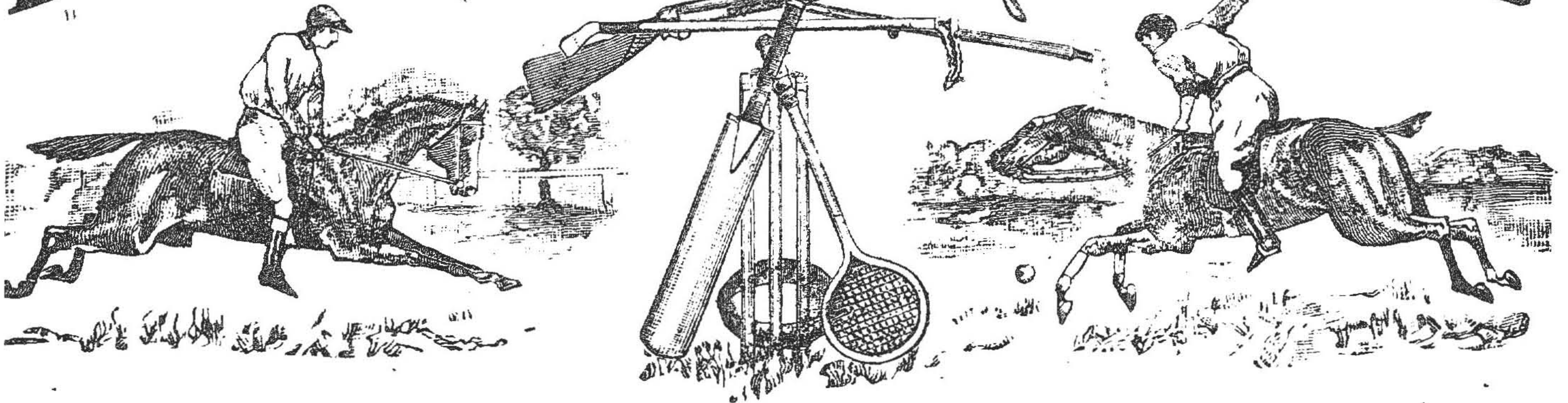


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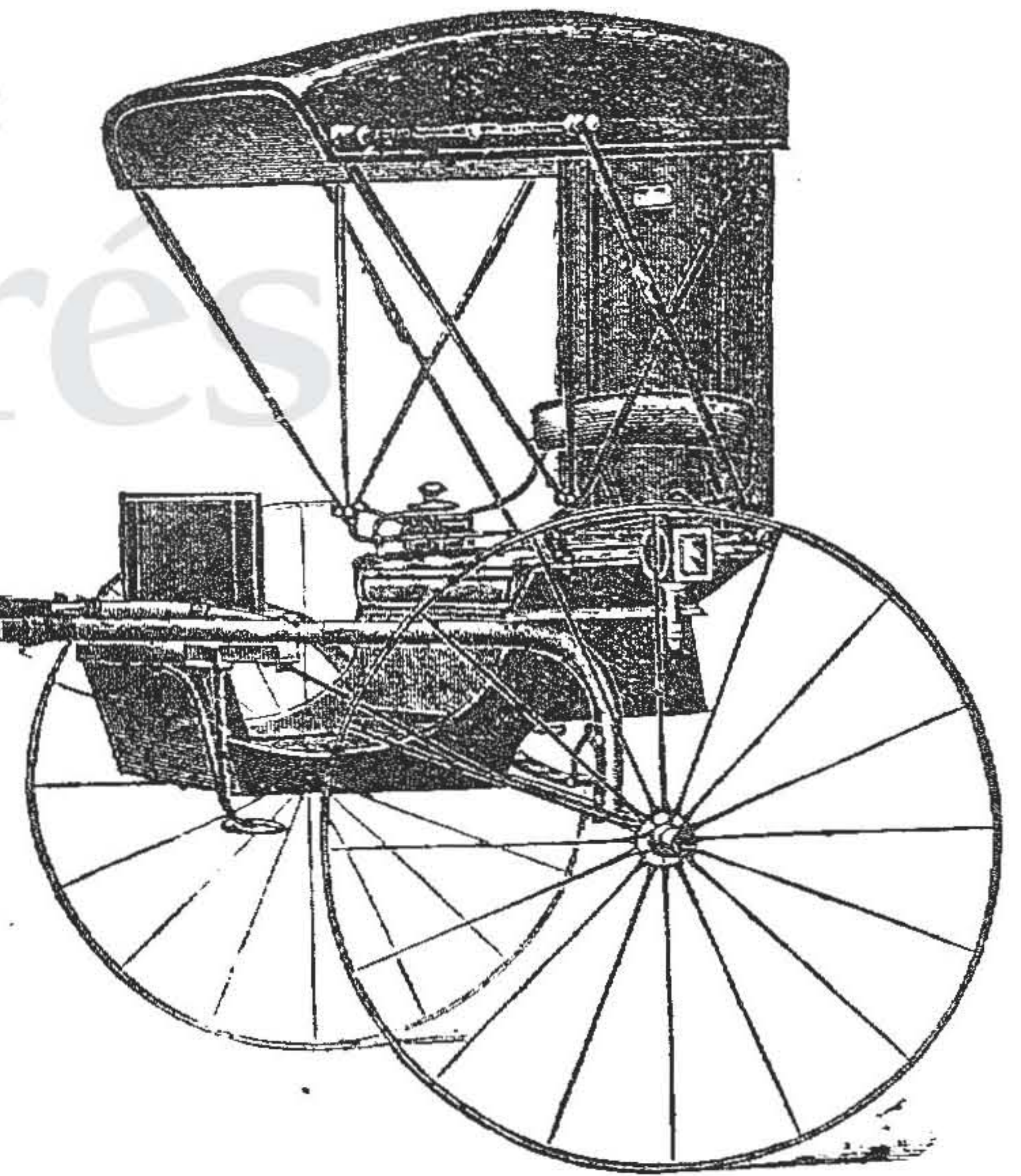
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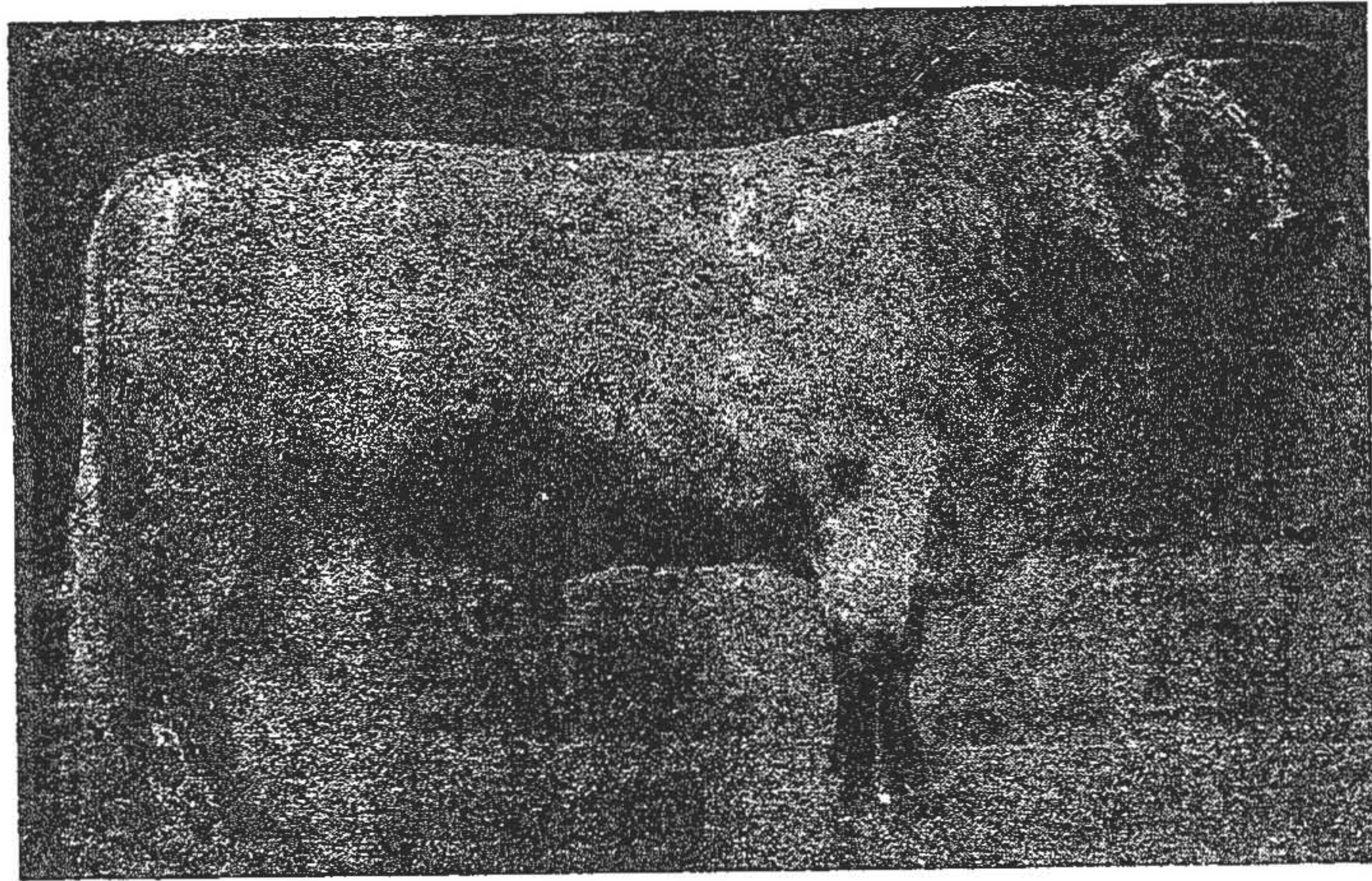
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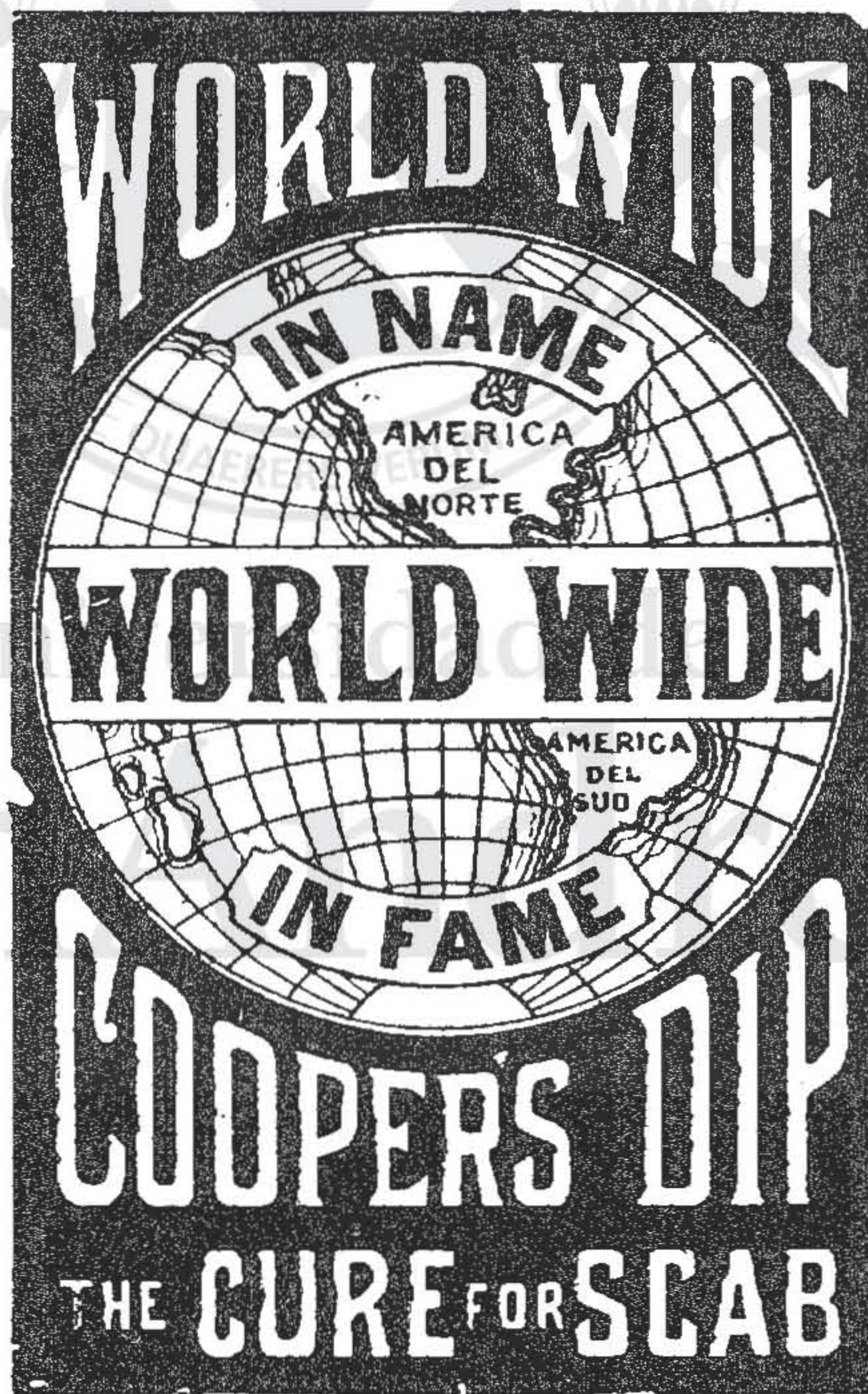
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River Plate Sport and Pastime

BUENOS AIRES, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1, 1900.

