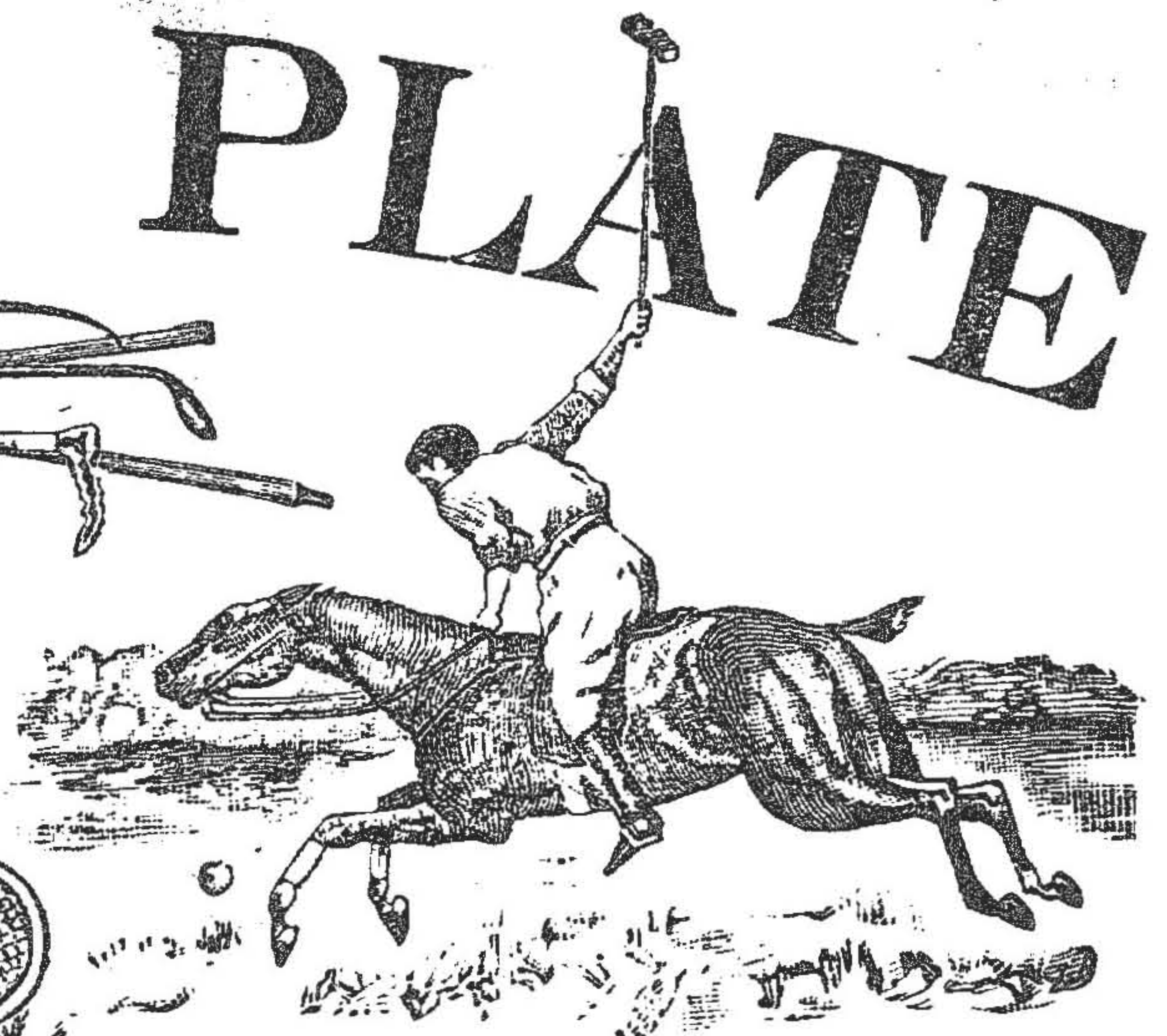
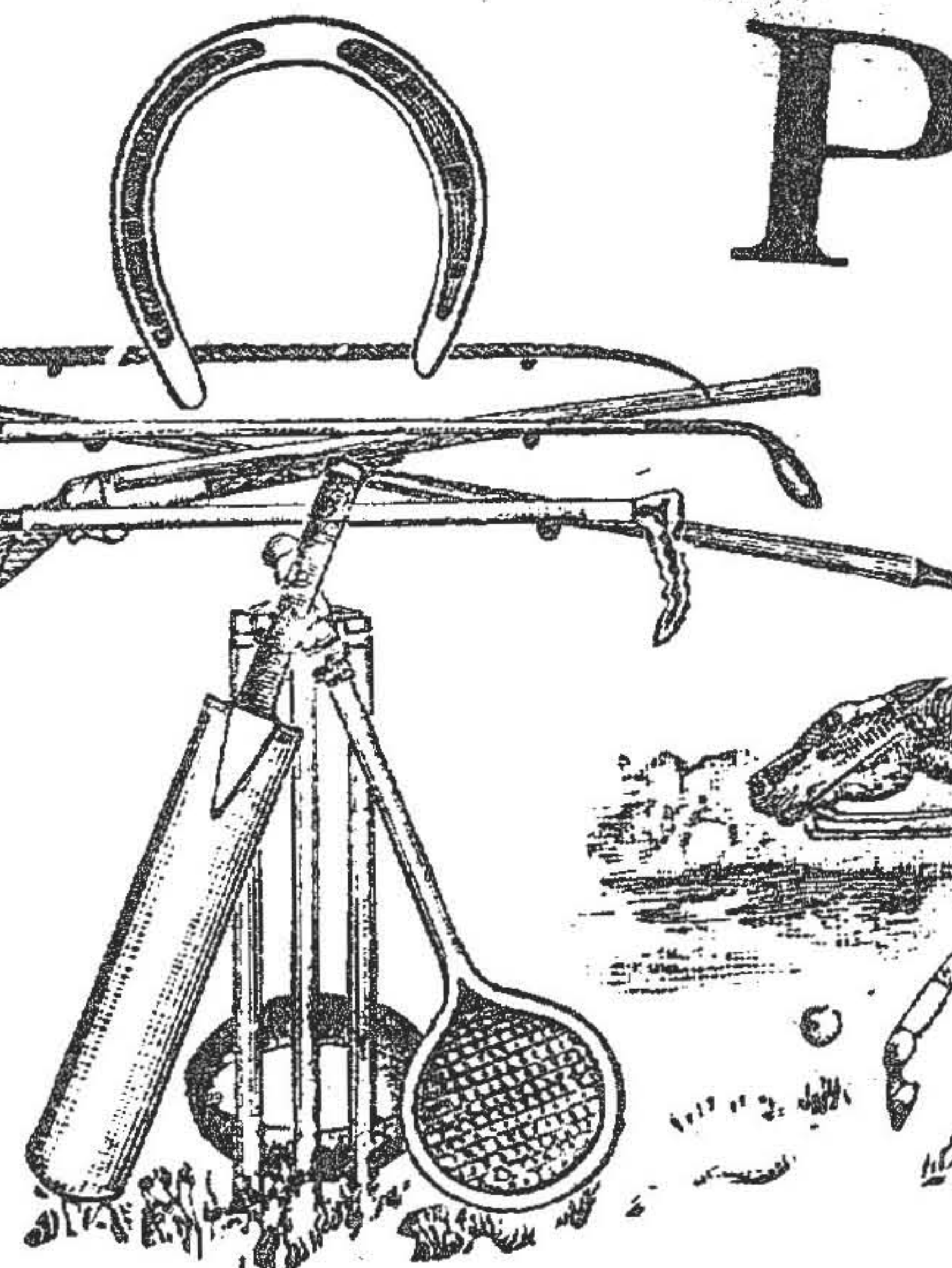
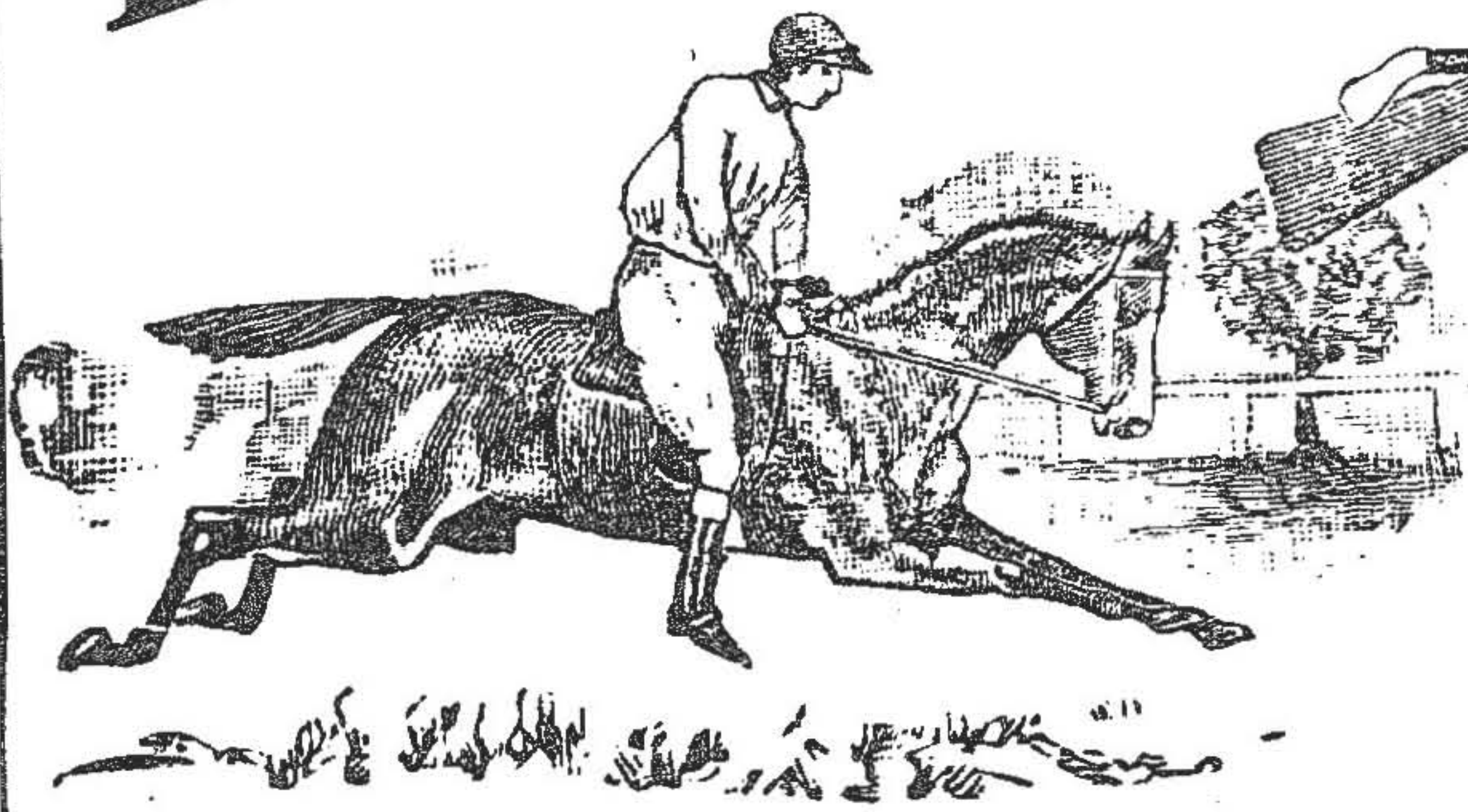


