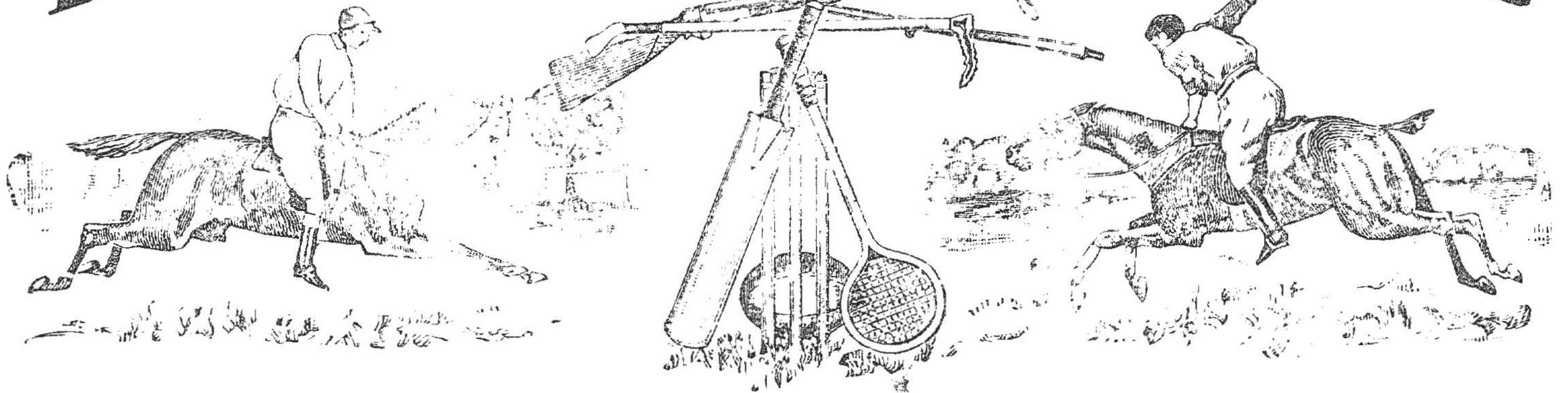


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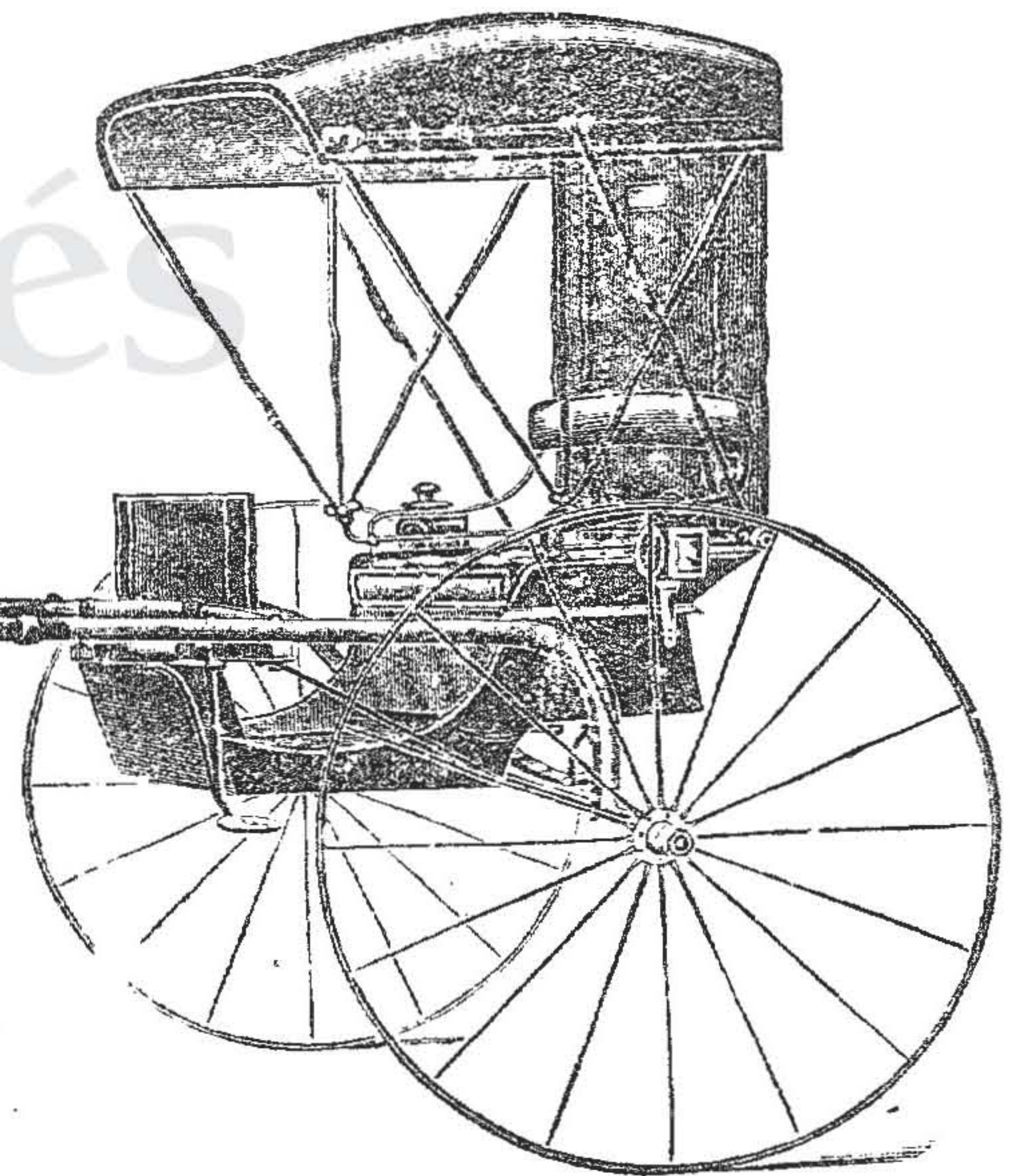
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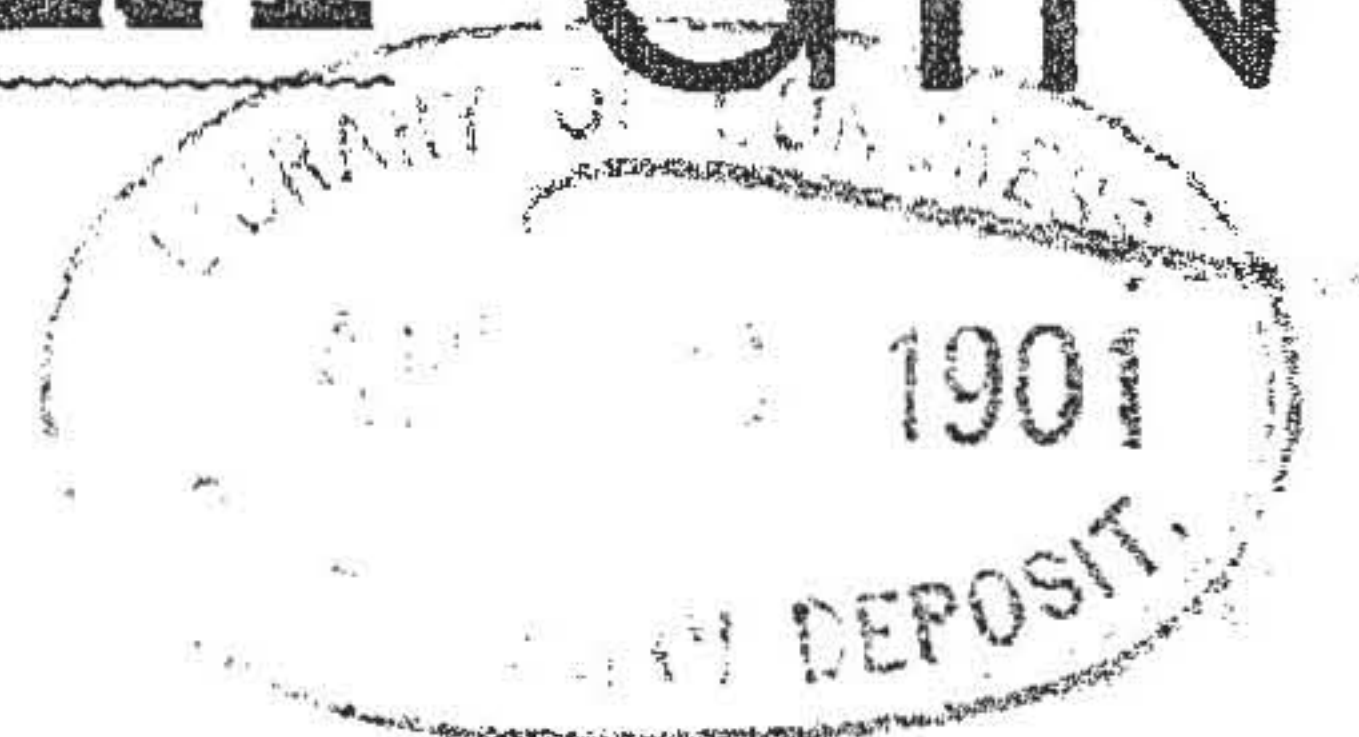
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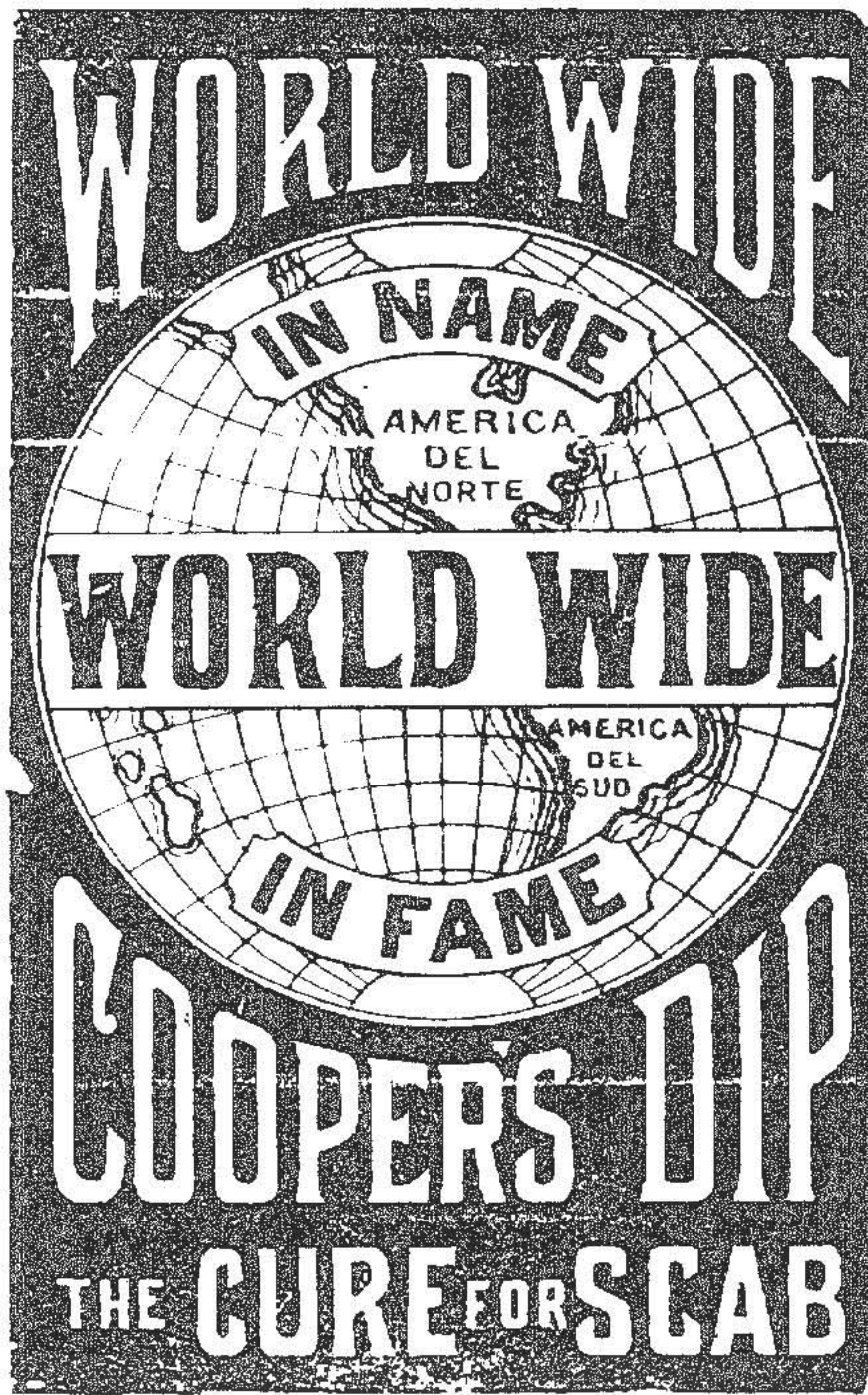
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BUENOS AIRES, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1901.

PONY RACING

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The Race Meetings for the year 1901 will take place on the following dates:

Thursday, May 16—Members' Cup. Entries to close April 15, half forfeit April 30.

Thursday, June 6—Grand Hurdle Race. Entries to close April 30, half forfeit May 20.

Saturday, June 29—Directors' Cup.

Thursday, August 15—Ayrshire Cup. Entries to close June 20, half forfeit July 31.

Friday, August 30—Lady's Bracelet.

Wednesday, Sept. 11—Argentine Grand National. Entries to close July 31, half forfeit August 20.

RACING.

BELGRANO—FEBRUARY 19.

This Meeting was favoured by a fine day, but piping hot in the sun, and very little breeze. There was about the usual number of people, and the betting was animated enough. Though only one favourite came in, the average of the dividends was very small, and there was no big upset.

Out of the six sorry customers who started for the 1100 metres one had to win, and Olivero galloped a little better than the others.

Machete had the "Maiden" all to himself, only Catalpa out of the dozen other competitors getting anywhere near him during the race.

In the 1300 metres Eclairé showed the way to the straight, where Tantalo came away, but Athou, who had got off last, and got gradually through his horses, came abreast of the leader at the Stand, and won with some ease.

Ascochinga got clear away in the young ones' Mile, but could not hold out, and Mimosa won by half a length after a stiff bout with San Graal.

Chacabuco made the pace in the 1900 metres, but collapsed in the bend, where Juliano came forward, and was just able to hold his own from Nicolini to the post.

The final 1500 metres was very similar, Tres Arboles doing duty to the straight, where Alvarado took it up, and Manola was unable quite to get on terms.

