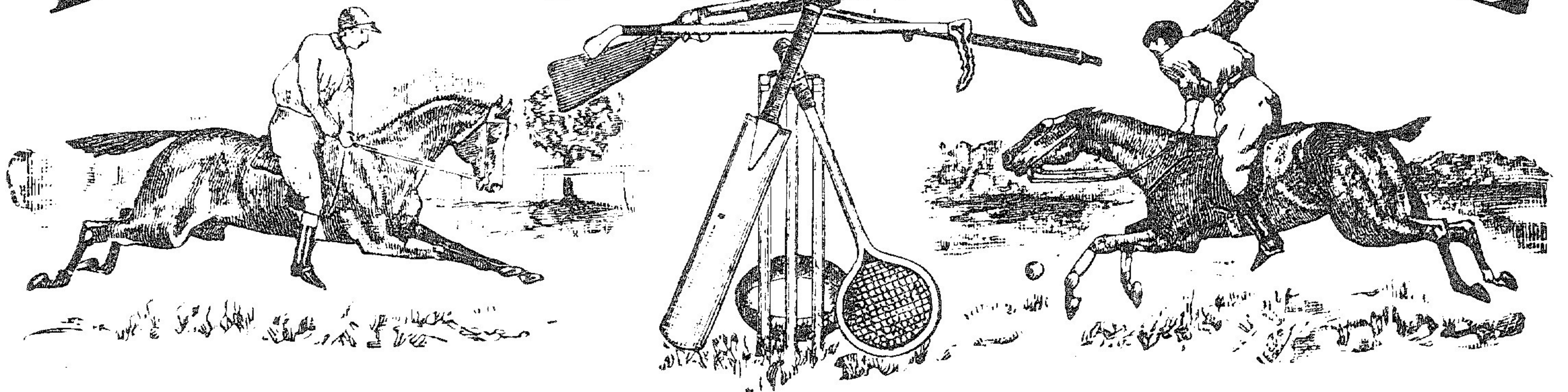


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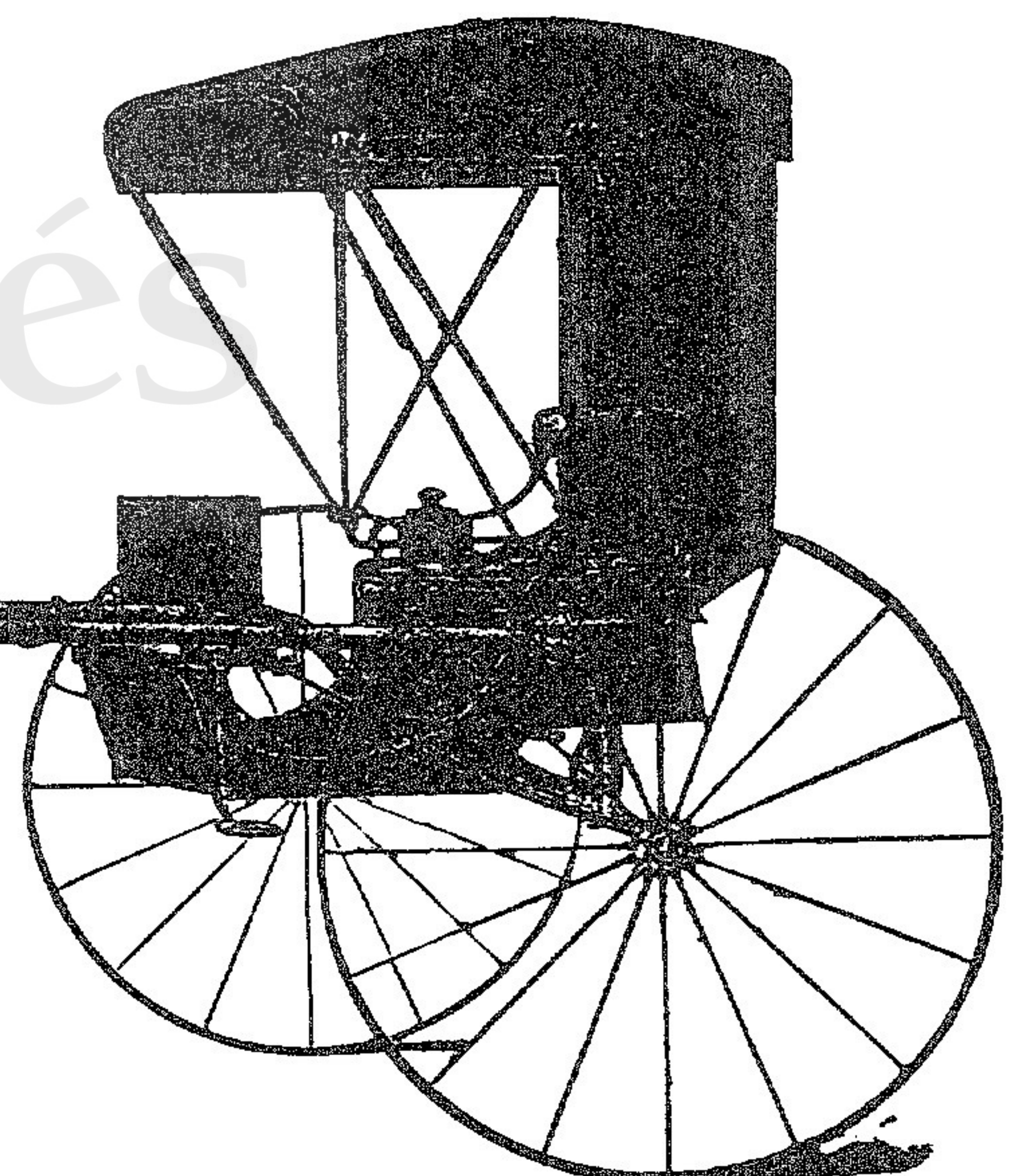
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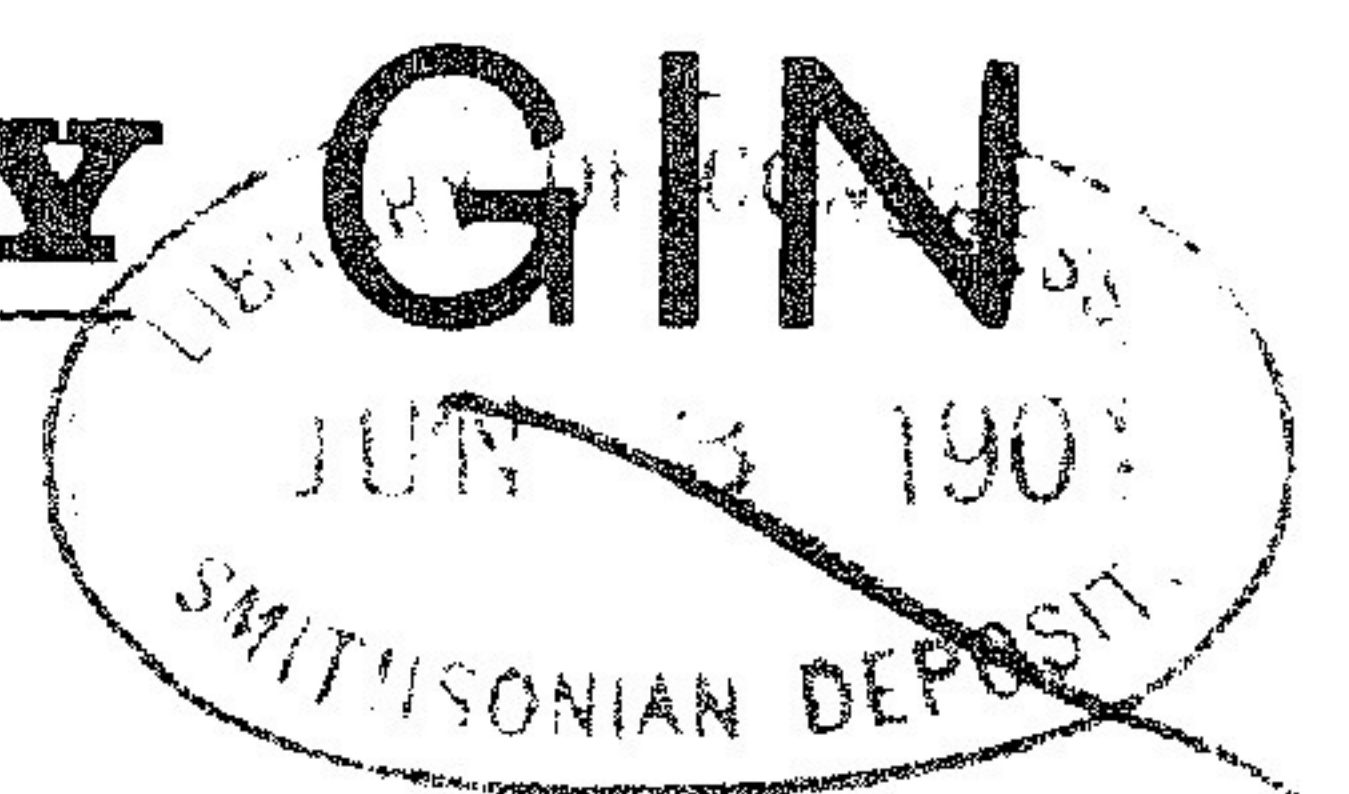