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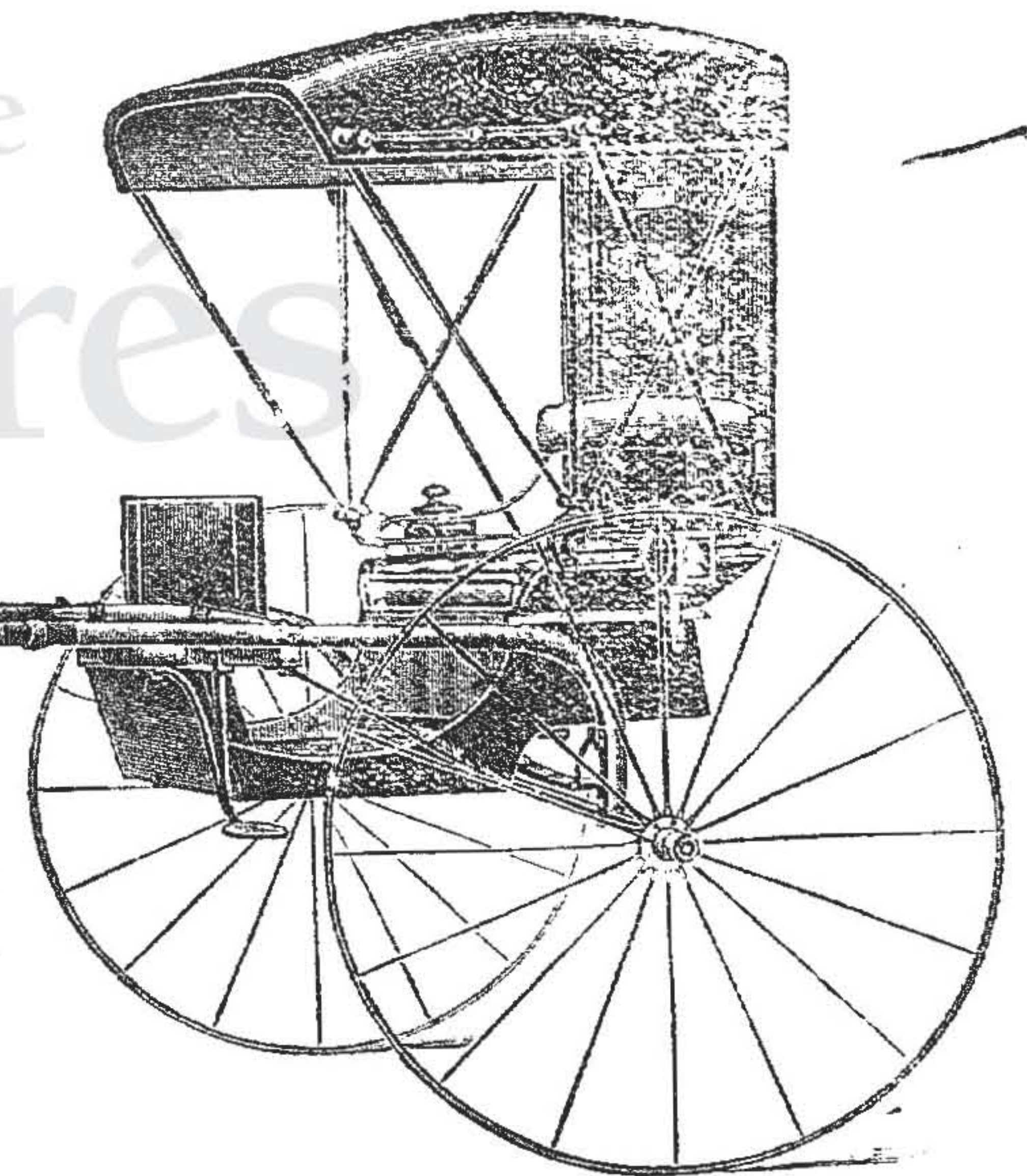
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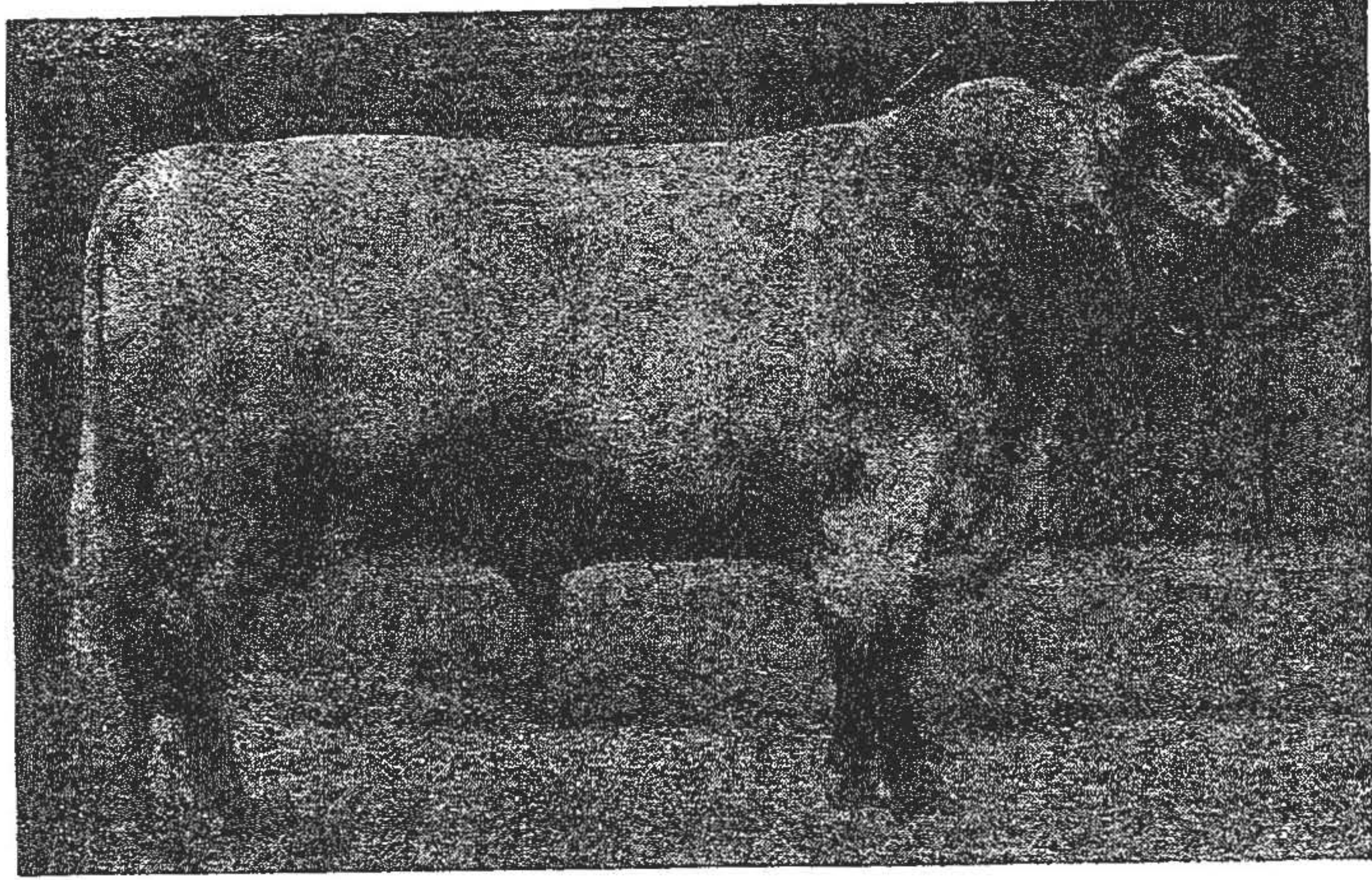
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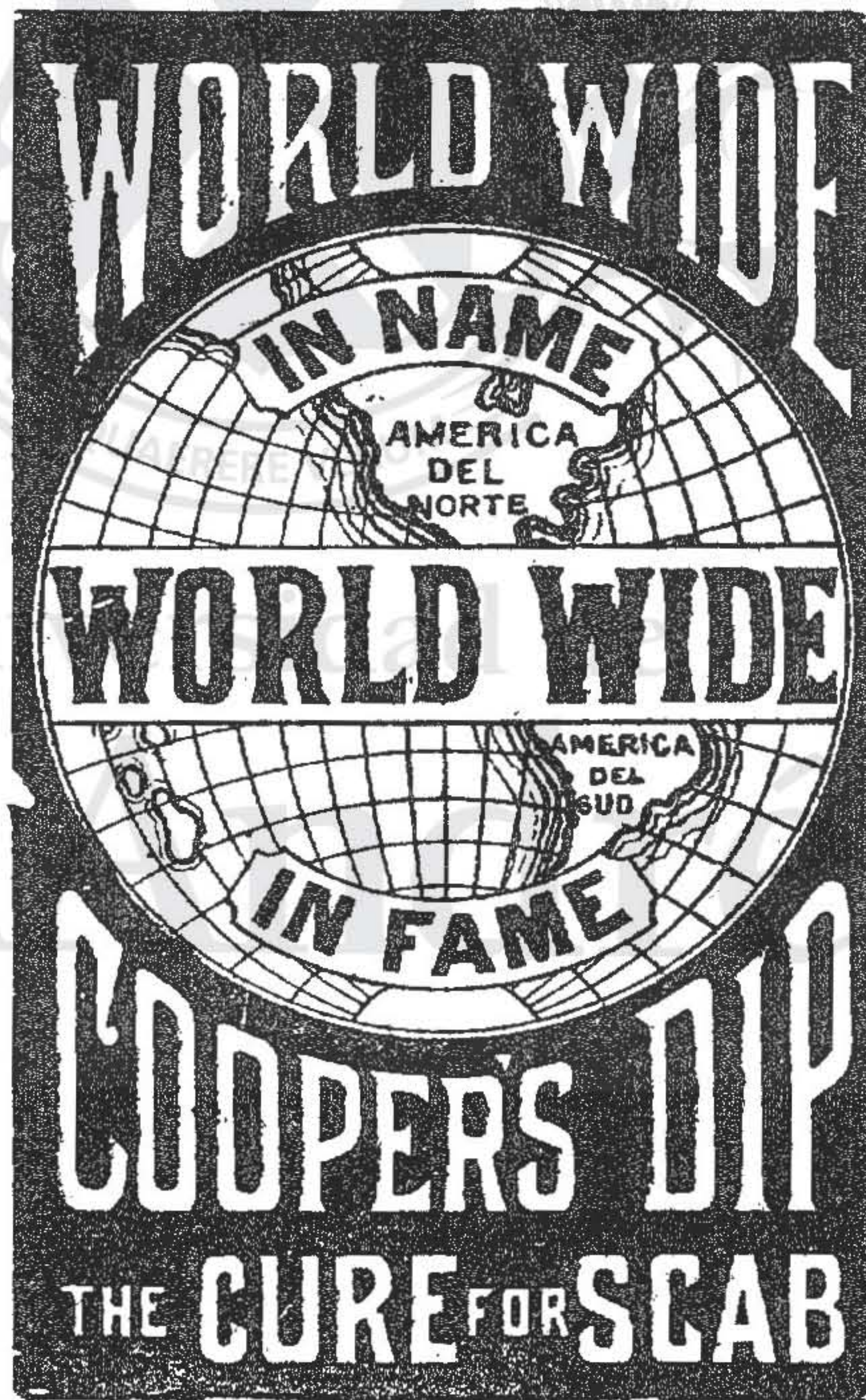
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GOLF.

Although there were no matches or competitions last Sunday there were plenty of golfers out at our various links. At Flores the links were in excellent condition and some good play was enjoyed. The principal visitors were Messrs J. W. Besserer and T. T. Watson.

At Rivadavia the links were well patronised and although a little wet in places they were in good condition, and several friendly singles and foursomes were greatly enjoyed. We hear of one golfer who has renamed the ninth or *barranca* hole Spion Kop!

At Lomas the links were still very wet in places and although most of the greens were good the eighth was still very hopeless. Among others out we noticed Messrs Bridger, Macdonald, A. Mohr-Bell, W. Flint, C. Alexander, C. C. Alexander, P. B. Chambers, T. Flint, P. Cowper, E. Gibson.

At Hurlingham the links were in good order, except for the greens, which were distinctly rough. There were several out both in the morning and afternoon, among whom we noticed Messrs M. G. Fortune, J. Agar, J. W. Taylor, E. D. Drabble, F. H. Benn, J. O. Anderson, J. Stuart, F. J. Bennett, E. L. Wilson, Lacey.

MONTEVIDEO GOLF CLUB.

THE PRESIDENT'S CUP COMPETITION.

Below we give the results for the second round of the above competition, which was concluded on Sunday last:

Handicap		Handicap	
James Fraser, 6 holes,	beat	H. Marshall, 9 holes,	1 up
J. M. Ellery, 6 "	"	W. R. Cameron, 6 "	4 up
A. D. Dunbar, scr	"	J. Adams (holder), 6 "	8 up
C. J. Rippin, 12 holes,	"	J. S. Reid, 6 "	1 up

The third round has to be played off by July 15th.

The members of the Montevideo Golf Club are looking forward to a match with the Lomas golfers, who are expected there on Sunday next, the 1st prox.

POLO.

HURLINGHAM.

LOCAL POLO TOURNAMENT.

Although the Championship Tournament has been postponed from June 29th and following days to a later date, polo is going so strong just now at Hurlingham that it has been decided to hold a "local" tournament at Hurlingham on June 29th, 30th and July 1st. At present five teams have been entered, but in case of any four other players caring to enter by 11 o'clock on the morning of the 29th inst. they will be accepted as an entry, a concession that should be noted by our camp players.

The following teams have entered:

Trekkers	Toffs
H. S. Robson	T. S. Robson
A. M. Challinor	E. D. Drabble
C. R. Thursby	R. P. Sidebottom
W. H. Harnett	C. H. Jefferies
San Carlos	Teetotallers
Baron G. Peers	F. E. Kinchant
Roque Fredes	R. S. Moncrieff
Juan Cariso	J. M. Mullaly
Agrapino Oviato	B. F. R. Bedford

Topers

J. Ravenscroft
Major Kennedy
F. J. Balfour
A. S. Willes

On Friday morning next, the 29th inst., the Trekkers will play the Toffs at 11 o'clock, and at 2 o'clock San Carlos will meet the Teetotallers. If no other four players enter, the Topers will have a bye, this constituting the first round.

On Saturday, June 30th, the winners of the San Carlos and Teetotallers match will try conclusions with the Topers at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, the winners of the Trekkers and Toffs having a bye.

On Sunday, July 1st, the final will be played at 2 o'clock. Very great interest is being shewn in the tournament, the success of which is assured. We trust the weather will hold up till after Sunday.

HURLINGHAM—JUNE 24.

There was quite a good muster of polo players at Hurlingham last Sunday when, in spite of the heavy state of the ground, some good and fast play took place. The polo pavilion was well patronised, several ladies and others watching the games with great interest. Sides were picked to play two chuckers each, with the following results:

H. S. Robson	F. E. Kinchant
J. Ravenscroft	J. M. Mullaly
A. S. Willes	R. P. Sidebottom
C. R. Thursby	C. H. Jefferies

The first chucker was a very fast one and there was plenty of galloping in the second. The final result was a win for Kinchant's team by five goals to three. Both Robson and Ravenscroft were riding "green" ponies.

T. Robson	A. M. Challinor
E. D. Drabble	R. S. Moncrieff
Major Kennedy	F. J. Balfour
Sanderson	W. H. Harnett

The ground soon became cut up and play suffered in consequence. In the end Challinor's team won by six goals to four.

After these two games had been concluded, play continued till dark, Messrs Howard, Dennis, and Hawes cutting in. As we have remarked, the ground was heavy, and soon cut up, which made the play slow, but there was some brilliant play at times, and a number of new ponies were out which shaped well.

VENADO TUERTO.

A polo match was played on Sunday, the 17th inst. between the "Geebungs" and the "Locusts." After a good game the "Locusts" proved victorious by six goals to three. Owing to the wet weather the ground was rather heavy and towards the end misses became very frequent. Notwithstanding, at times, the game was very fast, especially in the fourth ten minutes.

For the "Locusts" G. F. Thomson hit two goals, Macdonald three, and St. John one; while for the "Geebungs" C. Hinchliffe scored two goals and Pakenham one. The sides were:

Locusts.	Geebungs.
1. G. F. Thomson	1. R. Pakenham
2. A. Macdonald	2. J. Jeffray
3. H. W. St. John	3. F. B. Hinchliffe
J. L. Bury (back)	C. Hinchliffe (back)

A return of the match played between the "Locusts" and the "Geebungs" was played on Sunday last and resulted in another win for the "Locusts" (who were greatly strengthened by the inclusion of Mr H. Bury in their team) by 6 goals to 3. The ground was playing much faster than the previous Sunday, and the game in consequence was better contested.

For the winners H. Bury was very safe at back, saving his goal brilliantly on several occasions. The "Geebungs" combination at times was good, but they were very weak in shooting at goal.

The goals were hit for the "Locusts" by Macdonald (3), Thompson (2), L. Bury (1), and for the "Geebungs" by Pakenham (1), F. Hinchliffe (1), Jeffray (1).

The sides were as follows:

Locusts	Geebungs
1. F. Thompson	1. R. Pakenham
2. A. Macdonald	2. J. Jeffray
3. J. L. Bury	3. F. B. Hinchliffe
H. J. J. Bury (back)	C. Hinchliffe (back)

HUNTING.

HURLINGHAM DRAG HOUNDS.

The meet last Sunday was at the Club House at 11 o'clock, and the run was arranged over the chacras beyond the river Conchas. Hounds were laid on across the bridge by the mill, and took a big ring round to Bella Vista, where there was a check. Up to this they had run slowly. When they were laid on again the pace was very fast, and, after skirting Mattaldi's chacra, they finished at the mill.

Among those out we noticed Miss Glover and Miss Waddell driving, Mrs. Howard, Miss Huxtable, and Messrs. Preston, Thursby, Howard, Willes, Sidebottom, Ryan, Jefferies, Ravenscroft, Harnett, Sanderson, Huxtable, Newman Smith, Parker, Brewster, Mendl, Marjoribanks, McMorran, J. Ripley, etc.

This was Mr. Parker's first appearance in the field, and "Not Out" carried him well in front to the finish.

PONY RACING

AYRSHIRE CUP.