The following are the details:—

PREMIO CORAZA, for horses of four years and more that have been a year in the country and have run more than three times without winning. Weight 55 kilos. \$1200 to first, \$100 to second. 1100 metres.
Stud Calchin's Olivero, by Chiltarch—Safo, 4 y, 55 k..... F. Gomez 1
Stud La Confianza's Frusteria, 4 y, 53 k..... J. Olmos 2
Stud V. Lopez's Nydia, 4 y, 53 k..... J. Greme 3
Also ran—Terminus, Orfeo, and Firebrand.
Dividends—Olivero \$7.20 win and \$4.45 place, Frusteria \$4.20 place.

PREMIO ROLAND, for Three-year-olds that have not won. Weight 55 kilos. \$1400 to first, \$100 to second. 1600 metres.
J. B. Zubiaurre's Machete by Gay Hermit—Daga, 55 k..... A. Ruiz 1
Stud Carhue's Catalpa, 53 k..... M. Peñalosa 2
Ecurie Copahue's Archer, 55 k..... P. Aguirre 3
Also ran—Espadin, Vice Roi, Azote, North, Abdiel, Sileno, Avion, Casta, Nevada, and Miss Tonga.
Dividends—Machete \$3.25 win and \$2.70 place, Catalpa \$10.25 place, Archer \$11.40 place.

PREMIO AUSTERLITZ, Handicap for horses of four years and more. \$1700 to first, \$100 to second. 1300 metres.
Stud Escocés' Athou, by Acheron—Rosy Cheeks 4 y, 55 k... M. Peñalosa 1
Stud La Confianza's Tantalo, 6 y 57 k..... R. Garrido 2
A. Martinez's Bohemio, 4 y, 60 k..... A. Diaz 3
Also ran—Eclairé, Friolera, Maravilla, Rebato, Vesper, Pito Ué, and Baron.
Dividends—Athou \$13.10 win and \$3.30 place, Tantalo \$2.85 place, Bohemio \$3.60 place.

PREMIO MILADY, for three-year-olds that have not won more than once. Weight 52 kilos, 3 kilos extra to winners. \$1700 to first, \$100 to second. 1600 metres.
Stud Azul's Mimosa, by Neapolis—Marinera, 50 k..... P. Garcia 1
Stud Modesta's San Graal, 55 k..... J. Olmos 2
Stud Gral. Lavalle's Transvaal, 55 k..... N. Sanchez 3

Also ran—Tenebroso, Ruy Blas, Ascochinga, Naranjo, and Mimi.
Dividends—Mimosa \$20.45 win and \$6.20 place, San Graal \$4.05 place, Transvaal \$4.20 place.

PREMIO CRAVATE, Handicap for all horses \$1800 to first, \$100 to second. 1900 metres.
Stud La Confianza's Juliano, by Stiletto—Julietta, 4 y, 58 k... R. Garrido 1
Ecurie San Souci's Nicolini, 4 y, 52 k..... J. Sarthou 2
Ecurie Hironnelle's Mile. de Mezeray, 4 y, 52 k..... F. Pecoy 3
Also ran—Senegal, Chacabuco, Picquart, Aluminio, Clasico, Atahualpa, and Dalila.
Dividends—Juliano \$11.20 win and \$4.80 place, Nicolini \$6.15 place, Mile. de Mezeray \$8.90 place.

PREMIO TRONERA, Handicap for three-year-olds. Minimum weight 48 kilos. \$1800 to first, \$100 to second. 1600 metres.
Ecurie Tontal's Alvarado, by Gay Hermit—Maria Louisa, 54 k. J. Sarthou 1
Stud Modesta's Manola, 50 k..... J. Olmos 2
Ecurie Belgrano's Roseola, 51 k..... P. Garcia 3
Also ran—Ficha, Tres Arboles, Tronera, and Chilecito.
Dividends—Alvarado \$9.80 win and \$3.85 place, Manola \$3.60 place.

BELGRANO—FEBRUARY 24.

The last meeting of the summer season was favoured with a lovely day, which, together with a well-filled programme, brought out a good number of spectators. The talent was wonderfully on the spot considering the course, and six out of the seven races were won by first or second favourites, only the final scamper bringing a sensation such as Belgrano is expected to furnish.

Pajaro, Lorraine and Cicuta did the trick with ease in succession, especially the last-named, who won the Selling Plate, and was bought in for \$2700, a small price, as the mare is very speedy and in great form just now.

Some interest was felt in the Mile on account of the reappearance of Oribe, who was made favourite but was by no means up to the mark, and Eclairé scored a good win.

Coraza disposed of her field in the 1100 metres in a way that speaks volumes for Cicuta, who beat her the other day, and the two are evidently flyers of the first water.

Athou added another victory to his two late ones in the Handicap Mile for winners, making a show of Laprida at even weights.

The favourites came a cropper in the final 1900 metres, which was taken by Clio after a year's hopeless running. Cassio, who got second, just missing a formidable coup and paying a big price for a place.

The following are the details:

PREMIO OLGA, for horses of four years and more that have been a year in the country and have not won more than once. Weight 53 kilos, 3 kilos extra to winners. \$1200 to first, \$100 to second. 1600 metres.
Ecurie Guerrillero's Pajaro, by Guerrillero—Granada, 4 y, 56 k..... G. Morales 1
Stud Mayo's Motin, 4 y, 56 k..... P. Aguirre 2
Ecurie Paysandu's Westfalia, 4 y, 54 k..... J. Sarthou 3
Also ran—Fram, Nene, Diana, Sta. Lucia, Orfeo, and Nydia.
Dividends—Pajaro \$6.05 win and 2.95 place, Motin 8.85 place, Westfalia 3.50 place.

PREMIO BANDOLERO, for three-year-olds that have not won. Weight 55 kilos. \$1400 to first, 100 to second. 1600 metres.
Ecurie Gonin's Lorraine, by Gay Hermit—Glorification, 53 k... J. Feliú 1
Stud La Aurora's Vice Roi, 55 k..... J. Olmos 2
Stud Floresta's Sileno, 55 k..... P. Aguilera 3
Also ran—Huracan, Gral. Brown, Cerros Blancos, North, Temporal, Rayo, Salomon, Botafogo, and Miss Tonga.
Dividends—Lorraine \$7.25 win and 3.40 place, Vice Roi 4.10 place, Sileno 3.45 place.

PREMIO REMATE, for three-year-olds that have been a year in the country and have not won a 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 57 kilos. \$1500 to first, 100 to second. 1200 metres.
Ecurie Lagrange's Cicuta, by Amianto—Gitana, 52 k..... A. Diaz 1
Stud La Aurora's Vizcacha, 49 k..... J. Feliú 2
Stud La Porfia's Ultima, 46 k..... S. Gallardo 2
Also ran—Avion, Bandolero, Urganda, and Bella Eloisa.
Dividends—Cicuta \$3.35 win and 2.85 place, Vizcacha 5.45 place.

PREMIO ESCARAMUZA, for horses that have not won more than \$4000 in 1900 and 1901. Weight, three years 50 kilos, four years and more 53 kilos, 3 kilos extra for every win in the same years. \$1500 to first, 100 to second. 1600 metres.
Stud La Susana's Eclairé, by El Amigo—Estrella, 5 y, 56 k... J. Olmos 1
B. Ferraro's Carlomagno, 3 y, 53 k..... J. Olivera 2
Stud Las Rosas' Cacique, 5 y, 56 k..... J. Greme 3
Also ran—Rob Roy, Aluminio, Oribe, and Sentinel.
Dividends—Eclairé \$12.75 win and 7.30 place, Carlomagno 15.65 place.

PREMIO CIUTA, handicap for all winners, \$1700 to first, 100 to second, 1100 metres.

Stud Floresta's Coraza, by Guerrillero—Maréchal, 4 y, 55 k. C. Bustos 1
 Stud Washington's Tronera, 3 y, 51 k. N. Sosa 2
 Ecurie Etoile's Samary, 4 y, 53 k. A. Diaz 3
 Also ran—Can-Can, Sta. Eugenia, Milady, Camundá, Leopardo, Casa Blanca, and Seralina.
 Dividends—Coraza \$6.40 win and 3.15 place, Tronera, 5.80 place, Samary 5.25 place.

PREMIO FICHA, handicap for all winners, \$1700 to first, 100 to second, 1600 metres.

Stud Escoces' Athou, by Acheron—Rosy Cheeks, 4 y, 58 k. M. Peñalosa 1
 Ecurie Fontal's Alvarado, 3 y, 54 k. R. Garrido 2
 Ecurie Sans Souci's Querandie, 5 y, 51 k. J. Sarthou 3
 Also ran—Laprida, Corsaria, Platano, Aurore, Guamini, and Escaramaza.
 Dividends—Athou \$7.25 win and 3.00 place, Alvarado 3.85 place, Querandie 4.65 place.

PREMIO PRIMERO, handicap for all winners, \$1800 to first, 100 to second, 1900 metres.

Stud La Alianza's Clio, by Acheron—Calandria, 4 y, 51 k. P. Dorrey 1
 Ecurie Bismarck's Cassio, 4 y, 49 k. G. Morales 2
 Stud La Confianza's Regalada, 5 y, 51 k. J. Olmos 3
 Also ran—Bohemio, Réve d'Or, Ameliana, Nicolini, Star, Seida, Dalila, and Pito Ué.
 Dividends—Clio 56.10 win and 13.20, Cassio 34.20 place, Regalada 4.65 place.

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The competition for the cup presented by the Bristol Hotel was commenced on February 17th, with a quality-
 ing competition which resulted as follows:

	Gross	Handicap	Net
W. Flint	90	-3	87
H. Hume	92	scr	92
M. L. Runciman .. .	94	-3	91
T. T. Watson	94	-3	91
F. H. Benn	96	-7	89
R. Paton	97	-5	92
J. S. Agar	99	-9	90
A. R. Ingles	103	-13	90
Failing to qualify:			
A. Mohr Bell	97	-3	94
T. S. Boadle	104	-9	95
J. Ballantyne	106	-11	95
E. H. Theobald	106	-9	97
L. Walker	103	-5	98
J. C. Bell	121	-15	106

There were six other players who did not hand in their cards.

The Match Play commenced on Monday morning and continued until Tuesday afternoon with the following results:—

FIRST ROUND.

F. H. Benn (3 bisques) beat W. Flint (1 bisque), 5 up and 4 to play.
 J. S. Agar (4 bisques) beat M. L. Runciman (1 bisque), 5 up and 4 to play.
 H. Hume (scratch) beat R. Paton (2 bisques), 4 up and 2 to play.
 T. T. Watson (1 bisque) beat A. R. Ingles (6 bisques), 3 up and 1 to play.

SEMI-FINALS.

F. H. Benn beat J. S. Agar, 6 up and four to play.
 H. Hume beat T. T. Watson, 2 up and 1 to play.

FINAL.

H. Hume beat F. H. Benn, 4 up and 2 to play.

This win of the scratch man was a very popular one, and a well deserved one. The competition caused great interest throughout, and the three days' Golf was much enjoyed by all the players who had been fortunate enough to get down to Mar del Plata.

On Tuesday a Consolation Prize was played for by those who failed to qualify in the Stroke Competition on Sunday, J. Ballantyne and L. Walker finishing equal first, with the following scores:—

	Gross	Handicap	Net
J. Ballantyne	104	11	93
L. Walker	98	5	93

On Wednesday the tie was played off with the following result:—

	1st Round	2nd Round	Gross	Handicap	Net
J. Ballantyne	52	55	107	11	96
L. Walker	51	57	109	5	104

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HURLINGHAM

Sunday, Feb. 24.—At 7 a.m. J. Ravenscroft, W. Harnett, R. Willes, E. Robson, A. Sanderson, R. S. Moncrieff, C. Jefferies and A. Challinor had a game. The ground, which had been well rolled after the rain, looked beautiful, and played well too, though it appeared a bit slippery, and I noticed that the ponies did not like stopping and turning much. The game, however, was a good one, the hitting being clean, and a distinct improvement on that of the previous week. However, ponies seemed scarcer than ever, though I was glad to see several players on new ponies, so later on, no doubt, the games will improve.
 Tour.

Hurlingham, Feb. 26.—At 6 a.m. the following were playing:—E. Robson, E. Drabble, Moncrieff, Sanderson, R. and A. Willes, Leys, Jefferies. The game started very tamely, being nothing but a series of scrimmages, and for the first two quarters was very slow. Then things improved a bit, but it was not really until the last quarter, with only three aside, that there was anything like a gallop, then Lacey, Drabble, and Leys played Moncrieff, Sanderson, and Jefferies, and they rattled the ball about in great style. Two things struck us during the morning, one was the bad habit E. Robson has acquired of turning and standing over the ball, which is both dangerous and prevents a fast game, the other was the way so many men pull their ponies across the ball when taking a back-hander, which really constitutes a foul.

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ESTANCIA AND COLONY.

Since the 1st day of October last year to the 15th inst. 104,103 bales of wool have been exported from this country, against 322,487 during the similar period of the previous year. During the past week activity was noticeable in wool export business. Altogether 6,087 bales of wool were exported, 3,725 to Dunkirk, 1,421 to Antwerp, 722 to Hamburg and 60 to Genoa.

During the present year, up to the 15th inst. there have been exported from this country 304,901 tons of wheat, 38,788 tons of maize and 190,357 tons of linseed.

The Entre Rios agriculturists are to be benefited from a decree issued by the Minister of Agriculture, to have 3000 tons of seed wheat distributed amongst them. Every owner of 200 hectares of land is to have enough seed given him for that amount, provided the said land be suitable for wheat growing and be properly cultivated. Should there happen to be any surplus of seed after this has been done, it will be divided among the owners of smaller holdings, according to the extent of their "chacras," and the losses they have suffered, \$210,000, is to be the limit of the expense in carrying out the decree.

At a meeting of the "Comision Directiva" of the Agricultural and Live Stock Defence Committee on Friday, Mr. Martelli made some very pertinent remarks on the subject of taxation. He pointed out that land owners made 8 per cent. or more on their property without paying any import, and suggested that a tax should be placed on land, with the idea of lightening the burden on produce, the tax to be only a temporary one to be done away with when a system of economies can be introduced, which will obviate the necessity for it. He also suggests that "Guias" should be maintained merely as a police tax, the amount not to exceed \$2. This is all very well in theory, but we doubt if it would work quite as well in practice. That system of economies is such a long time coming, that we have little faith in it, and we think that if Mr. Martelli's suggestions were carried out, we should find that a burden was being put on the landowner, as well as the producer, without either getting much benefit. However if the taxes on "Guias" be suppressed there will be a loss thereby to the Provincial revenue of some \$4,000,000, which will have to be made up somehow, and after all a tax on land would affect the rich more than the poor; so perhaps it would be as fair a tax as any other, though we doubt if the landowners would think so.