GOLF.

BUENOS AIRES GOLF CLUB.

The last Monthly Shield Competition, before the final, was played at Rivadavia last Sunday. The links were naturally somewhat wet. We have been unable to obtain all the scores but the following were the first three. About twenty competed altogether.

	1st round	2nd round	Gross Total	Handicap	Net Total
W. Miller ..	47	53	100	-3	97
F. Henderson ..	52	53	105	-6	99
F. H. Benn ..	54	54	108	-9	99

The eyes of the world are turned towards the East, and an American paper has given us a short but graphic account of golf as played at Singapore in the graveyard of the "Heathen Chinees"—"We played over a Chinese graveyard, around the lunatic asylum and hospital, and finished in the lawn of the orphan asylum. The links are very sporty, the tombs serving for bunkers and other hazards, while a ball driven over the wall of the lunatic asylum is lost and you lose stroke and distance. The tombs are slowly being hacked to pieces by the wild efforts of the players to get the balls out of the crevices in the bricks." We are not told the name of the club possessing rights over the graveyard, but we presume it is connected with the lunatic asylum.

A player of golf had been skying his balls, much to the caddie's disgust. Carefully "teeing" the ball once more, the latter handed him the "driver," saying—
"Noo, sir, lat's see a guid shot, an' nae mair o' yer glory hallelujahs!"

Andrew Kirkaldy, the famous golfer, in the days of his caddiehood, once said to a divinity student who had got into a funk—

"Man, man, this is awfu' wark. Ye're drivin' like a roarin' lion, and puttin' like a pair kittlin'!"

Some time ago a certain literary man was taken by a friend to the course to play his first round of golf. He didn't know a cleek from a driver, or a bunker from a putting green, but he managed to engineer his ball, and a considerable amount of turf along with it, about half way round, when he got to the bottom of a deep bunker.

There he made several hundred tremendous strokes, broke one of his "sticks," as he called them, dug a hole a foot deep in the sand, and lost several pounds in weight in perspiration. Meanwhile the caddie stood wearily waiting. When it appeared that the infuriated novice was about to bring down the whole side of the bunker, the caddie approached him and said, in a confidential whisper—

"Pick it oot, sir, there's naeboddy lookin'."
And he did "pick it oot."

It is well known that Mr. A. J. Balfour is an enthusiastic exponent of the game of golf. On one occasion when about to engage in a game, he recognised in an opponent's caddie an old club-bearer of his own, and gave him a kindly nod of recognition.

The caddie thereupon straightened himself up, and, looking his present employer straight in the face, with a self-satisfied smirk, he remarked—

"Ye see, sir, we Conservatives a' ken ane anither!"

A golfer who was not in the habit of playing his "lofting iron" with any measure of success, managed on one occasion to send his ball particularly high, but very short.

"That's a good loft," he remarked.

"Ay," rejoined the caddie; "it's a guid shot if the hole had been in heaven."

POLO.

HURLINGHAM.

The ground has been altogether too wet for polo, and Sunday last was another blank day as far as polo went. Only one game has been played since the tournament so bad has the weather been.

SAN CARLOS.

That excellent sportsman Baron Peers has arranged a tournament for August 5th. Media Luna are to be represented by Messrs F. H. Leared, R. Leared, J. R. Kirkham and F. Wood. The Venado Tuerto team will probably be composed of Messrs L. Bury, H. Bury, Robinson and another, while Messrs F. E. Kinchant, E. D. Drabble, F. J. Balfour and another will represent Hurlingham, and San Carlos will have the same team as that which played in the tournament recently held at Hurlingham.

ENGLAND.

COUNTY CUP TOURNAMENT.

The following report of the preliminary tie in the County Cup Tournament, which was played at Leamington on June 27th, between Rugby and Warwickshire, will prove of interest to many of our readers. Rugby proved victorious by five goals to three, and the teams were:

Rugby	Warwickshire
Mr H. Drage	Mr C. Adamthwaite
Comte de Madre	Mr C. A. Hay
Mr K. H. Marsham	Mr A. Flower
Mr J. Drage (back)	Mr A. M. Tree (back)
Umpires—Messrs A. C. Jones and C. J. Tetley.	

The game was good and well contested throughout. In each of the first two tens, Rugby scored one goal, and in the third Warwickshire drew level. In the fourth Rugby regained a goal lead. In the fifth there was no score, but in the final period Rugby scored twice and Warwickshire once.

PROGRAMA DE LAS CARRERAS

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Premio Sapo.—Entrada \$10; Premio \$100; para petizos de 58 pulgadas ó menos que no hayan ganado una carrera llana en Hurlingham; peso por pulgadas; petizos de 58 pulgadas llevarán 75 kilos. Distancia 800 metros.

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Premio Vengador.—Entrada \$20; Premio \$200; para todo caballo; peso minimum 70 kilos. Distancia 2000 metros.

Premio Lightning (Carrera de Obstáculos).—Entrada \$10; Premio \$100; handicap para petizos de 58 pulgadas ó menos. Distancia 3000 metros.

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LA COMISION,

Las entradas para las carreras Lady's Bracelet y Directors' Cup se cerrarán el 15 de Agosto.

ROWING.

HENLEY REGATTA.

Our last mails have brought us the entries for the regatta, and the most conspicuous point is the excellence of the Cambridge entries and the paucity of those from Oxford. The combined Trinity Clubs are making a bid for the Grand, for which Eton have also entered, but no Oxford crews appear, though Leander will draw their men chiefly from Oxford. New College have fallen back upon the Ladies Plate, for which three Cambridge crews have entered. No Oxford College is entered for the Stewards' Cup, but Magdalen are essaying the Visitors', Four Trinity, Cambridge, men are all the competitors for the Goblets. There is a general falling off in the entries, which it is not easy to explain, though the paucity of houseboats likely to be noticed may fairly be put down to the war and the disturbances of arrangements it has caused. The following is the official list of entries:

Grand Challenge Cup—Club Nautique de Gand (Brussels); Eton College; Leander Club; London R.C.; Thames R.C.; and Trinity College, Cambridge.

Ladies' Challenge Plate—Christ's College, Cambridge; Emmanuel College, Cambridge; Eton College; New College, Oxford; Radley College; Trinity College, Cambridge; and Trinity Hall, Cambridge.

Thames Challenge Cup—Christ's College, Cambridge; Dublin University; Emmanuel College, Cambridge; Kingston R.C.; London R.C.; Thames R.C.; Trinity College, Cambridge; and Vesta R.C.

Steward's Challenge Cup—Berliner Ruder Club, Germany; Leander Club; London R.C.; Thames R.C.; Trinity College, Cambridge; and Trinity Hall, Cambridge.

Visitors' Challenge Cup—Christ's College, Cambridge; Magdalen College, Oxford; Trinity College, Cambridge; and Trinity Hall, Cambridge.

Wyfold Challenge Cup—Christ's College, Cambridge; Kingston R.C.; London R.C.; Trinity Hall, Cambridge; and Vesta R.C.

The Silver Goblets (and Nickalls Challenge Cup)—W. Dudley Ward and R. B. Etherington-Smith, Trinity College, Cambridge; C. J. D. Goldie and G. McD. Maitland, Trinity College, Cambridge.

The Diamond Sculls—St. G. Ashe; H. T. Blackstaffe, Vesta R.C.; F. A. Boyton, London R.C.; C. V. Fox, Guard's Brigade R.C.; E. G. Emmerde, University College, Oxford; B. H. Howell, Thames R.C.; Fritz Miller, Royal Sport Nautique, Brussels; L. Prevel, Club Nautique de Nice, France.

CRICKET IN ENGLAND.

Position of the Counties up to June 23:

	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points	Per centage
Lancashire	8	0	4	8	100.00
Yorkshire	7	0	4	7	100.00
Sussex	2	0	7	2	100.00
Notts	4	1	1	3	60.00
Kent	3	1	3	2	50.00
Warwickshire ..	2	1	6	1	33.33
Surrey	5	3	4	2	25.00
Essex	3	2	3	1	20.00
Derbyshire	1	3	2	-2	-20.00
Gloucestershire ..	2	3	4	-1	-20.00
Somersetshire ..	2	4	0	-2	-33.33
Middlesex	1	5	1	-4	-66.66
Worcestershire ..	1	5	3	-4	-66.66
Hampshire	0	6	2	-6	-100.00
Leicestershire ..	0	7	1	-7	-100.00

Up to the last mails to hand the West Indians have only won one match, viz., that against the minor counties. Fortunately the M.C.C. valued the team down to second class. We say fortunately, for had this not been done the averages at the end of the season would have given a very false impression. The West Indian team never went over to England with a very high reputation so that the great B.P. have not been disappointed with the form they have shown. As their captain remarked, on the first occasion that speeches were made, "They had come over to learn." We are afraid, however, if they don't improve somewhat that the lesson will be a tedious one for them!

Of the Counties, as may be seen from the table we publish above, only three have not yet suffered defeat, at least up to the time the above table was compiled. It is very gratifying to see Sussex so high up in the list, and equally surprising to find such strong sides as those possessed by Surrey and Essex so low down. Leicestershire have been as unfortunate as ever and out of their eight matches have lost seven, so they are to be found in the old position.

At present everything points to Lancashire carrying off the premier honours, and a fine fall-round team they are! Mold, Briggs, Webb and Cuttell are a very formidable quartette of bowlers, while no team could be anything but strong in batting with such batsmen as A. C. Maclaren, Albert Ward and Tyldesley in it.

Individually Ranjitsinhji, J. R. Mason and Hayward head the batting averages, the Prince easily leading with an average of 84.78 for seventeen innings! R. E. Foster, W. G. Quaife, P. F. Warner, C. B. Fry, and Abel are the next in order, all with averages well over 50, but of these only "Ranji" and Hayward, at the time of writing, have scored over a thousand runs.

In bowling, Rhodes, with an average of 11.20 for 112 wickets, heads the list. He is easily the first bowler to obtain a hundred wickets, and if he continues as he has begun should easily get his 200 wickets this season. He has been wonderfully successful and fully deserves his position, Webb, C. J. Kortright, Mold, and J. R. Mason come next, so that two Lancashire bowlers are among the first four.

RACING.

BELGRANO—JULY 28.

The malevolent star of this course is again in the ascendant, and the objurgations of racegoers against the clerk of the weather have probably never been deeper than on this day in all this season of dirty weather. The meeting was put off from Thursday on account of an early shower, then Friday was a lovely day and it looked so settled that it was arranged for Saturday, and behold it rains the whole afternoon, with plenty of wind to render umbrellas useless. Truly provoking, but it did not prevent the good programme from furnishing big fields and nice races. The favourites were naturally conspicuously absent from the first place, though several managed to arrive second.

Mlle. de Mezeray, a pretty young mare who is beginning to show quality, upset a good thing in appearance for Destino in the opening mile.

In the maiden, the only successful favourite of the day was Rubina, in a field of seventeen.

La Negra carried the lightest weight into first place in the Selling Plate, being followed by Ameliana with the heaviest.

Querandie, after many bad races, unexpectedly won the mile handicap.

Rebato shewed the way to several better fancied ones in the 1300 metres, and Chacabuco capped the climax by walking off with the 2000 metres, for which he was the least thought of in a field of ten.

The following are the details:—

PREMIO ARMENIA, for horses of three years and more that have run, but have not won more than \$4000. Weight 53 kilos, 2 kilos extra to winners of one race, and 5 kilos of two or more, 3 kilos allowed to losers. \$1100 to first, 100 to second. 1600 metres.

Stud Hirondelle's Mile. de Mezeray, by Clamar—Cayenne, 3 y, 53 k
P. Garcia 1
Ecurie Rio de Janeiro's Destino, 5 y, 58 k.....F. Figueroa 2
Capt. Black's Leutres, 3 y, 50 k.....I. Diaz 3
Also ran—Piloto, Tres Arroyos, Bernabé, Azahar, Ogler, Tarascon, Llana, Celada, and Charlatana.
Dividends—Mlle. de Mezeray \$10.50 win and 4.15 place, Destino 3.10 place, Leutres 7.70 place.

PREMIO QUEEN VICTORIA, for two-year-olds that have not won. Weight 54 kilos. \$1500 to first, 100 to second. 1000 metres.
Stud Los Cardos' Rubina, by Neapolis—Vendetta, 53 k.....J. Rivero 1
Stud Don Gonzalo's Piquet, 54 k.....F. Perez 2
Stud Modesta's Milady, 52 k.....N. Sosa 3
Also ran—Solferino, Ganimede, Carlomagno, Vicioso, Cerro Blanco, Bandolero, Don Pancho, Pabellon, Sandez, Frambuesa, Catalpa, Cubana, Sibila, and Orgia.
Dividends—Rubina \$6.55 win and 3.35 place, Piquet 4.10 place, Milady 4.10 place.

PREMIO REMATE, for horses of three years and more that have been a year in the country and have not won more than one Selling Plate. The winner to be sold for \$3000. Those entered to be sold for less to be allowed 3 kilos for each \$500 reduction. Weight for age, 3 kilos extra for every win in a Selling Plate. \$1400 to first, 100 to second, 1200 metres.