The entries for the above important race close on Saturday next, so we now give the full conditions of the race:—

A sweepstakes of \$50 each added to a cup, value \$1000, which has to be won three times by the same owner before becoming his absolute property. The owner of the second horse to receive \$100, given by the Club. For any horse or mare, the property of a member of the Hurlingham Club. Weight for age, to be calculated on the following scale:—4-year-olds, 72 kilos; 5-year-olds, 75 kilos; 6-year-olds, and upwards, 78 kilos. Horses that have never started to be allowed 3 kilos. Previous winners of the Ayrshire Cup or Grand National Steeplechase to carry 3 kilos extra for every win. Jockeys who are members of the Hurlingham Club to be allowed 3 kilos, gentlemen riders 2 kilos. Distance 4000 metres over not less than 15 fences, including a water-jump at least 12-feet wide and 2-feet deep, and two ditches 6-feet wide and 3-feet deep in the taking-off side of the fence, which must be 4-feet 6-inches in height.

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RACING.

BELGRANO—JUNE 21.

With a fine day and very full programme, the attendance was a bit larger than usual, and the meeting animated all through. The dividends in general were small, but to make up for this the maiden brought out a thunderbolt in the shape of Ultima, a daughter of our old friend, Huri, who paid the biggest quota of the year so far, and so did her best to keep up the reputation of the course.

In the first race, twenty-four faced the starter, who was very successful with his hard day's work, and got the big lot off very well after several attempts. Elastic only just got home from Selim, who came very strong at the finish.

Carlomagno got off best in the maiden and led the way to the stand where Ultima challenged and came in half a length to the good.

The Selling Plate was an easy thing for Dalila, who was bought in.

The 2000 metres which was almost a Classic, brought another tight finish between Regalada and Lanza Seca, the five kilos difference just stopping the latter.

Another hard tussle in the 1200 metres resulted in a dead-heat between Friolera and Vivaracho, both very fast, but not good stayers.

Following up their success the Stud La Confianza had their third winner, one after the other, with Tántalo, who ran quietly behind Fortunio and Evangelina, until the former got the upper hand and in the last fifty metres came forward and won as he pleased.

The following are the details:—

PREMIO GUIRAPIRÚ, for horses of three years and more that have been a year in the country, and have not won more than \$4000. Weight 52 kilos, 3 kilos extra for every win, 3 kilos allowed to losers. \$1100 to first, 100 to second. 1400 metres.

Ecurie Indecis' Elastic, by St. Mirin—Polaina, 3 y, 54 k R. Garrido 1
Stud Rosario's Selim, 3 y, 56 k N. Sosa 2
Stud El Jockey's Cepeda, 3 y 54 k J. Olmos 3
Also ran—Union, Miraflores, Fiscal, Douglas, Nene, Infierno, Cosa Cerá, San Martín, Urutau, Azahar, Leutres, Exminster, General Zapiola, Longfellow, Gurupi, Gacela, Armonia, Orchata, La Fiera, and Reina del Salado.

Dividends—Elastic \$9.05 win and 3.80 place, Selim 7.75 place, Cepeda 5.15 place.

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

Ecurie Azur's Ultima, by Ambush—Huri, 52 k F. Castellano 1
B. Ferraro's Carlomagno, 54 k P. Aguilera 2
Ecurie Indecis' Irlanda, 52 k G. Palacios 3
Also ran—Avion, Temporal, Batallon, As de Espada, Obus, Necochea, Charabon, Marques, Bambino, Vicioso, Ebano, Ultimatum, Solferino, Daiman, Vision, Orgia, Mariposa, Eneida, and Monja.

Dividends—Ultima \$224.45 win and 50.50 place, Carlomagno 6 place, Irlanda 5.40 place.

PREMIO REMATE, for horses of three years and more that have been a year in the country and have never won a Selling Plate. Weight for age. The winner to be sold for \$2500. Those entered to be sold for less to be allowed 3 kilos for each \$500 reduction. \$1300 to first, 100 to second. 1600 metres.

Stud Dalila's Dalila, by Amazon—Novela, 3 y, 46 k F. Liceri 1
Ecurie Montevideo's Llama, 4 y, 46 k F. Gomez 2
Ecurie Pergamino's Kaolin, 4 y, 48 k J. Felid 3
Also ran—Soliman, Pildora Azul, Mandrin, Motin, and Diana.

Dividends—Dalila \$5.70 win and 2.85 place, Llama 6.60 place, Kaolin 3.75 place.

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

Stud La Confianza's Regalada, by Havre—Suri, 4 y, 49 k J. Olmos 1
Stud Hirondelle's Lanza Seca, 5 y, 54 k F. Olivera 2
Ecurie Guerrillero's Ligera, 4 y, 55 k R. Garrido 3
Also ran—Senegal, Oribe, Octubre, Abeto, and Primero.

Dividends—Regalada \$8.80 win and 3.70 place, Lanza Seca 9.30 place, Ligera 5.10 place.

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

Stud La Confianza's Friolera, by St. Honorat—Rosa, 4 y, 54 k R. Garrido 1
Petite Ecurie's Vivaracho, by Progreso—Wanda, 3 y, 53 k I. Diaz 1
Stud Floresta's Hortensia, 3 y 54 k J. Olmos 3
Also ran—Ecarté, Austerlitz, Porthos, La Negra, Siria, Clamor, and Coracero.

Dividends—Friolera \$8.65 win and 6.50 place, Vivaracho 4.15 win and 3.15 place, Hortensia 3.55 place.

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

Stud La Confianza's Tántalo, by Stiletto—Fortuna, 5 y, 56 k R. Garrido 1
Stud La Alianza's Fortunio, 4 y, 60 k P. Aguirre 2
Stud El Derby's Evangelina, 4 y, 45 k C. Bustos 3
Also ran—Cyrano Huapi, Rivera, Casuarina, Amambay, Araujo, Ascot, Selim, Modista, Punilla, Cosa Cerá, Thermidor, and Miraflores.

Dividends—Tántalo \$12.80 win and 4.90 place, Fortunio 7.90 place, Evangelina 12.60 place.

PALERMO—JUNE 24.

It was quite a relief to have a really fine day after five consecutive wet Sundays, and everyone had a chance of being satisfied, there being one three-figure dividend, three tolerable outsiders, and three favourites, among

the winners, and that gives a little for all parties. The going was only a little heavy, the fields were large, and the finishes good all through, and plenty of people and animation.

The Classic, with its penalties, came out like a Handicap, and gave Graco an opportunity of proving what a sterling horse he is turning out to be, as he carried top weight, 60 kilos, to victory in gallant style for a three year old. The second place was occupied by Africano, who has much improved lately, and Congo and Carina were quite out of it.

The opening Mile brought a fine finish between Tormenta, Rataplan, and Princesa, with necks between them. Guamini, who would have been favourite, was ordered off the course, as too lame to run.

The Maiden was cleverly taken by Wasp, only Carlomagno getting near enough to push her.

The 1700-metres Handicap brought the surprise of the day, Porthos getting the best of a close finish with two other outsiders in a field of seventeen.

The long distance was as good as a Classic, from the class of horses engaged, and after Caprichoso had made strong running to the paddock, he was passed by Ovacion, who was just able to sustain himself against a strong challenge by Orange.

The 1400 metres for young ones was interesting from the presence of Penitente, Los Cardos, and Sierpe. The first named won by a grand rush past La Nilson in the last twenty metres, showing that he has to be counted with in the future.

The Mile Handicap finished an interesting day's sport with another win by Tantalo, who was rather strangely neglected after his easy win on Thursday, but who was only just able to keep ahead of Omnium, who ran a grand race. The following are the details:—

PREMIO ORBIT, for horses of three years and more that have not won more than \$4000. Weight 55 kilos, 3 kilos extra to winners. \$1600 to first, 100 to second. 1600 metres.

Stud Los Cardos' Tormenta, by Gloriation—Hubie, 3 y, 56 k. S. Urrutia 1
 Stud El Derby's Rataplan, 3 y, 58 k. P. Aguilera 2
 Jorge Atucha's Princesa, 3 y, 56 k. R. Garrido 2
 Also ran—Kaolin, Mein Herr, Cecilia, Suspiro, Incognito, Beguero, Longfellow, Pensamiento, Perla, Culebrina, and Soprano.
 Dividends—Tormenta \$5.85 win and 2.60 place, Rataplan 2.70 place, Princesa 2.70 place.

PREMIO EL AMIGO, for two year-olds that have not won. Weight 55 kilos. \$2000 to first, 200 to second. 1100 metres.

Ecurie Etoile's Wasp, by Neapolis—Winifreda, 53 k. J. Sarthou 1
 B. Ferraro's Carlomagno, 55 k. P. Aguilera 2
 Stud Los Cardos' Rubina, 53 k. S. Urrutia 3
 Also ran—Cachafaz, Temporal, Camaleon, Bambino, Caligula, Clover, As de Espada, Mistress, Roseola, Chola, and Milady.
 Dividends—Wasp \$9.20 win and 3.45 place, Carlomagno 5.10 place, Rubina 4.05 place.

PREMIO WHIPPER IN, handicap for horses that have not won more \$10,000. \$1700 to first, 100 to second. 1700 metres.

Stud La Aurora's Porthos, by Athos II.—Vlagna, 4 y, 45 k. J. Feliu 1
 Stud Oriol's Le Pays, 3 y, 51 k. F. Perez 2
 Stud El Derby's Rataplan, 3 y, 49 k. F. Bustos 3
 Also ran—Juliano, Iron King, Florida, Republicano, Caprice, Vesper, Athou, Alianza, Plátano, Picquart, Cassio, Estopin, Charlatana, and Armenia.
 Dividends—Porthos \$136.90 win and 27.40 place, Le Pays 9.45 place, Rataplan 12.75 place.

PREMIO LAWRY, for horses of three years and more. Weight, three years 53 kilos, four years and more 56 kilos, 3 kilos extra to winners of \$6 to 10,000, 5 kilos of \$10 to 15,000, and 7 kilos of more than \$15,000, 3 kilos allowed to winners of less than \$3000. \$5000 to first, 500 to second. 1600 metres.

Stud El Plata's Graco, by Tissaphernes—Cinisca, 3 y, 60 k. J. Sarthou 1
 Ecurie Guerrillero's Africano, 3 y, 56 k. F. Garrido 2
 Stud Pobre's Bebé, 3 y, 53 k. P. Aguilera 3
 Also ran—Bohemio, Tabaré, Rivera, Iberá, Bornabé, Réve d'Or, Carina, Offembach, Congo, and Lybia.
 Dividends—Graco \$6.60 win and 3.45 place, Africano 6.25 place, Bebé 6.20 place.

PREMIO GAY HERMIT, handicap for all horses limited between 62 and 50 kilos. \$3000 to first, 300 to second. 3000 metres.

Ecurie Ben d'Or's Ovacion, by Orbit—Isology, 5 y, 59 k. F. Conde 1
 Ecurie Orange's Orange, 5 y, 61 k. F. Perez 2
 J. A. Fernandez' Caprichoso, 3 y, 55 k. C. Valla 3
 Also ran—Gonin, Le Sancy, Guttemberg, Abeto, and Discreto.
 Dividends—Ovacion \$13.85 win and 4.60 place, Orange 3.60 place, Caprichoso 5.25 place.

PREMIO NEAPOLIS, for two-year-olds that have not won Classics. Weight 54 kilos, 3 kilos extra to winners of one race, and 5 kilos of two or more. \$2200 to first, 200 to second. 1400 metres.

J. A. Fernandez's Penitente, by Neapolis—Pas Beguele, 54 k. C. Valla 1
 Ecurie Argentina's La Nilson, 52 k. G. Morales 2
 Stud Los Cardos' Los Cardos, 57 k. S. Urrutia 3
 Also ran—Tronera, Escaramuza, Vizcacha, San Graal, Roi Soleil, Aguila, Waxy, Mercurio, Atenas, Sierpe, La Brava, and Mariposa.
 Dividends—Penitente \$22.45 win and 7.35 place, La Nilson 10.55 place, Los Cardos 3.45 place.

PREMIO EXMOOR, handicap for horses that have won more than \$10,000. \$1800 to first, 100 to second. 1600 metres.

Stud La Confianza's Tántalo, by Stiletto—Fortuna, 5 y, 54 k. P. Aguirre 1
 Ecurie Belgrano's Omnium, 4 y, 60 k. S. Urrutia 2
 Stud Escocés' Muñeca, 3 y, 49 k. J. Feliu 3
 Also ran—Cacique, Ligerá, Orleans, Reyzeuelo, Nihuil, Ameliana, Mirabeau, Bobby and Evangelina.
 Dividends—Tántalo \$25.75 win and 7.25 place, Omnium 5.30 place, Muñeca 9.05 place.

HOME RACING.

EPSOM SUMMER MEETING—WEDNESDAY, MAY 29

Derby Stakes of 6000 sovs; about 1 1/2 miles.
 The Prince of Wales's b c Diamond Jubilee, by St. Simon—

Perdita II., 9 st	H. Jones	1
Duke of Portland's Simon Dale, 9 st	M. Cannon	2
Mr J. R. Keene's Disguise II., 9 st	J. T. Sloan	3
Sir E. Cassel's Bonarosa, 9 st	L. Reiff	4
The Prince of Wales's Frontignan, 9 st	R. Jones	0
Mr J. Musker's Chevening, 9 st	O. Madden	0
Mr A. Stedall's Most Excellent, 9 st	K. Cannon	0
Mr A. Stedall's First Principal, 9 st	F. Rickaby	0
Mr T. R. Dewar's Forfarshire, 9 st	S. Loates	0
Lord Rosebery's Sailor Lad, 9 st	C. Wood	0
Lord Cadogan's Sidus, 9 st	T. Loates	0
Mr E. Blanc's Governor II., 9 st	T. French	0
Lord W. Beresford's Democrat, 9 st	T. Weldon	0
Mr W. T. Jones's Dewi Sant, 9 st	E. Jones	0

Betting—6 to 4 agst Diamond Jubilee, 100 to 30 agst Forfarshire, 8 to 1 agst Disguise II., 10 to 1 each agst Chevening and Bonarosa, 100 to 6 agst Simon Dale, 25 to 1 agst Sailor Lad, 33 to 1 agst Governor, II., 40 to 1 agst Democrat, 50 to 1 agst Most Excellent, 66 to 1 each agst First Principal and Sidus, 100 to 1 agst Frontignan, and 200 to 1 agst Dewi Sant.

The flag fell to a very even start, from which Chevening drew out in the centre, soon taking the rails, and he was followed by Forfarshire, Dewi Sant, Bonarosa, Sidus, Most Excellent, Democrat, and Disguise II. Dewi Sant pushed to the front after going two furlongs, but was done with at the mile post, where Chevening again led, closely followed by Forfarshire. Diamond Jubilee had been steadied in the first furlong, but now he rapidly improved his position, going third at the top of the hill, with Disguise II. next. Down the hill Diamond Jubilee passed Forfarshire and Governor II. Bonarosa, Disguise II., and Simon Dale drew into a group nearing Tattenham Corner. There Disguise II. came up and went over to the rails, interfering materially with Diamond Jubilee and Simon Dale, and the American led for a quarter of a mile. Then Diamond Jubilee was set going, and was soon clear, but at the distance Simon Dale was sent along, and began to draw on Diamond Jubilee, who, however, held his own without being pressed to the utmost, and won by half a length; a length separated Simondale and Disguise II.; Bonarosa was placed fourth, Most Excellent fifth, Chevening sixth, Sailor Lad seventh, and Forfarshire eighth.

