, he looked in at the back door with twinkling eyes.

With a scream the woman, snatching up her child, bolted into the bedroom, leaving Steve quaking in an ecstasy of terror, as Greg, spying the pumpkin, deftly reached in with his trunk and asked for it with an insinuating grunt.

But Steve, pretty certain that it was himself who was wanted, and that his time had come at last, tumbled off the stool and grovelled before the Unknown Terror.

Without coming in further, Greg could not get within a foot of the coveted article. To come in further would be to lift the house on his shoulders, so Greg hesitated.

For ten years—long ago in the days of his youth—he had been a member of the Ceylon Civil Service, and had learnt discipline and respect for the constituted authorities. Also, besides being chief constable of his fellows, he had been a favourite at headquarters, had borne royalty itself, and was even named after Governor Gregory. Therefore, hungry as he was, Greg hesitated about demolishing a house for the sake of a pumpkin; but Steve, now on his knees in the middle of the floor, with that curling, snake-like thing twisting and twitching before his eyes, knew less than nothing of all this.

Had he been able, he would doubtless have prayed in an orthodox manner to be delivered out of the clutches of the Evil One. Being unable to pray, he did the best he could, which was indifferent.

'Oh good Mister Bunyip,' he quavered, 'let's off this oncest, an' I'll takes them mokes back to the nigger. I'll give up them two unbranded foals as I shook off the carrier larst week, likewise the bag o' flour off his waggin. It yer'll ago away, Mr Bunyip, I'll never plant nor shake nothin' no more. I wont—s'elp me! An' if yer'll go back quiet—here the wall-plate began to crack, and Steve's voice to rise into a howl—I'll promise faithful never to come next anigh yer waterhole over yonder to plant hosses.'

As he concluded, Greg, having at length jammed his big head in far enough to just reach the pumpkin with his trunk, withdrew, taking both doorposts with him.

'He's gone, Mariar,' said Steve, after a pause, wiping his wet face; 'but it wor the narriest squeak you ever seed. Took nothin', he didn't, only that punkin as was on the floor. Tell you wot,' as his wife came trembling out of the other room, 'we're a-goin' to shift camp. Neighbours o' that sort ain't ter be played with. Ain't it a wonder, bein' so handy like, as he never come afore? I knows how it was, now!' he exclaimed, a happy inspiration seizing him. 'It were all through them two larst cussed mokes! The feller as owns 'em's a flash black-feller shearer. I had a pitch with him the night afore, an' he reckons as how he'd just cut out ov a big shed on the Marthaguy. So I sez to myself, "You're good enough, ole chap, fer a fiver, ennyhow."'

'What's that got to do with it?' asked his wife softly, regarding the crushed doorway with affrighted face.

'Don't yer see? The bunyip's the blackfeller's Devil. Ole Billy Barlow tell'd me oncest as he seen the head ov one rise up out of a lagoon. I'll have to tossick up them mokes, Mariar, an' take 'em to that darkey straght away, afore wuss 'appens. S sh, sh-sh! Wot's that?'

It was Greg, who wanted his supper badly, and was soliloquising at the other end of the hut. He had been down to a little fenced-in paling paddock on the flat, and, looking over, to his delight had seen a crop of maize, sweet and juicy and not too ripe, also more pumpkins.

But with the love of the law and the memory of discipline still strong in him, he had returned to ask permission of the owner—the stupid white man who sat in his hut and talked nonsense. And now he was holding council with himself how best to make the fool understand that he was hungry, and wanted for his supper something more than a solitary pumpkin.

Hassan Ali, he knew, had but dried hay and the rinds of melons to give him. Here, indeed, was a delectable charge, and Greg's mouth watered as he gurgled gently in at the opening which did duty for a window, and close to which the family crouched in terror.

Why could not the stupid fellow understand? Could it be that he and his were deaf? A bright idea, and one to be acted upon, this last!

Therefore, carefully lifting up and displacing half the bark roof, Greg looked benignly down and trumpeted mightily until the hut shook as with an earthquake, and the whole land seemed to vibrate, whilst his audience grovelled speechless. Then, finding no resulting effect, and secure in the sense of having done his uttermost to make himself understood, he went off with a clear conscience to the corn-patch and luxuriated.

'It ain't no bunyip, Steve,' wailed his wife, as they heard the retreating steps; 'it's the "Destryin' Hangel" as I heerd a parson talk on oncest when I was a kid, an' that wor the "Last Tramp"—the noise wot shows as the world is comin' to an ind. It ain't no use o' runnin'. We're all agoin' to git burnt up wi' fire an' bremston! Look out, Steve, an' see if there's a big light ennywheres.'