Stud Criollito's La Negra, by St. Honorat—Jenny, 4 y, 42 k.... F. Liceri 1
 Stud Calchin's Ameliana, 5 y, 52 k..... N. Sosa 2
 Stud Lancero's Amambay, 5 y, 48 k..... I. Diaz 3
 Also ran—Atico, Alianza, Union, Aquilon, Urutau, Coracero, Satélite, Special, Punilla, Tandilera, Soliman, Mandrin, and Gurupi.
 Dividends—La Negra \$18.95 win and 4.85 place, Ameliana 3.10 place, Amambay 5.10 place.

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

Ecurie Sans Souci's Querandie, by Amazon—Polly, 4 y, 51 k..... J. Sarthou 1
 Stud Independencia's Reyezuelo, 6 y, 55 k..... F. Perez 2
 Ecurie Belgrano's Republicano, 3 y, 51 k..... G. Morales 3
 Also ran—Cyrano, Abrojo, Congo, Bebé, Doblete, Frontin, and Corsaria.
 Dividends—Querandie \$27.70 win and 8.10 place, Reyezuelo 14.10 place, Republicano 6.60 place.

PREMIO CABURÉ handicap for horses of three years and more that have won. \$1500 to first, 100 to second, 1300 metres.

Stud Criollito's Rebato, by Guemes—Creta, 3 y, 44 k..... J. Feliú 1
 J. B. Zubiaurre's Rivera, 3 y, 52 k..... G. Palacios 2
 Stud La Alianza's Fortunio, 4 y, 58 k..... J. Ernani 3
 Also ran—Friolera, Hortensia, Porthos, Douglas, Armenia, and Indiscretion.
 Dividends—Rebato \$18.30 win and 6.25 place, Rivera 7.50 place, Fortunio 4.55 place.

PREMIO LAPRIDA, handicap for all winners. \$1800 to first, 100 to second, 2000 metres.

Capt. Dreyfus' Chacabuco, by Camors—Cereal, 4 y, 50 k..... F. Olivera 1
 Stud La Confianza's Regalada, 4 y, 52 k..... F. Frigueiro 2
 Stud La Alianza's Clío, 3 y, 48 k..... J. Ernani 3
 Also ran—Guttemberg, Lanza Seca, Destino, Abeto, Cassio, Modista, and Thermidor.
 Dividends—Chacabuco \$45.05 win and 9.50 place, Regalada 3.80 place, Clío 4 place.

HUNTING.

HURLINGHAM DRAGHOUNDS.

Wednesday, July 25.

The meet was at the Kennels, and after three good drying days we looked forward to a real good run, but unfortunately our hopes were doomed to be disappointed for Lacey took us across a country that wanted a swimmer rather than a galloper. Crossing the troop road the hounds could neither walk on the liquid mud nor swim through it. Still this winter a hunt is a hunt, and as long as we get one we can't complain. After the arrival of the 2.30 train, the master, Mr Thursby, who was in charge, laid on in the lane opposite Chicholi's, and we ran a big ring through Bilbao's to Benitez's to Mr Howard's chacra, and from there to the Flores' camp where we finished. Hounds ran wonderfully, considering the country, and the way horses jumped out of the mud into the mud was grand. The following were out and all finished, only Messrs Brewster and Simpson got falls, Mr Thursby, who hunted the hounds, Messrs Dennis, Heriot (2), Brewster, Simpson, Sheehan, Bedford, and Mrs Heriot, who went splendidly on a very neat bay pony that jumped beautifully.

Sunday, July 29.

We met at Willesden, late Mafeking Lodge, and we all meant getting there in spite of the rain. Our efforts were well rewarded for the caviare sandwiches and sloe-gin of our hosts were worth many a wetting, and then we had a grand run to place to the credit side of the balance. We never remember seeing such a well mounted field on such a truly beastly day—for it rained all the time and the mud was well over the fetlocks, and up to the hocks in places. There was the master, Mr Thursby, on Cavalry (as good a bit of stuff as ever looked through a bridle), the Messrs Willes, one on Mr Preston's horse and the other on Revolution, Mr Ravenscroft on Chatterbox, Mr Sheehan on Bonita, Lacey on Mr Thursby's Try Over, and C. Lacey on the same owner's Lightning; Mr Robson on Regina, Mr Moncrieff on Starlight, Mr Bedford on Mr Robson's Dandy, Messrs Schwind, Brewster, Simpson, Harnett, (on Billiard Table), and Mrs Howard on the best of hunters, The Honourable. To prove how good a lot this was, as though we had the longest run, in the worst of weather we have had for some months, there was not a fall, which was all the more creditable as the take off was generally greasy. The run was from Balfour's quinta through Cunningham's and Quirno's to Leloir's estancia and back again through Bilbao's to the "pueblo." All finished! What we are to do if this weather continues the fates can only tell—one thing is certain that we can't hunt—polo we have given up long ago.

REMINISCENCES OF SOUTH AFRICA.

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

IV.

As we got amongst the mountains we were met by a gigantic nigger on a wiry Basuto pony, with a collar round his neck "for decency's sake," as Mark Twain says—the nigger, not the pony—waving a bit of dirty white towelling attached to a stick, as a flag of truce. Where he sprang from we could not see, and here I may remark that, strange as it may seem, after leaving Silver Spruit we never met a single soul, nor did we see any sign of human life during the six days, which was the time occupied on the patrol, in spite of the fact that the population is said to be numerous. The mails were sent after us from Camp by special messenger, who overtook us just as we had got to the table land on the top of a small mountain, and I remember getting two letters from home, one of them from my father telling me of the commencement of cub hunting down in the old west country, and wondering if I should ever see the spotted beauties again. It is so long ago now, and I was never north of Deadman's Kop but that once, but I cannot be certain as to the times between our various halts, but I do remember that, before reaching Moirosi's mountain, we off saddled by the side of the Orange and had a real good swim; the river was as clear as crystal, deep and wide, with banks made for headers. After we had rested our horses and had a feed, we up saddled and trekked, following the waggon road which was constructed in 1879 during Moirosi's war, and which rises winding along the side of a mountain until it reaches an altitude of some 500 feet above the Orange, which in the bright sunshine looked like a band of silver running between banks, in many places shaded by weeping willows. The road is just a trifle more than waggon width, and there were those amongst us who remember having seen a heavily-loaded waggon, with a span of sixteen oxen, go hustling down into the river below, taking the unfortunate driver and forelooper with it. I was shown the spot—and truly it looked a nasty one—to take a plunge bath from. I know that I was on the left of a section of four, and in some places going along that road I felt far from comfortable. I think the pass is about four miles in length; it ends in a sharp turn, and then the Orange is lost to view, and nothing but mountains are to be seen. At sundown we camped under Moirosi's mountain, which was so long defended by the old chief whose name it bears. It is a great frowning table mountain, with an almost perpendicular face, and the little Buffalo River, a very rapid, deep-banked, stream, running far below. Here we killed a couple of bullocks which were driven in front of us for meat provision. I know that the meat was awfully tough, and I suppose it was really something like "carne cansada." The water in the river, like all Basutoland water, was clean and good, so we made some capital coffee, and sat round our various camp fires smoking and yarning, with the sentries posted, and the horses tied in rings, with their guards in the back ground. I don't think I ever slept better than I did that night under the cloudless, stary, sky, or woke up fitter than I did next morning. After coffee, and before saddling up, whilst foraging around, I came upon a relic of the war in the shape of a nigger's skull. A bullet had penetrated the owner of the skull's brain; it must have been at short range, as the skull was very thick. I took it away with me as a curio—but more of it later on. For some miles after leaving the mountain, we followed the course of the Little Buffalo, and at midday off saddled on its banks. The doctor who went with us brought some dynamite cartridges, and proceeded to "fish" with one; then a good many of us dived for the proceeds. Yellow fish and barbel fairly swarm in most of the mountain streams, and we had a glorious fish feed washed down by tea. We halted for about two hours and then started again, and for two days did nothing but climb up one side and down the other of mountains. We had to lead our horses in most cases, and many a spur got trodden on and boot pulled half off, through not being quick enough to get out of the way of the active little Cape horses and Basuto ponies which were our mounts.

Twice we were ordered to sleep with arms loaded, but we had no engagement, and I honestly believe the report of the rising was only a hoax.

The last day but one of our pleasure trip—for plea-

sure trip it was—we were filing along a narrow gorge, the leading sections being already out of sight round the base of one of the great hills which shut us in on either side, when bang, bang, bang, echoed and echoed again. Everyone behind thought it was an attack. Those of the readers of "S. and P." who are—or have been—hunting men, know pretty well what sort of effect "Forrard! away gentlemen; forrard! away" has on a field. Well, those shots had just about the same effect on us. It was a case of sitting down to ride; we fairly charged up that gorge, rattling over the ironstones in a sort of Devil take the hindmost kind of way, and when we got to the scene of action what did we see? Any amount of empty saddles, but the late occupants were only engaged in blazing away at "Spring boks," numbers of which were scudding across a wide green valley, which lay slightly below us, and up the kopjes which bounded it on the far side. I had a shot too, but—well—it didn't come off, and, as a matter of fact, only four were bagged. I think most of us were disappointed at the game being bok instead of niggers. We got back to camp on the evening of the sixth day from leaving, and I can honestly say that I have few pleasanter recollections than of that patrol. In spite of the climbing and the provisions, with the exception of the fish not being of the best, those six days patrolling were, as I said before, a veritable pleasure trip.

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ON

Thursday, August 30th, 1900

Under the Rules of the A.A.A. of the River Plate.

LIST OF EVENTS:

	Handicap	Open
100 YARDS		
150 YARDS, Boys under 15 years		
220 YARDS		Members only
440 YARDS, Quarter Mile		Open
880 YARDS, Half Mile		
1760 YARDS, One Mile		
1000 METRES, BICYCLE RACE		
2500		Members only
5000		Open
500		Boys under 13 years.
THROWING THE HAMMER		Open
HIGH JUMP		
POLE JUMP		
PUTTING THE SHOT		
LONG JUMP		
SACK RACE		
120 YARDS, HURDLES		
TUG-OF-WAR		
OBSTACLE RACE	Scratch	
CONSOLATION RACE, 1 round		

Entrance Fees to Sports—Non-members, \$2 m/n. each event; Members, \$1; Boys, 50 cts.; Boys' Bicycle Race, \$1.

Entries close on the 22nd August.

Handicappers—Committee elected by the Sports Committee.

Entry forms can be obtained from and entries (which must in all cases be accompanied by the corresponding fees) will be received by the Hon. Treasurer of the Sports Committee, Mr W. Barlow, Hotel de Londres, Bahia Blanca.

Competitors are requested to note that a separate entry form must be filled in for each event, and a particular form for Bicycle Races.

Notice to non-members of affiliated clubs: Rule 25 of the A.A.A.R.P. states: "That no one shall be allowed to compete at any meeting held under the laws of the Amateur Athletic Association of the River Plate as 'unattached' for more than one season."

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PUTTING THE SHOT		
120 YARDS, HURDLES		
220 YARDS		Members only
100 YARDS, Boys under 10 years		Open
880 YARDS (Half Mile)		
TWO MILES BICYCLE RACE		
440 YARDS (Quarter Mile)		
HIGH JUMP		
THREE MILES BICYCLE RACE		
LONG JUMP		
300 YARDS		
220 YARDS, Boys under 14 years		
1760 YARDS (One Mile)		
ONE MILE BICYCLE RACE		Members only
OBSTACLE RACE, one round	Scratch	Open
CONSOLATION RACE, 300 Yards		

Entrance Fees—\$2 each event, general entry \$10; Members, \$1 each event, general entry \$5; Boys, \$1 each event.

Entries close on the 13th August.

Handicappers—The Amateur Athletic Association of the River Plate.

Entry forms can be obtained from, and the entries (which must in all cases be accompanied by the corresponding fees) will be received by the Hon. Secretary of the Amateur Athletic Association of the River Plate, 475 Piedad, Buenos Aires; or the Hon. Secretary of the Rosario Athletic Club, Calle San Lorenzo 1049, Rosario.

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ROUND THE TOWN.

After all the harrowing pictures that have been drawn of life at Martin Garcia, it is quite a relief to read a small testimonial, which appeared in a daily contemporary, signed by the first-class passengers of the Magdalena. From what we have heard from some of these and other passengers, quite a good time can be put in there.

The Quilmes Minstrels have obtained such a reputation that it is unnecessary for us to do more than draw attention to the fact that their next performance will be given on Friday next, at Quilmes, as they are sure to draw a full house. We hear that the rehearsals have been going very strongly, and a first-class performance may confidently be anticipated.

As we surmised, the Belgrano Subscription Dance, which was held on Wednesday evening last, at the Italian Hall, Belgrano, was a complete success and very well attended, and the committee, who were responsible for the arrangements, etc., are to be heartily congratulated.

The Chilian House of Deputies has passed the law declaring military service to be obligatory in that country.

It is rumoured in certain commercial circles in Montevideo that the importers of wines and spirits propose to "boycott" the Custom-house there. The idea is not to despatch their goods until the Government amend the present tariffs for analysis.

The director of the yellow fever hospital in Rio, Dr Carlos Seidl, has just published the statistics of that institution from 1890 to 1899, inclusive. The total patients received were 19,990, of whom 11,248 left cured, the deaths being 8,742. The figures go to prove that the disease attacks by preference the whites, the males, the foreigners, and the strong.

South Africans in London, says an exchange, cannot have failed to notice one of the results of the war. Italian boys playing melodeons have, to a great extent, discarded carrying monkeys, in favour of lemurs, or "Madagascar cats," which are common as pets all through South Africa. The Cape Dutch equivalent is "meercat," a word which gave the name to "Meercatsfontein," the name of a mythological Boer victory. These Madagascar cats are very affectionate, and free from the mischievousness of the average monkey. They ought to be able to stand the English climate.