Friday, May 31st.

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Mr J. Musker's Lady Schomberg, 9st	K. Cannon	2
Mr L. de Rothschild's Nushka, 9st	J. T. Sloan	3
Mr Russel's Dusky Queen, 9st	T. Loates	0
Lord Ellesmere's Inquisitive, 9st	F. Pratt	0
Mr W. Johnstone's Paigle, 9st	L. Reiff	0
Sir J. B. Maple's St. Nydia, 9st	Allsopp	0
Mr L. Brassey's Winifreda, 9st	S. Loates	0
Mr Russel's Semper Vigilans, 9st	Rickaby	0
Mr D. Baird's St Nitouche, 9st	Halsey	0
Duke of Portland's St. Vigila, 9st	Weldon	0
Mr A. James's Dum Dum, 9st	Morton	0
Mr A. Steddall's Masonic Jewel, 9st	Madden	0
	Fagan	0

Betting—3 to 1 each agst Lady Schomberg and Winifreda, 5 to 1 agst La Roche, 100 to 12 agst Inquisitive, 10 to 1 agst Paigle, 100 to 7 agst Merry Gal, 100 to 6 agst Semper Vigilans, 25 to 1 each agst Nushka and Dum Dum, 33 to 1 each agst Dusky Queen and Sainte Nitouche, 40 to 1 agst St. Nydia, 50 to 1 agst Masonic Jewel, and 100 to 1 agst St. Vigila.

Lady Schomberg on the outside was first away, though she quickly gave way to St. Vigila, who went on from Lady Schomberg, Paigle, Winifreda, an Semper Vigilans, with St. Nydia, La Roche, Inquisitive, Dum Dum, and Nushka next, and Dusky Queen last. At the mile post Lady Schomberg drew out with a clear lead, followed by St. Vigila, Paigle, Winifreda, and La Roche, next coming St. Nydia, Inquisitive, and Nushka, with Dusky Queen still whipping in. Lady Schomberg continued to show the way down the hill, and was attended into the straight by Paigle, La Roche, and Merry Gal, Sainte Nitouche heading the others. A quarter of a mile from home La Roche headed Lady Schomberg, and was in turn joined by Merry Gal; but the latter could never get on terms with La Roche, who won easily by three lengths; Lady Schomberg was a bad third; Paigle was fourth, Sainte Nitouche fifth, Nushka sixth, Winifreda seventh, Dum Dum eighth, St. Nydia ninth, and St. Vigila last.

REMINISCENCES OF SOUTH AFRICA.

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

II.

FROM PALMIETFONTEIN, (BASUTOLAND) TO CRADOCK (CAPE COLONY).

In December, 1882, I left Palmietfontein, where the troop of Cape Mounted Rifles to which I had belonged had been stationed for some twelve months, to go down Colony. How well I remember that morning! The dawn was just breaking as I turned out to "saddle up," and the heavy mist which still covered the veldt gave promise of a scorching day—a promise which was amply fulfilled. That day I had to reach Aliwal North to catch the post-cart for Cradock on the following, and, as Aliwal North is something over eighty miles from Palmietfontein, I naturally wanted to get away as early as possible. I had as means of "conveyance" a weedy brown horse, which, feed as you would, was always as "poor as a hurdle," but as hard as iron, though occasionally given to bucking; he was, however, a sweet hack, and would stride along at the same pace all day, and never seem to tire. I sold him in Aliwal for £15.

A few hearty handshakes, "so-longs," and "good-lucks," a "last stirrup cup" at the canteen *en passant*, and away I cantered, crossed the deep sluit which runs past the camp to join the Orange river, and turned to have a last look at the barrack square, the fort, and two large stores, which made up the settlement—to see the "early birds" exercising their horses on and about the race-course, where I had had so many pleasant rides, and won not a few races, and to realize that I had done with "soldiering," and was going to try my luck at something else; and then over the hill and Palmietfontein was out of sight and a thing of the past.

I think I can remember nearly every incident on that ride, and as I write I seem to see two little "niggers," as I then saw them, breaking two young "riding bullocks." I pulled up and watched them for some time, and the performance was really funny. The woolly-headed little beggars were perfectly nude, and the way in which they jumped on and got "chucked" off those bullocks, always landing on their feet, was quite an edifying spectacle. I wonder if any of the readers of *S. and P.* have ever ridden a gay and festive bullock (?). I have—at least he was quiet, but I rode him with sharp spurs, and obtained as fine a "gravel rash" as one could wish. There's something "shifty" about the hide of a bullock which upsets both "grip" and "balance," and when he "rounds" his back you feel "lonely"—anyhow I did, and realized that the animal wanted to be rid of me, and I went, and the last I saw of that bullock was the point of his tail disappearing round a large ironstone boulder at the foot of a kopje, as I picked myself up, a sadder if not a wiser man. But this is a digression. No doubt in time those boys turned those bullocks into excellent "hacks."

Then came two transport waggons, each drawn by a span of sixteen bullocks, crawling along at the average rate of bullock teams, from one-and-a-half to two miles an hour. They were bound for the French Mission Station at Deadman's Kop, about ten miles beyond Palmietfontein, and on the borders of Moirosi's country. The missionary, I fancy, made a fairly good thing at supplying the souls and bodies of the niggers with spiritual and creature comforts. I use to say "thank God I was not born a bullock," but I fancy I'd as soon be that as a "bullock driver." Fancy "forelooping" a team, or even driving them! The endless whistling, thrashing, and hooting—could anything be more monotonous? "Yak-mon," whistle, thwack!! I just turned off the road to pay a last "visit" to old "Happy Jack," a well-known character in those parts, who had, I believe, been a man-of-war's man and had deserted. He had been in the country for some forty years, and had married a black woman. The old scamp had helped more deserters from the Cape Mounted Rifles over the border than anyone in the country, and once or twice had them hidden in his kraal when the patrol stopped to make enquiries. I fancy he had a kind of fellow feeling for them, besides which I expect he made a bit at it. He was, however, "loyal," and one might as well cross examine a gate post as "Happy Jack." Passing the English Mission, where I just called to salute the Missionary and his family, and have a look at the new Church which was in course of erection, I pushed on to Sturk Spruit—strong stream.

At the drift, on the colony side, was then—and probably is now—a kind of hotel carried on on "Teetotal" principles: nevertheless, one could get a good square meal there, and members of the club used often to ride over there on Sunday to breakfast, and have a chat with old Jennings, the boss. The old chap's son was one of the finest "rough riders" I ever saw, and thought no more of riding a bucking colt "bare-backed," than I did of riding over a hurdle.

Sturk Spruit is a river which is responsible for the death of many a poor fellow, as like nearly all South African streams it is extremely rapid, and, as it winds in its course like a snake, it has a "backwash" when full, which it is almost impossible to resist, and transport riders would rather outspan their waggons and wait at the drift for a week or a fortnight than try to cross when a small island in the centre was covered, probably now there is a bridge. As I pulled up at Jennings, I was greeted with "hullo, old chap, how are you," by Paddy O'Toole, V.C., as jolly reckless and harum scarum an Irishman as ever walked or rode. It was he who helped Lord William Beresford to save the life of a wounded sargeant in the Zulu war of 1879. When I knew him he had been keeping a store between Sturk Spruit and Palmiet frontier almost on the bank of the Orange River, and on the morning in question had just returned from Aliwal, where he had been to bank some money and have a look around, as he called it. He had evidently been on the Tear. He had brought back his V.C., which he had left at the bank and remembering that I had told him that I had never seen one, chucked it at me. Poor old Paddy, I wonder what became of him.

After breakfasting, giving my horse a couple of bundles of forage, and having a pull at Paddy's bottle, for Paddy had a bottle, I saddled up and started, followed by a "view holloa" from Paddy which set my nag bucking, and jolly near it got me down, in fact if I had not had a valise on the front of the saddle I should have gone. This, of course, caused a yell of laughter, and in self vindication I had to run the spurs in and make the animal buck, which he certainly did. The last I saw of Paddy he was waving his hat and exhorting me to hang on by the spurs. Soon after leaving Sturk Spruit on the Aliwal road, the country becomes more open, and, as there was plenty of grass that year, the veldt was fairly springy. Leaving the road to Herschel and Ladygray, the latter an excessively pretty small town, the former a most uninteresting place, the road to Aliwal North is fairly straight and good. By one o'clock I reached another Hotel and store where I got some beer and more forage for my horse and, then rode on to the last stopping place before reaching Aliwal. I forget the name of the place, but remember that there was quite a nice hotel there where I got some excellent tea and again rested and fed my horse. The hotel was almost close to the bridge over the Kei—I believe that is the name though am not quite certain—river. The sun was getting low as I left the hotel, and the air was freshening, and as my horse was not at all tagged I cantered steadily on into Aliwal, having done the journey in about 14 hours, got some supper and turned in to sleep soundly and well.

Next day I was up early, made some necessary purchases, and found a purchaser for my horse.

The post cart was due to start at 2.30, so I booked my seat and then had lunch. At about 1 o'clock a most terrific thunderstorm came on which lasted till past the hour for starting, so that it was nearer 3.30 than 2.30 before we got away. The post cart was a two-wheeled hooded Cape cart with a pole and "curricle" bar, to which four miserable apologies for horses were harnessed.

The two leaders I remember had both sore shoulders and withers, as indeed had the wheelers with the addition of sore tails. We were three passengers, a young lady going to Grahamstown, a commercial traveller, and myself. The driver, a nigger, was decidedly not sober, and as the rain had turned some of the streets into veritable swamps, we very soon came to a full stop, at last "Johnny" handed me the reins and with tipsy gravity said that he was going to push the wheel. By turning the leaders across and waking them up, I managed to get them on the move, and then I pretty nearly killed that poor nigger by going until I came to some higher and therefore drier ground. He hung on, as he dared not let go, and was about as blown as I ever saw a man. Our next stopping place was an hotel-store called Halfway House, and there we changed horses.

The new team was a decided improvement on the first, it was in fact composed of four very decent dark-bay horses in good condition. It was well for us they were as

the Stormberg spruit is at no time a very good one to cross, as the banks are steep and the bottom rough and rocky, and this time the first wash of water was coming down from the mountains where no doubt the rains had been very heavy. We got the steam up going down and spurted up the other bank just as with a rush and a roar the water came foaming down. Had we been a minute later it would have been a case of swimming or waiting. We stopped for a few minutes to "blow" the horses, and before we left the bed of the stream was quite full and the water rushing along like a mill race. Then we trotted down to Burghersdorp where we had supper and changed horses again, this time for a big pair of browns and then on through the night, stopping once only at a posting house to change again. No one was up except the nigger Ostler. I had taken the precaution to provide myself with some whisky and water, as even in summer, the nights are often chilly in South Africa, and a Cape cart is not exactly a luxurious sleeping apartment.

We stopped for early breakfast in a small camp town of which I entirely forget the name, and then drove on across what seemed an interminable flat to Maraisberg, also a very small town composed in fact of some fifteen or twenty houses, an hotel and the post office. It seemed as if we should never get there, the horses were tired and the day was a scorcher and visions of long cold drinks would come before us, and Maraisberg looked so close and yet seemed to get no nearer. Well, when we got there we refreshed, even the lady getting outside a big glass of lime juice and lemonade, which, I think, is about as refreshing a drink as one can wish on a hot day.

Our next and last stopping place was an hotel on the side of a steep hill, where we got a good meal, and where I was charged 1s. for the privilege of washing my face and hands. The man who kept the place was half a Dutchman, so therefore I suppose considered that washing being an unnecessary should be an expensive luxury. I had half a second to bring away the piece of soap as a curio—it was so small—but on consideration thought as probably soap was a very scarce article it would be only charitable to leave it in case of an Englishman requiring it. From this point to within a few miles of Cradock the country is hilly, not to say mountainous, though in some parts extremely picturesque.

Just before sighting the town, we came upon a really charming model farm. The house and grounds were laid out in true English style, whilst the solid well-built coach house and long range of really good loose boxes—the doors were nearly all open—evidently contained valuable property. The land was irrigated from the Fish river, which passes Cradock. From here we passed under steep overhanging cliffs on the left with the river on the right, in some places far below us, till turning at a sharp angle to the left, we came on the bridge—a suspension—and then across a flat covered with small bushes and trees, and on which were running a lot of ostriches, we saw Cradock, which was then the terminus of the Port Elizabeth and Kimberley railway, that is to say for passengers, though the line was even then in construction for some twenty-five miles further. Cradock was even then a considerable town, and especially for one coming from outside appeared a very pretty place. There were some good shops besides two good hotels. I stayed there for two days at the Masonic, and made various calls.

Mr Hilton Barber had at that time a large stud of race horses near the town. I believe as well as I remember that it was he who imported Champagne Charlie, who was the sire of some remarkably good horses at the Cape. I left Cradock for a place called Landplats where I got a job to break horses to saddle for a very large land owner and ostrich farmer, but of the road to that place, and how I got there I may speak in another article.

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CYCLING IN ENGLAND

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A good deal of interest has lately been evinced in the question of suitable lubricants for cycles. The custom has been to use a thin fluid oil. However, since experiments have been made with oils of greater density and viscosity, many advocate the use of a thicker oil in the bearings, the objection to a thin oil being that it is apt to run out and leave the bearings with little lubrication. Indeed, some writers advise an oil so thick that the little lubricators which convey the oil to the bearings have to be removed before it can be coaxed into the interior. It is urged that one dose of a heavy viscid lubricant will last for quite a long period, and, owing to its solidity, will not allow dust or any foreign substance to filter through. The question of a suitable chain lubricator is also one that should be interesting. After the chain has been thoroughly cleaned and the rivets oiled, a mixture of kerosene and black-lead made into a paste and allowed to dry on the chain's frictional surface is used by many.

"The plucky Catfordian" (which is old matured journaleese for Platt-Betts) has again shewn how ill fortune may dog one's footsteps with a pertinacity which is almost inexplicable. To the astonishment of everybody, he has not succumbed to accidents that would have given the *quietus* to ordinary mortals but has been riding, if anything, better than ever this year. However, on his return from Glasgow, where he successfully disposed of the redoubtable Linton and Chase, in addition to putting up new Scottish records for the hour, he is reported to have met with a somewhat serious accident, this time in a railway train, where, by some mischance he is said to have put his shoulder out. Fortunately, the report says he is fast on the road to recovery and will soon be riding again. All good sportsmen will wish the little Catfordian good luck!

The weather so far, although we are on the eve of Whitsuntide, has not been any too favourable. With the exception of one or two brief spells of warm sunshine and mild breezes we have had it unseasonably cold. Now the wet has set in with a vengeance, and although it is possible to console oneself with the reflection that these heavy rains will do a lot of good from an agricultural point of view, we are not arable farmers or horticulturists, and those who happen to be cyclists, and little more, will long for a cessation of the rain, a little more light in the sky, and possibly some hot sunny weather to once again render the roads, which have been veritable quagmires of late, good and pleasant going. The year is quite far enough advanced for one to expect warm summer weather, and all cyclists hope that the boon may not long be withheld.