The owners and managers of the San Nicolas embarcaderos have given notice that after June 15th next they will not accept bags of grain, etc., weighing more than 70 kilogrammes.

The Veterinary Surgeons connected with the Board of Agriculture have given notice that they have recently discovered the existence of carbuncle amongst the live stock on several estancias round Federacion (Entre Rios), Baradero, Chivilcoy, and Fernandez (Santiago del Estero) and Tristeza in Bell Ville, Steps have been taken to prevent the spread of the diseases.

An estanciero who arrived from down South last week, reports a new disease as having broken out among the cattle in the South of the Province of Buenos Aires, especially in many establishments in the districts around Pilar and Chascomus. This new disease apparently consists of the formation of ulcers on the sides and necks of the novillos, and principally attacks the fat animals. The Board of Health of the Province will probably send down some veterinary experts to study the disease.

On February 17th Messrs. B. Alchourron and Son sold by auction a camp belonging to the "Sucesion Gamio," consisting of over 134 hectares, at the rate of \$100 per hectarea, to Señor J. H. Casalins; while a house in Chascomus, belonging to the same owners, was sold to Señor M. Nifranceso for \$1,950.



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We see that Mr. Asked, who went with Engineer Alsina over some 100 leagues of camp in the Neuquen district has given an interesting description of his trip over these practically unknown camps. He says in the winter the ground is usually covered with from three to six feet of snow, and the Chilians, who are the sole inhabitants, migrate with their flocks and herds to warmer climes, but during the summer months there are some 14,000 head of cattle fed on the camp, which ought to do well, as Mr. Asked says 2 1/2 times the number could be pastured there. However the country does not seem to be very fertile, as cereals are practically unknown, and alfalfa needs irrigation, but there appears to be any quantity of timber, and plenty of water-power, which may some day be turned to good account.

Mrs. Bagot, in her interesting book on hospital work in South Africa, "Shadows of the War," gives a vivid account of the sufferings of the horses:—"There was a great hospital for horses close to Bloemfontein, to which thousands were sent from the front. The drinking fountain they frequented was kept strictly apart 'for sick horses only.' Every afternoon a long stream of these invalids arrived to drink there, and for many of them it was just as much as they could manage to struggle to the place. Some, indeed, affected a certain gaiety, and came lumbering down from the camp at a weak canter or trotted painfully along; but for the most part they just dragged themselves along, or tottered towards the fountain with stiffened and enfeebled joints. The lame, the halt, and the blind waiting at Siloam could hardly have presented a more melancholy picture. . . . One day as we drove past a good number of horses had just arrived to drink many very exhausted, and one with only sufficient strength to hobble up and roll helplessly into the pool below. We could see him sitting on his haunches in the

water covered from head to foot, his very eyes caked with horrible wet mud. Less than half an hour afterwards we passed again, and already three of these poor beasts had died near the fountain; one was stretched on the ground, and two others were lying right in the midst of a muddy pool."

Driving continually over the veldt gave Mrs. Bagot an idea of the number of horses and mules that were lost. When neither whip nor cajolery could induce the hunted beast to move further his saddle or harness was stripped, and he was left with his head hanging gazing after the column he could no longer keep up with. Sometimes these recovered sufficiently to hobble after the column and found their way into camp, only perhaps to be abandoned again the next day under the stern necessities of the march.

Mrs. Bagot mentions an incident that occurred during the siege of Ladysmith. When the forage was nearly exhausted it became necessary to turn out the horses. Rejoicing in their sudden freedom they galloped gaily towards the open country, and were soon lost to sight. In a few days, however, when they had scoured the whole neighbourhood for fodder and found none, the horses returned to Ladysmith, and in their own way pleaded to be taken back again. Then it was that the garrison had the painful task of driving the poor beasts away, knowing they were only sending them to starvation on the veldt.

A convoy of broken-down animals being driven towards their hospital was indeed a deplorable sight. It was a nondescript collection, every species of horseflesh, large and small, with a preponderance of those little weedy, shoulderless Basuto ponies, which for pluck and endurance during the war have been unequalled. There

were mules, too, and bullocks in the procession, and, towering above his companions in distress, with head erect, a magnificent old charger, a wreck of his former self, walked majestically along, but looking for all that a little crestfallen and humbled over his lowly condition.

At a recent meeting of the New York State Dairy Association, Professor Robertson, Dairy Commissioner of Canada, said that in 1880 the exports of cheese, in round figures, were 127,000,000 lb. from the United States and 40,000,000 lb. from Canada. In 1898 they were 46,000,000 lb. from the former country and 150,000,000 lb. from the latter. That is to say, these exports had changed from being three times as large from the United States as from Canada to being more than three times as large from Canada as from the United States. Co-operation among themselves with the Government, he said, had enabled Canadian dairy farmers to make this remarkable progress. But he forgot to mention one great cause of the decline of cheese exporting from the United States and its increase from Canada, namely, the discredit brought upon the American article by the "filled cheese," which must have cost the former country many millions of pounds. Moreover, the excellence of Canadian cheese has placed it at a premium on the market.

Queensland, with its population of only half a million people, has a creditable number of live stock. According to the latest figures there are 5,053,836 cattle, 15,226,749 sheep, 479,127 horses, and 140,000 pigs. It is interesting to compare the first two items with the corresponding totals for Ireland, where there are 4,608,443 cattle and 4,386,697 sheep. There are 24,689 owners of cattle in the colony, and 1,897 owners of sheep. Of animals killed for profit in 1899, 386,466 cattle and 479,818 sheep were preserved, "frozen," and boiled down, whilst 245,432 cattle and 1,017,728 sheep were killed for home consumption.

A favourable account of the outlook for stockowners in the United States is given in the *Chicago Farmers' Review* in relation to the new year. It is pointed out that there is no surplus of live stock to be sold at a sacrifice or wintered at a great expense. Practically all the marketable hogs have been disposed of, and good beef cattle are at a premium. Good horses likewise are scarce, and this general shortage promises good prices for the products of this new year. Even in sections where summer drought prevailed and forage crops were a partial failure, fall rains renewed the pastures, and the mild winter has so kept up the supply of green feed that farmers will be able to carry their stock until spring without much expense for the purchase of feed.

CORRESPONDENCE

February 25, 1901.

To the Editor of *Sport and Pastime*.

Dear Sir,—

Will you allow me a few words of protest against a remark that was made publicly at the Flores Cricket Ground yesterday, by a member of the Flores team, to the effect that the Hurlingham men ought to have carried their umpire, and not Mr. Darch, off the ground.

This is distinctly below the belt, as you will, I am sure, be the first to admit, Mr. Editor. The man on whom it is thus sought to cast a reflection, is a capable and impartial umpire, and, in my humble opinion, as good, if not a better, all round sportsman—with the accent on the "all round" of course—than any man in the Flores team, and, knowing the sporting crowd they are, one would not have credited any one of them with such a remark had we not, most of us, heard some talk of an incident of a little bit of paper—a Flores tram ticket was it?—in the North and South match.

Enclosing my card.

I am, Dear Sir,

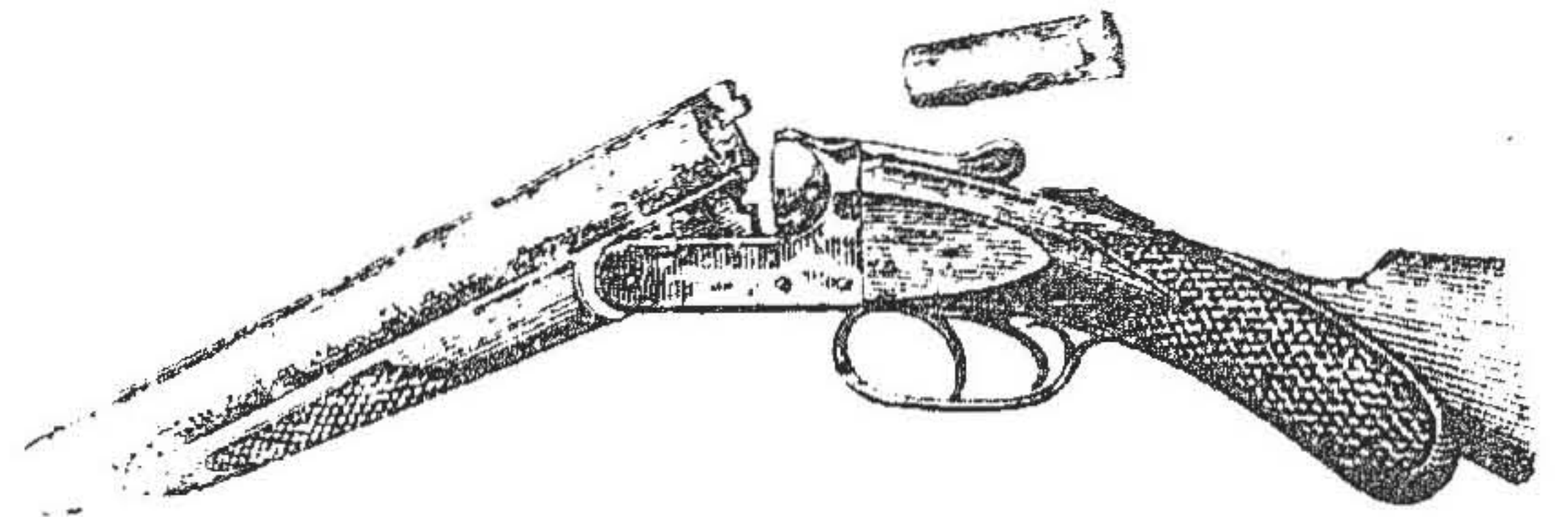
Yours truly,

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We are very sorry to learn that any such remark was made as that mentioned above, for it was quite uncalled for. We are equally sorry that our correspondent has referred to another incident which was, by some unhappy means, grossly exaggerated.—(ED.)

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FIXTURES.

LAWN TENNIS.

MARCH.

Sun. 3—Lomas v. Belgrano, at Lomas.
 Sun. 10—Santa Lucia v. Belgrano, at Belgrano.
 Sun. 17—Buenos Aires v. Lomas, at Lomas.
 Sun. 24—Belgrano v. Buenos Aires, at Recoleta.
 Mon. 25—Lomas v. Santa Lucia, at Santa Lucia.

APRIL.

Sun. 7—Belgrano v. Santa Lucia, at Belgrano.
 Sun. 14—Buenos Aires v. Santa Lucia, at Santa Lucia.
 Sun. 21—Lomas v. Santa Lucia, at Lomas.
 Sun. 28—Buenos Aires v. Lomas, at Recoleta.

MAY.

Sun. 5—Buenos Aires v. Belgrano, at Belgrano.

ROWING.

March 3—Tigre Boat Club Regatta, at Tigre.
 March 3—Bella Vista Rowing Club Regatta.
 March 31—Union de Regatas, at Tigre.

SAILING.

March 17—Tigre Sailing Club Regatta (Open).

ATHLETICS.

March 25—Amateur Athletic Association of Uruguay, at Montevideo.

RACING.

Feb. 28—Hipódromo Nacional, Belgrano.
 March 3—Hipódromo Argentino, Palermo.

CRICKET FIXTURES.

FIRST ELEVEN.

MARCH

Sun. 3—*Lomas v. Hurlingham, at Hurlingham.
 Sun. 3—*B.A.C.C. v. Quilmes, at Palermo.
 Sun. 10—*B.A.C.C. v. Lomas, at Lomas.
 Sun. 10—*Hurlingham v. Belgrano, at Belgrano.
 Sun. 10—*Flores v. Quilmes, at Flores.
 Sun. 17—*Flores v. Belgrano, at Belgrano.
 Sun. 17—*B.A.C.C. v. Banfield, at Banfield.
 Sun. 24—*B.A.C.C. v. Lomas, at Palermo.
 Sun. 24—*Belgrano v. Quilmes, at Quilmes.
 Mon. 25—*B.A.C.C. v. Belgrano, at Belgrano.
 Sun. 31—*Quilmes v. Banfield, at Quilmes.
 * Championship matches.

SECOND ELEVEN.

MARCH.

Sun. 3—B.A.C.C. v. Flores, at Flores.
 Sun. 3—Belgrano v. English High School, at Belgrano.
 Sun. 17—B.A.C.C. v. English High School, at Coghlan.
 Sun. 17—Lomas v. Hurlingham A, at Lomas.
 Sun. 24—Flores v. English High School, at Flores.
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APRIL.

Thurs. 4—Belgrano v. Quilmes, at Quilmes.

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RIVER PLATE SPORT AND PASTIME

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1901.

NOTES.

We have received, but unfortunately too late for publication, two reports of cricket matches, played respectively at Bahia Blanca and Concordia, which we have to reluctantly holdover till our next issue. The match at Bahia Blanca was between Town and Camp, in which the latter were victorious. The other game was between Mr Darbyshire's XI, and Concordia, the scratch team winning by six wickets.

The Quilmes cricket eleven suffered another reverse last Sunday, when the Lomasites visited them and easily defeated them by a hundred and thirty-three runs. Lomas batted first and scored 201 for four wickets, Mr T. M. Greene being the principal scorer, carrying his bat for a well played fifty-two. It is difficult to explain why the Quilmeros do not make a better show with the bat. On Sunday, for instance, they had a fairly strong batting side and yet could not make any stand against even one of the five bowlers pitted against them, all of whom obtained good figures.

A better example of the strange ins-and-outs of cricket, a more extraordinary game, and a better or more exciting finish than that furnished by the match between Flores and Hurlingham last Sunday, could not be wished for. When the seventh Flores wicket fell for 72 runs, everybody said that Hurlingham had a very "soft" thing on, and yet this total eventually reached 164. When the seventh Hurlingham wicket fell for 77 runs, everybody said that Flores could not help winning. When the last Hurlingham man went in and twenty-one runs were required to win, everybody was still of the same opinion, and yet Hurlingham won by eighteen runs with a wicket in hand!

It was indeed a match of surprises. Flores batted first and lost four wickets for only 31 runs, and good wickets too. Mr B. B. Syer then came to the rescue, and by real good cricket carried his bat for 91 runs. This is by no means the first time that this player has saved his side from a collapse, in fact he always seems to play better when against odds, and his innings on this occasion is deserving of all praise. Mr A. F. Spens accounted for eight of the Flores wickets, and would have had a better average but for two loose overs at the very end, during which he was punished to the tune of twenty-one runs.