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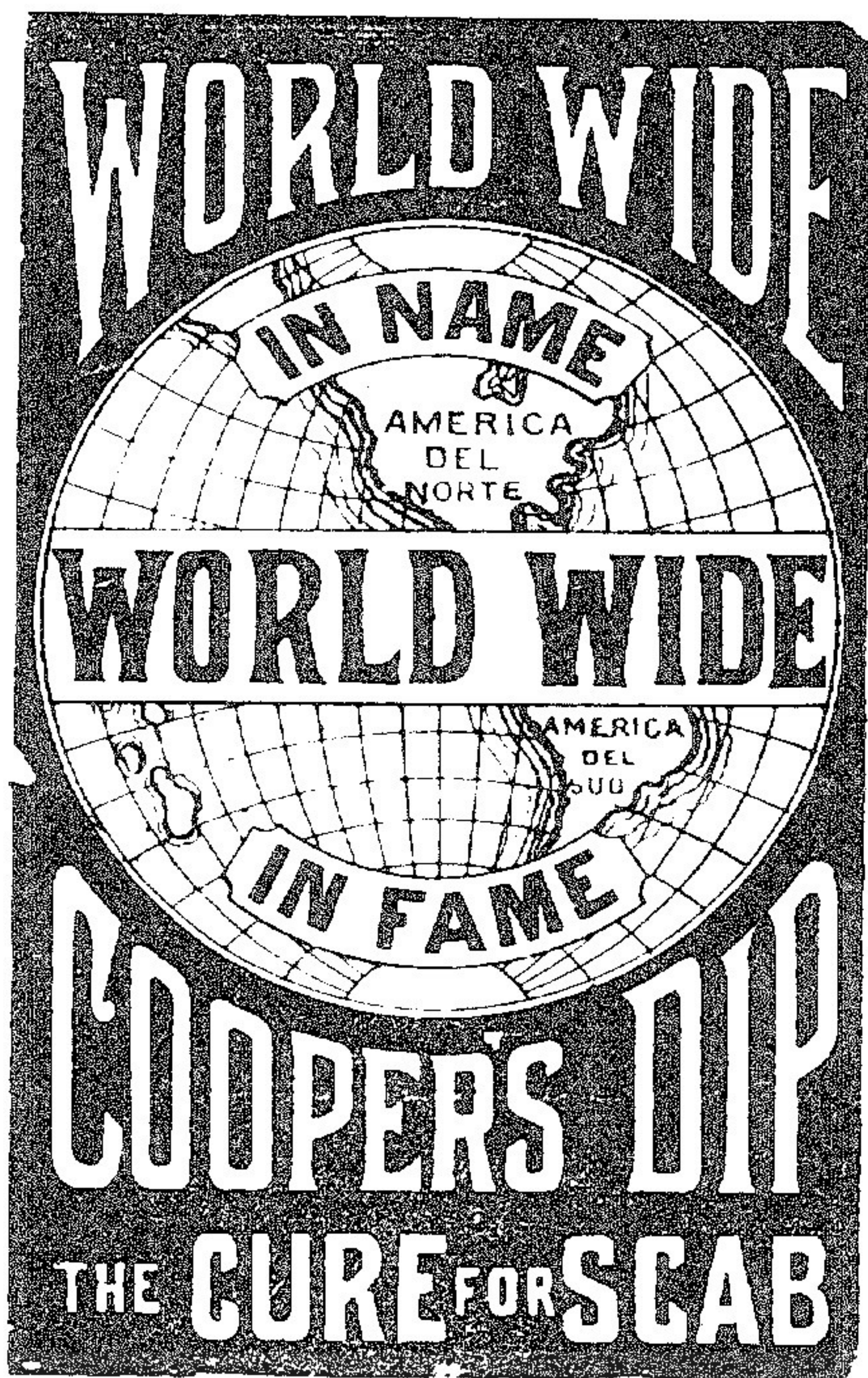
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BUENOS AIRES, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 1901.