A comic journal some years ago kept us all amused with the commonplace annals, the short and simple annals, of Slushton-on-the-Mud. The Slushton-on-the-Mud of fiction has a prototype, actual and material, in Darlington, or rural Darlington, which possesses a council. At a meeting of that eminent body, eight influential members being present, it was with due solemnity and formality decided to empower the clerk to draft a petition to the Chancellor of the Exchequer to license all bicycles, tricycles, and motor cars, and to apply the revenue to the maintenance of the roads. This is the "Little Peddlington" way of doing things, and no doubt in their own immediate circle these recondite counsellors thought that their utterances would go forth to a listening world. But should any drastic measures, such as contemplated, be dealt out to wheelmen, they will not take their initiation thus.

Referring to the recent deputation of cyclists to the Board of Trade and the advice given by the President to the effect that cyclists must find their salvation in the ballot-box, much doubt has been expressed in certain usually well-informed quarters, as to whether the cyclists' vote is really the imposing entity that it is popularly believed to be. Theoretically, the argument would be, hundreds of thousands of cyclists, hundreds of thousands of votes. And the pleasing spectacle is conjured up of cyclists voting *en masse* in favour of their own pet candidate, sworn to safeguard and advance the cycling interest, and swamping all opposition by mere force of num-

bers. But it is pointed out that it is very doubtful whether ardent politicians would sacrifice their principles, say to vote for a radical candidate, if they were Tory, or a Home Ruler, if the cyclist happened to be a Unionist. The solidity of the cyclist vote might be broken up into numerous unimportant sections and the sting taken out of it.

With reference to the lamentable death of a cyclist who was killed near Liberton, in the county of Midlothian, owing to his having collided with a cart which carried no lights, a question has been recently asked in the House of Commons as to whether the Government would consider the necessity of introducing legislation to ensure that the County Council of Midlothian and other local authorities would be called upon to pass by-laws, similar to those obtaining in twenty-nine counties in England and in various boroughs in Scotland, compelling those in charge of vehicles to carry lights one hour after sunset. However, the Lord Advocate replied that he did not think it was any part of the duty of the government to interfere, although he admitted that the by-laws in Midlothian as to lighting up of vehicles were somewhat ambiguous. He considered that it was the duty of the County Council to see that the matter was rectified, and that any by-laws passed were properly observed. There is not much comfort for Scottish cyclists to be derived from this answer.

An English cycling journal has some very sensible remarks upon the matter of riding in the teeth of the wind, and suggests that the average cyclist is too apt to try conclusions with a force stronger than himself, and when he finds how futile this is, is apt to become disgusted and afterwards not care to venture out when the wind is unfavourable. Lady riders, who ride in skirts—and very few ride in "rationals"—suffer especially from infliction of a strong head wind, by reason of the extra resistance which their skirts afford, and the upshot of the remarks by the writer referred to, is that in order to enjoy cycling against a high wind, it is necessary to conserve one's powers and to take matters easily, and if approaching a hill where a stronger rider is seen to be successfully battling with the elements, to resist the temptation to do likewise, if exhausted nature leads to the conclusion that one's powers are not equal to the effort.

One evidence of the decline in cycle racing is the comparative smallness of the prizes offered to professionals and the corresponding diminution in value of amateur prizes. No doubt this is the result of the gradually diminishing gates, and it is an old adage that one must cut one's coat according to one's cloth. Unfortunately for those whose interests are bound up in racing matters, there seems little prospect of any immediate change for the better. One time it was thought that provided good men competed, or rather, men who were top-sawyers at the game, a gate would always be ensured. But the best men apparently have little more influence upon the gate now-a-days than second raters. It is a gloomy outlook and one that leads to the conclusion that so far as England is concerned, cycle racing has had its day.

The National Cyclists' Union has naturally lost no time in making the most of their prospective triumph on the question of coercing the railway companies to make better terms with wheelmen for the carriage of their cycles, etc. The advertisement the N.C.U. has obtained has been a very extensive one, many of the prominent London and Provincial papers having devoted considerable space to the discussion of the matter of the deputation to the Board of Trade. There is no doubt the N.C.U. is alive to the fact that in order to win the sympathy and support of the great body of wheelmen, it is necessary to shew it exists for something more than the governance of racing. The time may conceivably come when there will be little or no racing to legislate for, and it is just as well to take time by the forelock.

Polo Association of the River Plate.

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

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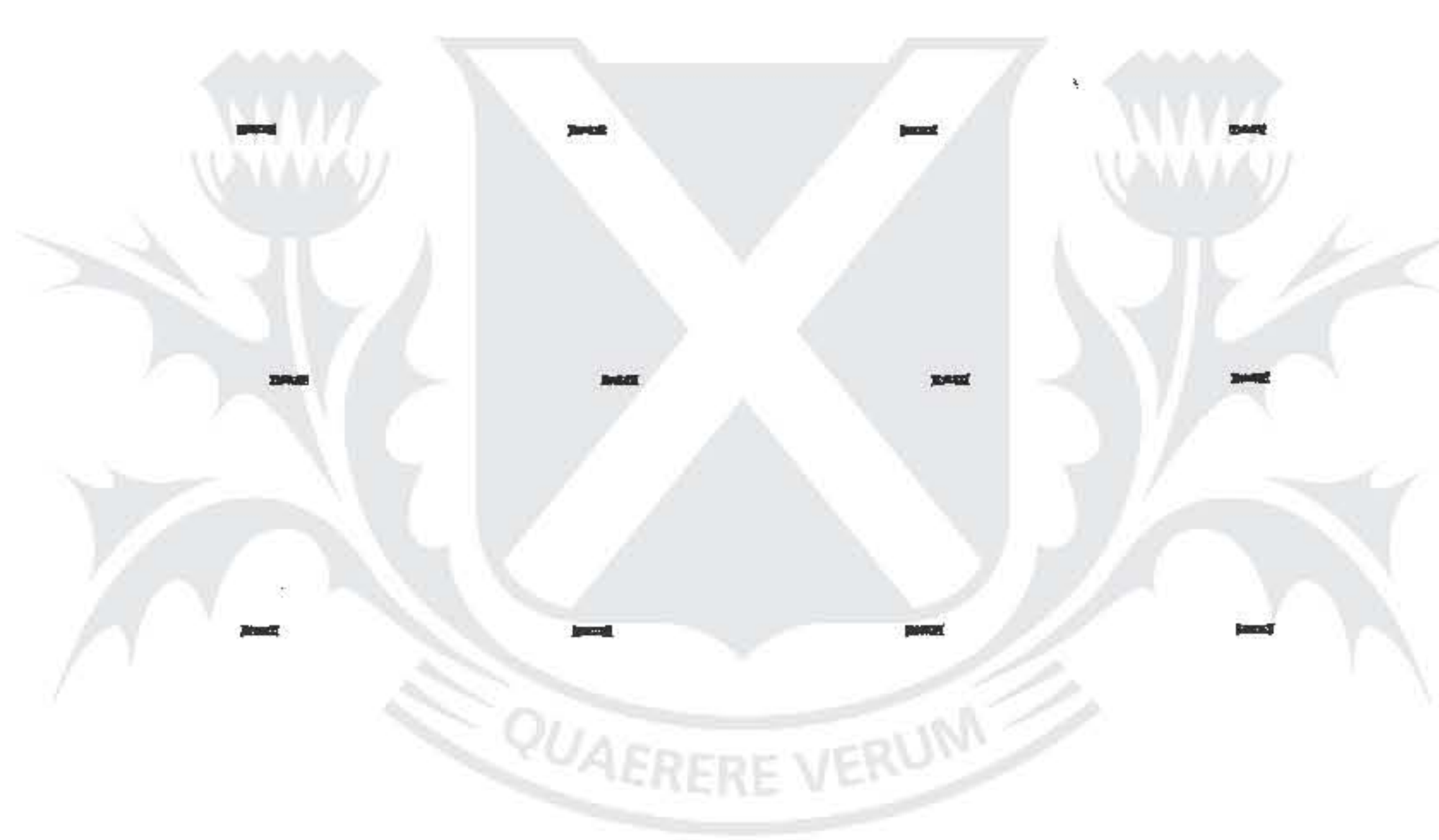
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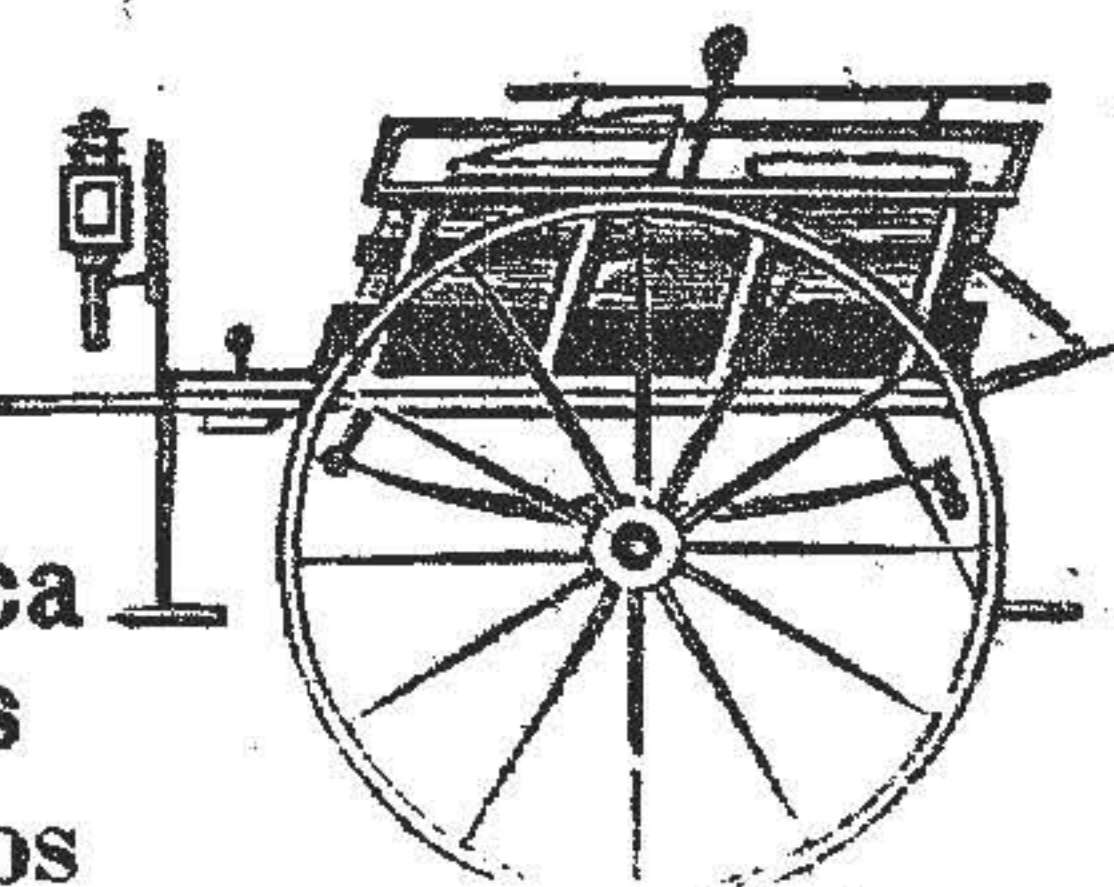
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NOTES.

The Annual Athletic Sports of the Rosario Athletic Club have been fixed for Thursday, August 30th. This early notice will give our athletes here plenty of time to make all necessary arrangements which will enable them to attend. It is always one of the pleasantest of our athletic meetings, and it has always been a source of wonder to us that more Buenos Aires athletes do not compete. We hope this year to see a change in this respect.

Some very interesting particulars have reached us concerning the battle of Hout Neck, near Thaban Chu, where Kitchener's Horse were mentioned as having done good work early in May. Some thirty-five men, including several of "Our Boys," were ordered to hold a kopje against a thousand Boers. The position to be held was seven miles long, so the men had to spread out into very open order, three here and three there, Traill, with a few men being sent furthest to the left.

Captain Cheyne, John White, and some few in the centre, were surprised by the Boers appearing on the sky-line within forty yards of them. Major Fowl, who was in charge, called to them to throw down their arms and "clear," but Cheyne and White remained, refusing to surrender when called on by the Boers to do so, and continued firing from behind some rocks. White—formerly mayordomo at the "Petacas" and "Caledonia"—had four bullets through his helmet, then another went through the stock of his rifle and into his shoulder, but he went on firing as if nothing had happened.

Another bullet went through his forearm, breaking the bone, but he still continued firing, now with his left hand and his rifle rested on a rock; finally, as he turned over to reload, a bullet went through the fleshy protuberance which showed above the rock. This, he told his companions afterwards, was the worst blow of the lot, jerking his knees up to his mouth. This was the first time he had fired at the enemy, as he had always had the bad luck to be out of it before, and what splendid pluck he showed!

Meanwhile, Captain Cheyne had had his helmet riddled and his head grazed, then a bullet went in close to his nose and out under his jaw, so the two shattered men were compelled to surrender. White was left on the ground and afterwards brought down by our own ambu-

lances, and was doing well and was quite cheerful over the hot corner he had got into. Captain Cheyne was taken prisoner, but escaped and rode up quite coolly with his head tied up in a red handkerchief the next day.

The fight continued from 10 a.m. until 3.30 p.m., when the Shropshires came to their relief, which our correspondent remarks "was very soothing as we were sick of firing." The hail of bullets, however, still continued pelting the rocks. Francis, who had made a heap of stones to protect him, had a Shropshire man shot dead close to him. The officer who was beside Traill while consulting him about the range, got a bullet through his shin-bone, but kept on calling on his men to come up and fire steadily, giving them the distance for sighting their rifles.

Then came the shout "Kitchener's Horse retire on your horses," and a long line of Gordons advanced. Traill asked the Shropshire officer to let him carry him down the Kopje, but he would not hear of it and called on his men to work up. For Kitchener's Horse the fight was over and they retired, some creeping away, others "making a bolt" for it. Traill, who was among the latter, after running full split about forty yards, was seen to fall and it was thought he was shot, but it turned out to be only a "cropper," and he was up and off again in no time. They had only one man killed, but in the evening they were very unhappy as they thought they had lost Cheyne and White.

The Rugby Championship match between Lomas and Belgrano, produced a close struggle and ended in a pointless draw. The heavy and slippery state of the ground seems to have considerably spoilt the play of the outsides, and so the game was mostly confined to the forwards, between whom there was really very little to choose. The match next Friday between the B.A.F.C. and Lomas should be very well contested.

It was rather startling on taking up Friday morning's paper to see a well-known English footballer figuring on either side. The one, the well-known half-back, P. G. Jacob, was apparently intended for a joke—a feeble enough one it must be allowed—but the other, C. O. Robinson, was quite correct. He is, we understand, a younger brother of the well-known Northumbrian and International three-quarter, G. C. Robinson. He was only here for a few days, but found time to qualify for Belgrano! Is not this rather a dangerous precedent and a matter for the Championship Committee to look into?