From cards handed round we notice that the offices of the Union Assurance Society, of which Mr Henry Anderson is the representative here, have been removed from the Calle Maipú to Calle Piedad 441, offices No. 16 and 17, to where, in future, all communications should be addressed.

Mr C. E. Borchgrevink (the commander of the "Southern Cross," the Antarctic expedition ship), lectured before the Royal Geographical Society, last month, on "The Results of the Sir Geo. Newnes Antarctic Expedition." After discussing the voyage of the Southern Cross, the lecturer said on March 1 the Union Jack was hoisted on Victoria Land, where the party found traces of the penguin at an elevation of 1000 ft, but later on all the penguins had left, and the skua gulls began to get scarce. All round Robertson Bay, where the ice was encountered, the land rose in sheer cliffs some thousand feet high. The expedition almost ended in disaster, and it was only with the greatest difficulty that the party succeeded in returning to Cape Ridley. Fish and seals were caught. There were tremendous gales, and one of the party was lost for three days in the blinding snowdrift. Men and dogs alike suffered greatly from frostbites. In the course of the further explorations a landing was effected at the foot of Mount Terror, where the leader of the expedition, Capt. Jensen, narrowly escaped death from glacier movements and tidal waves, some of the latter rising twenty feet. Capt. Jensen, the commander of the expedition, finally discovered a break in the ice barrier, and with Lieut. Colbeck proceeded southwards till they marked 78 deg. 50, the farthest point south ever reached by man.

The great attraction next Sunday will be the final for the Rugby Football Championship at Flores. We hear that special arrangements are being made for the accommodation and comfort of the lady visitors, of whom we shall hope to see a large number present. A committee of Flores ladies have very kindly taken in hand the tea-tables, while the "The Brunswick" will look after all other refreshments. Tickets for the match may be obtained from either Messrs. R. Grant and Co., Messrs. J. Grant and Son, or from any member of the Championship Committee.

The population of this city in the year 1600 was calculated at five hundred inhabitants. At the commencement of the next century it had risen to ten thousand, while in 1800 it was calculated at forty thousand, and now it is officially stated to be eight hundred thousand.

The miserable weather kept many from attending the excellent concert, given on Monday evening last, by the St. Andrew's Debating Society in the Scotch School Hall. The concert was thoroughly enjoyed by all those who braved the elements, and among those who appeared on the platform were Mrs. Showler, Miss Fraser, Miss Clark, Miss McKendrick, Rev. C. Gordon Mackenzie, and Messrs. Magrane, T. M. Greene, Maitland Edye, J. Monteith Drysdale, and H. B. Owen.

We are very pleased to be able to state that the serious operation which, to the regret of everyone, Mrs. E. Graham Pilgrim had to undergo recently, has proved successful, and that there is every hope of a complete recovery.

The terrible and tragic tidings of the King of Italy's assassination caused a deep and solemn gloom to be spread over the whole of this city, a gloom which, at the time of writing, is still much in evidence. At first it seemed impossible to realise that good King Humbert could have been assassinated. For one who has done nothing but good all his life, for one who has always thought for others first, for one who was beloved by all, and for one of the best and kindest of men to have fallen by the hand of an assassin seemed too utterly impossible. But alas! it has proved to be only too true, and the deep sympathy of the whole civilized world has gone out spontaneously to the sorrowing widow—until Sunday evening last—the faithful and loving wife.

It appears that the King on Sunday night last attended the Lyceum, at Monza, for the purpose of witnessing the prize-giving to those gymnasts who had excelled at a gymnastic and athletic competition recently held there. So keen an interest did the good king take in it that he actually assisted in the prize-giving, having, as was his wont, a kind word for each successful competitor and his graceful act was vociferously cheered by all present. After the distribution of prizes he left the Lyceum and entered his carriage, accompanied by an aide-de-camp. Hardly had he been seated when three revolver shots were heard above the hearty cheering for the King, with which he was always greeted by his subjects, and he was seen to lift his left hand to his side. The murderer, Angelo Bressi by name, was at once seized, and, but for the soldiers, would have been killed there and then, as it was he was badly mauled before being rescued. Meanwhile the poor King had been driven off at a rapid rate to the Palace, and on the way he breathed his last. Of what followed let us draw a veil. We sympathize deeply with our Italian brothers in this, their hour of grief, while we know that the world has lost a great and true man, and England one of her best and truest friends.

Just as we finish writing the above, we learn that an attempt has been made on the life of the Shah of Persia. This time the would-be murderer chose a knife for his weapon and the attempt was made at the Paris Exhibition.

As we are going to press we learn that the Committee of the British Hospital Ball have decided to postpone the dance from to-night to a later date, as a mark of respect for our Italian friends during their deep mourning.

DEATH.

TALBOT-WRIGHT.—On Friday, July 20th, Frank Walter, only son of Cyril and Inez Talbot-Wright, aged 8 months.—Cordoba.

CYCLING IN ENGLAND

June 29th, 1900.

The question of "first year amateurs" is one which is, just now, engaging considerable attention. There are many reasons for its adoption. The idea is that a rider may ride for his first year at amateur meetings, unlicensed. Many young riders are deterred from training for track riding, owing to the somewhat onerous conditions associated with obtaining a license. The catechism administered is, by the champion in embryo, often viewed as needlessly inquisitorial, and he naturally shrinks from the ordeal. A year's riding in competitions brings wisdom, and, probably, at the end of his twelve months probation, he will be able to appreciate that no form of sport can be governed without stringent precautions to avoid abuses which would be inseparable from the existence of a body of unlicensed competitors who had emerged from their novitiate. The Union, however, has refused to make any alteration in this respect.

The irresponsible butcher-boy, sitting behind a fast-going nag has, times out of mind, been viewed by deeply injured pedestrians as the "chartered libertine" of our roads. His *penchant* for cutting round corners on the wrong side at top speed, and his custom of shewing a complete disregard for the rule of the road as applicable to vehicular traffic, has become a tradition. It is not often however, that he tries to take a rise out of cyclists, for, as a rule, his love for a bit of pace engenders a sportsman-like, fellow-feeling, and between the knight of the blue smock and the votary of the wheel, there exists no feud. Occasionally, however, a road-hog holds the reins, and this was the case recently, where a recreant butcher-boy hunted a wheelman into a ditch. The cyclist was so fully convinced that the meat distributor did this of *malice prepense* that he has applied to the Union (N.C.U.) for relief.

With the facilities afforded thieves by the negligence of wheelmen in keeping proper watch and ward over their machines, it is really marvellous that more cycles are not spirited away by felons, than is the case at present. Yet, the crop of cycle thefts,—and nearly all of those are found to have been committed whilst the cyclist was within refreshing, leaving for those few minutes his machine unguarded,—is sufficiently large to be alarming. Many taverns on our main roads take the precaution of keeping a man outside, whose duty it is to give an eye to the machines that are left snugly stacked against a neighbouring wall, whilst the landlord is enjoying the benefit of the riders' custom within. A penny bestowed on this custodian is well spent, and when one considers the pleasure of feeling assured that a glass of ale and cigarette may be enjoyed in absolute security by taking a little timely precaution, no rider who values his mount should neglect it.

There are no more thorough and energetic soldier-cyclists in the British Isles than those which compose the cycling battalion of the 26th Middlesex Rifle Volunteers. Undaunted by the apathy which so long prevailed at the War Office, this body of enthusiastic wheelmen has worked steadily on, keeping the goal of utility and efficiency always before them. The battalion was recently paraded in Hyde Park, where it mustered 122 strong, and appeared with a cycle-towed ammunition wagon, capable of carrying 6,000 rounds of small arm ammunition, as well as a cycle-towed ambulance. The gun team too, possesses a quick-firing machine gun, which is capable of being quickly wheeled into action by similar methods. At last, the military authorities seem to be awakening to the value of cyclists in modern warfare.

King Carnival reigns supreme throughout the length and breadth of the land, and wherever there is a carnival there the ubiquitous wheelman foregathers, and, entering heart and soul into the spirit of the thing, does much to render these jubiliations successful as well from a monetary as a spectacular point of view. The really splendid benefaction to the widows and orphans funds bestowed by the gathering upon the occasion of the Stanley Club last Annual Concert, was only an earnest of what wheelmen are capable of when their sympathies are aroused for a deserving object. In the fulness of time all bodies municipal, and magisterial, will come to

view the wheelman as "a man and a brother." Then will the time-estimating policeman and the scorcher fraternise, and brotherly peace and concord reign.

Whatever may be said in justification of the "science of headwork," and much may be said legitimately in its favour, there can be no question that, carried to extremes, it has a profoundly irritating effect upon a paying public. For to those who have planked down their bit of silver to see racing, strenuous physical effort matched against strenuous physical effort, it is no use to expatiate upon the merits of slow riding, and the acrobatic performances in which some riders are proficient, when they desire to preserve their balance upon an almost stationary machine. The Race Committee of the Bath Cycling Club recently employed a drastic remedy where the time limit of three minutes in a mile scratch race was shamefully exceeded. The Committee simply declared the race void, and declined to post the numbers of the placed men—a decision received with unstinting applause by the spectators.

W. A. Edmonds, the Welsh amateur sprint crack, who has gained the blue ribbon of English amateurism by acquiring the title of one mile amateur champion for 1900, is exceedingly popular in Wales. He is of Bristol, and well known in South Wales, having given some grand exhibitions of his prowess on the Cardiff track this year. Last year, Paul Albert, of Hanover, one of the cleverest amateur sprint riders in the world, and fit to take the same place among amateur riders as the invincible Paul Bourrillion, at the zenith of his fame, did among professionals, came to England and captured this event. "Tommy" Summersgill, by his recent retirement from the path with the coveted distinction of world's amateur mile champion associated with his name, left the field open to the lesser lights who would probably have undergone eclipse had he still been riding.

Many toll keepers view automobilists as specially ordained by providence to aid in restoring their fallen fortunes. The possession of an autocar presumes a certain measure of affluence, and many motor men, rather than delay their journey in an unseemly squabble with the man who sits at his bridge in the receipt of custom, will pay the extortionate demand and pass on their way. As an instance of the rapacity of these survivals of a bygone age, an age entirely out of harmony with the spirit of the times, there is a bridge at Maidenhead where a toll of two pence per wheel is levied on all autocars. Thus a tricycle pays 6d., and a quad 8d. This old bridge which was built in the middle of the eighteenth century, when the wonders of locomotion of the twentieth were undreamt of, apparently has no scale applicable to motors, so as a way out of the difficulty, one is invented.