LAWN TENNIS

LOMAS v. SANTA LUCIA,

This match, played at Lomas on Sunday last, resulted as shown by the scores in a win for Santa Lucia by five matches to three, the last match being drawn as the light was too bad to finish. Scores:

Santa Lucia.

- W. Leslie and S. Walker beat
 H. Cowes and J. A. Gibson, 6-5, 6-3.
 C. Gibson and E. Gibson, 6-3, 6-1.
- C. H. Menzies and D. Leighton beat
 F. Jacobs and H. Mohr Bell, 2-6, 6-1, 6-4.
 C. Gibson and E. Gibson, 6-0, 6-2.
 H. Cowes and J. A. Gibson, 6-3, 4-6, 6-3.

Lomas

- H. Cowes and J. A. Gibson beat
 C. S. Nixon and P. Eppenstein, 5-6, 6-1, 6-4.
- H. Mohr Bell and F. Jacobs beat
 C. S. Nixon and P. Eppenstein, 6-2, 6-4.
 W. Leslie and S. Walker, 6-1, 6-5.

Drawn—

- C. S. Nixon and P. Eppenstein winning 6-0, 4-2 from
 C. and E. Gibson.

Result—

Santa Lucia .. 5 matches, 12 setts, 99 games,
 Lomas .. 3 , 8 , 80 ,

BUENOS AIRES LAWN TENNIS CLUB. GENTLEMEN'S DOUBLES.