The conditions for the Ayrshire Cup, entries for which close on Saturday next, are somewhat altered this year. In future it will be run before, and not as hitherto after the Grand National, owing to it being a weight for age contest, while the Grand National is a handicap and therefore the horses can be handicapped on the Ayrshire Cup form.

The second horse has now some slight inducement to get there for the Club gives a hundred dollars to it, and for that reason there should be more starters as a safe and reliable jumper may, even if he does not win, get some recompense by arriving second. The race is now open to any horses, and therefore thoroughbreds can run. It is to be run on August 15th.

The features of the week's racing have been the enormous dividends paid by Ultima and Porthos, the former at Belgrano and the other at Palermo, so that there is one for each, but the filly, although the daughter of Huri, who

was the heroine of several unexpected wins, was so left out that her quota is very likely to remain at the top of the list for the year. Porthos was not a great surprise as everyone knows he will win one race in twenty that he takes part in, and one takes a ticket on him every now and then on the off chance, and a few lucky ones hit the lottery this time.

The notable successes have been the easy win of Graco in the Premio Lawry, the fine race between Ovacion and Orange in 3000 metres on Sunday, followed by a fine performance by Omnium, who ran Tántalo to a head in a mile conceding six kilos. These are all friends who have been well tried, and their return to form will be an additional interest to racing, especially if Orange get high enough to take part in classics. The début of Penitente, half brother to Pas-si-bête, was suggestive of another possible crack, but we must wait for confirmation of any form shewn by this generation.

The Local Polo Tournament which commences on Friday next and continues over Saturday and Sunday, is exciting much interest, and we are glad to learn, just as we are going to press, that the Media Luna team have entered. Their team will consist of Messrs Holland, Wood, Leared, and Kirkham, and their presence will lend additional interest to the Tournament. There will, of course, be no bye now in the first round.

The "Oficina de Movimiento y Conservacion del Puerto." has been ordered to clear a tract of ground between Dock No. 3 and the sea wall for the use of the newly-formed "Club Atlético Argentino." The area of the land donated to the club measures two hundred metres by two hundred metres. As yet we are not in possession of the rules, etc., of this club, but we are very glad to see that such a one has been formed, and we shall hope to see it flourish.

With the love for sport and athletics daily increasing among our native friends, we may yet hope to see the Municipality allowing the Buenos Aires Cricket Club to use the ground at Palermo on the old conditions. The present terms are very severe and should most certainly be made more lenient. By the way, is there to be no performance in aid of this club's funds this winter?

An English exchange says that amongst the sporting events to take place at the Paris Exhibition is an angling competition, which is arranged for August 5th and the following days until the contest is ended. The tournament will be between persons of both sexes over 18 years of age, and will take place between the Iena Bridge and the Bridge of Grenelle, in the left branch of the Ile des Cygnes. All French and foreign line fishers, individual or members of clubs, will be allowed to compete after paying an entry fee of 3 francs. The space on the bank of the river being limited, the competitors will be arranged in groups of about 200 fishers. Four of these groups will compete each day, and the length of the competition will be limited to exactly one hour. French clubs will compete with foreign clubs. It is stipulated that fishers not belonging to a club must as much as possible compete at the same time as members of clubs of their country.

Prizes of the value of 300 francs will be distributed between ten winners, and these prizes may be increased. First prize will be of the value of 200 francs, and will be awarded to the taker of the heaviest fish. Nine other prizes will be distributed to the fishers who catch the

greatest number of fish; in case of equality of number the weight will determine. The tackle must be single line, furnished with two hooks at the most. The use of landing net will be allowed, but no fisher shall aid another. Lures can be thrown out at will. The ten winners of each series will have the right to take part in the honour competition, which will follow immediately after the first contest. Prizes of a total value of 3000 francs at least will be distributed among the winners of the honour contest.

FOOTBALL.

ARGENTINE ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL LEAGUE

The following table shows the positions of the various clubs to date:

	DIVISION I.				GOALS		
	Matches Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	For	Against	Pts
E. High School ..	2	1	0	1	5	1	3
Lomas ..	4	1	2	1	4	7	3
Belgrano ..	2	1	1	0	2	2	2
Quilmes ..	2	1	1	0	4	5	2

DIVISION II.							
Banfield ..	5	3	0	2	13	6	8
E. High School ..	4	2	1	1	7	2	5
Belgrano II. ..	4	1	1	2	9	7	4
Central ..	3	0	2	1	3	7	1
Porteños ..	2	0	2	0	2	12	0

DIVISION III.							
St. Andrew's Academy	4	3	0	1	25	2	7
E. High School ..	3	2	0	1	26	1	5
Lomas Academy	3	1	2	0	6	15	2
Scotch School ..	4	0	4	0	1	40	0

No matches of the Escuela de Comercio have been included in this table.

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.	
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 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

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BANFIELD v. BELGRANO.

This match, in the second division, was played at Belgrano last Sunday, in beautiful weather and before quite a number of spectators, and after a close fight resulted in a drawn game, each side scoring once.

Banfield won the toss and decided to defend the railway end goal, but the advantage was nil as the little wind there was blew across the ground. Play at first was of an even nature till Belgrano burst away and Coe had a shot which went too high. After this Banfield had a turn and attacked, but were safely repulsed by the full-backs, only to return again to the charge and force a corner which proved fruitless. Belgrano now went off with a rush and were soon at the other end, where they obtained a corner, which being well placed produced an exciting scrummage in front of goal, until one of the defenders got the ball away and the visitors rushed it down to the Belgrano goal, where another struggle ensued, which ended in the ball going into the net. After this reverse, Belgrano tried hard to equalise and Coe did succeed in finding the net, but was rightly judged off-side. Keeping up the attack, Belgrano looked like scoring more than once, but Banfield defended stubbornly and when the whistle sounded for half time Banfield still led by a goal to nothing.

On resuming the home team lost no time in getting to work, but at once pressed and forced a corner, which was unproductive. Keeping up the attack Malm put in a good centre, which was not utilized, nobody being up, and Banfield easily relieved, and the forwards getting possession, the ball was quickly taken to the Belgrano lines, and a corner fell to the visitors. From this Belgrano got the ball, and as rapidly transferred it to the Banfield lines, where Goode was called upon to handle from a shot by Wibberley, the custodian saving at the expense of a corner, which proved of no avail. After this play became very even, each side attacking in turn, until at length the home forwards, combining well, took play to in front of their opponents' goal, where Wibberley had no difficulty in bringing the scores level. After this play continued to be of a give-and-take character, and the match resulted as stated above.

Mr. W. Jordan acted as referee.

The following were the teams:—

Banfield—
Gnal—A. J. Goode.
Backs—F. R. Wilson, S. R. Wilson.
Half backs—C. D. Moffatt, T. D. Watson, W. Diggs.
Forwards—R. Campbell, G. Tannahill, E. Potter, T. B. Lister, C. Wilson.
Belgrano—
Goal—G. C. Norman.
Backs—A. J. J. Rugeroni, G. Stalker,
Half-backs—R. Macfarlane, H. J. Fraser, J. W. Baldock.
Forwards—A. Woodwell, W. H. Coe, H. A. Craven, F. C. Wibberley, W. Malm.

RUGBY FIXTURES—SEASON 1900.

July 1—Buenos Aires v. Belgrano, at Flores.
July 15—Buenos Aires v. Lomas, at Flores.
July 22—Rosario v. Buenos Aires, at Rosario.
July 29—Runners up v. Rosario, at Rosario.
Aug. 5—Final for Cup.
Aug. 15—Buenos Aires v. Old Bedfordians, at Flores.

RUGBY.

LOMAS A.C. v. B.A.F.C.

The above Championship match will be played on Friday next, at Lomas, when the following will represent the B.A.F.C. :—

Back—C. S. Nixon,
Three-quarters—F. Leitch, J. O. Anderson, J. S. Campbell, F. de C. Heriot.
Half-backs—E. L. Rumboll, G. C. Paterson.
Forwards—J. C. Bellamy, T. St. J. Gebbie, C. S. Edye, L. Ponce de Leon, S. M. Carpenter, D. Stewart, J. A. Morton, T. R. L. Abbott.
Reserves—M. Bagley, M. Aron, R. Blagden, G. Blagden, C. Lottermoser.

LOMAS v. BELGRANO.

The Cup holders had all their work cut out last Sunday at Lomas, when the Belgrano team were their opponents. Unfortunately the pavilion side of the ground was wet and greasy and this considerably spoilt what would otherwise undoubtedly have been a last and interesting game. As it was the ball soon became greasy and passing very difficult, with the result that the ball was among the forwards too much of the time to please the ordinary spectator. We suppose it was on this account that so many passes were fumbled and that the picking up was rarely clean. There was some smart dribbling, however, which somewhat made up for the weakness displayed in the giving and taking of passes. Eventually the game was left drawn neither side being able to score.

F. H. Jacobs won the toss for Lomas and decided to attack the Lomas-end goal. It was soon seen that the home pack of forwards were the better in the tight scrummages, but Belgrano attacked all the same and kept the Lomasites on the defensive a considerable portion of the first half. The ball was let out a few times but the passing or rather the taking of the passes was weak, one or two of the outsides failing to hold the ball every time it was passed to them. Whether from this cause or not we cannot say, but after a few unsuccessful attempts to give their three-quarters a chance the forwards began to keep the ball close, and the interest in the play decreased in proportion. When at last the whistle sounded for half time the score sheet was still blank.

On resuming Lomas were the first to attack until a punt into touch by Robinson brought relief. From the throw-in scrummages resulted in mid-field where play remained more or less for the next ten minutes. At length McMorran got hold, picking up neatly, and transferred play to the Belgrano lines, from where the ball was kicked over the goal line.

From the kick out Belgrano made a determined attack and looked like walking through, but the ball was soon sent back to mid-field where play continued until the final whistle sounded, the result being a pointless draw.

The match, as we have said, did not produce as good a display as we had expected, for, bad as the conditions were, we feel confident that the game might have been a very much more open one than it was.

For the home team the brothers Jacobs and Wright all showed up well forward, affording one more example if another were needed, of how useful a knowledge of the dribbling code is to a Rugby forward. McMorran and Cowes played a sound game at three-quarters, and Iles is a half-back considerably above the ordinary.

For the visitors Fothergill kicked as well as ever, and Robinson did the little he had to do in finished style and proved a tower of strength behind the "scrums." Roberts and im Thurn worked like Trojans forward, and were always on the ball.

This result will make the competition for the handsome cup all the more interesting, and the meeting next Friday between the Lomas and B. A. teams will be looked forward to with keen interest by the lovers of Rugby football.

Mr. F. Leitch acted as referee, and Messrs. F. H. Chevallier Boutell and C. J. N. Carter looked after the lines.

The following were the teams:—

Lomas—
Back—S. Mohr Bell.
Three-quarter Backs—J. A. Page, H. A. Cowes, A. J. McMorran, R. C. Tetley.
Half-backs—B. A. Iles, H. B. Anderson.
Forwards—F. H. Jacobs, L. Jacobs, H. P. Wright, E. H. Liversidge, R. H. Smiles, O. W. J. Pfeiffer, B. Carlyle, L. Mohr Bell.

Belgrano—

Back—F. P. Bouwer.
Three-quarter Backs—F. W. Fothergill, W. H. Fowler, R. T. Gibbs, C. O. Robinson.
Half-backs—R. F. Dorning, J. Edwards.
Forwards—N. M. Whitworth, H. A. Roberts, A. im Thurn, A. C. Addecott, E. L. Duggan, N. G. Forrester, J. A. Lyons, R. D. Poulson.

Another evidence of muscular christianity comes from South Africa, and that very genial and energetic gentleman, the Rev. M. Mullineux, who will be remembered as one of the most popular half-backs of the Manchester Rugby Club, has now been ordered to join Lord Roberts

force at the front. Mr Mullineux less than a year ago was out in Australia, in charge of the English Rugby team, and when the war broke out he got an appointment as chaplain to the New South Wales troops. He was well esteemed at the Cape, which he visited in 1896 as a footballer, and consequently his friends there soon fixed him up, when he was appointed to the Rondebosch Hospital. They provided him with a church marquee, harmonium, and a recreation marquee, with piano, etc., for the reverend athlete was as much at home in organising entertainments as he was in dashing round a scrummage, or reading the lessons of the day. He hadn't got a bell to ring to call the flock to church on Sundays, so he used to strike an exploded 15-pounder Boer shell fired at Modder River, and the penetrating tones are judged to be more exhilarating than the reverberations of the finest peal. Now the Reverend Mullineux is going to the front, just where the venture to say he will be in his element, and that he will do his duty, either at fighting or preaching, we may be sure. We can but echo the words of the Australian poet, who happening to meet his ecclesiastical mightiness burrowed into verse in this style:—

I'd reckon his weight at eight-stun-eight,
And his height at five-foot-two.
With a face as plain as an eight-day clock
And a walk as brisk as a bantam-cock—
That's the boss of the English team,
The Reverend Mullineux.

Kick! He can kick like an army mule—
Runs like a kangaroo!
Hard to get by as a lawyer plant,
Tackles his man like a bull dog ant—
Fetches him over, too!
Didn't the public cheer and shout
Watchin' him chuckin' big blokes about—
Reverend Mullineux.

Scrimmage was packed on his prostrate form
Somehow the ball got through.
Who was it tackled our big half-back
Flinging him down like an empty sack,
Right on our goal-line, too?
Who but the man that we thought was dead,
Down with a score of 'em on his head—
Reverend Mullineux.

ROUND THE TOWN.

We hear on good authority that one of our best known sportsmen here has become a philanthropist of the "first water," and has either started or is about to start a cabman's shelter at his own expense. We wish him luck with his undertaking.

To-night, at the Italian Hall, Calle Goritti, Lomas de Zamora, the boys of the Lomas Academy will give a Concert, which will commence at 8 o'clock. We have to acknowledge copies of a very neatly got-up programme, by which we see a very pleasant evening's enjoyment is in store for those fortunate enough to have received cards of invitation.

This evening the Choral Union will give a Concert at Prince George's Hall, which commences at 8.30 p.m. Friends of members may obtain tickets for the modest sum of one paper dollar each, while those of the public who wish to attend, and have no member friend, may obtain tickets at \$2. The programme, which we publish in full below, is a good one, and should attract a large audience:—

PROGRAMME.

1ST PART.

- 1.—Pianoforte, Overture from "Mignon" for four hands (Ambrose Thomas). Misses Mills and Nicholson.
- 2.—Song, Tenor—"Life's Lullaby" (Gerald Lane). Mr. Greene. Accompanist, Miss B. Nicholson.
- 3.—Song, Soprano—"Air de la Lire," from "Galathée" (Victor Massé). Miss Larcher. Accompanist, Mr. John Casenave.
- 4.—Song, Baritone—"Maid of Athens" (Gounod). Mr. Charles H. Mendl. Accompanist, Mrs. Mills.
- 5.—Song, Soprano—"Non me lo dite" (A. Cabeb). Mrs. Lindheimer. Accompanist, Miss B. Nicholson.
- 6.—Song, Baritone—"Ruby" (Virginia Gabriel). Mr. D. G. Vignolles. Accompanist, Mrs. Vignolles.
- 7.—Pianoforte Solo—"Jour de la Noce" (Wedding Day) E. Greig. Miss Mills.
- 8.—Song, Soprano—"Les Dragons de Villar" (A. Maillart). Miss Larcher. Accompanist, Mr. Jno. Casenave.
- 9.—Song, Tenor—"I'll sing the songs of Araby" (F. Clay). Mr. Greene. Accompanist, Miss B. Nicholson.
- 10.—Song, Soprano—"Waiting" (H. Millard). Mrs. Lindheimer. Accompanist, Miss B. Nicholson.
- 11.—Song, Baritone—"Mattinata" (A. P. Tosti). Mr. Charles H. Mendl. Accompanist, Mrs. Mills.