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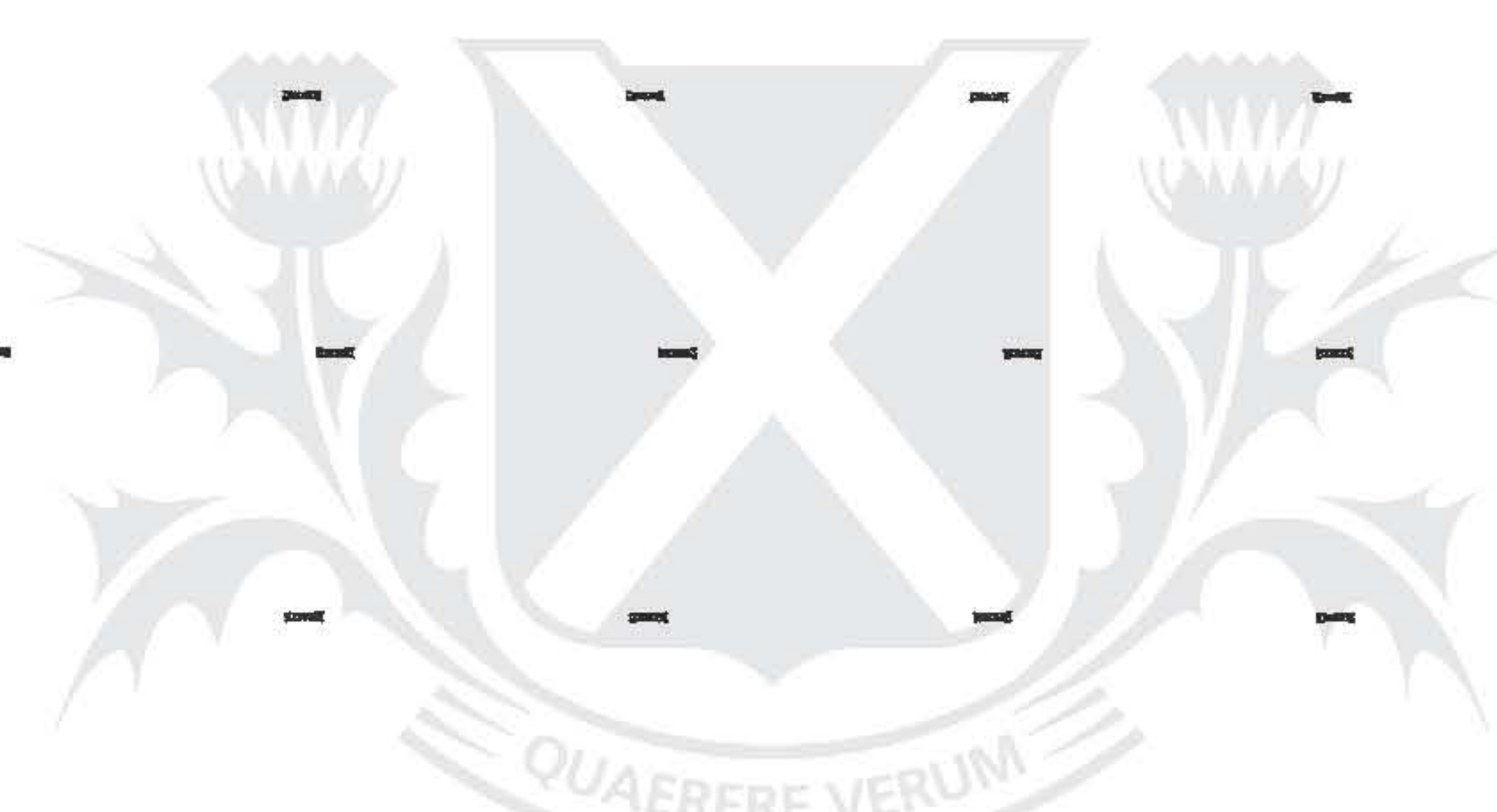
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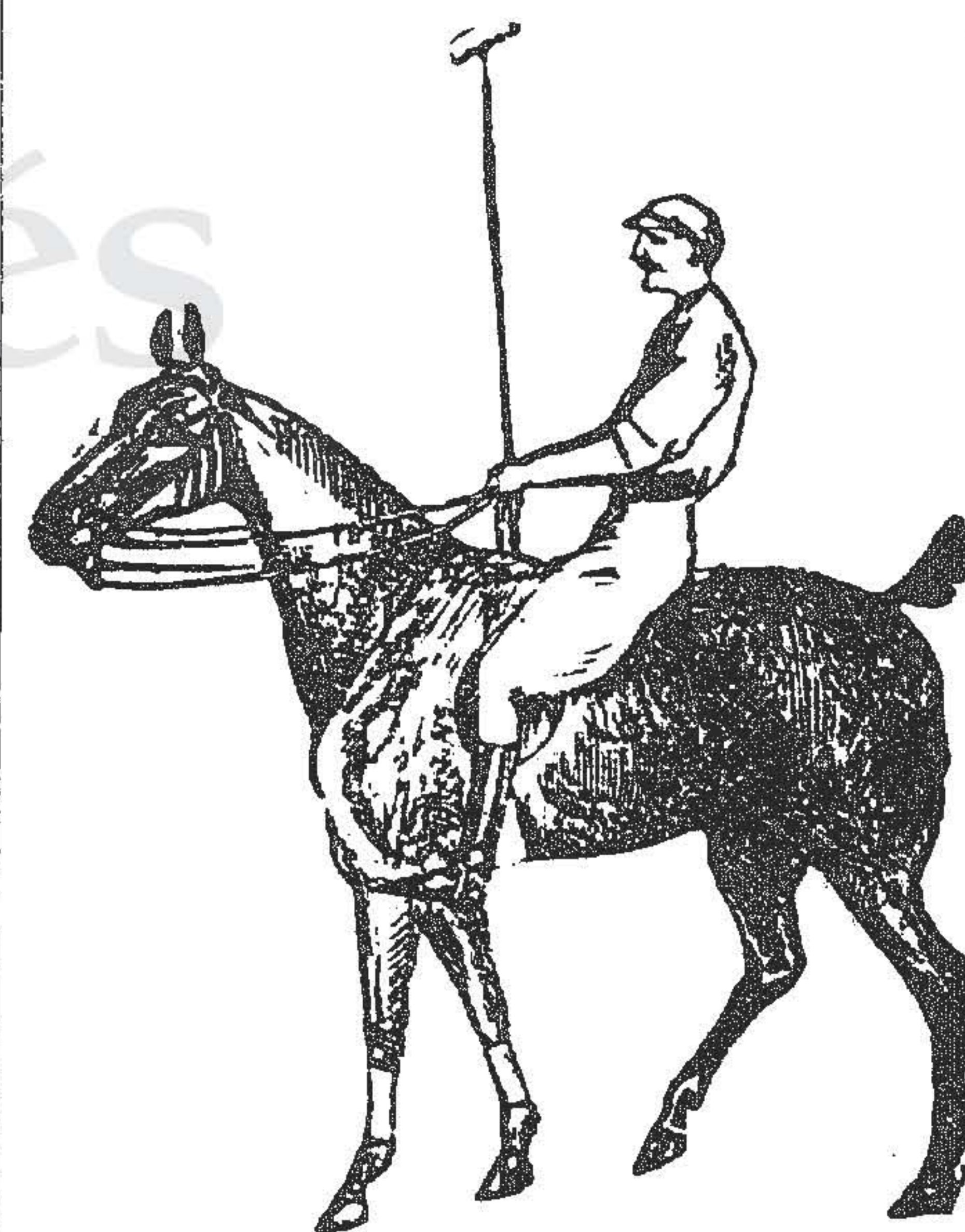
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RIVER PLATE SPORT AND PASTIME

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1, 1900.

NOTES.

The semi-final for the Rugby Championship, which was played last Sunday at Rosario, was not productive of anything like the close struggle we had confidently anticipated. Somehow or other—and old footballers will understand what we mean—everything seemed to go wrong for the home team, and the climax arrived when the full-back received a nasty kick above the ankle, which caused his temporary retirement.

By these remarks we do not wish to detract in any way from the play of the visitors, which was excellent. The forwards played as they never have before, and the backs gave an exhibition of passing, which, under the circumstances, was nothing short of marvellous. The slippery and greasy ball was passed from one to the other perfectly, and to this splendid combination the result must be attributed.

The result of the match came as an agreeable surprise to us, but, in common with all Rugby footballers, we heartily re-echo the sentiments of the Buenos Aires captain, who, in his speech after the match, remarked that glad as he was his club had qualified for the final, he was equally sorry that Rosario had not, as one and all of our friends in the North had worked very hard to attain that end, and had, in the face of many difficulties, entered a team in this year's championship.

We have written so frequently of the kind hospitality of the Rosarinos, that we are almost at a loss for words to express, once again, the thanks due to them for all the kindness our players received at their hands. To the excellent President of the Rosario Athletic Club, Don Diego Le Bas, and to the genial Hon. Secretary, Mr. J. J. C. Daniel, special thanks are due, for they were untiring in their efforts when looking after the comfort of their visitors, and they were worthily supported by the other members.

The Final, therefore, will now be played between the Lomas A.C. and the B.A.F.C. The ground selected is that of the Flores A.C., and no better ground could have been chosen. All the arrangements are in the hands of Mr. J. W. Taylor, so we can rest assured that they will be as near perfection as possible. Let us hope that that fickle person, the weather clerk, will be kind to us and give us a fine day for the match.

A charge of one dollar will be made for entrance to the ground, this including the return fare on the Western Railway, from the Once to Caballito, and when we inform our readers that the money thus taken will be in aid of the funds of the British Hospital, we feel convinced that the match will be well patronised. We hope to see a record attendance.

As to the play, we should be treated to a fine exhibition. The great strength of the present cup-holders lies in their particularly even pack of forwards, while the runners-up are the stronger team behind, so that the game will practically resolve itself into a trial of two different styles. It is sure to be a fast and interesting game, and may the better team win.

Another match in the knock-out Cup tie Competition was played last Sunday at Quilmes, in truly miserable weather. On this occasion Belgrano defeated Lomas, so that now the former have to journey to Montevideo, and the English High School to Rosario. The final will be played on August 26th, and should produce a close struggle.

We hear that Baron Peers has arranged a polo tournament at San Carlos for Sunday, August 5th. Among those clubs who have already signified their intention of sending a team, are Media Luna, Venado Tuerto, and Hurlingham, while, of course, the Baron's own excellent team will compete.

Of all the people affected by the late frequent rains, perhaps those connected with the turf have most to complain of. After months of patient work to have at length brought a promising colt to the pink of condition, and just when the reward seems in view to have the course spoilt or the races put off, and all the trouble to begin with again, is rather hard lines. The throats and tongues of the racegoers in general must have been pretty well exercised in the vituperation line lately, especially on Sunday last, when the special train and electric tram actually went to Palermo and it began to rain so hard during the journey that the races were found to be put off on arrival. The afternoon was so hopeless that no fun could have been had and it was difficult to know who to swear at!

It is hard lines again to have the two Classics, which should have been run on the 29th, delayed, as they are now thrown back on the Gran Polla de Potrancas, the first of the big events of the year for the young ones. As usual of late years, the fillies, after giving some promise at first, are now far behind the colts in quality and there is not one fit to compete with their brothers over a mile. There seems nothing on form to run with La Marsellesa, but she is not good enough to make a surprise impossible. It would be a novelty if the two postponed Classics had to be added to next Sunday's programme, and we had three on one day! The aspect of the sky at the moment of writing seems to render some such thing possible.

Our last mails bring us news of the most remarkable sale of thoroughbreds ever held. It took place on July 4th in the Park Paddock at Newmarket, when twelve yearlings, bred by the late Duke of Westminster at Eaton, were disposed of for the almost fabulous total of 43,300 guineas, or an average of 3,603 guineas. The top price obtained was for a filly by Persimmon—Ornament, by Doncaster, which was bought by Mr R. S. Sievier for 10,000 guineas.

In our advertisement columns may be found the programme of the annual athletic meeting of the Rosario Athletic Club. As we have often pointed out before this meeting is always one of the best organised we have, and we shall hope to see a goodly number of our athletes competing this year. Our Rosario friends like to see members of the clubs here taking part, and we trust they will not be disappointed.

Entry forms may be obtained from, and entries will be received by the Hon. Secretary of the Amateur Athletic Association of the River Plate, 475 Piedad, on or before Monday, August 13th. The entrance fee for each event is two dollars, but a general entry may be made on payment of ten dollars. We should like to see at least twenty of our athletes competing, and we shall be glad to give any information regarding these sports to intending competitors.

The half-yearly meeting of the Buenos Aires Rowing Club was held on Monday evening last at Aue's Keller, 650 Piedad, where a large number of members put in an appearance. The highly satisfactory report of the past year's work was adopted and approved of without discussion, not the least pleasing portion of it being that referring to the last March regatta, when the old club scored several successes.

The presence of so many members was explained a little later when the President arose to explain to them the reason which had led their Committee to consider it advisable to retire from the Union de Regatas. This step was evidently approved of, for a vote of confidence was immediately passed in the Committee and all present rose *en masse* and cheered. Whatever members of other clubs may think of this action the B.A.R.C. have found it necessary to take, it has certainly met the wishes of many of their own members.

We are not going into the matter here as to whether the action was a wise one or not. The authorities of the B.A.R.C. know their own business best, and we well know that there are two sides to every question. Meanwhile we cannot help expressing, first, our fears that it will retard here the progress of the splendid pastime of rowing, and, secondly, our hopes that some arrangement may yet be come to. The new Committee of the B.A.R.C. is as follows: President, Mr E. B. Madero; Members (from whom the other officers are elected), Messrs E. Danvers, A. G. Thornton, E. A. Coelho, D. W. Bond, G. Desein, E. Manigot, J. Martin, C. A. Aldao, and C. M. Cuneo.

In another column we publish the entries received for this year's Henley Royal Regatta. The total list contains forty-six entries or seven less than last year. The greatest number ever received was in 1896, when the total was fifty-eight. On the whole the entry list is a satisfactory one, but there is a marked falling off for the Silver Goblets. While Belgium is represented for the first time, no entries have been received from either Holland or across the Atlantic.

Jim Phillips, the old Middlesex professional, has been the first umpire in first-class cricket to have occasion to no-ball a bowler from the striker's end. It occurred last month in the match between Lancashire and Notts and created a great sensation, not from the fact that it was the first instance, but from the fact that the offending bowler was the well-known Lancashire fast bowler, Arthur Mold.

This is the first time that Mold has ever been penalised, although he has figured in the Lancashire team for eleven years, and one cannot help sympathising with him. We remember being very struck with his bowling a few years ago, he had such a delightfully easy action and seemed to deliver the ball with scarcely an effort. It will be most interesting to see how he fares in the future.

On the other hand, it must be admitted, that his deliveries have been commented on by various players before this, and also that Jim Phillips, to-day, is probably one of the best umpires in the world, and a man who gives his decisions without fear or favour. However, Mold up to the present only throws in the opinion of one umpire, let us hope that no other will find it necessary to pull him up, for he can ill be spared.

From cards handed round yesterday we see that the Hurlingham Club intend holding a pigeon shooting match on Saturday next. The great event is the Premio Invierno, which will be shot for under the following conditions:— Ten birds, three at twenty-four metres, four at twenty-six, and three at twenty-eight, two misses out. The entrance fee is twenty dollars and the winner will receive a prize and 75 per cent. of the entrance money. Trains leave Retiro at 10.55 a.m. and 12.20 p.m., and this event will be shot off at 1.20 p.m. punctually.

FOOTBALL.

ARGENTINE ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

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

	DIVISION I.				GOALS		Pts
	Matches Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	For	Against	
E. High School ..	4	3	0	1	10	3	7
Belgrano ..	4	2	2	0	7	7	4
Lomas ..	5	1	3	1	5	9	3
Quilmes ..	3	1	2	0	6	9	2
DIVISION II.							
Banfield ..	7	5	0	2	23	6	12
E. High School ..	6	3	2	1	9	6	7
Belgrano II. ..	5	1	2	2	10	9	4
Central ..	3	0	2	1	3	7	1
Porteños ..	3	0	3	0	2	19	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.