The above club held a tournament consisting of Gentlemen's Doubles on Sunday last. Play was on the American system and was of a higher order than usual, some of the play being most exciting. As may be seen from the result given below the handicapping was very good, W. Lovett and L. H. Knight only winning by a single game. There were many visitors to the courts during the afternoon.

The following are the details of the score:

W. Lovett and L. H. Knight (+ 3/6 15)	..	51	games
L. Corry Smith and A. Anderson (- 3/6 15)	..	50	>
E. S. Knight and A. J. McMorran (- 40)	..	46	>
T. V. M. Knox and J. H. D. Phelps (- 3/6 15)	..	42	>
E. Parfitt and C. W. Thompson (+ 15)	..	39	>
H. L. Kidd and H. H. Woodgate (- 15)	..	38	>
T. R. L. Abbott and P. A. F. Dawney (+ 15)	..	34	>
C. W. Cumming and H. Tudor (+ 2/6 15)	..	32	>
A. Inglis and F. L'E. Wallace (+ 15)	..	28	>

Members of the B.A.L.T.C. are reminded that entries for next Sunday's Mixed Doubles close on Friday evening next.

POLO

HURLINGHAM.

April 21st.—There having been no polo on Friday extra keenness was displayed on Sunday. Thirteen players were on the ground, and the game commenced at 2.30. Some seven quarters were played, several of them very fast, but the ground has got into a terrible bad state owing to the dry weather, and good hitting is at present well nigh an impossibility, so a first-class game is out of the question. As for no two consecutive quarters did the same side play together it is not possible to give a detailed account of the game. The following were playing: R. Moncrieff, A. M. Challinor, E. Robson, C. Jefferies, R. Leys, B. Bedford, H. Schwind, E. Drabble, J. Ravenscroft, A. and R. Willes, R. Sanderson, and A. McMorran.

GOLF.

FLORES GOLF LINKS.

The above links were formally opened for the season last Sunday, when a Bogey Competition was held, which attracted a fair number of entries. The Colonel had a regular red-letter day, as the winner of the competition, H. Hume, was six down to him. The links are somewhat on the hard side and require rain, but are wonderfully good for all that, and they certainly promise to be better than ever. The greens are also in capital order. In the afternoon some very enjoyable foursomes were played, and altogether the opening day of the Flores links for Season 1901 was a complete success.

The following is the result of the Bogey Competition:

	Down
H. Hume (scr) ..	6
J. Majoribanks (scr) ..	8
A. Mohr Bell (-3) ..	8
P. L. G. Bridger (-2) ..	8
J. W. Taylor (-9) ..	9
J. S. Agar (-) ..	9
J. C. Bell (-18) ..	9
J. O. Anderson (-9) ..	10
M. L. Runciman (-2) ..	10
D. King (-12) ..	11
W. A. Agar (scr) ..	12
A. Macdonald (-3) ..	13
F. E. Jones (-8) ..	15
J. T. Leitch (-5) ..	15
H. B. Elliot, Jr. (-9) ..	16

MONTEVIDEO GOLF LINKS.

The opening game of the season took place on Sunday the 14th inst., when a friendly match between the Captain's and Treasurer's sides was played. The links, like all our own here, are very hard but improving. The following was the result of the game:

Captain's Side	HOLES	Treasurer's Side	HOLES
A. D. Dunbar ..	4	J. M. Ellery ..	0
E. O. Crocker ..	0	J. S. Reid ..	9
P. H. Vignoles ..	5	C. J. Rippin ..	0
D. Scott ..	2	H. Marshall ..	0
J. Adams ..	7	F. B. Hill ..	0
Total ..	18	Total ..	9

BUENOS AIRES GOLF CLUB.

The links of the above Club at Rivadavia were formally opened on Sunday last, when the first of the monthly competitions was held. The links are sadly in need of rain, although playing through the green there is not much to complain of, the usual generous supply of hoof marks on this course being conspicuous by their absence. The greens, however, are in anything but good condition, the weather being all against them.

The following is the result of Sunday's competition:

	1st Round	2nd Round	Gross	Handicap	Total
F. H. Benn ..	51	51	102	-8	94
Dr. Petty ..	49	47	96	scr	96
A. Soley ..	56	56	112	-15	97
T. T. Watson ..	50	50	100	scr	100
W. Miller ..	57	49	106	-6	100
G. T. Cripps ..	56	54	110	-10	100
H. D. MacMaster ..	55	55	110	-10	100
G. B. Pearson ..	56	61	117	-15	102
W. G. Mackern ..	60	59	119	-15	104
W. Higgins ..	53	53	106	scr	106

CRICKET.

CRICKET IN THE SOUTH.

A most enjoyable cricket match was played at Curumalan on Saturday and Sunday, 13th and 14th insts., the teams competing being La Colina versus Curumalan. Mr. Eric Smith provided an excellent matting pitch, the ground being an ideal one, either for cricket or polo, and ably assisted by the staff of Curumalan, gave the Colina boys a real good time.