Hurlingham started in just as disastrous a manner losing four wickets for 42 runs, including such batsmen

as Messrs E. L. Rumboll, F. Leach, R. Leys, and C. W. Thompson. Mr B. Bedford, however, played a fine innings of 62, and in partnership with Mr C. R. Thursby put on 67 runs for the eighth wicket, and so altered the whole aspect of the game. Messrs H. B. and G. F. Elliot divided the bowling honours, and we cannot understand why the latter was not utilised more. He was never badly punished and he was continually "sticking up" the batsmen. Very great credit is due to the genial Hurlingham wicket-keeper, who played the exact game required under the most trying circumstances.

With reference to a letter we publish elsewhere in our to-day's issue, we can understand the writer's feeling indignant that such a remark was made. At the same time we very much regret his reference to another incident, the facts of which we are in full possession of, and which we unhesitatingly aver have been grossly exaggerated. It is only justice, pure and simple, to the player implicated to make this statement. How the false rumours got about we cannot say, but they did and they were false. We hope this will be the last of the matter.

As regards the other matter, that of the umpiring last Sunday at Flores, we have also a word or two to say. On three separate occasions we heard short-slip, mid-on and short-leg appeal for l.b.w.! Is this cricket? We also heard one of the Flores fieldsmen call out when a Hurlingham batsman was bowled, "How's *that*, then?" Is that cricket? As a matter of fact the appealing was very bad indeed. One umpire had seven appeals for l.b.w. and for only one of these was there any excuse. The ball went away very quickly after it had pitched, and as the batsman got straight in the way of the wicket-keeper the latter could not see what had happened and had every right to appeal. These appeals were made when there was no likelihood, to all appearances, of a close finish, so there is not even the excuse of excitement.

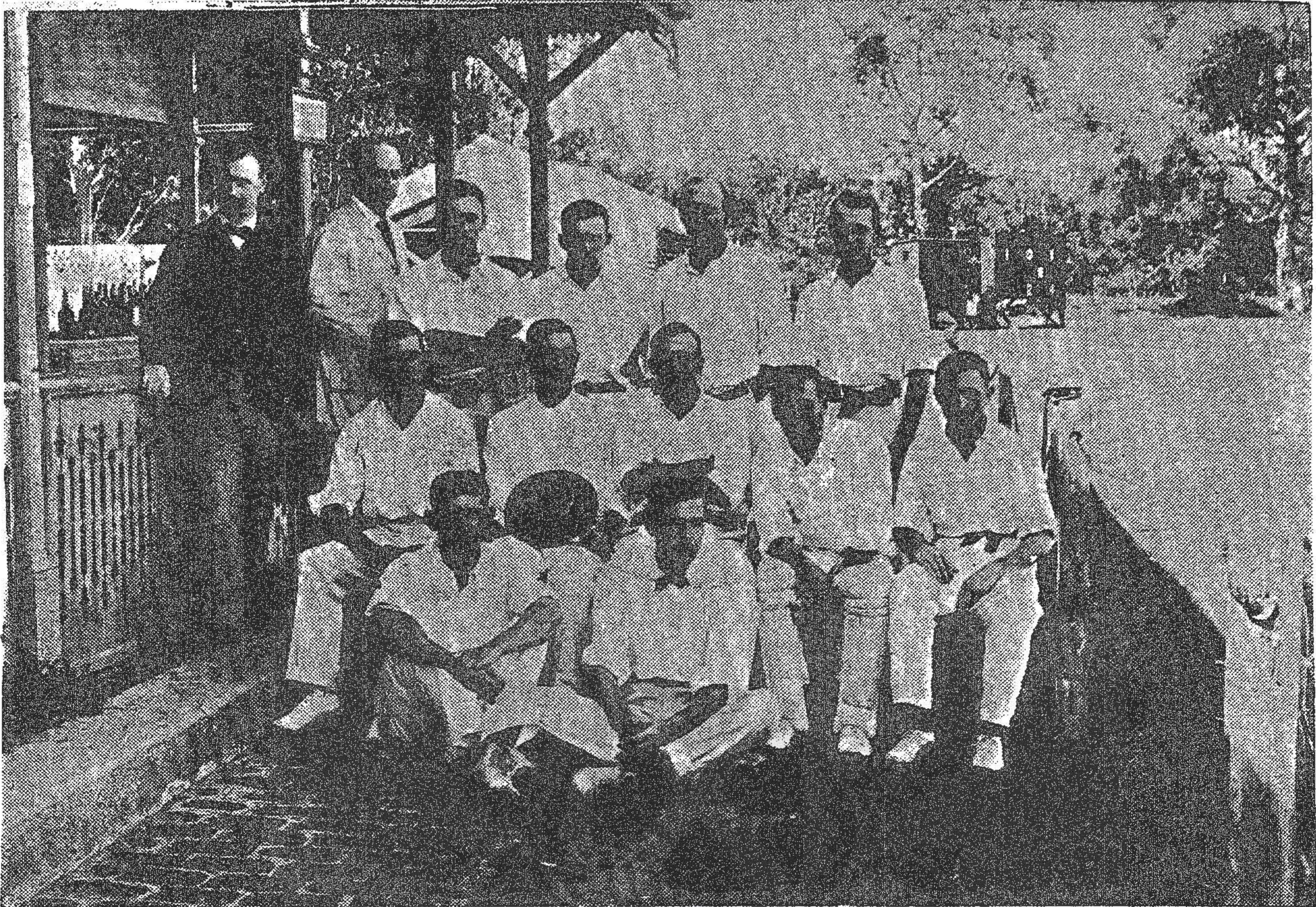
Nobody is infallible, and everyone is liable to make a mistake. The first law of every single one of our English games is to bow to the decision of the umpire, and it is to this strict discipline that the success of our games is in no small measure due, and to these early lessons in discipline during one's school days the success of many in after life is also due. An umpire has to give his decisions according to his own judgment. It is a thankless post at any time, and players should not worry him more than is absolutely necessary. As regards leg-before-wicket, only three men *can* know anything about it, viz., the bowler, wicket-keeper, and the umpire, the last-named the best of all, therefore, for a player fielding in any other position than those mentioned to grumble at an l.b.w. decision is not only ridiculous, but he makes a grave breach of etiquette.

One other Championship match was played last Sunday, that at Belgrano, between the local club and Banfield. The scoring was on the low side all round, and eventually Belgrano scored a point by winning by fifty four runs. Mr W. H. Coe made a plucky attempt to stave off defeat by scoring twenty-seven out of thirty during his stay at the wickets. Mr W. G. Brown bowled extremely well for Belgrano, and at the end claimed eight wickets for only thirty-four runs.

The scratch game at Palermo on Sunday last was greatly enjoyed. It was the means also of unearthing another young bowler of promise, E. Gibson. This promising young player only sent down seven overs, but

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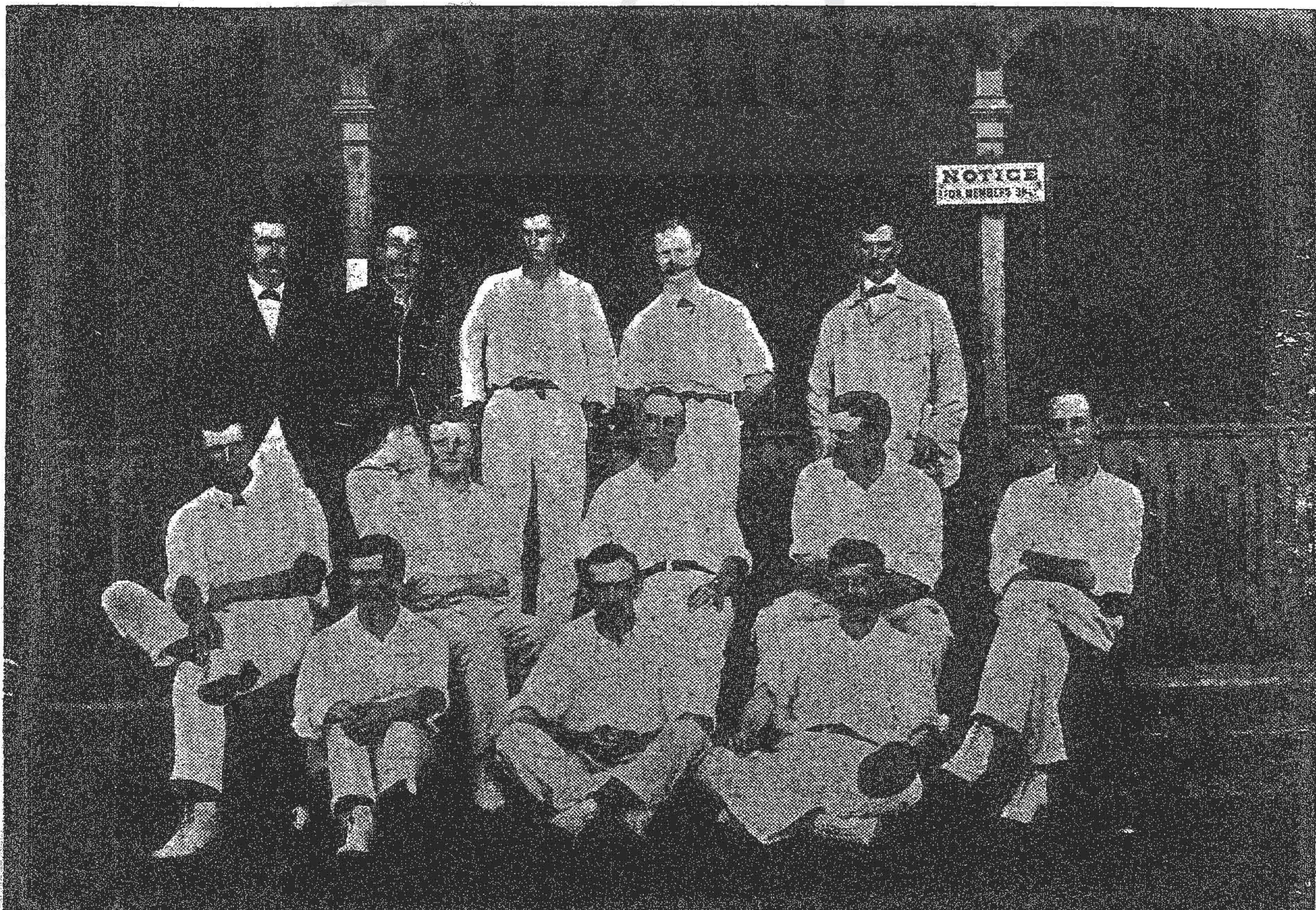
H.W. Griggs, F. Carlisle, A. H. Knight, R. G. Leach.
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SOUTH XI.

E. R. Showler, H. A. Cowes, P.L.G. Bridger.
 Scorer, R.F. Vibart, A. Anderson, Umpire.



B.F.R. Bedford, J.O. Anderson, R.E.H. Anderson, A.T. Spens.
 R. Leys, E.L. Rumboll, J.C. Pearson, A. Macdonald.

he managed to secure seven wickets at a cost of only three runs apiece, a very excellent performance. The old Lomas bowler, Mr. W. R. Goodbody was also taking part, but failed to take any wickets.

The Annual Report of the Notts County Cricket Club states that the total income for the past year was £3,543 17s. 3d., and the total expenditure £3,515 18s. 1d., leaving a profit on the season's working of £27 19s. 2d. This is felt to be highly satisfactory, taking into consideration that £300 9s. was given from the proceeds of the Surrey match at Whitsuntide to A. Shrewsbury as a complimentary benefit, and \$176 1s. paid for interest on the ground extension and improvements account. The total amount of gate money taken at the matches amounted to £1376 15s. 1d., as compared with £856 15s. 3d. in 1899. It is hoped that this is a sign of a revived public interest in the game.

The Committee express their thanks to Mr. A. O. Jones for his valuable services as captain during the past season, they also appreciate the marked improvement in the team generally, and particularly mention T. Wass and J. Gunn for their bowling. Sincere thanks are accorded to Mr. J. A. Dixon for his services to the club as captain of the team for eleven years. The testimonial fund realised (without any canvassing) £174 0s. 10d., and after deducting the expenses of an illuminated address, the money has, by the express wish of Mr. Dixon, been placed at the disposal of the Committee, to be given by them from time to time to players receiving their benefits. The Committee trust that although Mr. Dixon has resigned the captaincy, he may long be able to play with the team.

The question of throwing, and the steps taken by the English County Cricket Captains is still exercising the minds of all interested in the summer game. From our last advices it would appear that the position assumed by the Captains is untenable, and we shall expect to hear before long that their somewhat hasty decision has been revoked. Certain it is that indignation, not unnaturally, at their action, has been very rife in certain circles; and as the County Captains cannot agree among themselves, it would have been far better had they left the whole matter alone, or at the most have simply recorded their opinions for the guidance of the M.C.C.

Meanwhile, although the controversy grows and grows, nobody apparently cares to step forward and once and for all clearly define a delivery classed as "a throw." To really throw effectively without resting the weight firmly on the back foot is a matter of extreme difficulty, if not impossibility, and yet these bowlers who have been condemned for "throwing" have never been seen to do this. The bowler who keeps a straight arm and a loose shoulder, and is free from all taint of a bent elbow, will generally be found to raise his back foot as he lets the ball slip from his hand—in some cases the foot may even be seen to be off the ground before the ball is released. We wonder when a real solution will be arrived at!

Owing to the courtesy of the proprietors of *The Standard*, we have, during the past week, been accorded a private view of the beautiful Cup, which in future is to be connected with the competition for the Cricket Championship. It is a massive Silver Cup—and a very handsome one—worthy of our old and esteemed contemporary, the proprietors of which have very kindly brought it out from England, and presented it to the

Cricket Championship Committee as a Challenge Cup for that competition. We hope they will see their way to placing it on show somewhere in the centre, so that all may see it.

We learn from an old subscriber, who is at present away up in the Cordillera, that he has invented a new game up there—a kind of Polo-Golf. It is too stoney up there to play Golf, and, as he had some old polo sticks and a ball with him, he cut the sticks down to the necessary length, laid out a course, and now they play regularly, and enjoy the game immensely.

Our last mails bring the news of the death of Mr. H. T. Trevor Jones, who died suddenly last month at the Isthmian Club, London, where he had been detained by a bad chill. The deceased was a prominent rowing coach at Cambridge for probably a longer period than anybody, and, in addition to advising Trinity Hall crews, he at different times coached nearly every college club.