2ND PART.

Offenbach's comic operette "The Blind Beggars," by Messrs. A. H. Poulton and A. J. Goode. Policeman, Stragglers, etc.

To-morrow evening the first of the San Martin Subscription Dances will be held, and is sure to attract many visitors to that ancient little suburb. A special train has been arranged for visitors from town, which will leave San Martin for Retiro at 3 a.m., stopping at all stations between.

The general meeting of the Buenos Aires Stenographers' Association will be held on Monday evening next at 8.15 p.m., in the St. John's School-room, 25 de Mayo 280. It is hoped that as many members as possible will attend.

To-morrow night the English community in Rosario are giving a Cinderella dance, at which most of the officers of H.M.S. Basilisk will be present. The dance will be held at the hall of the English School.

We have very great pleasure in announcing the engagement of Mr E. H. Theobald and Miss Coll of Montevideo. We beg to join their numerous friends in offering our congratulations and best wishes.

On Saturday, July 7th, the Banfield Athletic Club intend giving a concert at the Barker Memorial School, Lomas, in aid of the club funds. The following names of those who have promised to assist should be sufficient to

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The second performance of the "Messiah" took place at Prince George's Hall on Monday evening last, and although the attendance was hardly up to that of the first night, the Hall was well filled and the Indian Famine Fund should receive a very useful donation. All the soloists were in good form, and, in our opinion, the choruses were better than on the first night. All praise, therefore, to Mr J. H. Wall, who has worked so hard, and to those who have so ably assisted him in his arduous labours.

For those artistically inclined a treat is in store at the gallery of the "Gabinete de Estampas y Dibujos," Florida 753 (Bon Marché), where an exhibition of Miss E. E. Kendrick's pictures is being held.

Mr T. M. Rose, the popular representative of Messrs Houlder, Bros. and Co., leaves to-morrow for England. Last night he was entertained at a banquet at the Café Paris by the following:—

Hon. W. A. C. Barrington, Major Kennedy, Major Flintoff, Major Gillespie, Capt. Jenkins, Capt. Taylor, and Messrs J. C. Gibson, W. Warden, J. M. Mullaly, F. W. Methven, C. H. Menzies, I. Warden, C. W. Cumming, W. Parker, H. Scott Robson, T. Scott Robson, F. J. Balfour, C. R. Thursby, E. D. Drabble, L. de Candia, J. K. J. Jarvis, B. Goldsmid, J. Leitch, Hawes, Dennis, Ryan, Phillips, Fred. Bell, C. Hope, R. Macdonald, H. B. Elliot, Russell Smith, L. Walker, P. Christophersen, G. Brougham, A. Yeomans, D. Ripley, F. E. Kinchant, A. J. McMorran, H. C. Ehlert, and W. D. Campbell.

We beg to join Mr Rose's numerous friends in wishing him a pleasant holiday and a quick return to this country.

THE MAYORDOMO.

A Camp subscriber contributes the following:—

"It is a firmly established fact, and known throughout the length and breadth of our beloved Island, that the *bête noir* of an estancia is the Mayordomo."—
Extract from Lord Salisbury's speech at the opening of Parliament, March, 1901.

Who roams abroad with open mouth
And vacant stare, from North to South,
And close beside, a rotting hide:
My Mayordomo.

Who feeds my bull on heated maize,
But sees no increase in his size,
Until the beast lies down and dies:
My Mayordomo.

Who loses keys, and never sees
If stores, or bran or maize is short,
And thinks there's naught he can be taught:
My Mayordomo.

Biscuits get wet, flour turns to paste,
Spades are lost and tools misplaced,
For he has no system, so he never missed 'em:
My Mayordomo.

Who looks for eggs, and never finds 'em;
Who hires peons, and never minds 'em;
Who loves to potter, oh! he is a rotter:
My Mayordomo.

Who's slow to rise at early morn,
When Chanticleer proclaims the dawn:
But quick to see (this is no fable)
When tea and toast are on the table:
My Mayordomo.

Another thing I'll tell to you,
Which is strange but very true—
When the fence was jumped by noble Rizzio
Who was it said "Why I never missed you."
And though he daily sees the same
He does not know that he's dead lame.

Who never gives me any rest,
But stirs up anger in my breast;
Oh, Lord! he is an awful pest:
My Mayordomo.

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BUENOS AIRES.

ESTANCIA AND COLONY.

The Rural Society has already received the following entries for the Cattle and Horse Show to be held on the 1st September: 552 bulls, 56 cows, 497 rams, 75 ewes, 45 stallions and one mare. Various importing firms have been asked for the necessary space for the purpose of exhibiting agricultural machinery.

The s.s. Norfolk, despatched by the British Military Commission here, left last week for Cape Town with 974 horses on board. The vessel also carried 23,000 kilos of hay, 40,000 kilos of bran, and 15,000 kilos of maize. There are two more steamers here loading horses for South Africa.

Messrs Bossio and Camuyrano have shipped twenty-five horses to Hamburg with the object of opening up a market for Argentine horses in Germany.

Telegrams from New York, dated the 20th inst., state that owing to the drought, which has existed in North Dakota for several weeks past, the wheat crop is looked upon as a failure.

The authorities in Capetown have prohibited the importation of any cattle or sheep proceeding from this country into any of the ports of the Colony, so as to prevent the introduction of the foot and mouth disease. This measure is in effect on the 11th inst.

The foot and mouth disease has declared itself in the province of Cordoba, even in the mountainous districts, where the disease among cattle was before unknown. It is said that the disease was introduced from the province of Blanco Luis and that it is causing serious losses.

The continued firmness of the grain markets in the United States, as also the diminution of the stock of wheat here, has caused a rise in prices, and buyers are unable to purchase the quantities they want owing to the holders holding out for higher rates. Now that the ports of Brazil are again open exportations of flour from here are again taking place, and millers in Rio are liquidating their stock and buying wheat. Prices in Rosario, on board, may be noted as being from \$6.25 to 6.60.

The question whether wire fences during a thunder-storm are a source of safety or danger to cattle has often been discussed. In November 1882, during a violent storm which passed over Tinwald in Scotland, five sheep were killed by lightning, three in one field and two in another; in the former case, the flock had sought shelter under a stone wall, along the top of which a single wire ran; and, fortunately, three of the animals were crouching against the broken end, which had fallen down by the wall. The other case was even more curious; the lightning ran along an ordinary wire fence for 300 yards, breaking the wooden uprights to mark its passage, and at the end of the fence killed two sheep which chanced to be there. eminent electricians are somewhat divided in opinion concerning the part wire fencing plays in a thunder-storm. Mr W. H. Preece, in connection with the incidents described, said he should be inclined to think the wire acted as a lightning conductor, and that it was owing to its superior attractive power that more sheep were not killed.

A mouse-killing hen is a curiosity even among birds remarkable for their eccentricity. An old number of the *Porting Magazine* gives an account of a hen which belonged to a gentleman near Exeter, which was observed constantly watch a corn rick for mice. When one appeared she caught him, carried him in her beak to an adjoining meadow, and "played" with him till he died. This useful hen is said to have caught as many as four or five mice a day. It is a pity her gift was not inherited by her chicks; a few dozen hens like that would be so useful to the stack-yard.

After very careful investigations it has been ascertained that, from the first of January, this year, up to the 1st of September, there have been exported from this country 1,400,000 bushels of wheat, 250,000 tons of maize, and 190,000 tons of linseed, which may be valued at \$44,700,000 gold.

From the first October to date 18,264 parcels of wool have been exported from here to the States, against 8,779 during the same period last year.

The world's production of linseed during 1896 was 2,146,300 tons. In 1897 it was 1,562,450 tons, and in 1898 2,170,400 tons. Russia produced in 1896 no less than 1,076,000 tons of the above total, which in 1898 had fallen to 775,000 tons, and this is given as the principal reason for the present rise in prices. This country exported in 1896 204,000 tons, 190,000 in 1897, and 246,000 tons in 1898.

Sowing of both wheat and linseed has become general in Santa Fé and Cordoba. The high prices which are now being paid for linseed, and the increased demand for it in the European markets, has caused a larger area to be sown than in any previous year. So far as we can learn wheat will be sown more plentifully than last year, owing to the continued rise in prices now being paid, and which farmers think will continue.

The s.s. Aachen took from Montevideo 2,500 live sheep for delivery in Calais. The shipper is Mr. N. Lecoq, and he intends to charter two more vessels during July for further shipments. Mr. E. Prin will export 1,200 sheep by the s.s. Rio Negro to Dunkirk, and Messrs. Vallée and Denis are chartering two steamers, in July to ship sheep for Havre and Bordeaux. The prices in Montevideo range from \$3.60 to \$4.30 gold per head, for which 60 francs can be obtained in France.

Mercedes will hold its twentieth Annual Agricultural and Cattle Show on the 8th, 9th, and 10th of September.

At the last Meeting of the Committee of the Rural Society it was resolved to hold monthly conferences during June, July, August and September, on subjects appertaining to agriculture and stock-breeding. Rural Societies in every part of the country will be invited to take part in these conferences, and each will be represented by two delegates.

Mr. T. M. Rose, the well-known and deservedly popular representative of Messrs. Houlder Bros. here, leaves to-morrow for England by the Orissa. Mr Rose's connection with the splendid work done by the line he represents in shipping horses from here to the Cape, and the excellent record obtained, is too well known to our readers for any further comment from us. We wish him a pleasant voyage and a speedy return.

With the departure of the s.s. Leitrim, which left on Sunday for Capetown with 825 horses, the exportation of these animals on account of the British Government has, for the time being, been suspended. The remount commission have received no further orders to continue these shipments, so it may be surmised that the authorities consider the war practically concluded.

The "Oficina de Tierras y Colonias" has finished a map of the southern territories, showing the lands in the hands of private persons and those still belonging to the State. In Santa Cruz and Neuquen the measurements and classification of the land are being rapidly brought to a close, so that shortly those interested in agriculture or stock-raising will have full details of the lands there.

The National Bank (in liquidation) has sold 3,000 hectares of land in Bahia Blanca, near the Sierra la Ventaña, at \$8.10 the hectarea.

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THE CORBETT-JEFFRIES FIGHT.

Thanks to the courtesy of a subscriber now in New York, we have received full details of the above terrific pugilistic battle, which took place at the Coney Island Club, on May 11th last. Many considered that the fight would be of very short duration, imagining that Jeffries would be able to get in the knock-out blow during one of the early rounds, but to the surprise of the majority Corbett gave a splendid exhibition and showed marvellous defence, besides punishing the champion's face very severely, and it was not till the twenty-third round had lasted two minutes and eleven seconds that Jeffries was enabled to deliver the final blow which decided the fight. Corbett's idea was to last through the twenty-five rounds and then claim the contest on points, but he just failed in his object.

We have neither the space nor the inclination to give the full particulars, so will content ourselves by quoting from the *New York Herald* concerning the last and decisive round:

"When the twenty-third, and what proved to be the last, round opened Corbett dashed swiftly across the ring, and with a marvellous blow brought Jeffries' gloves down to guard his wind, and then corkscrewed his own left up to the champion's nose, which was made to bleed afresh. Jeffries was angered, and swung viciously right and left, which Corbett evaded by shaking his head from one side to another.

"Jeffries was becoming impatient and was inclined to rough it a bit, but heeded the admonishments of the referee. Just as the round was drawing to a close Jeffries rushed with great force upon his antagonist, led with his right and quickly whipped his left with a hook to the jaw. The blow sounded all over the building, and Corbett fell back with his head resting upon the lower rope of the three which make the arena. He was utterly helpless. It was not a question of quitting. No yellow streak had been developed. His marvellous defence had come to nothing, and that one blow had brought to an end all his aspirations. As the referee methodically counted off the seconds those who were in Corbett's corner vainly besought him to get up, but their words sounded in ears that heard not.

"When the final ten had been counted, Corbett was lifted to his corner and fell into his chair still dazed and senseless. Jeffries rushed across the ring and shook his hand, but Corbett knew nothing of it. It was fully five minutes before the vanquished pugilist came to himself.

"The victor had both his eyes disfigured slightly, his lips cut, and his never handsome nose jammed a bit further into his face, while the vanquished man was absolutely unscarred.

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DEAD MAN'S CAMP.

BY J. A. BARRY.

One lurid summer, in 1873, I was crossing over from Saint George's Bridge, on the Balonne, to Mitchell, on the Maranoa. I had been to a rush at Malawal, N.S.W., but as it proved a rank duffer, got up by the local storekeeper in a last effort to keep the township in existence, I made back again by 'The Bridge,' on chance of getting a job of droving with some of the mobs of sheep or cattle always passing through the Border town, bound south from the Central and Gulf stations.

Queenslanders will remember that summer, on certain days of which men were stricken down in dozens, and birds fell dead off the trees in the fierce heat.

There is no drearier track in Australia than the one I speak of—all pine scrub, too thick for a dog to bark in and the rest sand and ant-hills.

There was nothing doing just then in 'The Bridge,' so I pushed on for the Maranoa. It was only the beginning of summer, and I reckoned on finding water twenty-five miles along the track, at a hole in the Wullumgudgere Creek, known of aforetime.

It was a dismal ride, with nothing but walls of close-set scrub on each side, and sand, heavy underfoot, and glaring ahead. Even the horses seemed to feel its influence as they ploughed along, heads bent down, coats black with sweat, and big clusters of flies swarming thickly at their leather eye-guards. Even one's own close-knit veil was but poor protection, for the pest gathered on it in such numbers as to almost obscure the sight. The flies and mosquitos were a caution that summer. However, shogging steadily on, with a pull at the water-bag now and then, I at length reached the creek, dry as a bone where it crossed the road. But following it down through the scrub, I found the hole pretty muddy and fast diminishing. Nor was it improved by the dog and the pack-horse rushing into it and rolling before I could stop them.

The sun was setting, a big red ball, over the tops of the pines as I hobbled out, pitched the tent on one side of the round open space, lit a fire, and slung the billy. There was not bad picking for the horses, and as I belted the pack I fervently trusted they would not stray far in such a God-forsaken spot.

After supper—damper, mutton and sardines, washed down by tea, boiled, skimmed and strained three times before coming to table—I felt pretty comfortable, and lay down with my head on one of the swags to enjoy a smoke and fight the mosquitoes, who were beginning to sample freely. The sun had set, but the moon, big yellow and hot-looking, hung in a hazy sky.