'Sha'n't,' replied Steve. 'Wot's the good? If it's the end o' the world, wot's the use o' lookin'? An' I b'lieve 'ere's yer blasted Hangel a-comin' agen!'

Sure enough, Greg, having had a snack, was returning just to assure the folk that he was doing well; that his belly was half full, and that he was enjoying himself immensely.

So he hrrmped softly round about in the darkness, and scratched his sides against the rough stone fireplace, and took off one of the rafters for a toothpick, and rumbled and gurgled meditatively, feeling that if he could only drop across a couple of quarts of toddy, as in the old Island days, his would be perfect bliss.

All through the hot summer night he passed at intervals from the paddock to the house and back, and all the night those others lay and shivered, and waited for the horror of the Unknown.

Then, a little after sunrise, a long, loud, shrill call was heard, answered on the instant by a sustained hoarse blare, as Greg recognised the cry of his mahout and keeper.

And presently Steve, plucking up courage in the light, arose, and, looking out, shouted to his wife triumphantly.—

'Now, then, Mariar, who's right about the bunyip! There he goes off home to the waterhole with a black nigger on his back!'

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FIXTURES.

RACING.

June 21—Hipódromo Nacional, Belgrano.
June 24—Hipódromo Argentino, Palermo.

GOLF.

JUNE.

Sun. 24—Monthly Competition, at Lomas.
Fri. 29—Monthly Shield Competition, at Rivadavia.
Fri. 29—St. Andrew's Society Annual Competitions, at Rivadavia.

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—Firal 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.
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CYCLING IN ENGLAND

May 11th, 1900.

Many people wonder what becomes of the obsolete and discarded crocks which annually disappear from the possession of their last riders, alter, probably, having changed hands several times. For instance, where are the cushiontyred mounts which were in vogue some years ago, and filled up the hiatus between the passing of the solid and the universal recognition of the pneumatic; and where are the old tricycles, which have not been dismembered for the sake of the wheels to equip light tradesmens' trucks? A visit to any popular seaside place within easy distance of the metropolis will solve the mystery. As an illustration, take the case of a cycle agent near the railway station at Herne Bay. On ordinary days his shop is replete with the most elegant and up-to-date machines which would not discredit the Viaduct houses. But so soon as the agent gets wind of an approaching school treat, and he knows that the youngsters must pass his shop on their way to the sea, an extraordinary transformation takes place, and in place of the superfine mounts a veritable legion of resurrected crocks fills the shop space.

In many parts of England cyclists have good cause to complain of the indiscriminate use of water employed for laying the dust on the roads. The water-cart man, unlike the roadman, has possibly no particular inducement to trouble about the welfare of wheelmen. His duty is to go to the hydrant-stand, fill his tank cart, and then proceed to swamp and flood the streets. The result is a great waste of water, for the ground being hard, a good deal of it runs down the drains. If the road is not properly "rounded," however, and especially if it is a soft road, this swamping causes it to become muddy, and more or less dangerous for riding, because the mud is on the surface with a hard bed beneath, and consequently wheels lose their power of grip. The tramway companies to make the running of the cars easier, flood the metals, and a good deal of this water is poured upon the granite setts. Many fatal accidents have resulted to wheelmen owing to this cause. However, unpalatable as the truth is, it must be conceded that the wheelman cannot expect any special consideration shewn to his machine, because, by its nature, its balance may be disturbed by causes which would not affect other vehicles.

If a careful record has been kept of the different mishaps which have befallen the various competing cars during the 1000 miles motor trial, and a comparative

table, showing the wear-and-tear of the working parts many useful conclusions may possibly be drawn with the view of providing improvements whereby less may be left to chance hereafter. It is only by some such practical test as has been engaging public attention lately, that an intimate knowledge of an entirely new departure in engineering can be acquired. If the promoters are able to show that upon the whole the competing cars have emerged from the ordeal triumphant, the little difficulties encountered en route will be forgiven and forgotten, and a stronger interest in the street locomotion of the future will be shown. The British public knows little of the capabilities of the motor, and that little knowledge has not warranted any too favourable conclusions being drawn. The result of the motor trial should "change all that."