The *Club de Regatas* Bella Vista intends holding a regatta on Sunday, the 3rd prox., at Bella Vista. The programme contains twelve events, including canoe races of various kinds, sculling races, double sculls, swimming, etc., and should prove a very interesting one. All entries for the rowing events should be sent to the captain, Señor Enrique J. Goubet, at the Club House, at least three days before the day of the Regatta. Entries for the swimming races may be made any time before they commence.

We have received the programme of the regatta which is to be held under the auspices of the Union de Regatas on March 31st next. In all there are eleven events, including Junior Fours, Veteran Fours, Race for Man-of-War Boats, Junior Sculls, Visitors' Double Sculls (for members of clubs located elsewhere than the Tigre), Eights, Island Canoes, Scratch Fours, Pairs, Swimming Race and Upset Canoes. The programme promises lots of fun and amusement, and the various events should be well filled. Entries should be sent in to the Hon. Sec., Mr H. P. Woodhouse, Cangallo 574, on or before March 23rd, except for the scratch races, entries for which may be made half-an-hour before the races.

We have been requested to announce that the regatta of the Tigre Sailing Club, originally fixed for Sunday, March 24th, will be sailed a week previous, that is to say on Sunday, March 17th. As the 24th and 25th are holidays the Committee have considered it advisable to make this change, so that those members wishing to take a cruise during the two days' holiday will be able to do so.

A Camp subscriber kindly writes us as follows:—"In your issue of the 13th inst. a correspondent asks what is the exact distance of a cuadro in yards. If he looks out cuadro in the dictionary he will find square—picture—picture frame. "Cuadro" is also used in the Camp to mean a small paddock, so that dimensions would vary much, according to size. If, however, he mean "Cuadra," and refers to native racing, I may state that a "Cuadra" consists of 280 yards, or 300 varas, and "dos cuadras libres" are the 280 yards, or 300 varas, outside the 75 varas, which are kept for partidas or flying starts.

It is quite possible for a pony to run 300 yards in sixteen seconds, but he must be one of the very best, as fifteen seconds for the "dos ochenta" is considered very hot time, and is more or less equivalent to even time for

our 100 yards on foot; twenty-three seconds is excellent time for three "cuadros libres." In 500 metres thirty seconds is decidedly good, and anything that runs the distance in less may be safely backed. Of course one hears of better times, etc., *but* no pony will run the same two days following, and time-keepers are, as a rule, incapable in this country.

The last day of the summer season at Belgrano wound up in very same fashion, it being almost entirely a favourite's day. The last race made some amends in the shape of a bombshell from Clio and Cassio, who upset calculations in fine style. The season has been a success and has contributed to making the card for the first meeting at Palermo much better than usual, by keeping a number of horses in training. The only noticeable performance on Sunday was by Athou, who repeated his previous victories with 58 kilos on his back, and has evidently come on a lot.

The Premio Apertura will not bring out any of the cracks and will probably lie between Limosnero and Alcoran, and may bring out some signs of improvement in some of last year's moderate ones. About the youngsters there are the usual rumours of such and such being wonderful flyers, the only instance of their coming true that we remember being Etoile. There is always plenty of interest in their first appearance and with fine weather there should be a large attendance at Palermo on next Sunday.

There seems to be a regular exodus of polo ponies from the country just at present. By the Langton Grange Mr. H. S. Robson sent four more to complete his string, and Messrs. Fortune and Moncrieff shipped five for Mr. A. H. Howard, who we hear is going to play at Fetcham Park this year. Messrs. R. and F. Leared, too, are taking a very fine string of twenty-three by the Bellaisle. Mr. F. Balfour leaves the Cape for England on the 27th. He has already some half-dozen ponies in England, and the rest of his lot will, we conclude, follow him there. So a very good Argentine team would be got together this year with H. S. Robson back, R. Leared three, F. Balfour two, and F. Leared one, and we hope to hear of some matches being arranged, when we are sure they will give a good account of themselves.

A few days ago we had the pleasure of looking over the Hurlingham draghounds and must congratulate Mr. Thursby on their condition, as they all, without exception, looked strong and well. Their coats, too, were wonderfully good for this time of year, and showed how easy a thing it is to keep hounds fit in this country, if only they get proper care and attention. The Messrs. Willes deserve great credit for the trouble they take in seeing the pack get proper exercise. But we should like to call their attention to the advice Lord Willoughby de Brooke gives in one of his articles in the "Badminton Magazine," which is to keep your hounds moving right up to the hunting season, and have them the *light side* to begin with, or if the weather is hot they will soon tire, and get disgusted, and do themselves no end of harm.

A bridge is, we are told, to be built down by the side of the Rural Tramway, crossing at the bottom of the Flores Chacra, and a road made direct, alongside the tramway, to the San Martin road. This will enable the hounds to gain easy access to the high ground round Caseros, which is quite their best country, and will also enable people to ride from Belgrano to the Club at Hurlingham without having to make the enormous round

they had to formerly, and in addition they will be able to cross the "arroyo" in all weathers, and not have to cross and re-cross the tramway as they had to formerly. Therefore if the jumps are not made too big, and there are not too many bars, we think the Hurlingham Draghounds may look forward to a most successful season, and big fields.

The Racing Committee of the Hurlingham Club has again very wisely "taken time by the forelock," and in another column the dates for the various race meetings of the present year may be found. A list of the classic races are also given, with the dates when the entries close, etc. We would again call the attention of other clubs to try and arrange matters so that fixtures do not clash with these dates. These meetings are always most enjoyable and should be well supported.

Mr. H.H. Hilton has an interesting article in last month's *Golf Illustrated* on his matches with the late F. G. Tait. He played him altogether on ten occasions, and was defeated no less than seven times, five of these being in the various Amateur Championship Meetings; twice they halved, and the only match Mr. Hilton ever won was at North Berwick, in 1890, on the first occasion on which the two met. "I have often been asked the question," says Mr. Hilton, "how it was that I always failed against Freddie Tait. For one thing I was invariably outdriven, which means something. . . . But it was not in the driving that he held such an advantage over me; it was invariably on the putting green that the matches were won, and I never remember playing a single against Freddie in which he did not have the best of the argument in the vicinity of the putting green. The habit he had of holing out successfully, when least expected, had a very demoralising effect on my play on the greens."

Though both Universities have started practice for the boat race there is the usual uncertainty as to who will be available. It seems a pity that the authorities of the two clubs cannot agree to a self-denying ordinance and make it a definite rule that they will not call upon the services of those who have gone down, even though they may be technically eligible. It is not often that either goes so far as to call up one who has so entirely severed himself from undergraduate days as to get married, but even this has been done, and when Gardner of Emmanuel took the stroke oar for the last time, he was certainly a long way past the usual appointed portion of University life.

Other University Clubs, *e.g.* the Association Football Club, have sometimes drawn upon what are really outside resources, but they all maintain the wholesome rule that no one is eligible after his fourth year. So far as one can judge, from the reports of the present form of the crews, and by the trial races in December, the run of Cambridge victories, started so recently, is not likely to be broken in 1901.

France, urged on by America, is apparently working up an International Athletic Union to carry on the Olympian Games as started in 1896 at Athens. The Americans want to hold an Olympian Festival at the Buffalo Exhibition in September next. So far we believe the English A.A.A. has not been approached in the matter by France. Surely both American and English amateurs have had enough of French methods as applied to the management of athletics and exemplified at Paris in July last.

From America the New York Athletic Club's annual report is rather interesting. The expenses of sending the club team to the A.A.A. Championships and Paris last summer were nearly £460. The training table cost 762 dollars. The number of championships won by the club was something marvellous, but the New York A.C. claim all the Pennsylvania victories of Kraenzlein, Baxter, and Barton as their own. The Travers Island Club House, so well known to the London Athletic Club's 1895 team, was burnt down on the first Saturday in the New Year. The building was, however, fully insured, and will be re-built before the summer season.

Of great interest to scientific men as well as to dog fanciers is Dr. Copeman's discovery of the microorganism which is associated with distemper in dogs. The disease itself, as everyone knows, is apt to be fatal, and especially so in highly-bred dogs. To be able to combat it is thus of the very highest importance. The late Sir Everett Millais (son of the artist) commenced the investigation about which Dr. Copeman has just published a brief but highly interesting account. The two gentlemen were able to isolate the specific germ and to grow it freely after the manner of other bacteria, and then with the material thus acquired to inoculate other dogs and to observe the course of the symptoms. This part of the investigation is of less practical interest than the discovery that preventive inoculation can be performed with such a solution. The "vaccine" can be sterilised and kept safely for use when required.

CRICKET.

NORTHERN CAMPS TOUR

BATTING AND BOWLING AVERAGES.

We give below the batting and bowling averages obtained by our Northern friends during their tour here recently, including the North v. South match, and the own v. Camp one.

H. J. J. Bury easily heads the batting, and throughout the tour exhibited consistent good form. W. D. Gardom a good second, and we are sorry he did not get opportunities of playing out more of his innings, three of which were unfinished.

The brothers Bury easily head the bowling averages and did good work throughout the tour.

BATTING.					
	Innings	Not Out	Total	Highest Score	Average
J. J. Bury	9	2	235	66	33.57
W. D. Gardom	6	3	72	18*	24.00
Leach	6	1	71	40	14.20
C. Bury	9	0	125	78	13.88
R. Garrod	4	0	50	36	12.50
Hay	6	1	62	25	12.40
G. Leach	7	0	83	36	11.85
Traill	6	0	70	46	11.66
Hay	5	1	43	18*	10.75
R. Miles	7	1	59	26	9.83
E. Leach	7	1	41	27	6.83

The following batted in less than three innings:—Littledale 4, 0; Blyth 1, 0; S. Shipton 26, 2; and Messerries 1*.

* Signifies not out.

BOWLING.					
	O.	M.	R.	W.	Average
J. J. Bury	64.5	11	17	13	13.53
C. Bury	87.2	24	25	18	14.22
Hay	22	6	53	3	18.33
R. Garrod	21	6	76	3	25.33
Hay	54.2	5	136	5	27.20
Traill	19	2	88	3	29.33
W. D. Gardom	27	2	137	3	45.66

The following also bowled:—Blyth 3-0-15-0, C. A. Watt 4-0-25-0, R. G. Leach 4-0-19-0, W. E. Leach 0-0-23-1.

ARGENTINE CRICKET CHAMPIONSHIP.

The following are the positions of the various clubs to date:

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points
Hurlingham	10	7	1	2	6
Lomas	9	7	2	0	5
Flores	10	6	2	2	4
B.A.C.C.	7	4	1	2	3
Belgrano	8	3	5	0	-2
Banfield	10	1	9	0	-8
Quilmes	8	0	8	0	-8

Points are scored as follows: Plus one for a win minus one for a loss, and drawn games are ignored.

BATTING AND BOWLING AVERAGES SEASON 1900/1901.

As all the clubs except one were engaged in Championship fixtures last Sunday, several changes have taken place in the averages.

In the batting the same four head the list as before, Leys and Jones with lower averages and Bedford with a better one. Syer rises five places, T. M. Greene four, Barnard three, and Halstead nine. Spens and Ratcliffe appear for the first time. G. L. Wilson falls three places, Rudd two, G. F. Elliot three, Drabble four, Shepard three and Lomas three, while there are many changes of minor importance, and Symons drops out altogether.

Likewise in the bowling there are several changes. W. A. Campbell goes first again, his brother A. P. falling to fourth place. Barnard falls two places, Symons five, Macdonald three, and Leys three. Williams rises two places with a lower average, Knox two, and Bridger four. The minimum number of overs is still fifty.

BATTING					
	No. of Innings	Times Not out	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average
J. O. Anderson	17	3	832	134*	59.42
R. Leys	15	2	714	159	54.2
B. F. R. Bedford	13	3	421	63	42.10
F. E. Jones	11	0	410	169	37.27
B. B. Syer	15	4	346	91*	31.45
A. Anderson	14	3	336	110*	30.51
E. L. Rumboll	17	0	465	73	27.35
E. D. Ayling	11	1	270	58*	27.00
H. A. Cowes	15	1	375	61*	26.78
C. W. Thompson	9	0	203	80	22.55
T. M. Greene	13	4	229	52*	20.81
R. E. H. Anderson	15	2	259	76	19.92
A. Macdonald	14	2	232	54*	19.33
G. L. Wilson	9	1	154	46	19.25
C. R. Thursby	8	1	126	35	18.00
R. A. Brooking	7	0	124	44	17.71
A. T. Spens	9	1	141	48*	17.62
R. W. Rudd	13	0	225	33	17.30
R. L. Halstead	12	3	149	42*	16.55
G. C. Barnard	12	3	140	33	15.55
G. F. Elliot	9	1	117	40*	14.62
R. E. Hunt	9	1	115	36	14.37
E. D. Drabble	11	0	156	50	14.18
F. Messervy	10	3	97	39	13.85
P. L. G. Bridger	12	2	138	42	13.80
W. J. Williams	6	3	38	18*	12.66
J. D. Shepard	7	0	85	34	12.14
C. H. Lomas	13	2	133	34*	12.09
A. Robinson	10	1	111	32	11.10
P. Hooton	10	0	107	30	10.70
H. B. Anderson	6	1	52	26*	10.40
A. A. Miller	11	0	114	28	10.36
H. T. Ratcliffe	7	3	40	33	10.00

* Signifies not out.

BOWLING					
	O.	M.	R.	W.	Average
W. A. Campbell	58	12	133	22	6.04
T. M. Greene	62.4	15	153	20	7.65
H. A. Cowes	171	46	343	39	8.79
A. P. Campbell	76.4	29	152	16	9.50
J. H. Williams	97.4	23	226	23	9.82
T. V. M. Knox	142.2	41	428	42	10.19
G. C. Barnard	75	15	195	19	10.26
R. A. Brooking	110.1	37	249	24	10.37
H. B. Elliot	155.3	32	411	39	10.53
A. T. Spens	173.1	53	364	34	10.70
A. J. Symons	66.1	19	148	13	11.38
P. L. G. Bridger	54.2	9	163	13	12.53
J. S. Campbell	108.5	23	330	25	13.20

R. Kingsland	97.3	9	337	25	13.48
A. Macdonald	185.3	59	416	30	13.85
R. Leys	90.2	26	225	16	14.06
E. L. Rumboll	160.4	36	413	29	14.24
G. F. Elliot	68.3	9	241	15	16.26
F. Messervy	83.2	21	230	14	16.43
T. Brown	54	7	196	11	17.81
R. E. Hunt	130	27	434	24	18.08

HURLINGHAM v. FLORES.