ASSOCIATION

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

The above match in the "knock-out" competition was played at Quilmes on Sunday last under the most depressing circumstances, rain falling steadily the whole time. So bad was the weather that the players did not know whether to go out or not, and a long discussion took place at Casa Amarilla. Luckily the referee was there and advised all to travel as he could not determine anything without first seeing the condition of the ground. In pouring rain, therefore, the players took the train, but on arriving at the ground it was found that both teams were two short. Belgrano were fortunate enough to find two substitutes, but Lomas could only get one, J. B. Campbell, and had, in consequence, to play one short throughout, a handicap only realised by those who have experienced it.

On consulting the referee, he gave his opinion that the ground was fit for play, a decision which surprised us as although the ground was certainly not *under* water, a chain of pools soon formed right round the ground while the general conditions were all against football.

It is almost impossible to give a proper account of the match as it was really nothing more than a scramble all through. Why a match should be played of this kind

under such conditions surprises us. There are plenty of dates ahead, in fact never before in our experience have there been so few fixtures for the first teams, and yet what may have provided a really interesting match on a fine day is utterly spoilt. We do not for a moment say the result would have been different, but the game is played for pleasure, and playing last Sunday was quite the reverse.

Lomas won the toss and soon after the start one of the Belgrano forwards put in a shot which Flint in goal saved, but sent the ball on to N. Dickinson off whom it rebounded into the net. This reverse had a good effect on the Lomasites and they in turn commenced to attack. The rain, however, was now coming down in real earnest and all scientific play was altogether out of the question. At length, from a splendid centre by Pfeiffer, Nobili was able to bring the scores level. Continuing, Belgrano began to press, and after a short spell of give and take play they got well into the Lomas half, and from a free kick against Lomas, the ball was placed in the mouth of their goal and J. B. Campbell, who was not warned to let it go, attempted to kick it out, but made a mis-kick and the ball went into the net once more placing Belgrano in front.

On resuming, after half time, matters became more hopeless than ever, and it was impossible to attempt to dribble or to have any combination, and the game simply became a scrambling rush. During this half Belgrano scored twice by the aid of Coe and Craven, while L. Jacobs scored for Lomas, so that the latter team eventually retired defeated by four goals to two.

E. Dickinson and Craven were very prominent for the winners and both seemed better able to manipulate the ball than the rest, while for the losers L. Jacobs, C. Gibson, and Pfeiffer were the pick.

Mr W. Leslie acted as referee and would have been well within his rights if he had postponed the match altogether.

The Quilmeros, with their usual hospitality, looked after the players right well—and they wanted it!

The following were the teams:—

Belgrano A.C.—

Goal—E. Pott.

Backs—H. A. Craven, G. L. Macfarlane.

Half-backs—J. Baldock, E. L. Duggan, C. E. Dickinson.

Forwards—C. N. Dickinson, Coe, F. C. Wibberley, Campbell, Malm.

Lomas A.C.—

Goal—T. Flint.

Backs—C. W. Reynolds, J. B. Campbell.

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

Forwards—J. Hunter, L. Nobili, R. A. Brooking, C. Gibson.

ROSARIO

H.M.S. "SWALLOW" v. CENTRAL ARGENTINE A.C.

The return match between the above teams was played on the ground of the Railway Club on Saturday afternoon last, and, as on previous occasions, ended in a draw—this time pointless. The "ship" were, unfortunately, without their centre forward, Fallows, who played a really fine game the previous Saturday, but he was very ably replaced by one of the officers of the s.s. "Evelyn." During the first half the Railway men played with the wind at their backs, but this did not benefit them much, for although they came very near scoring on one or two occasions, they were unable to penetrate the defence of the sailors, whose back division was particularly strong, and played a very good game. On the change of ends a good attempt by the ship's forwards to open the score was made, and a corner was forced, but was safely negotiated, and for a while the attack was turned. The Railway forwards got a chance, and Green was somewhat unlucky with a long shot, the ball striking the upright. The game was strongly contested throughout, and towards the finish got very exciting, each side making the most strenuous efforts to gain the decisive goal, but without success, and a most enjoyable game ended, as before stated, in a pointless draw. For the visitors Boswell and Donaldson were excellent as backs, MacLean, Stock, Charlesworth and Wayland did very good service, and contributed in a great measure to the result, whilst the team as a whole played well together, and, if it were possible for them to get a little more practice, would take a lot of beating.

For the Railway Hollis, as usual, was safe in goal.

Green, Wortley, and Kean put in plenty of work, but they had to face a very stubborn defence.

The following were the teams:—

H.M.S. "Swallow"—

Goal—Collins.

Backs—Boswell, Donaldson.

Half-backs—Robertson, Charlesworth, MacLean.

Forwards—Stock, Brooks, Wayland, Eyres, Taylor.

C.A.R.A.C.—

Goal—J. Hollis.

Backs—E. Groube, H. Hopper.

Half-backs—G. Harrison, W. S. Harris, A. Gibbons.

Forwards—M. Green, E. Wortley, J. Kean, A. Canton, A. Postell.

Mr. R. H. Thomas again kindly undertook the duties of referee, which he carried out to general satisfaction.

RUGBY CHAMPIONSHIP.

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

	Matches Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points
Lomas A.C.	4	2	0	2	6
B.A.F.C.	4	1	1	2	4
Belgrano A.C.	4	0	2	2	2

RUGBY.

B.A.F.C. v. ROSARIO A.C.

This match was the semi-final for this year's Championship and was played last Sunday at Rosario. The visitors played the same team which has done duty for them all this season, while Rosario had the assistance of Lieut. Brendon at forward and C. Hay at half.

Things looked very gloomy in the morning, and about half-past ten rain commenced to fall heavily and continued without cessation to about twelve o'clock, when after a short interval a thin drizzle commenced to fall and continued until about half-past two, when it cleared. All through the game no rain fell, but directly the game was over it commenced again so that the players were very fortunate. Luckily the ground was badly in want of rain and accordingly the morning showers did but little harm. The surface was, of course, wet and the ball soon became slippery, but a firm foot-hold was always obtainable. The wet morning kept many people away, but during the second half of the game the attendance increased considerably and there were quite a number of spectators present at the finish.

Bellamy won the toss for Buenos Aires and elected to play from the terrace-end, thus utilising a slight breeze which was in evidence.

At ten minutes past three the teams lined up, and as far as weight went it was at once seen that the home team had the advantage. Im Thurn set the ball rolling and after the usual exchanges play settled down in the visitors' twenty-five. Here Rosario kept play for some four or five minutes threatening danger all the time. Once or twice the ball was heeled out nicely but the B. A. half-backs were all there, and the passing and taking of passes among the Rosario outsiders left a good deal to be desired. Gradually the B. A. forwards began to settle down and by excellent foot work soon took play to half-way. Here both sets of forwards tried to get the ball out to their backs, but the Buenos Aires forwards were responsible for taking play to the Rosario twenty-five. Working brilliantly the B. A. men got possession of the ball in nearly every "scrum," but the halves could not get a chance of getting in a clean pass out. At length, however, Rumboll got possession and gave to Leitch, who drew off a man and handed to Anderson. The latter did likewise and passed to Campbell, who drew the outside three-quarter on to him and gave Heriot a clear run in. It was as pretty a piece of play as one could wish to see. Anderson took the kick but the ball went straight over the post.

After this success the visiting forwards appeared to place more confidence in their outsiders and when the ball was asked for it was not long in coming out. From now on also the B. A. half-backs played beautifully together, some of the passing being quite first-class. After several futile attempts to burst through some clever passing among the B. A. outsiders let Campbell through, who could have scored himself but very wisely preferring to take no risks handed to Anderson when almost over the line and of course the latter had nothing to do but to fall on the ball. The same player took the kick and converted, giving Buenos Aires a lead of eight points.

Just after this last reverse Rosario had a piece of very bad luck, as their full-back, G. Smythies, received a nasty kick just above the ankle and had to retire, and although he pluckily returned and continued playing he could not move about very fast. In consequence of this, and with the forwards heeling smartly, before long Anderson received a smart pass from Campbell and had no difficulty in romping round his opponents and scoring the third try for B. A., the same player safely negotiating the kick. Five minutes later the whistle sounded for half-time, B. A. crossing over with a lead of thirteen points. This lead, of course, almost placed the visitors in a safe position, and it was felt that, unless they went all to pieces, they had the final issue safe.

Bellamy kicked off and play immediately ensued in mid-field. Several throws-in from touch resulted in B. A. getting into the Rosario twenty-five. Here the home players offered a very stubborn resistance and the forwards getting away play was taken into the B. A. quarters. A good punt by Campbell brought relief and once again the visitors found themselves in the Rosario half. Here some really excellent passing by the half-backs and three-quarters ended in Campbell getting off, and as the opposing three-quarters gave all their attention to Heriot on the outside, Campbell passed back again to Anderson on the inside, who sprinted away and scored between the posts. The kick was again successful, so that the lead was increased to eighteen points.

For the next twenty minutes play was of a more even character but very fast, the ball travelling up and down the field at a great pace. Try how they would, however, the Rosario players could not break through the defence opposed to them, although they got dangerously near doing so more than once. Once back in the Rosario lines the Buenos Aires forwards heeled beautifully and before long Rumboll came away and with a pretty run worked his way through his opponents and scored a little way out. Anderson took the kick but the ball went just under instead of over the bar. From now to the end play was fairly even and as no further score was registered B. A. retired victorious by three goals and two tries (twenty-one points) to nothing.

The game was by no means the run over the score would imply, and it was solely owing to the great superiority of the winners' outsides that they scored so much. Individually there was not very much to choose between them except at half-back, but the combination of the B. A. outsides quite upset their opponents. Forward there was not much to choose either. Rosario had the heavier pack but the foot-work of the Buenos Aires men was superior.

For the winners Nixon, at full-back, fielded and kicked well. The three-quarters all played well and considering the condition of the ball their passing was splendid. Rumboll was in great form and played a beautiful game and he was excellently led by Morton, who worked well throughout. The forwards, well led by Bellamy, deserve great praise. They stuck to their work manfully and more than once shoved their heavier opponents.

As to the losers, the great point noticeable, almost from the commencement, was the lack of combination. The forwards worked hard enough but apparently with no definite intention and they sadly lacked a leader. Even when they were getting the better of the scrummages they rarely got possession of the ball, and when they did it was got out so slowly that the halves had little chance of getting a clear pass away. Brendon, im Thurn, and Beaumont were prominent, and Boardman, who went forward for a time, also showed up prominently. At half-back Hay saved splendidly and stopped many a dangerous rush, while Kennard passed well. The three-quarters were never together and Dorning was the most useful, but his excessive energy was very often quite wasted. He kicked well, however, and saved his forwards a lot of work. Smythies, at full-back, was, of course, badly handicapped, but he kicked well to the end.

Mr F. H. Jacobs kindly acted as referee to everyone's satisfaction and Messrs Towse and W. R. S. Baikie looked after the lines.

The following were the teams:

B.A.F.C.—

Back—C. S. Nixon.

Three-quarter backs—F. Leitch, J. O. Anderson, J. S. Campbell, F. de C. Heriot.

Half-backs—J. H. Morton, E. L. Rumboll.

Forwards—J. C. Bellamy (captain), C. S. Edye, J. M. Carpenter, G. Blagden, R. Blagden, M. Bagley, D. Stewart, L. Ponce de Leon.

Rosario A.C.—

Back—G. Smythies.

Three-quarter backs—H. Dorning, F. W. Boardman (captain), A. Vernon, G. Middleton.

Half-backs—C. Hay, C. Kennard.

Forwards—F. im Thurn, Brendon, J. A. H. Beaumont, F. Pixton, Getting, Poulson, E. Jewell, E. Clarke.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

By J. O. A.

I have more than once drawn attention in these columns to the extraordinary ignorance which some of our players display as regards the rules of this best of all winter pastimes. In cricket there is some excuse. Nobody can deny that the rules are somewhat curiously worded in places, or that some rules may easily be interpreted in more than one sense. But in football, especially in Rugby football, the laws are quite plain and straightforward, and although a little "patchy" in places, it is quite easy to comprehend what the legislators were driving at when they passed certain laws. The fault of this ignorance, in nine cases out of ten, has been entirely owing to laziness, in other words, the players at fault have not taken the trouble to move with the times and keep well up to date with the various innovations and changes that it has been found necessary to make from time to time.

Legislation, during the last few years, has all been done with a certain object in view, viz., to make the game faster, or if you will, to make the game more attractive from a spectator's point of view.

The sister game was beginning to make such strides, encroaching as it was upon districts considered sacred to the Rugby code from time immemorial, that the authorities—and wisely, too, in many ways—decided that everything possible should be done to popularise the Rugby game, hence these many changes, all of which tend to make the game faster.

The extraordinary impetus the Association game received a few years back, was hardly realised by those who had dwelt all their lives in Rugby districts, but the authorities recognised the danger, and in spite of many wailings and objections from the old school of players they set about to make the necessary alterations. As an example of the wonderful spread of Association, and of how little it was realised by Rugger players, may I quote a personal experience? I had played Rugby all through my school-days, and in common with many other Rugby school boys, had learnt to speak of Socker in a contemptuous way.