After the first innings on either side was finished, and the weather being decidedly wintry, a football match (Socker) was played between Curumalan and Colina. The latter were victorious by one goal to nil. Some of the players in this football match had not played for several years, and the play was fast, furious, and amusing. Our veteran sportsman, Mr. Boote, came out in flying colours, and evidently there is no sport he does not shine at.

The Colina boys proved rather strong for Curumalan. In Roach they have a good bowler.

Appended are the scores:—

CURAMALAN		COLINA	
1st inn		1st inn	
J. Russell b James	12	J. James b Roach	46
J. Dickenson b Pearson	7	E. Bridger b Roach	0
R. Booth (capt) c Bridger b James	0	G. Williams b Speck	11
A. Speck not out	14	C. Pearson b Roach	31
W. Norris b Pearson	4	O. Hoare b Roach	3
E. A. Smith b Pearson	2	H. Power run out	16
J. Kelly c and b Pearson	0	J. Boote (capt.) c Norris b Kelly	0
R. Furlong b Pearson	0	M. Bagley b Roach	0
N. Bower b Pearson	3	H. Colson b Roach	2
P. Scott b James	5	L. Wilson not out	4
T. Roach b Pearson	1	W. Tebbitt c Norris b Roach	1
Extras	7	Extras	20
Total	55	Total	134
2nd inn		2nd inn	
b James	0	not out	65
b Pearson	5	b Roach	17
run out	0	c Russell b Roach	1
b James	1	b Roach	8
c James b Pearson	11	b Booth	10
b James	0	b Roach	2
b James	0	{did not bat	
b James	0	not out	17
b Pearson	0	b Roach	0
not out	9	b Speck	10
b Pearson	15	Extras	22
b James	0	Total (for 7 wkts)*	152
Extras	11		

* Innings declared closed.

FOOTBALL

ASSOCIATION
ENGLAND v. WALES

On March 18th, at Newcastle, a crowd of about 11,000 spectators witnessed a brilliant victory by the English side, which was considerably stronger than that which won so narrow a victory over Ireland. Although at half-time they were only leading by a goal to love, they were all through much the better side. The forwards were especially good, and Beats played a sound, though not conspicuous, game in the centre. Bloomer was in great shooting form, whilst the two Corinthians, R. E. Foster and B. O. Corbett, on the left wing, played excellently together. The only goal of the first half came from a beautiful run and centre by the latter, which Bloomer put past Roose. The Welshmen made some attacks, but Oakley and Crabtree were safe at back, and Kingsley, after one weak save, dealt with everything else very comfortably. The second half saw some rapid scoring. Within five minutes a penalty kick was given against the Welsh defence for fouling Foster, and Needham easily beat Roose. Bloomer actually scored three times, getting cleverly into position to receive his passes, and Foster claimed one with a really brilliant shot. Result:—England, 6 goals; Wales nil.

England: Kingsley (Newcastle United, goal), Crabtree (Aston Villa), W. J. Oakley (Corinthians) (back), Wilkes (Aston Villa), Bannister (Burnley), Needham (Sheffield United) (half backs), Bennett (Sheffield United), Bloomer (Derby County) Beats (Wolverhampton Wanderers), R. E. Foster (Corinthians), B. O. Corbett (Corinthians) (forwards).

Wales: L. R. Roose (London Welsh, goal), S. Meredith (Chirk), C. Morris (Derby County) (backs), M. Parry (Liverpool), W. J. Jones (Aberdare), E. Hughes (Tottenham Hotspur) (half backs), D. H. Pugh (Lincoln City), W. Meredith (Manchester City), H. Morgan-Owen (Rhyl), T. D. Parry (Oswestry), E. Williams (Druids) (forwards).

Referee, Mr Tom Robertson (Scotland).

RUGBY

WALES v. IRELAND.

On March 16th at Swansea the last of the International Rugby matches for the season was played before an enormous crowd, which had the gratification of seeing the home side win. It cannot, however, be said that anything but the result was encouraging, for Ireland had much the better of the game. Wales had all the better of the luck, which in some matches counts for more than the play, as it certainly did at Swansea.

The conditions for the match were perfect, the turf being springy without being soft, and no wind hampered the kicking. Ireland won the toss, and Bancroft kicked off. His side followed up hard, and the ball was kicked to Boyd, who made his mark, and found touch by his own 25 flag. At the line out the Irish got the ball and took it away out of danger. Gabe put in a strong run, but the Irish forwards slowly got the better of it, and rushed their opponents a few yards at a time until they got close to the line. Irwin picked up, and threw to J. Ryan, who forced his way over at the left corner, a try which Magee could not improve.