The return match in the Championship Competition between the above clubs was played last Sunday at Flores. The previous match at Hurlingham, it will be remembered, ended in a draw, and before the game under notice was played the two clubs were exactly equal in points. Probably on this account, and also with the expectation of seeing a good close fight, quite a large number of spectators were present, of which a large proportion were ladies. The weather was delightful, but the pitch seemed to have been a good deal affected by the rain which had fallen on the previous Friday night. It was only an occasional ball that went really wrong, but the wicket was never easy.

Thursby won the toss for Hurlingham and decided to put his opponents in, Jones and Miller being deputed to open the Flores innings, the bowling being entrusted to Spens—at the pavilion end—and Bedford. Both batsmen shaped well and runs came steadily, chiefly from Jones and off Spens, until, with 25 up, the latter bowled Miller with a curly one from leg. With G. F. Elliot in Bedford had to stop bowling, as his bad shoulder gave way again, and Leys took the ball. The very first ball he sent down—a wide one on the off—Jones cut at, and was well taken by Darch behind the wicket, just as he looked like being set for a big score. Gardom came next and had very bad luck, a ball from Spens bumping right up at his face, in protecting which he was caught off his glove. Three runs later Spens bowled Elliot with a yorker, and Macdonald and Syer came together. The former took no risks at all, but Syer started off with a boundary, and looked like scoring from the very commencement of his innings.

Runs coming apace, Rumboll relieved Leys, but the separation was caused by Spens, who bowled Macdonald for a very patient 10, the wicket having put on 37 runs. A run later, or at 69, Rumboll bowled Macadam. Mullins scored 3, and was then bowled by Spens, making seven wickets down for 72. Nixon, as he has often done before at a crisis, lent Syer valuable assistance, and it was not until 53 runs had been added that he was caught off Spens. J. Elliot helped to add 9 before being caught, also off Spens, and H. Elliot suffered a similar fate, but not until he had helped Syer to increase the score by 30 runs. The innings thus closed for 164, a very much better total than was ever hoped for when the seventh wicket fell.

Syer was left not out, and carried his bat for a most excellent innings of 91, which cannot be over rated. His principal hits were 9 fours, 5 threes, and 13 twos. Everybody—friends and foes alike—regretted that he did not get his "century."

Spens bowled all through, and secured eight of the ten wickets at a cost of 92 runs.

Hurlingham started with Rumboll and Thompson to the bowling of Macdonald and H. Elliot, the former from the tennis court end. With only a couple of runs scored Rumboll was well taken at point off H. Elliot. F. Leach filled the vacancy, and was soon busy, paying particular attention to Macdonald's off balls and driving Elliot, but at 38 he had a smack at a yorker on his leg stick,—hardly the easiest of balls to drive—and was bowled for a pretty and lively 23. Leys came next and Macdonald crossed over, G. F. Elliot taking up the tennis court end. With 2 runs added the new bowler sent back Thompson, who had batted nicely for 11, and Spens came in. The last comer survived an appeal for l.b.w., and then skied a ball from H. Elliot, and was caught by the wicket keeper, and four wickets were down for 42—not a very promising look out for the visitors. Both batsmen played very steadily, Bedford doing most of the scoring, until at 67 G. F. Elliot bowled Leys. G. L. Wilson gave no trouble, and Drabble only made 3 before being bowled by G. F. Elliot, so that seven wickets were down for 77, and the match was considered as good as over. But this was very far from being the case, and one of the most exciting pieces of play that has occurred this season was yet to be witnessed. With Thursby and Bedford together runs came along merrily. A few short runs and

some shocking bad ground fielding seemed to demoralise the home side, and their bowling and fielding got all to pieces, and it was not until the score had been carried to 144, or within 20 of their opponents' total, that Bedford cut a loose ball on the off hard to cover-point, and was taken at the second attempt. In spite of his bad shoulder he had batted excellently, and altogether hit 3 fours, 7 threes, and 10 twos.

Wanting 20 runs to tie Willes came in, and then a terrible catastrophe occurred. Thursby played a ball in the direction of mid-on, called Willes, and started off. Willes, however, sent him back, and Thursby just failed to get home, and had to retire for an invaluable innings of 21. It takes a good deal to upset Darch's nerves, and he strolled in quite unconcernedly. He hit the first ball he received to the leg boundary amidst cheers, and gradually the Hurlingham total increased, and crept nearer that of Flores. The excitement was intense as the score slowly rose and then—it was all over in a flash—a brace of twos to the credit of either batsman, a single from Darch dangerously close to cover, two balls on the leg side from Macdonald, which Syer allowed to pass, and all was over, and Hurlingham had won a memorable match. When time was called the total stood at 182, and the two batsmen were still not out. Darch 19 and Willes 9. Darch was at once seized upon and "chaired" to the pavilion, a well deserved compliment.

The brothers Elliot bowled well, but G. F. Elliot might very well have been utilised, more especially towards the end of the Hurlingham innings. Macdonald was palpably tired, and there was always the risk of byes, and this eventually may be said to have done for Flores. The fielding of the latter team was very bad, and over 30 runs must have been thrown away. One does not often see 22 byes against Syer's name, but so it was. It was a most extraordinary game throughout, full of surprises, and always interesting.

Full score and analysis:—

FLORES		HURLINGHAM	
F. E. Jones c Darch b Leys	21	E. L. Rumboll c J. Elliot b H. B. Elliot	0
A. A. Miller b Spens	4	C. W. Thompson b G. F. Elliot	11
G. F. Elliot b Spens	4	F. Leach b H. B. Elliot	23
W. D. Gardom c Wilson b Spens	0	R. Leys b G. F. Elliot	9
A. Macdonald b Spens	10	A. T. Spens c Syer b H. B. Elliot	0
B. B. Syer not out	91	B. Bedford c Miller b H. B. Elliot	62
J. Macadam b Rumboll	0	G. L. Wilson b Macdonald	0
C. W. Mullins c Bedford b Spens	3	E. D. Drabble b G. F. Elliot	3
C. S. Nixon c Drabble b Spens	8	J. Elliot c Leys b Spens	21
J. Elliot c Leys b Spens	4	C. R. Thursby run out	9
H. B. Elliot c Bedford b Spens	9	A. S. Willes not out	19
		J. T. Darch not out	19
		Extras	25
		Extras	10
Total	164	Total (for 9 wkts)	182

Bowling Analysis	FLORES				HURLINGHAM				
	O	M	R	W	O	M	R	W	
A. T. Spens	29.2	5	92	8	A. Macdonald	21	2	68	1
B. F. R. Bedford	4	1	9	0	H. B. Elliot	21	6	45	4
R. Leys	18	7	37	1	G. F. Elliot	11	0	33	3
E. L. Rumboll	7	0	16	1	A. A. Miller	2	0	11	0

H. B. Elliot bowled one wide.

LOMAS v. QUILMES.

This Championship match was played last Sunday at Quilmes in beautiful weather and before a fair number of spectators. The Quilmes batting again broke up badly, and, considering the side they placed in the field, should have been good for a much better total. Rooke batted well, but received little or no support. The Lomas fielding was excellent, and reminded one of the old days when they were renowned for their work in the field.

Symons won the toss for Quilmes, and put his opponents in to bat. The usual pair, A. Anderson and Rudd, opened the innings to the bowling of J. H. Williams and Morgan. Runs came slowly but steadily, and with 20 up A. Campbell relieved Williams, who appeared to be bowling fairly well. At 24 Rudd ran himself out very badly, and Cowes took his place. The new-comer soon set to work, and Leonard relieved Morgan. Runs still came at a fair pace, and Rooke took over the ball from Campbell. With the total at 84 the change worked, Anderson being caught for a useful 38. With Jacobs in 19 were added before the last comer was caught off Rooke, and 7 runs later Cowes was caught off Leonard for a well played 41, this making four wickets down for 110. T. M. Greene and Halstead now came together, and the score quickly mounted, both batsmen, and especially Greene, showing capital form. With the total raised to 201 without further loss, Bridger closed the innings at five minutes past three. Greene carried his bat for 52, and Halstead was left not out 42. The former hit 2 fours, 4 threes, and 8 twos, and the latter 3 fours, 4 threes, and 6 twos.

Rooke with two wickets for 35 got the best of the analysis.

With two hours and ten minutes to bat, and 202 runs required to win, Symons took in Cunningham with him to open the Quilmes innings, the bowling being shared by Cowes and Greene. The start was disastrous, as, with his second ball, Cowes clean bowled Symons with a beauty. Duncan made 3 and was bowled by Greene, and Cunningham was run out before he had opened his account, so that three wickets were down for only 4 runs. Hooton helped Rooke to put on half-a-dozen, and then Greene sent him back, making four wickets down for 10 runs. With A. Campbell in the stand of the innings ensued, 24 runs being added before Rooke fell to Cowes for a well played 22.

Leonard made a round dozen, but the rest did very little, and all were out for 68.

All the five bowlers tried obtained good figures and the collapse of the Quilmeros is unaccountable.

Full score and analysis:—

LOMAS		QUILMES	
A. Anderson c Duncan b Rooke. 38	A. J. Symons b Cowes. 0	E. Cunningham run out. 0	
R. W. Rudd run out. 11	D. Duncan b Greene. 3	B. W. Rooke b Cowes. 22	
H. A. Cowes c A. Campbell b Leonard. 41	P. Hooton b Greene. 1	A. P. Campbell c Cowes b W. A. Campbell. 9	
F. H. Jacobs c Roberts b Rooke. 12	S. U. Leonard c Halstead b Bridger. 12	E. O. Morgan c & b W. A. Campbell 6	
T. M. Greene not out. 52	J. H. Williams b W. A. Campbell 4	F. W. Fothergill b Bridger. 6	
R. L. Halstead not out. 42	H. A. Roberts not out. 0	Extras. 5	
P. L. G. Bridger			
J. B. Campbell			
T. Flint	did not bat*		
W. Flint			
W. A. Campbell.			
Extras. 5			
Total (for 4 wkts). 201	Total. 68		

* Innings declared closed.

Lomas				Quilmes					
Bowler	o	M	R	W	Bowler	o	M	R	W
J. H. Williams	5	0	12	0	H. A. Cowes	11	5	18	2
E. O. Morgan	13	5	29	0	T. M. Greene	6	1	15	2
A. Campbell	15	2	52	0	T. Flint	4	1	5	0
S. U. Leonard	9	0	40	1	W. A. Campbell	6	2	11	3
B. W. Rooke	11	0	35	2	P. L. G. Bridger	6	1	14	2
A. J. Symons	8	1	28	0					

B.A.C.C. 2ND XI. v. LOMAS 2ND XI.

The above friendly game was played on Sunday last at Palermo. Neither side was really representative, but the ground was free and this game arranged. The visitors batted first and put together 101, C. C. Alexander (15), C. Gibson (17), R. E. H. Anderson (22), and E. Gibson (16) being the chief contributors. Against this the home team scored 107, and so won by six runs. Ayling (23), R. W. Anderson (21), Messervy (2), and Loos (not out 18) were the principal scorers. On batting a second time, thanks to a lively 60 by R. E. H. Anderson and a patient 24 by J. A. Gibson, the visitors scored 90 for two wickets. E. Gibson bowled with remarkable success for the Lomasites and secured seven wickets for 21 runs.

Full score and analysis:—

LOMAS 2ND XI.		1st inn		2nd inn	
C. C. Alexander c Tollemache b R. W. Anderson. 15	b Ayling. 5	J. A. Gibson c Stokes b Messervy. 7	not out. 24	W. R. Goodbody b Tollemache. 11	did not bat
C. Gibson b R. W. Anderson. 17	c Morgan b Ayling. 1	R. E. H. Anderson c Dowson b Messervy. 22	not out. 60	O. W. J. Pfeiffer c Morgan b R. W. Anderson. 0	
A. Lacey b E. Gibson. 1		E. Thurburn b Messervy. 2		E. Gibson c Cumming b Messervy. 16	did not bat
H. G. Tollemache b E. Gibson. 0		G. St. John b Ayling. 6		J. Hunter not out. 0	
J. J. Dowson b E. Gibson. 4		Extras. 5			
J. H. K. Loos not out. 18					
R. H. Morgan b E. Gibson. 5					
F. Bruce Percy b E. Gibson. 0					
Extras. 5					
Total. 101	Total (for 2 wkts) . . . 90				

B.A.C.C.

E. D. Ayling c J. A. Gibson b Pfeiffer. . . 23
R. W. Anderson c Pfeiffer b St. John. . . . 21
F. Messervy b E. Gibson. 22
D. J. Stokes b Pfeiffer. 0
C. W. Cumming b E. Gibson. 8
A. Lacey b E. Gibson. 1
H. G. Tollemache b E. Gibson. 0
J. J. Dowson b E. Gibson. 4
J. H. K. Loos not out. 18
R. H. Morgan b E. Gibson. 5
F. Bruce Percy b E. Gibson. 0
Extras. 5
Total. 107

Lomas—1st inn.				2nd inn					
Bowler	o	M	R	W	Bowler	o	M	R	W
F. Messervy	14	3	35	4	R. H. Morgan	5	1	17	0
H. G. Tollemache	5	0	22	1	E. D. Ayling	6	2	19	2
R. W. Anderson	6	0	32	3	F. Messervy	4	0	27	0
E. D. Ayling	2.2	0	4	1	R. W. Anderson	3	0	27	0

B.A.C.C.

W. R. Goodbody. 5	0	7	0
O. W. J. Pfeiffer. 13	1	53	2
G. St. John. 10	5	11	1
E. Gibson. 7.2	1	21	7

BELGRANO v. BANFIELD.

The above clubs met in the Championship series last Sunday at Belgrano, when the home team won by 54 runs. The feature of the match was the excellent bowling of W. G. Brown for Belgrano, as he secured eight of the Banfield wickets for the small cost of 34 runs.

Shepard won the toss and elected to bat, taking in Barnard with him to face the deliveries of Tupholme and Kingsland. The start was not very promising, as after scoring a brace of twos off Tupholme's first over, the Belgrano captain was caught in that bowler's second over. Prescott helped to raise the score to 36 before being bowled by Tupholme, and then Wibberley and Barnard took the total to 68 before the former was caught at the wicket off Prentice. With the score unaltered Barnard was caught off Prentice also, for a steady and well played 29. W. G. Brown gave no trouble but Harvey and Palmer made matters very lively, the latter especially hitting freely all round until bowled for 42. The rest did little and the innings closed for 133.

Tupholme did most of the damage with the ball and took four wickets for 40 runs.