But for the buzzing of the insects and the snoring of the dog, fast asleep in a deep hole scratched in the sand everything was very quiet. The thick scrub into which the horses had retreated deadened the sound of the bell.

Presently, however, evidently compassionating my lonely state, a little bird, after partaking of the remnants of my supper, came and perched on the ridge-pole of the tent, and piped forth at short intervals in a shrill monotone. 'Sweet, pretty creature! Pretty, sweet, little creature!' He was company of a sort, spite of his egoism. But there was other toward.

The flies had, ere this, gone to roost, but the mosquitoes were troublesome. They had also taken anticipatory possession of the tent. Burning some old rags, I cleared them out of that, fixed up the netting, and was preparing to turn in, when I heard the sound of hoofs coming thump, thump, down the dry creek bed. The dog, awaking, barked loudly, and in a minute or two a man and a woman rode into the bright firelight. They each had a big swag in front of them; and at a glance I saw that their horses were not only well-bred, but had come far and fast.

'Water!' exclaimed the man.

I gave him some; and he lifted the woman off and handed her the mug.

'We're travellin', mate,' said he, as I helped him to unsaddle. 'Got bushed atween 'ere an' the Maranoa. A bit o' damned bad country!'

He had not come from that direction at all; but in such a scrub all directions were much alike. And, anyhow, it was no business of mine. They had plenty of tucker, and I put the billy on again.

As the woman stood at the fire, holding up her riding dress with one hand and with the other hastily fastening some stray braids of long hair that had come adrift

saw that she was a fresh-faced, pleasant-featured girl of about eighteen or nineteen. As she presently dropped her skirt, took off her hat, and used both hands to her air, I noticed by the flickering light a red, angry-looking scar extending from the bridge of the nose up to and across the left eyebrow.

Her companion was a type I knew well. A cattleman all over, from the long, lean, curved legs of him to the sharp-eyed, tanned, resolute face. And from the swag I saw sticking out the curiously-carved handle of a stock-whip. They both seemed weary and thoughtful, and after supper I offered them the shelter of the tent. The man thanked me.

'The missus,' said he, 'I'll be only too glad of the chance. She ain't much used to campin' out.'

So they lugged their belongings inside, whilst, making up the fire, and throwing some green bushes on it to drive the skeeters away, I laid on my blankets, with the back-saddle for a pillow, and the dog at my feet.

Awaking about midnight, as most bushmen do, I saw that big clouds were sailing fast across the moon. The air had become rather chilly, and, throwing more wood on the fire, I stood warming myself and filling my pipe. The dog, also getting up, yawned sleepily, and came and gazed into the blaze. The little bird from the ridge-pole still chirped its eulogistic call, but drowsily, and with effort, as of one who nods and winks. From the scrub came the faint tinkling of bells, showing that the horses were feeding steadily.

Suddenly the silence was broken by the peculiar long, rumbling whinny with which a straggling horse greets the presence of others. Then I heard the hobble-chains clanking as our horses galloped up to inspect the newcomer. Then ensued a short pause, followed by the sound of a wild snorting stampede as they crashed away, their hobbles jingling and bells ringing furiously through the scrub.

'Bother!' thought I, as the noise grew fainter and fainter, 'that means, most likely, a long walk in the morning. Hang all brombees!'

Preparing to lie down again, in not the best of tempers, I became aware of at least one horse steadily making towards the camp. As the steps approached, the dog, growling low, and with every hair bristling, backed towards the tent. A cold feeling of disquiet and nervousness took possession of me as I saw this.

Turning from watching the animal, my eye caught a dark mass between scrub and fire. Just then the moon shone out from behind a bank, and, not ten yards away, stood a horseman, his head drooping on his chest, his body rocking slightly in the saddle.

I gave a sigh of relief. Drunken riders are common enough in the Bush. And, with all trepidation vanished, I sang out gruffly enough.—

'Better get off, mate, before you fall off! Come and have a drink of tea!'

He would be a nuisance, of course, with the inevitable bottle of rum in his swag, and in his person all the odious imbecility inseparable from the sobering-up process. But, as an institution, he had to be attended to.

And I repeated my invitation irritably to him, sitting here in the bright moonlight, one hand grasping the reins, the other resting on the wither, his chin on his breast, staring fixedly at me from under the broad-leaved hat.

'Oh,' I muttered, 'you drunken brute! I've got to lift you down, have I! About all you're fit for is to frighten people's horses away.'

The dog, only his head protruding from under the tent, kept up a long, snarling choking growl, broken by gasps for fresh breath.

Advancing, I placed my hand upon the horseman's. It was like ice. Looking up, I saw a black-whiskered face, ashen-grey under the hat-leaf, and apparently leaning forward to gaze into mine out of wide-open, staring, glassy eyes.

Suddenly, realising the meaning of the thing, I ran to one side and shouted hurriedly—I know not what.

Then I heard someone in the tent cursing the dog, who yelped, as from a kick, and, presently, the stranger came out and walked up to the fire. Standing away, and in deep shadow, he did not see me. But, catching sight of that dread rider, sitting motionless, he went over and peered into its face.

Then with a tremendous oath he sprang back, and I could see his sharp-cut features working with emotion as he exclaimed, 'George! What game's this?'

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Advancing again he stroked the horse, and, as I had done, placed one of his hands on that other so cold one.

Apparently convinced, he ran into the tent, whence came in a minute an excited murmur of voices.

A heavy cloud was across the moon, but I could make out the pair fumbling for their bridles amongst a heap of saddlery at the foot of a sapling.

Meanwhile the horse was making ineffectual tugs at the bridle to get its head down to some dry tussocks growing near. But all its straining could not relax by one inch the steel-like grip of those dead fingers. Only the corpse at each jerk nodded in a ghastly cordial sort of fashion.

Presently, moonlight filled the little plain again, and the horse, growing impatient, turned and made off towards the sound of the distant bells.

Taking heart of grace, I ran up and caught it. As I led it back I noticed that the rider's legs were bound tightly to the saddle by straps passed from the front D's over the thighs to the ones on the cantle.

As I began to undo them I saw the man slinking off into the scrub with the woman at his heels. I shouted to them. But they took no notice.

Working away at the knots and buckles, the chin-strap slipped, the jaw fell, and the gleaming teeth showed in such an awful grin that I involuntarily stepped back.

Now the hat tumbled off, revealing the features of a young man with coal-black hair and moustache, and beard flecked with spots of dry white foam.

Even at its best, I should have called it a hard, cruel face. It was simply hideous now.

As I stood irresolutely staring, a voice behind me made me jump. It was the woman.

'Here,' she said, as with trembling fingers she essayed to loosen the dead grasp on the reins, 'I'll help you. He was a real bad un! But he couldn't scare me when he were alive, an' I aint goin' to let him do it now. See' (pointing to the cut on her forehead), 'this is the last thing he done. Slip your knife through them reins,' she continued. 'He's had a fit, or a stroke o' the sun, an' he'll never slacken his grip, no more'n he would my throat if he could ha' got hold on it. He was my husband; an' jealous of his own shadder. But I never minded much till he took to knockin' me about. I couldn't stand that. So I cleared with Jim yonder.'

By this, we had undone the saddle and breast-plate straps with which the man, feeling himself mortally struck, and wishful to avoid falling off and lying there to rot in that wild scrub, had, in perhaps his last agony, tied himself to the saddle. And between us we let him slide gently down on to the sand, whilst the horse shook itself, sniffed unconcernedly at the body, and wandered away to the others.

For a while she stood gazing on the thing as it lay there with stiffly curved legs and upturned glassy eyes.

Then she smiled a little out of a white face, set hard with horror and detestation, saying.—

'Alter all, perhaps, he thought a lot of me!' And,

going to the tent, she returned with a blanket, and carefully spread it over the corpse.

Then, as the man came up with the horses and began to saddle them, she said, holding out her hand.—

'So long! an' many thanks. You's bin a real right bower. We're a-goin' into the Bridge, an' we'll send the traps out, all square an' fair. So long! agen.'

'So long, mate!' shouted the man, with a tremor in his voice lacking in the woman's. And then they rode away, two dark shapes against the moonlit scrub.

'Died by the visitation of God,' said the Coroner's Jury.

'Served him damned well right!' said the district generally, who knew the story.

But travellers along the Maranoa track make a point of giving 'Dead Man's Camp' a very wide berth.

LIST OF CLUBS WITH THEIR SECRETARIES.

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 BARKER MEMORIAL SCHOOL—*Blue and Gold*—H. S. Chappell, Las Golondrinas, Lomas de Zamora, F.C.S.
 BELGRANO—*Black and Gold*—J. R. S. Fox, Avenida de Mayo 748.
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 CORDOBA—E. R. Fowler, F.C.C.C., Cordoba.
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 LANUS (F.C.S.)—*Dark Blue*—F. W. Fothergill, Plaza Constitucion, F.C.S.
 LOBOS—*Blue and Red*—H. Wilson, Rivadavia 639.
 LOMAS—*Lincoln Green, Scarlet and Gold*—R. L. Goodfellow, Lomas Academy, Lomas de Zamora, F.C.S.
 PALERMO—*Red, Blue and White*—A. J. Rugeroni, Piedad 345.
 PORTEÑO—*Dark Blue and White*—Miguel S. Kenny, Reconquista 268.
 QUILMES—*Blue and Crimson*—F. A. Williams, San Martin 142, B. Aires.
 ROSARIO—*Claret and Light Blue*—J. J. C. Daniel, San Lorenzo 1049, Rosario.
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 SANTOS—A. Kealman, London and Brazilian Bank, Santos.

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 ARGENTINE ASSOCIATION LEAGUE—H. W. Botting, 631 Cuyo, Ciudad.
 BUENOS AIRES (Rugby)—*Blue and White*—L. Corry Smith, Piedad 402.
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 ROSARIO ASSOCIATION LEAGUE—F. M. Martin, Córdoba and Rosario Railway Rosario.
 URUGUAY ASSOCIATION LEAGUE—L. Deagustini, 18 de Julio 100, Montevideo.

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 CORDOBA—E. R. Fowler, F.C.C.C., Cordoba.
 FISHERTON—G. W. Hamill, c/o. F.C.C. y R., Rosario.
 FLORES—M. Leishman Runciman, Avenida de Mayo 651.
 LOMAS—C. Alexander, Rivadavia 639.
 MONTEVIDEO—A. M. Frederick, Contaduria, F.C.C.U., Montevideo.
 ROSARIO—A. Bowman, Calle Salta 1477, Rosario.

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BUENOS AIRES—*Light and Dark Blue and Yellow*—B. Goldsmid, 25 de Mayo 268, Buenos Aires.
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FIXTURES.

GOLF.

JUNE.

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—Final Monthly Shield Competition, at Rivadavia.
 Sun. 26—Monthly Competition, at Lomas.
 Thur. 30—R. Agar Cup Competition, at Flores.

SEPTEMBER.

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

ATHLETICS.

August 30—Annual Athletic Sports Rosario A.C.

RACING.

June 28—Hipódromo Nacional, Belgrano.
 June 29—Hipódromo Argentino, Palermo.
 July 1—Hipódromo Argentino, Palermo.

HURLINGHAM FIXTURES—SEASON 1900.

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

August 15—Ayrshire Cup.—Entries to close on June 30th; half forfeit if declared by July 31st.
 August 30—Lady's Bracelet.—Entries to close on July 31st; half forfeit if declared by August 15th.
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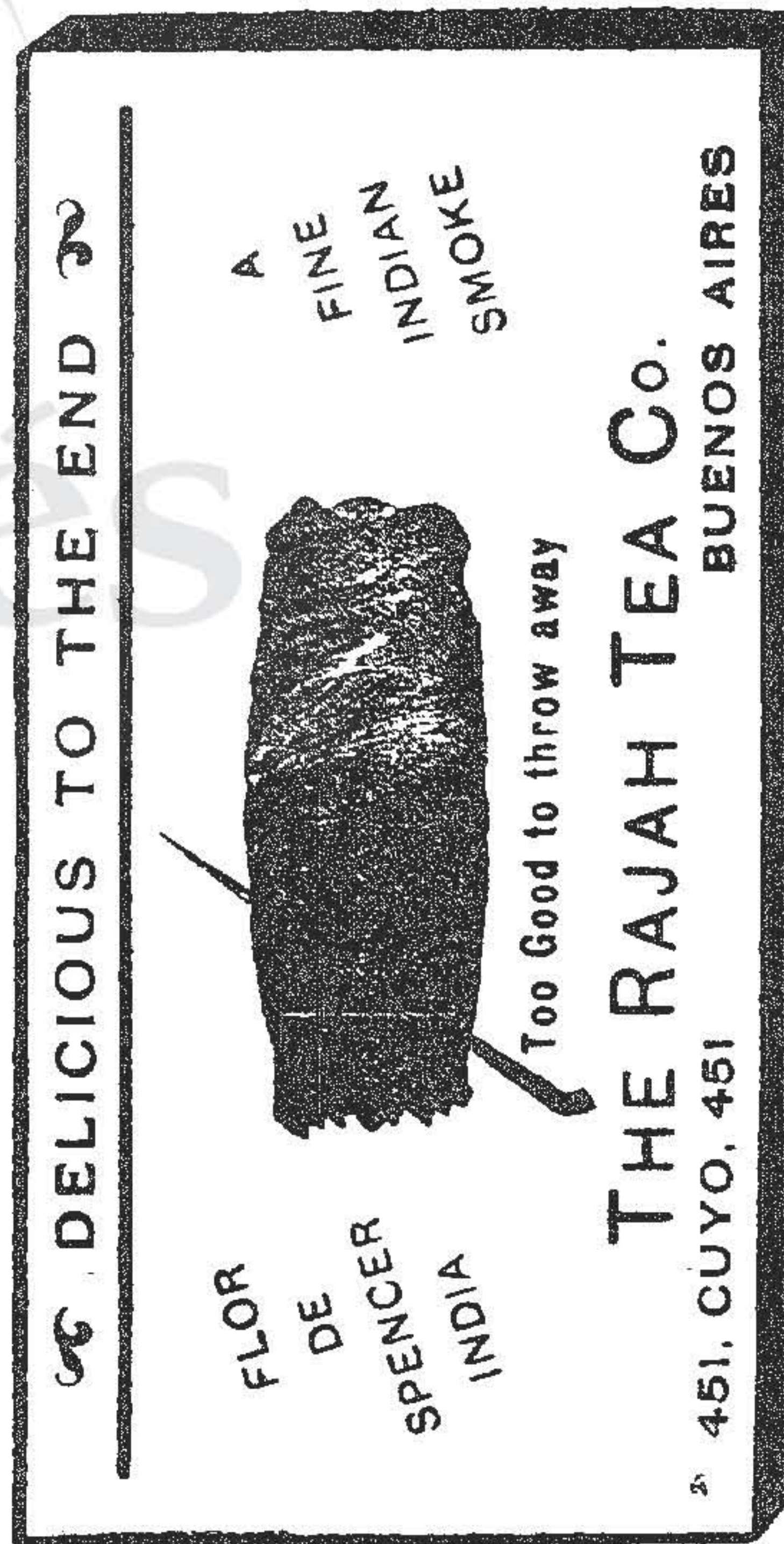
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