Magee returned the drop-out to Bancroft, who waited too long, and was tackled with the ball, but he made some amends a little later by a good kick which cleared his lines. Llewellyn and Gabe put in good runs, and the latter got to the Irish 25, but the forward rushes of the Ryans, Allen and Harvey brought the ball to the Welsh end again. Bancroft's kick made very little ground, and there was a number of tight scrums in front of the posts. Doran received from Magee, and after making a good opening, passed to Freear, who went over with the second try, but Magee just missed improving.

Before the first twenty minutes had gone, Davidson gained a third try, but Irwin who took the kick, was unlucky enough to send it just under the bar. However, they had gained a nice point lead, but the Welshmen played up well, and their backs began to get more of the game, each in turn making some ground. At length Llewellyn on the extreme right broke away, and kicked well across the field. Running straight on, he endeavoured to place his men on-side, and Alexander who was lying well up, got the ball and ran in behind the posts. It was rather a doubtful point as to whether Llewellyn had got up to him, but the referee ruled it a try, and Bancroft easily converted.

Half-time came directly afterwards, and for the first quarter of an hour the Irishmen were attacking strongly. They were constantly on the point of scoring, but nothing quite came off. The three-quarters, though they had pace, were not accurate in their passing, and several good chances came to nothing. It should be added, too, that the defence of the Welsh backs was very fine. By degrees the visitors seemed to tire, and the Welsh forwards for the first time began to rush them, Brice heading their efforts again and again. A second try was gained in almost exactly the same way as the first, for Davies kicked across, and the ball touching one of the defenders, all were on-side. Blake got to the ball and ran over, and Bancroft's kick put Wales a point in front. From this point to the finish Wales had the better of it, and Gabe was twice nearly over, and Nicholls narrowly missed a dropped goal. Magee, of course, was always dangerous, but was well watched and could never get away. Result:—Wales, 2 goals (10 points); Ireland, 3 tries (9 points).

Wales—Back, *W. J. Bancroft (Swansea) (capt.); three-quarter backs, *W. Llewellyn (London Welsh), *E. Gwyn Nicholls (Cardiff), *Geo. Davies (Swansea), and R. T. Gabe (London Welsh); half-backs R. Jones (Swansea) and R. M. Owen (Swansea); forwards, *A. Brice (Aberavon), *F. Millar (Mountain Ash), *George Boots (Newport), *F. Scrines (Swansea), *J. Blake (Cardiff), *Hopkin Davies (Swansea), *W. H. Alexander (Llwynpia), and Robert Jones (Llwynpia).

Ireland—Back, *C. Boyd (Dublin Wanderers); three-quarter backs, *A. E. Freear (Lansdowne), *G. P. Doran (Lansdowne), *J. B. Allison (Queen's College, Belfast, and Edinburgh University), and *J. Davidson (North of Ireland); half-backs, *L. M. Magee (Bective Rangers and London Irish) (capt.) and *J. H. Ferris (Belfast); forwards, *M. Ryan (Rockwell College, Tipperary), *J. Ryan (Rockwell College, Tipperary), *C. E. Allen (Derry and Liverpool), *F. Gardiner (North of Ireland), *T. A. Harvey (Dublin University), *S. T. Irwin (Queen's College, Belfast), *J. Healy (Limerick), and *J. Coffey (Lansdowne).

*Old International.

Referee: Mr. George H. Harnett.

HUNTING

HURLINGHAM DRAG HUNT.

The Annual Meeting of the Hunt took place at the town offices of the Hurlingham Club, San Martin 121, at 4.30 p.m. on Tuesday, the 16th inst., the President, Sir William Barrington, in the Chair.

The attendance was larger than usual, showing that interest in the sport afforded is increasing.

The Report and Accounts for the past season, presented by the Master, Mr. C. R. Thursby, were read and approved, and it was decided that the financial position of the Hunt was strong enough to rely on the ordinary subscriptions without calling for extraneous aid.

A discussion took place as to the steps to be taken with regard to the construction of a bridge over the Arroyo Moron, and it was pointed out that the Hunt could not be fairly called upon to bear the entire cost, as the neighbouring farmers, as well as all members, and others, riding or driving from Buenos Aires, Belgrano, Devoto, etc., would benefit by its existence.

It was decided, therefore, to open a Subscription List, headed by the Hurlingham Club and the Hunt Club, with the purpose of collecting the necessary funds—estimated at one thousand dollars—and that the Hunt Club would supervise the construction. Subscriptions towards the Bridge, as well as the Annual Hunt Subscription now due, to be payable to Mr. A. S. Willes, 20 Reconquista.

After a vote of thanks to Sir William Barrington, the proceedings terminated.

PONY RACING.

HURLINGHAM THE MEMBERS' CUP.