Against this total Banfield opened with Prentice and Moffatt to the bowling of Brown and Barnard. With his second ball the former bowled Prentice and with only a couple scored Barnard treated Moffatt in a similar manner. Coe and Lomas carried the score to 15 before the latter was bowled by Brown. Bond and Coe then doubled the score, at which period Brown bowled Coe for a dashing 27, which was his share of the thirty runs scored. Tupholme left at once, caught and bowled, and then Bond and Burton added 27, but the rest did next to nothing and the innings closed for 79.

Brown's bowling has already been referred to. Going in a second time the Belgrano players rattled up 112 for three wickets, of which Dorning scored 48 and Ratcliffe 33 not out.

Full score and analysis:—

BELGRANO		1st inn		2nd inn	
G. C. Barnard c Cassini b Prentice. . . . 29	not out. 1	J. D. Shepard c Prentice b Tupholme. . . . 4		J. S. Prescott b Tupholme. 17	did not bat
F. C. Wibberley c Coe b Prentice. 14		W. G. Brown c Tupholme b Moffatt. 1	c Bond b Kingsland. 18	A. Palmer b Tupholme. 42	did not bat
J. Harvey c Tupholme b Kingsland. . . . 15		R. F. Dorning lbw b Kingsland. 4	c Kingsland b Morgan. 48	H. H. Leng b Tupholme. 0	st Lomas b Coe. 8
A. Brodie b Kingsland. 2		A. Brodie b Kingsland. 2	did not bat	H. T. Ratcliffe not out. 0	not out. 33
Extras. 5		Extras. 5		Extras. 4	
Total. 133	Total (for 3 wkts) 112				

BANFIELD

J. Prentice b Brown. 0	
C. D. Moffatt b Barnard. 0	
W. H. Coe b Brown. 27	
C. H. Lomas b Brown. 2	
W. J. Bond b Brown. 15	
C. R. Tupholme c and b Brown. 0	
G. J. W. Burton b Brown. 16	
F. J. Cassini b Brown. 4	
R. Kingsland not out. 9	
E. Morgan b Brown. 3	
H. W. King run out. 0	
Extras. 3	
Total. 79	

BOWLING ANALYSIS

Belgrano—1st inn.				2nd inn.							
Bowler	o	M	R	W	Bowler	o	M	R	W		
C. R. Tupholme	17	4	40	4	J. Prentice	4	0	18	0		
R. Kingsland	15.4	2	50	3	W. H. Coe	3	1	27	1		
C. D. Moffatt	3	0	19	1	W. Bond	4	0	20	0		
J. Prentice	3	0	19	2	R. Kingsland	7	0	19	1		
Kingsland delivered one no-ball				E. Morgan				3	0	24	1

Banfield

W. G. Brown. 14	1	34	8
G. C. Barnard. 4	1	19	1
J. S. Prescott. 6	2	14	0
J. Harvey. 3.1	0	9	0

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THE BULLWHACKER'S PET

Written especially for "River Plate Sport and Pastime."

Like the rest of the pilgrims in the sixties, who could afford it, I arrived in Denver by stage: the railroad was already on its way to Colorado, but it had not got there yet. As our heavy Concord coach swung along over the prairie roads I stared with the eager eyes of one who is entering on a new world when I found myself being whirled past endless lines of freight wagons drawn by slow oxen, with their slow-moving slouch-hatted drivers walking beside them.

Nor did I let many days go by after my arrival before I managed to take my way to a camp of these slouch-hatted bullwhackers down in the cotton woods beside the Platte River. Bull-whackers and bull-teams were what you heard them called in those days; I don't know why people always called work-oxen bulls, but they did; and I badly wanted to know more about the ways of these strange animals as I sat there listening while the wagon boss gave an account of his earliest experience with them, at the time of the great rush to Pike's Peak.

"It was over yander whar' Golden now stands," he said, pointing to a gap in the foothills ten miles away; "our bull teams was skin poor and me and the boys I was with turned 'em loose to die the first winter. We didn't have no feed put up for 'em; 'twarn'd likely; so we jes' turned 'em loose and told 'em as they'd got to root hog or die whilst we stood guard over our claims till spring. We reckoned they'd die, sure.

"Come spring, I jes' thought I'd take a little pasear you see acrost them mesas yander. Holy Moses! but when I got over on Clear Creek thar' was them bulls. They hadn't died; they'd wintered themselves; they had so; and what's more, they'd come out rolling fat.

"I run back to the cabin the whole way. 'Boys,' I shouted, 'boys, it's a merricle. Them cattle ain't died. They're plumb fat and kicking up their heels.'"

"I don't quite see the miracle," I ventured to remark. "At least I know with us in England the Exmoor and Dartmoor ponies run out all winter."

"Ah, but you don't know much about this country yet," returned the wagon-boss. "This climate here's cold; it goes 'way down below zero every winter, and in most parts of the United States stock have to be kept in barns five months out of twelve. But it's natural as you shouldn't understand, seeing as how your feet is tender still."

The very phrase was new to me. What could he mean? I took his remark literally. "Oh, but my feet aren't at all tender, I assure you," replied I, looking down at my toes. "I've got good English shooting boots and I'm game to walk any distance."

How the boys did laugh, to be sure, while the boss kindly translated for my benefit.

"No, nor you haven't no call to laugh at him, Ike," he said suddenly, rounding on the leader of the scoffers. "It's five years since you first crossed the Plains, but I reckon your feet's tender yet, and they'll stay tender till the worms eat 'em."

Ike's laughter changed to a sardonic grin against himself as he shoved forward a big rough boot innocent of either blacking or grease.

"Wal, I guess I've got to acknowledge the corn," he admitted. "Thar's on'y wadding inside that boot where three toes had orter be. Froze 'em off I did somewheres betwixt the Smoky Hill Fork and the Platte River."

"Did you really?" cried I. "Oh, but I should like to hear that story;" and I pulled out my tobacco pouch and passed it round. "I hadn't any idea," continued I, "that people ever got frozen here." It was a lovely summer evening, and the fire by which we were smoking was only kept up for the sake of cooking and cheerfulness. Without more ado Ike filled his pipe and began:

"It was when the Pike's Peak excitement broke out and folks were in such a blamed hurry to get out here that they some of 'em actually piled their truck on to hand-carts and shoved 'em the whole five hundred miles from the States. But I didn't care about pushing no hand cart, me; so I paid a feller as had a bull-team fifteen dollars to tote my outfit along for me, and I jes' hoofed it alongside. We come the Smoky Hill route, and of course like the rest of the pilgrims we had to burn buffalo chips for our campfire. Every night when we made camp I used to take a gunny bag and skip around and pick up all the dry chips I could find, for it was late in the fall and the nights was getting mortal cold.

One night we made a dry camp in a place where chips was scarce and I wandered off a goodish way hunting for 'em. It had grown plumb dark when I'd filled the bag and turned to strike out for camp. I had started out south from the road, and all the time I was hunting for chips kept in my mind the straight bee-line direction that I orter take to get back to camp,—leastways that's what I thought. But after I turned for home I walked for hours and nary sign of camp could I see. At last I was clean give out, so I struck a match and lit a fire with my bag of chips and lay by it till dawn. I felt sure that come daylight I find the wagon again easy enough.

Daylight come, and I hunted for that wagon; but nary wagon! I kept on working northwards thinking I was bound to out the wheel-tracks sonewheres; but nary wheel-track! I was lost, that's what I was. I tell you it an awful thing to get lost on them Great Plains. I've thought of it often since, and I know now what must have happened to me, I must have crossed the road in the dark night without knowing it, so that every mile as I walked northwards looking for it I was leaving it further and further behind.

Wal, the second night I was plumb give out, and I was starving. But I still had matches and I made a fire of chips to sleep by. I hadn't no gun, no sort of weppin' cep't an old butcher knife. I dug grass roots with that and I chewed all the next day on them; but buffalo grass roots ain't what you might call nourishing.

I couldn't tell you how many days I went on like that, for I grew light-headed. I found water many times for all over the Plains the travelling buffalo herds have made regular big high roads for themselves, and as often as I'd strike one of them big buffalo roads I follow along it and swear to myself that it was the wagon road I'd lost, and that the hoof marks I see in was the tracks of our work bulls. Of course thar' was no wheel marks to be seen, but I made myself believe a thar' was; and I travelled hard as I could go, along them roads, like I was loony. But all the same them buffalo roads took me to water every time. I wore my butcher knife down to a miserable halfinch stump diggin' for grass roots. It was 'root little hog or die' for me I can tell you, but though I everlastingly rooted for all I was worth, I most nigh died.

At last my stock of matches give out, and then I thought I was going to die sure. In fact I guess I wanted to die; but I didn't; I wrestled on still somehow but the second night as I had no fire I froze three of my toes. Lord! but that night was cold. It got into the marrow of my bones, till I was crazy after some food as would warm me; and then first thing next mornin' I came upon a prairie dog town.

If I'd only had a revolver! But it was no use wishing. Lame as I was I ran here after them and I ran there, trying to catch 'em with my hands, but of course every time just before I got to the hole the dog popped down it out of sight. At last I fell from weakness. I was plumb petered out and I lay where I fell as still as a log. It happened as I lay close to the hole of the last dog that I chivied. I dunno how long I laid thar'—mebbe an hour. And as I lay I heered the dogs begin to come out of the holes near and go to squeaking again. They was mad at me lying thar.' And then I heered rustling of little feet, and here was the dog as owned the hole by which I layed coming up to inspect. I dunno how I done it, but sudden like I darted my hand out and I grabbed him.

Lord! but how that pesky critter bit me, bit my finger to the bone he did. But I squeezed the life out of him in half a jiff, and I opened him with my stump of a butcher knife, and I eat him thar, raw, blood, insides and all. I felt stronger then, and got up to take a look round, and the next thing I knowed here was three of them big gre' buffalo wolves a watching me. I see suthin' else too far away I see some black specks that I jes' swore to myself was our work-bulls, grazing.

"Saved," I called out. "Thanks be! I'm saved at last," and I started for 'em. Would you believe it? them wolves come sneaking after me! They smelt the blood of the prairie dog on me, and suspicioned I was wounded. 'Course they came along pretty cautious, for I might have been a hunter with a gun for all they knowed, but they was smart enough to spot that I was walking powerful weak, and they followed me.

Wal I walked and walked till I could see them black specks plain as I see you, and then you can bet your life they warn't no work-bulls; they was nothing but buffalo. Truth to tell I knowed as much before; but when a man

more'n half mad he plays it on himself that things ain't what they rightly are. And so I went on playing with myself even after I knowed. I set myself to still-hunt 'em—played it that I was a professional buffalo hunter who was going to shoot a fat cow meat. Them wolves sneaked off again when they saw me go to playing hunter so earnestlike, and I guess they concluded to look out for a calf for themselves. Likely they told themselves that fat buffalo calf was sweeter than man-meat any day. As for me, you bet you, I still-hunted them buffalo good. I got down-wind of 'em, and I crept and crawled till I was within a hundred yards, and then I put up my head, holding my butcher knife like it was a pistol, and I drew a bead on one of 'em, squinting along the back of it same as it had sights. Loony, yes you bet I was loony, and it was enough to make any man loony to see a thousand of them critters stomping around and each last one of them carrying a thousand pounds of good fat Fall meat, and me there starving in the midst of plenty.

But as they stomped around I seen something else with the buffalo that made my heart give a jump. It was a great big red steer with short curly horns. He was for all the world the exact spirit an' image of old Dave, a big wheel ox that my daddy owned. I watched him and I seen he moved round amongst the buffalo sort of friendly like. They 'peared to be used to him and didn't mind one bit.

I tumbled to it at once as he was jes' a stray work-bull as had got lost from somebody's bull team crossing the Plains and had took up with the buffalo for company. So next thing I give up being a buffalo hunter and let on myself instead that I was a bull-whacker, played it as how this ox really was my daddy's old Dave, played it as how he'd got lost on the Plains same as me, and now here was the pair of us met together again. We wasn't a very well matched pair though, for I was skin poor and Dave was rolling fat on buffalo grass. But you can't fatten no buffalo grass roots.

Just as I was thinking this, Dave, for I was so childish I did really call him that to myself, put up his great broad face, and he seen me at once. The buffalo hadn't taken no notice of me, but cattle has a heap better sight than buffalo. And he looked and he looked, and he began to walk my way slowly; you bet, cattle air mighty inquisitive critters. I lay right still, and Dave came slouching along just like any other old work-bull; up he came holding his head high till I could see the big fleshy nose of him snuffing to smell what I was.

When he got close 'Whoa-a, Dave,' says I talking to him very soft; and then I kept on talking quietly to him, bull-whacker's talk. He knowed what it was, you bet, and it reminded him of old times, and he stood thar' patiently listening to my chin music. Then I got up, allers very quiet, and keeping him betwixt me and the buffalo, I went gently up to him. He stood like a lamb. My old dad's Dave was the quietest old wheel-ox ever you see, and this Dave was jes' the same.

'Woo-haw, Dave,' says I, 'woo-come;' and he swung around 'haw (that's to the left) at the word, for all the world as if he was turning the plough at the end of the furrow. I made him come haw two or three times and he minded my voice everytime. Then I stepped alongside him and laid my hand on his back. He started at that and made as if to run off. 'Yay-ee-ee,' says I warningly, and he stopped as obedient as you please. I got my hand on him again and handled him all over, and he stood like a lamb.

But the taste of that prairie dog was in my mouth still and it made me ravenous for meat. You'll scarce believe it, but the very first thing I done, I felt for his jugular, and I got out my butcher knite and set the stub point of it against the vein and tried to cut in. Lord love you! that stub of a butcher knite wouldn't no more'n jes' scratch Dave's thirk hide; but he felt the scratch of it, and he let a little bawl out of him and jumped away from me sideways.

And as soon as he bawled the buffalo heard him and looked up and some on 'em seen me and the next moment they was scooting off acrost the prairie lickity-split as tight as they could send. They'd been hunted enough to know what the sight of a man meant.

Dave he starts to run after 'em, but 'Yay-ee-ee,' shouts I to him again, not soft this time but loud and angry. He stopped. I ran to his head and hammered him over the nose with the handle of the butcher knite. 'Back there,' I says to him. 'Git back.' I believe he thought he had the old ox-yoke on his neck a ready; anyway he backed: old use and wont was too much for him when he

heard a man's voice. I kept him there woo-hawing and backing as if we was working a log-wagon in thick timber till them buffalo was miles away, clean out of sight and hearing. Then I starts out to drive Dave north and find that road. For I still thought it was north I'd got to go.