Some two years after leaving school I was playing in a Rugby match in the South of England where I met an old school fellow. After the game he gave me a cordial invitation to go down and play for his club in a match the following Saturday. I declined with regret informing him that I was playing that day in a tie for the English Cup. I shall never forget his mingled look of horror and surprise as he gasped, "You, you going to play Socker!" I had to admit that it was so, to be perfectly candid, not without some qualms of conscience before my old fellow-player, but this was nothing to his nocking laugh when he discovered that I had taken to the despised Socker game in Yorkshire. Then his feelings overcame him and he spoke to and of me and the Association game—well, with perfect frankness!

But I am digressing. To return to the question of the rules. Of course, the one that gives most trouble and which probably takes the longest time to thoroughly grasp and digest is the off-side rule, but there are others which should be well-known, but apparently are not by the majority of our players here.

To begin at the very commencement how many are there who do not know how the points are scored? Of course, the majority know that a try counts three points and a goal from a try five. About penalty goals and dropped goals there seems, at times, to be a doubt. A penalty goal counts three points only. Any other goal, except one from a try, counts four points, that is to say a dropped goal or a goal kicked from the field of play, except from a punt, from a kick-off or from a drop out direct. To shorten this article, however, I will just touch on points which appear to me not to be generally known by our players and even by some of our referees, and although some of them may seem very simple it is worth while just mentioning them.

In Rugby then the touch lines and all flags and posts

marking these lines are in touch. The ball is dead if it touches the referee, and play must be at once stopped if a player touches the referee.

When a scrummage is formed, the players must have both feet on the ground.

A fair catch is a catch made direct from a kick or knock-on, or throw-forward, by one of the opposite side: the catcher must immediately claim the same by making a mark with the heel at the spot where he made the catch.

When kicking off, the opposite side may not stand within ten yards of the ball, and at a drop-out the opposite forwards may not charge within the kicker's twenty-five yards line. For these reasons a kick-off must reach the limit of ten yards, and the drop-out must reach the twenty-five yards line. If the ball *pitch* in touch, the opposite side may have it back again.

The ball may be passed or knocked-on from one player to another, provided it be not passed, knocked or thrown forward.

If a player, while holding or running with the ball, be tackled and the ball fairly held he MUST at once put it fairly down between him and his opponents' goal-line. When the ball has gone into touch one of the side to whom the ball belongs shall bring it into play at the spot where it went into touch by any of the following methods:—

- a) Bounding it on the field of play at right angles to the touch line. After bounding it he may catch it and then run with it, kick it, or pass it. When catching he must have both feet on the field of play.
- b) Throwing it out so as to alight at right angles to the touch-line.
- c) Scrummaging it any spot at right angles to the touch line, between five and fifteen yards from the place where it went into touch.

If the ball be not thrown out at right angles to the touch-line the opposite side shall bring it out as in C.

All players should be very careful, both when the ball is kicked-off and dropped-out, to keep behind the kicker, as the referee is empowered to at once blow his whistle and order a scrummage if he notice any player in front of the kicker.

At Rosario in the semi-final, I noticed more than once a player trying to pick up the ball after it had been put down after a tackle. There are three occasions on which no player can pick up the ball, and these should be borne in mind.

- a) In a scrummage.
- b) When it has been put down after it has been fairly held.
- c) When it is on the ground after a player has been tackled.

These are just a few points I have noticed on which our players seem to be a little hazy. One could, of course, go on writing of the rules, etc., almost indefinitely, but for the present I will let what I have written suffice.

At the final of the Championship next Sunday I shall hope to see very few infringements of the rules made, but if there are any the referee should not hesitate to deal with the offenders promptly and severely.

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ESTANCIA AND COLONY.

Paraguay has prohibited the importation of both horses and cattle from the Chaco Argentino to any part of that country.

Estancieros around Rio Cuarto are forming a Rural Society.

As the concession of National lands that was granted to Sr. Justino Grané, in Misiones, has been cancelled owing to the non-fulfillment of the contract, the Department of Agriculture has ordered these lands to be measured for the purpose of establishing an agricultural colony on them, to be called Azara. This new colony will be bounded on the north by the present prosperous one of Apostoles, on the south by the River Uruguay, and on the east and west by the arroyos Concepcion and Chirimay respectively. A suitable site will be reserved for the purpose of founding a town.

A law was passed some time ago annulling all debts due by the Polish colonists in Formosa to the Government for the agricultural implements, etc., supplied to them, and now the Minister of Agriculture proposes to present to the National Congress a Bill extending the same benefits to colonists on all the national lands. The *Porvenir*, a paper published in Entre Rios, says that out of the three hundred colonists who are settled in Yeruá, and who owe money to the Government, there are at least two hundred who are able to pay, and calls for an official inquiry to be made so that justice may be done.

From the 1st of January up to date, 1,650,000 tons of wheat have been exported from this country. During the same time last year the exportation of wheat amounted to 1,200,000 tons, so that 450,000 tons more have been exported this year.

The committee in charge of the arrangements for the forthcoming show at Olavarría are making great preparations to ensure its success. The show will be held in September, and prizes of silver and copper medals will be presented to the successful exhibitors, while a special prize will be given to the exhibitor who carries off the largest number of medals.

On Thursday last the Minister of Agriculture received a telegram from Paris, informing him that the foot-and-mouth disease has broken out in the North of France.

The Rural Society of Bahía Blanca announce that their thirteenth Rural Show will be held on the 2nd and 3rd of September next. Petitions for space, etc., must be sent in before Saturday, August 25th.

The s.s. *Sussex* has sailed for South Africa with 1100 horses on board, shipped by the British Remount Commission, and they have two other steamers chartered to carry two thousand more for the same destination.

During the crop-year ending 30th June last there were shipped from the port of Santos 5,742,362 bags of coffee. Of the total New York took 1,574,532 bags and Hamburg 1,327,813 bags, while the arrivals at ports in the United Kingdom only amounted to 32,605 bags. The shipments to Buenos Aires were 41 bags and to Montevideo 2,300.

There is a project before the Provincial Deputies to sell the public lands in the town and environs of Necochea, giving the preference for buying them to the persons actually in possession or the heirs of the first occupants. The lands will be divided into three classes. Lots situated in the centre of the town and having a frontage to the plaza or within a radius of four squares, are valued at \$60 each; lots adjoining the foregoing or which are on the principal streets or facing the railway station, \$50 each; and outside lots \$25 each. Quintas in the suburbs are put at \$20 per hectarea, and chacras at \$10 per hectarea.

The total number of animals entered to date for the Rural Society's Show, to be held in September, amounts to 2,964, subdivided as follows;—

Bulls 1,162, cows 21, calves 196, rams 1,180, ewes 226, stallions 121, mares 9, jack-asses 7, she-asses 42. The number of exhibitors now reaches 118.

The National Senate on Saturday last granted a concession to Messrs. A. M. Mendez and Co., to construct a railway from Barranqueros (Resistencia) to Bolivia, passing through the Chaco Argentino and crossing the rivers Bermejo and Pilcomayo. The company will receive from Government 144 kilometric leagues of fiscal lands for the purpose of forming colonies. These lands will be divided into three groups of 48 leagues, with fiscal lands between each, and these must be colonised within ten years after the official opening of the railway. The width of the line will be one metre.

The *Live Stock Journal* has published the following interesting note concerning the late Mr William Kemmis:—

"Mr William Kemmis died on June 17th at Ealing, at the age of 59. He was the third son of Mr Thomas Kemmis, of Shaen Castle, Queen's County, Ireland, and after passing through Sandhurst entered the Army, obtaining a commission in the old 84th Foot, now the 2nd Battalion of the York and Lancaster Regiment. After some few years, however, Mr Kemmis determined to turn his attention to breeding stock. In 1867 he, with two young brother officers, left the service and sailed for the River Plate. The young settlers first came into notice as high-class sheep breeders at Las Rosas, near Rosario, the place being named after the 'Union Rose' of the old regiment. The late Mr Kemmis soon turned his attention to breeding thoroughbred horses, and bred successfully from several noted sires. He headed the South American Syndicate which purchased the late Duke of Westminster's famous sire Ormonde, after that horse had won the Derby in 1886."

During the discussion on the subject of remounts which took place in the House of Commons last month, Mr Wyndham, the Under-Secretary for War, did not afford much encouragement to those who made somewhat heroic proposals. Mr Wyndham concluded his speech by stating that he did not think it was possible to mount our men in time of peace on horses under any other principle than that which had guided the War Office during the past twelve months. As regards the demand for war, he asked who could say where the cavalry of England would next have to fight? During the present war and up to June 12th, 91,600 horses had been shipped to South Africa. A certain number of the horses shipped had come from England; others had come from Canada, Australia, India, and other sources which he did not care to name. The Australian horse had cost on delivery £45; Argentine horse had cost on the beach in South Africa £25. But the mere passage of the horse from England cost £35, and as it was impossible, even under present conditions, to get an English horse for less than £35 or £40, the total cost of the English horse on the beach in South Africa was from £70 to £75. He added, "Having regard to the colossal losses which must have fallen upon the horses in any campaign, and to the fact that after all the cobs from Australia or the Argentine would do the work as well as the English horses under the conditions of modern warfare—the poor animal being merely food for powder—no Government would be justified in asking the country to pay three times as much as was necessary for so perishable an article. As it was impossible to say where English cavalry horses would have to fight or what the physical conditions of the country would be, it was well to be free to purchase the horses most suitable for the campaign, and those which could be most expeditiously transported."

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"Engineering" points to the enormous importance of modern machine-equipped dairies working on a large scale, by showing that the labour cost of making butter is now about 1d for 5 lbs.; whereas thirty years ago, with old methods, and probably also in most of our farms still, it costs more than six times this. In the modern system, men have displaced women. The first operation is receiving, straining, and weighing the milk. In all cases this was done by hand, improvements in modern appliances reducing the time by half—from about eight to four hours for 500 lbs.; separating the cream was, of course, done by hand in the old method, and the time occupied was 33 hours 20 minutes, as compared with 2 hours 17 minutes now. Cooling the cream is done in 15 minutes by the modern, and in 8 hours 20 minutes by the old method. Ripening the cream is the next operation. Under the modern system this is accomplished by the use of an aerator cooling vat; the respective times being about 1 hour 40 minutes and 8 hours 20 minutes. Churning, washing, and salting, for the tub butter is performed by a combination machine that replaces the old dash churn worked by hand; 37.5 minutes and 50 hours are the times recorded for the machine and hand methods. Packing into tubs requires 1 hour 30 minutes, against 8 hours 20 minutes. Cleaning, which forms so important a part of the routine work of a dairy, was done by hand in each case, but owing to the better organization and use of machinery, the time required is now in the proportion of 17 to 1.

Again with cheese, as "Engineering" points out, the manufacture was formerly carried out by females; at present it is the work of males earning from £6 to £8 a month. By the machine method warming the milk, the first operation after weighing, and adding rennet, is performed in steam-heated vats that have replaced the old kettle and stove; the relative times are 48 minutes and 6 hours 15 minutes for 500 lbs. Although cutting up the curd and removing whey is done by hand now as formerly, the more favourable modern arrangement makes the ratio in this operation 1 to 28—15 minutes against 7 hours 8 minutes. Stirring and grinding the curd by machine takes 1 hour 5 minutes, and by hand 14 hours 17 minutes. Pressing and bandaging occupied respectively 30 minutes and 7 hours 8 minutes; curing 12 minutes, as against 12 hours 30 minutes, or 62 times as long. And thus, as "Engineering" shows, 500 lbs. of cheese is made, in the United States for a labour cost of 3s. 6d., against 37s. forty years ago.

To the Editor of *Sport and Pastime*.

Dear Sir,—

In your "Estancia and Colony" Notes of last week's issue of "Sport and Pastime" I read some remarks on "lampas," and must say that I am quite with you in your comments on the statement of your correspondent.

"Lampas" certainly cannot be ranked as a disease, nevertheless it is responsible in many cases for poor condition. Years ago I was very bigotted in my opposition to cutting, but, with certainly not a very limited experience of horses and their treatment, am now convinced that in some cases "cutting"—not burning—is not only good but necessary. With very young animals no, as it generally arises with them from derangement of stomach, and therefore with a little alterative medicine and a prick with a sharp horse-nail will generally disappear. But with older horses it is not so. Try a dose of physic by all means first, as when conditioning horses it is always a good plan to cleanse the system. But if after that the swelling does not disappear, or at any rate harden, with a very sharp knife take off the surface of the "first bar," allowing it to bleed freely and rubbing in common salt. I have had horses which would not feed properly for weeks from this cause and which have after the operation not only eaten well but put on flesh rapidly. Many young horses when shelling their back teeth do very badly, and it is undoubtedly a fact that ignorant persons often throw the blame on the "lampas" though the colt's mouth may be all right. Still any practical man can tell in a moment when watching the subject when feeding whether the mischief is with the "incisors" or "molars," and will not think of operating unless quite necessary. "Burning" I do not believe to be in any case necessary, besides which it gives a horse, in many cases, a premature old mouth.—Yours truly,
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FIXTURES.

GOLF.

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.
- Sun. 26—President's Cup, at Rivadavia.
- Thur. 30—R. Agar Cup Competition, at Flores.

ATHLETICS.

- Aug. 15—San Martin Sunday-School 8th Annual Sports.
- Aug. 30—Annual Athletic Sports Rosario A.C.
- Aug. 30—Third Annual Athletic Sports Bahia Blanca and North-Western A.C.

FOOTBALL—ASSOCIATION.

DIVISION I.

- Aug. 15—Quilmes v. English High School, at Coghlan.
- Aug. 26—Final of Cup Tie.

DIVISION II.

- Aug. 5—Belgrano v. Porteños, at Caballito.

DIVISION III.