The following are the Entries and Weights for the Members' Cup:—

	Kilos
Mr. J. N. Drysdale's Kenneth	78
Do. Winitred	75
Mr. J. Ravenscroft's Chatterbox	75
Do. La Guerra	75
Mr. E. D. Drabble's Indio	75
Mr. A. K. B. Mackintosh's Dorothy	75
Baron Peers' Chaparron, ex Don Carlos	75
Mr. R. Leys' Try Over	72

THE HOMAN CUP BONNET BOX VICTORIOUS

For the following interesting account of a race in which Bonnet Box was successful recently we are indebted to the *Cape Times*:—

Yesterday afternoon quite a large crowd wended their way to Kenilworth to witness the sport which the generosity of Messrs. Homan, Weil, and Sanderson had provided. It was indeed a treat to get out in the cool, or comparatively cool, atmosphere and pleasant surroundings after a sweltering day in town. Cabs and carts round Kenilworth were almost as busy as on race days in conveying the public to and from the racecourse. At the gates everyone paid, and it is most satisfactory to be able to say that fully 600 persons paid for admission, so that the Widows and Orphans' Fund will benefit by that number of shillings. In addition to this, the jockeys in the race for the Homan Cup, Messrs. Purcell, Boardman, and Head, relinquished their jockey's fees for the benefit of the same fund. There was a good proportion of the fair sex present, and when they had inspected the handsome silver cup, a splendid specimen of the silversmith's art, produced at the establishment of Messrs. Myers Bros., Adderley-street, Cape Town, and exhibited on the members' stand, they crowded in the paddock to see the horses. For the first race, on appearance in the paddock, and for its freedom of movement in the preliminary canter, Bonnet Box was voted the plum. The betting opened at 2 to 1 on, and closed at 4 to 1 on, Moss's Sweep, which was next in demand, being supported pretty freely at sixes, while Simon's Bay was almost friendless at tens. For a moment or so, in the last furlong, Bonnet Box must have caused its backers some little anxiety, but the moment it made its final movement, it reassured everyone, and won with something in hand from Moss's Sweep at the finish.

The officials were Messrs. J. B. Lindley, judge: R. Dove, clerk of the scales; A. W. Ridlington, starter; and Graham Cloete, secretary.

THE HOMAN CUP.—Value £50.

Mr. F. Furber's Bonnet Box, 9 st. Boardman 1
Mr. Sanderson's Moss's Sweep, 9 st. S. Purcell 2
Mr. S. Weil's Simon's Bay, 9 st. Head 3

The weights were raised to 9 st. by the donor of the cup with the consent of the owners of the runners.

Betting: 4 to 1 on Bonnet Box, 6 to 1 against Moss's Sweep, 10 to 1 Simon's Bay.

The flag fell to a splendid start. Moss's Sweep showed in front, but gave way after 100 yards to Simon's Bay who cut out the pace at fine speed. Coming round the bend, Simon's Bay had a two-lengths' lead, which it had increased to three at the top of the straight. Coming down the straight, Simon's Bay still went strongly, but Bonnet Box closed on her, and led 150 yards from home. Then Moss's Sweep joined issue, and forty yards further on was leading. Boardman then made his effort, caught Moss's Sweep thirty yards from home, and won well by half a length, two lengths between second and third. The jockeys weighed in all right, and Mr. Lindley presented the cup to Mr. Furber. In doing so he congratulated him on his sportsmanlike conduct, and on the fine race he had given. He thanked him and the other owners for having afforded such excellent sport, and in so doing, subscribing indirectly to the funds of a worthy cause, and the public for their attendance; in particular, he thanked the jockeys, Messrs Boardman, Purcell, and Head, for their generosity in relinquishing their riding fees to the same fund, for widows and orphans of soldiers fallen in the war.

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RACING.

BELGRANO—APRIL 20.

This Meeting, which was put off on Thursday on account of the rain, came off to-day in better weather, but the cold southeaster was not inviting, and as most people preferred waiting for the good programme next day at Palermo the attendance was scanty.

There were several upsets, though the meagre betting prevented the dividends from running to big figures, and some other coups were not far from coming off, notably Santa Lucia in the first race and Criollita in the third.

Ruy Blas disposed of a whole battalion in the opening 1300 metres, and though known to be fancied by the stable, paid the highest quota of the day.

Zara was a foregone conclusion in the Maiden, and then Tántalo, though a bad last the previous Sunday, carried top-weight into first place in the Selling Mile.

Eclairé kept up his reputation for speed in the 1100 metres sprint, and then Bandolero upset calculations in the Mile Handicap, and would have paid handsomely with a bigger field.

Espadin with a featherweight was nearly allowed to run away with the 1900 metres, that good horse Eclat just getting up in time by dint of sheer staying power.

The following are the details:—

PREMIO PALERMO, handicap for horses that have won more than once Weight 52 kilos. Three kilos extra to winners. \$1300 to first, 100 to second. 1300 metres.

Stud Las Rosas' Ruy Blas, by Exmoor—Troja, 3 y. 55 k. G. Morales 1
 Ecurie Paysandú's Westfalia, 4 y. 53 k. P. Aguirre 2
 Stud Luis Chico's Santa Lucia, 4 y. 53 k. F. Olivera 3
 Also ran—Primer Consul, Sandez, Iniciacion, Motin, Special, As de Espadas, Gacela, Diana, Bella Eloisa, Cerros Blancos, Aparicio, Roi d'Atout, Palladium, Bretagne, Abdiel and Fin de Siglo
 Dividends—Ruy Blas \$29.70 and 8.60 place, Westfalia 5.25 place, Santa Lucia 27.15 place.