Lord! but if I was to talk for a week I never could make you understand what company that steer was to me. I hoofed it alongside him all day: we got that friendly that I held on to his tail at last and let him tow me same as if I was hanging on to the back of a wagon. I believe I could have rid on his back if I'd bin strong enough to climb on. I stopped two or three hours to dig grass roots in the afternoon and Dave jes' grazed around.

Come night I feared as I'd lose my companion, so I made him lay down, and we was that familiar by then that he let me lay down beside him right up again his back. Scott! but that was bully. Dave's warm body kept me warmer'n a fire. I didn't freeze no more toes that night, tho' of course, like all cattle, Dave had to get up for a couple of hours in the middle of the night and feed awhile before he'd lay down again and chew his cud. But I walked round with him in the dark while he fed, standing just to leeward of him so he'd kind of act as a wind break and keep the wind off me. And then when he laid down after midnight I cuddled up to his warm side a second time. I'd have froze sure but for him. He jes' saved my life and I knowed it.

Four days and four nights I wandered round with that ox, working north all the time and living on grass roots for I couldn't catch no more prairie dogs.

And then on the fourth day I chanced upon a lady."

"A lady," I exclaimed, breaking in on Ike's story. "Do you mean to say there was a lady, a white woman, wandering about lost on the Plains at the same time as you?"

"That's whar' she was right enough," returned Ike, "but she wasn't lost much. She was setting on a fine American horse with a fine new lady's saddle cinched on his back. Soon as she saw me with Dave she loped up to us.

'Mornin,' mister,' says she when she got pretty close, "Seen any more stray work cattle around?"

'No, mam,' says I, 'I don't seem to have seed no cattle 'cept this ox, not for about a year and a half.' And with that I luffed right out, for I was plumb light-headed.

She looked me all over from head to foot. She was jes' as rosy as an apple and as sassy as a jay-bird.

'Why whar' you bin so long?' says she. 'You do look mighty peaked. D'you belong to one of them busted outfits returning from Pike's Peak?'

There was heaps of fellers that year as started out with 'Pike's Peak or Bust' painted big on their wagon covers, and a lot of 'em when they got thar' soured on the whole show and wrote up 'Busted' instead, and turned and lit out for home.

'No, mam,' says I, 'I'm about busted but I'm not going back. I'm going to Pike's Peak. Can you tell me, mam,' says I, 'whar'abouts the Smoky Hill road is? I've bin looking for it quite a whiles but I don't quite seem to find it.'

'Why, pore man,' says she mighty pitiful and looking at me harder'n ever, 'I do believe you've bin' starved. Why the Smoky Hill Fork's hundreds of miles away from here. Yander's the Platte jes' beyond that bluff, and my husband, Major Beech, is camped down there with his wagon train. We've lost one of our best steers and we thought as some of them busted outfits of returning emigrants had bin' and stolen it. He's gone down the Platte road to try and overtake 'em.' Then she looked hard at Dave and began to ask questions.

'What steer's that you're driving thar' anyway? Whose team does he belong to?'

'Belongs to me, mam,' says I, 'but I ai't a working of him. I've just got him along for a kind of pet, something to talk to and keep me warm o' nights.'

She looked at me as if I had got six heads; nor I don't wonder if she thought I was loony.

'I gather as how you didn't come up the Platte, then,' she says suspiciously.

'No, mam,' says I, 'I've come out over the Smoky Hill route. It's kind of accidental as I've took this little pasear acrss to the Platte. And I'm travelin' light, you see.'

"What!" she cries, 'you're alone? You've got no outfit? you've come all that way with no blankets and no food?'

'Yes, mam,' says I, 'I've had some food. I've eat a whole prairie dog. And I've dug grass roots mostly. But I feel as if it was a year since I had a square meal.'

'Pore man!' says she softly, and I swear she looked as if she was going to cry. 'You must come right down to our camp and let me give you some food,' she says, 'and Major Beech shall fix you up the best way he can.'

She wanted to get off her horse right thar' and make me ride instead of her, but I hadn't got as low as all that, and I stumped it on my lame foot right down to the Platte.

Lord! but how good Mrs. Beech did fix me! She had some buffalo meat a stewing over the fire, and I begged and begged of her till I cried to get her to give me a full meal of it; but she was rocky, she was, and nary morsel of solid meat did I get at first. Broth she gave me, and only three spoonfuls at a time of that, but she sat there all day long and give me my three spoonfuls every few minutes till by evening I began to feel a heap better. A full meal of meat would have killed me right thar' and she knew it. She was a white woman if ever thar' was one. She brought me round.

Major Beech came back after a while. He'd overtook the train of returning emigrants but he hadn't found his strayed work-bull with them, and one of his own bull-whackers who'd been looking for tracks while Major Beech was gone swore as he'd trailed the lost bull down to the Platte and he must have gone in and got swallowed up in a quicksand. Thar's quicksand in the bed of the Platte that'll swallow a horse or a steer right out of sight in five minutes.

But I loaned Dave to the Major to work instead of him, and they hauled me to Denver in one of his wagons, and the doctor thar' cut off them three toes I'd froze and said I was powerful lucky to save the foot. But it's a good useful foot still to stump alongside a bull team on.

I never found the feller as had my outfit on his wagon: when I got lost I reckon he must have put me down as died intestate and appointed himself executor and heir at law to the 'hull lot of it. Anyway I never seen no more of him or of my property. But I froze to Dave. Major Beech 'ud have bought him of me, but I wouldn't sell him. I took a job at bull-whacking myself and I made it part of the bargain with the wagon-boss to keep that ox along with the herd. He don't do no work, the old sinner, but jes' loaf's round."

"Why, thar' he is now," cried Ike's chum who was lying smoking beside the fire. "Blamed if I don't think he allus hears when you got to gassing about him."

Ike sprang up, went to his wagon, and putting his hand inside brought out a fistful of salt.

"Woo-come, Dave," said he, "woo-come!" and a big red steer advanced half shyly into the firelight, breathing deep and loud, as he thrust forward his broad upturned face, his fleshy lips working with anticipation.

Ike held out the salt and the great rough tongue eagerly licked it off his master's hand.

"Tame as a little fyce dog," said Ike's chum as he lazily rolled his huge length over to watch the performance. "Of all the gaul-derned pets to keep! But thar! I s'pose he saved your pore feet if you did lose them toes."

"He saved more'n that for me," Ike flung back at him over his shoulder as he scratched the curly front of the big steer, "Saved my wits he did. If it hadn't bin for Dave's company I'd have gone mad, sure."

THE BREEZY SAILOR LAD.

"The breezy sailor lad" has come and gone,
No more his stalwart form we'll see,
Our hearts are sad, but not from love alone.
We wonder if our pockets share immunity.

He came, and conquered hearts of ladies,
And borrowed from his friends galore,
And all the sailor lad has paid is
A mid-night flitting to another shore.

The breezy sailor lad has "done a bilk,"
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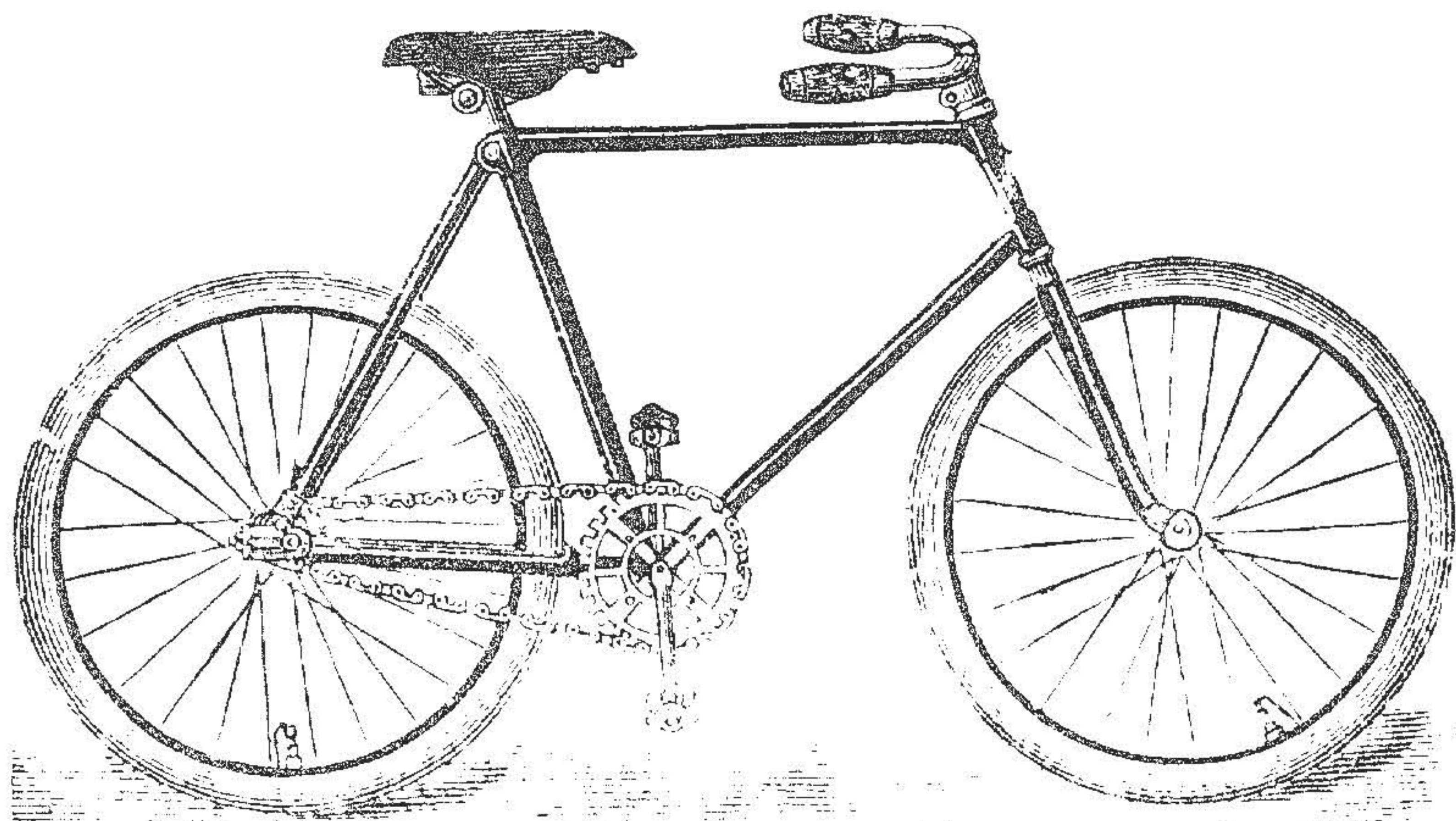
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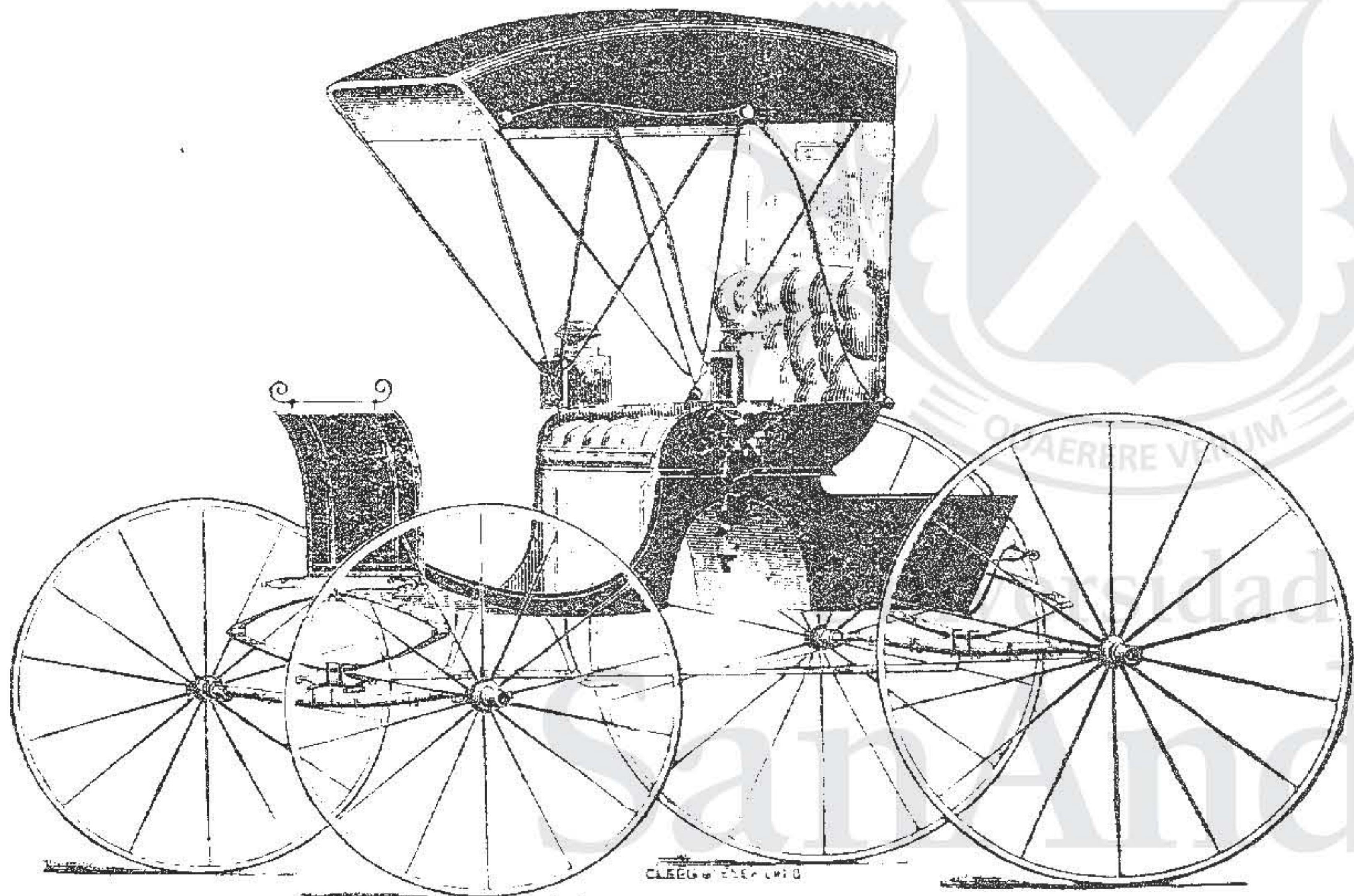
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