- Aug. 4—Escuela de Comercio v. Scotch School, at Flores.

FOOTBALL—RUGBY.

- Aug. 5—Final for Cup.
- Aug. 15—Buenos Aires v. Old Bedfordians, at Flores.

P O L O .

- Aug. 24, 25, 26—Annual Polo Tournament at Cañada de Gomez.
- September—Annual Polo Championship of the River Plate, at Hurlingham.

RACING.

- Aug. 2—Hipódromo Nacional, Belgrano.
- Aug. 5—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.
- August 30—Lady's Bracelet.—Entries closed on July 31st; half forfeit if declared by August 15th.
- August 30—Directors' Cup.—Entries closed on July 31st; half forfeit if declared by August 15th.
- September 8—Argentine Grand National Steeplechase.—Entries closed on July 31st; half forfeit if declared by August 20th.

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

"JONES."

The fellow was the *bête noir* of our polo club, and his internal name was Jones—Augustus Fitzherbert Brangwyne Mountclam Carr-Jones, subaltern in the 29th Bombay Lancers, known throughout the world since the "Ford o' Kabul River" as Pulteney's Horse. We were newly out from England, and were quartered at Dooli at the time, and the 29th Bombay were at Rawal Pindi. Things were quiet over the frontiers and in the hills, and the young subaltern's fancy lightly turned to thoughts of polo and pig-sticking.

We, who were in the King's Carbineers, thought ourselves rather above the nigger troopers who formed the Irregular Cavalry of Her Imperial Majesty's Indian contingent. Tommy Atkins swaggered by his native brother-in-arms with unconcealed disdain, and though we acted more politely than our rank and file, there was many a priggish officer who thought the white article a long way ahead of the black.

We had ample opportunity to alter our opinions considerably long before we were recalled from India.

But to return to Jones. He had originally been a white-haired, white-eyelashed "griffin," slung into the service because his aunt or his uncle or his great grandmother, or some other illustrious relative of his, had been a big gun in India with unlimited influence at headquarters. When we met him he had been just three years in India, and his face looked like a chunk of boiled beef, with a few splashes of horse-radish across it to represent his eyebrows and moustache. He was about five feet nothing in his socks, and couldn't have ridden at more than nine stone in full service order.

We had only been at Dooli for six months, with practically no experience of what the native troops were like. At home our polo team had won the Cavalry Cup, and we had half a dozen men who had played at Hurlingham and Ranelagh, so we had soon a polo club in good order at Dooli.

One evening that little beast Jones was introduced to our mess, and he kept us in roars of laughter with his very idiotic conversation. We universally dubbed him a harmless ass, and when he expressed a wish to join our polo club, we unanimously elected him with a view to some good fun. He said he had no ponies at Dooli, so we immediately saddled him with four of the most incorrigibly hopeless brutes in our stables.

No end of fun we had at the first game he played in. He had never played before that was certain. His get-up was wonderful. He turned out in *khaki*; instead of boots he wore puttees—long rolls of cloth wound round his legs where his boots should have been; and on his head he wore an enormous pith helmet about the size of a fairly large gingham umbrella. Instead of a whip he carried a large yak tail *chowrie*.

As luck would have it he chose Godfrey's Demon for his first mount. As soon as he started off, swinging his stick, the brute bolted round the *maidan*, and we were treated to a glorious exhibition of what horsemanship should not be like. Three times round the ground he stuck on somehow, but, as old Demon tired, he stumbled and sent Jones simply sprawling. We all roared to a man. The *sola topee* was ruined, and Jones returned to the stand with two yards of cloth trailing round his bare legs.

After carefully fixing up his leggings again and wiping his eyeglass, he got on Demon once more and commenced practice. His first stroke missed the ball by about six yards and caught Demon a fearful smack under the jaw, drawing blood, and making the brute rear right on end. Jones slipped off like a lamp-lighter, but we persuaded him to try another mount. Godfrey's pony, Demon, was never played again. The clout he got that day ruined him for polo. He would never face a stick alter that.

Then we commenced play. Seeing that Jones had never used a stick, we placed him at No. 1, and explained his play to him. He was not to mind the ball, but to "ride off" his opposing back at the first available opportunity. We had only been playing a few minutes when Jones charged Arbuthnot (who was playing back against him) broadside on, and fairly rolled him and his pony into the middle of next week. We expostulated with him, and his answer was—

"You told me to ride him *off*, and I rode him *off*—clean off the pony—didn't I?"

It was useless to argue with the ass, so we left him to

his own devices, with the result that he cannoned into me and nearly broke my leg. He hit Mortyne over the head and laid his scalp open, he lamed Jacobs' best pony with a bang on the hock that would have hamstrung an elephant, and the only time he ever struck the ball during the whole game, he hit it through his own goal.

The regiment to a man was furious. Had he not been a guest we would have cursed him on the spot. However, we cursed him enough after mess that evening. He went back to his club in raptures over the game, vowing it was the most delightful pastime he had ever engaged in. He advertised for ponies, and in a couple of days had a small stud of about a dozen mongrels in his stables. He bought walers, country-breds, Arabs, Cape ponies, Manipuris, Pegus; in fact, every thirteen-two that took his eye, for the beggar had money. We all knew that. His distinguished relative had been a Begum, or a Rajah, or a Sultan, or something equally big and wealthy, and he had inherited some lakhs of rupees from him, or her, or it. We discovered he had pots of money when he played pool or baccarat with us.

He dropped his money with a lordly indifference which almost reconciled us to his presence on the polo ground. With his own ponies he got on better, but we could never make a player of him. He had three months leave of absence, and the game so delighted him that he assured us he would stay the whole time at Dooli and play with us. We were not exactly overjoyed at the prospect, but still the position had its advantages. Jones had been with us about three weeks when we played a match with the Scouts. They came from Muri to play us, and after a jolly game they beat us by the narrow margin of three goals to two. Jones was on the ground, and I heard a member of the Scouts say—

"Hallo! there's Carr-Jones! At the old game, I suppose?" I wondered at the time what he meant. I know now.

That night five of "Ours" dined with Jones at his club, and the Scouts were his guests, too. He treated us to a magnificent spread, and to our great surprise the idiot got "screwed." The conversation turned on polo over the nuts and wine, and Jones got quite dogmatic, and laid down his ideas of polo as if he were really a don at the game.

We stood it for a long time, seeing that we were his guests, but at last there was no enduring him. After a rather heated argument he electrified us by saying, in a sneering tone—

"Bah! you fellows can't play polo you Englishmen don't know what polo is. India is the birthplace of the game, and I'll find a team of niggers within twenty-five miles who will thrash you fellows by two goals to every one you score."

Flesh and blood could not stand that.

"Look here, Jones," I said; we have stood your badgering long enough. You're badly screwed, and that is your only excuse. Drop the subject!"

"Would you hazard a bet on it?" he sneered. "I'll lay you an even thousand about it. And, what's more, my niggers shall play you bareback and ride without bridles."

There was a roar of laughter round the table, but I got a severe hack on my shin from my *vis-à-vis*, a "Scouts" representative, which rather spoilt my fun. Before I could catch his eye, Mortyne snapped up Jones' idiotic wager, and, upon Jones offering to double it, I accepted it—getting another hack from my *vis-à-vis* for my pains. I looked straight across at him, but his head was turned away from me.

Jones again chimed in glazing round the table like an octopus in a tank. He had evidently spotted the "Scout" who had hacked me, for he transfixed him with that glittering eyeglass, and spluttered out—

"Like to back the Carbineer's team, Fordyce?"

"Not much!" was the only answer he got, and I wondered at it.

The chaffing and badgering still went on, and before we adjourned to the billiard-room we five of the King's Carbineers had pledged our team to play Jones's niggers, and were booked in wagers to the tune of five thousand rupees between us. As we rose, Mortyne said—

"Name your team, Jones. Who are they?"

"They are men of the crack cavalry regiment in India—commonly called Pulteney's Horse!"

"By Jove! Your own regiment?"

"Just so," said Jones. "And if you are agreeable to alter the conditions of the wager, I'll make one of the team."

We roared again. The idea seemed ludicrous.

"Certainly, Jones. Oh! do play," said I.

"Very well," said Jones, who appeared perfectly sober now. "Three natives and myself from the 29th Bombay bareback, and without bridles, against the cracks of the King's Carbineers. Great Allah! what a lark!"

As we were leaving the club the man who had hacked me came up and apologised, and we walked down to my quarters together.

"Great Scott! how you fellows have fallen in. I tried hard to warn you, but too late. Carr-Jones is the most brilliant polo player in India, and the troopers of the 29th Bombay have beaten every team from Lahore to Karachi. It's a regular game of spoo, and yours will be the fifth regiment Jones has fooled within the last twelve months," he said.

And so it turned out.

On the following Saturday the 29th Bombay came down with an escort. Fine, dashing cavalymen, every one of them. Finer troops I would never wish to see. And, Lord! how they played polo! On their bare-backed little *tats* with only a halter for a rein, they careered over the ground yelling like savages. And that beast Jones was simply magnificent. I never—nor shall I ever see—a man play like him again. We were no match for them, and I consider it anything but a disgrace to say that we were beaten by the finest polo team in the world by seventeen goals to two subsidiaries.

And how the beggars laughed at us! Not satisfied with rooking us to the tune of five thousand rupees, they made us the laughing-stock of the whole province. We broke up our polo club, and took to tennis and golf.

And jolly glad we were when our regiment was ordered into Calcutta. If there is one man a subaltern in the King's Carbineers hates, loathes, and despises in India, that man is a subaltern in the 29th Bombay Lancers. He is known throughout Asia as the most brilliant No. 3 who ever crossed a polo pony. And his infernal name is JONES.

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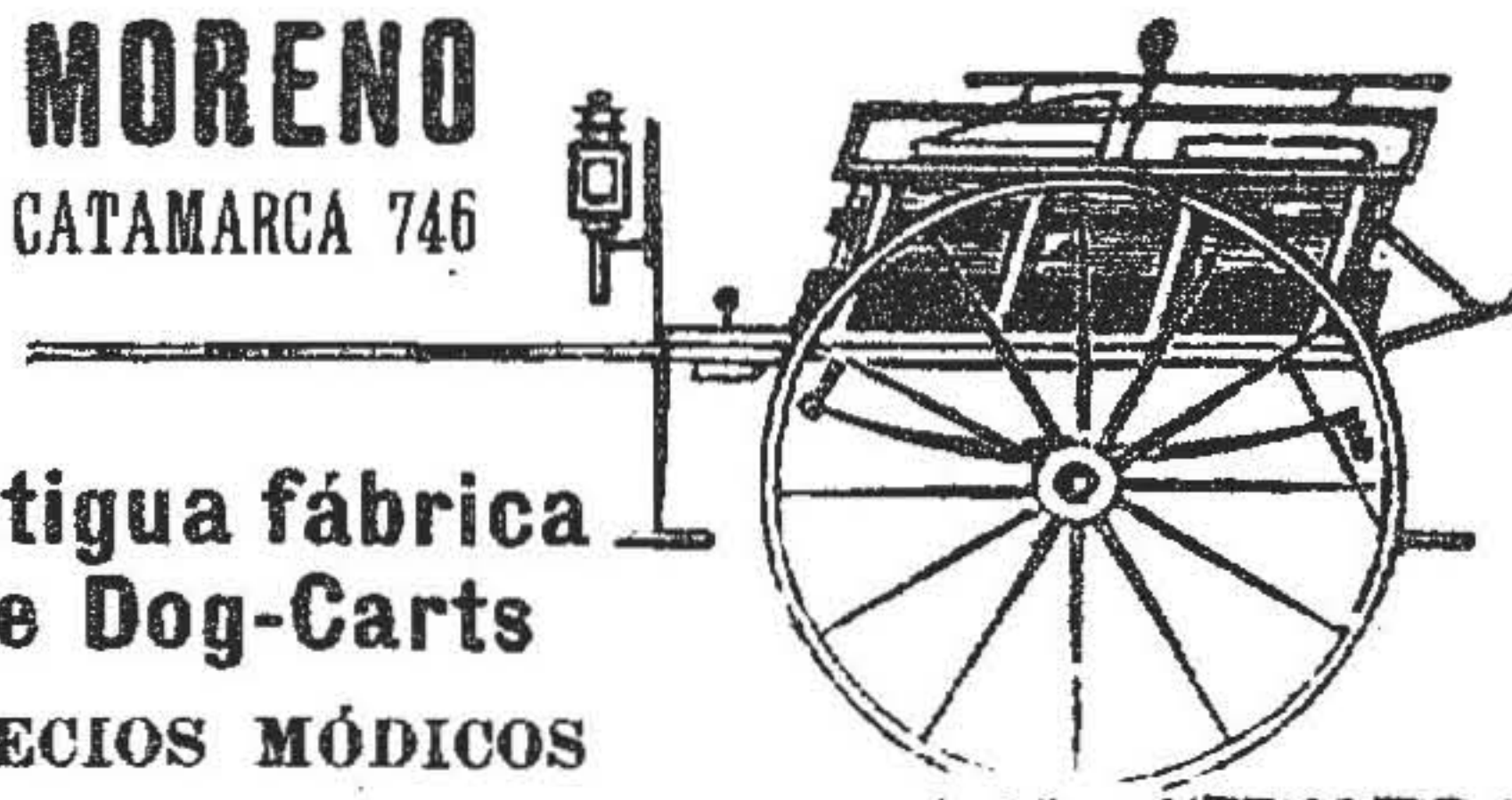
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