An accident which shows that the cyclist has often more to fear from the pedestrian than the latter from the cyclist was investigated at an inquest held recently. The deceased was a letter-carrier, and whilst riding a post office machine on his rounds a lad darted out from a side street and ran full tilt against the machine. The rider fell, and, before he could regain his feet, he was crushed to death by a passing delivery van. The lad who had brought about the accident had meanwhile disappeared and there is no doubt that feelings of fear have prevented him coming forward. This case affords an illustration of the risks that riders run when riding amid traffic. The irresponsible street-boy who rushes out pursued by another may, as in this case, bring about a fatal accident and even should the encounter not terminate fatally, the wreck of the machine may ensue. On country roads dogs are elements of danger. Only recently, a cyclist was seriously injured and his machine broken owing to colliding with a retriever dog that rushed out from a neighbouring garden chasing a cat.

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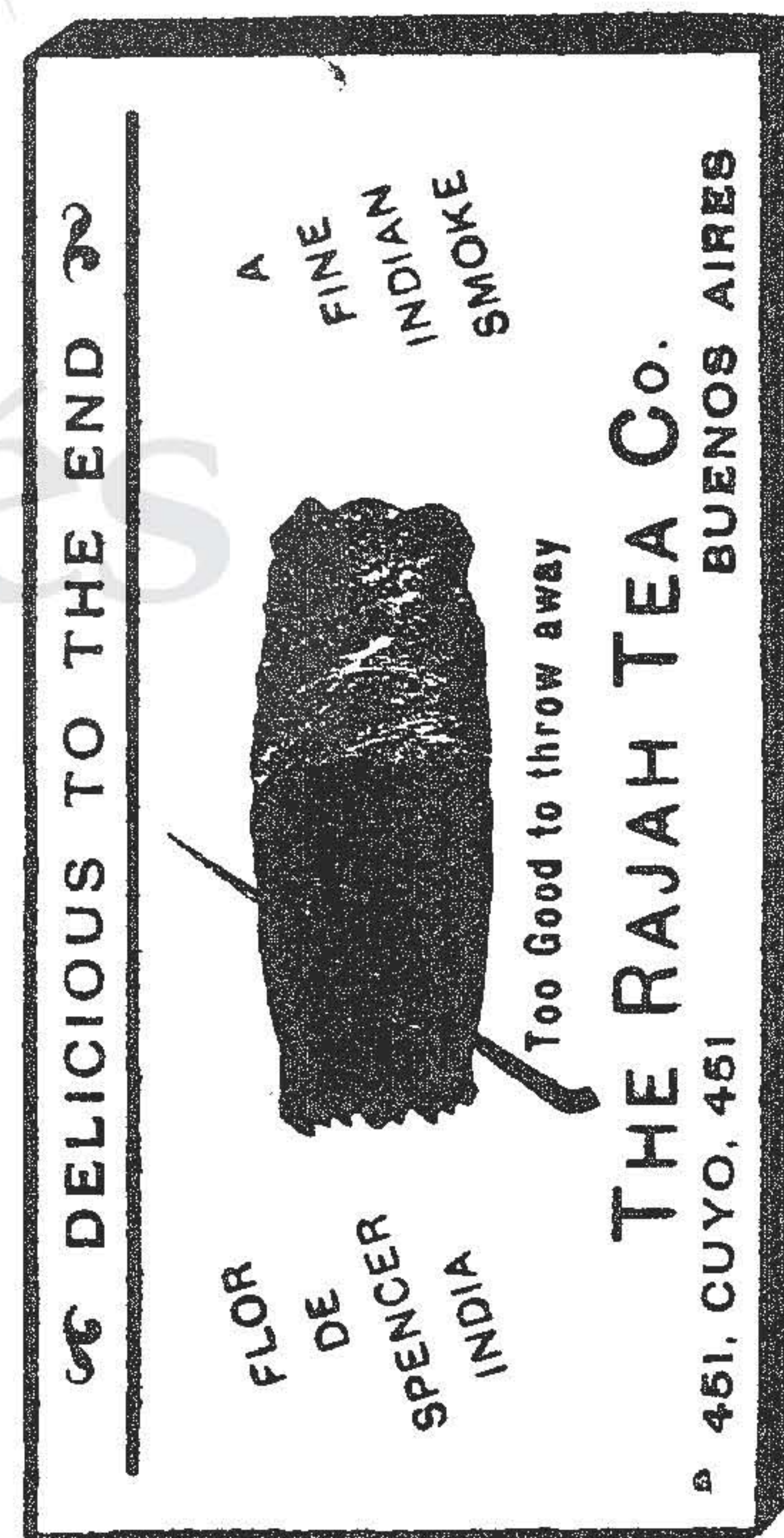
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