PREMIO BELGRANO, for two-year-olds that have not won. Weight 54 kilos. \$1500 to first and 100 to second. 1000 metres.

Stud Carhué's Zara, by Gloriation—Bebé, 52k. M. Peñalosa 1
 Stud Buenos Aires' Dolly, 52 k. I. Diaz 2
 A. Lincoln's Anarquía 52 k. R. Garrido 3
 Also ran—Palpito, Sotreta, Zaida, Atletá, Esposa and Zora.
 Dividends—Zara 5.05 win and 2.60 place, Dolly 3.50 place, Anarquía 3.55 place.

PREMIO REMATE, handicap for all horses. Weight for age. The winner to be sold for \$3000. Those entered to be sold for less to be allowed three kilos for each \$500 reduction. \$1400 to first \$100 to second. 1600 metres.

Stud La Confianza's Tántalo, by Stiletto—Fortuna, 6 y. 57 k. R. Garrido 1
 Stud Criollito's Criollita, 3 y. 43 k. S. Gallardo 2
 Ecurie Bismarck's Cassio, 4 y. 51 k. N. Sosa 3
 Also ran—Escaramuza, Soliman, Atahualpa, Alarife, Sentinel, Por thos, Catalpa and Urganda.
 Dividends—Tántalo \$14.55 win and 5.35 place, Criollita 25.20 place, Cassio 7.15 place.

PREMIO SAN ISIDRO, handicap for all horses. \$1600 to first, 100 to second 1100 metres.

Stud La Susana's Eclairé, by El Amigo—Estrella, 5 y. 56 k. R. Garrido 1
 Baron Peers' Can-Can, 3 y. 54 k. F. Perez 2
 Stud Floresta's Coraza, 4 y. 54 k. F. Goyeneche 3
 Also ran—Vizcacha, Guña, Tronera, Vulcano, Yerba Dulce, Leopardo and San Martin.
 Dividends—Eclairé \$7.55 win and 3.40 place, Can-Can 4.19 place, Coraza 5.20 place.

PREMIO SAN FERNANDO, handicap for all horses. \$1600 to first and 100 to second. 1600 metres.

Ecurie Libertad's Bandolero, by Titan—Victoria, 3 y. 47 k. J. Feliú 1
 Stud Don Gonzalo's Bobby, 5 y. 53 k. F. Perez 2
 Stud Carhué's Seida, 4 years 52 k. M. Peñalosa 3
 Also ran—Emir and Casuarina.
 Dividends—Bandolero \$27.55 win and 10.45 place, Bobby 7.40.

PREMIO TIGRE, handicap for all horses. \$1800 to first and \$100 to second. 1900 metres.

Stud Don Gonzalo's Eclat, by Neapolis—Welcome, 5 y. 60 k. F. Perez 1
 Ecurie Monarque's Espadin, 3 y. 40 k. S. Gallardo 2
 Stud Nacional's Florida, 5 y. 48 k. F. Castellanos 3
 Also ran—Alvarado, Athou and Eugenia.
 Dividends—Eclat 6.20 win and 4.15 place, Espadin 8.90 place.

PALERMO—APRIL 21.

This interesting meeting came off in good but cloudy weather, great coats being clearly useful.

For the opening Mile we had the novelty of the starting gate, and the experiment was decidedly successful, the start being very good. Machete soon got his head and disposed of his field handsomely, but Ebano coming very strong at the finish, just got his nose in front on the post.

The Maiden was taken by Martha as expected, but she had to stowe off a tough customer in Agrio.

Tántalo was not made to run in the Selling Plate, and his two antagonists might as well have stayed in their boxes.

The Classic, as we anticipated, was between Totoral and Audaz, the former winning all the way, but Yuqueri deprived Audaz of second place on the post.

The 1800 metres Handicap was a fine race Mariposa doing all the running and stowing off challenges from Venturosa, Manola and Zingara successively, the latter running her to a head on the post.

The long race was a stupid race, no pace being made till within 400 metres from home, Fortunio, being a little ahead sustained his position to the end, though Caramelo made a good bid.

The final Mile was a fine race, all six horses being close together from start to finish, Balcarce doing the running but not being able to get away from such a good lot, but at the Stand Valero came through and won easily by a length.

The following are the details:—

PREMIO HORNOS, for horses of three and four years that have run, but have not won more than \$2000. Weight 57 kilos. Three kilos extra to winners. \$1500 to first and 100 to second. 1600 metres.
 Ecurie Libertad's Ebano, by Stone Cross—Early Love, 3 y. 57 k.

J. B. Zubiaurre's Machete, 3 y. 60 k. P. Aguirre 1
 Stud La Confianza's Chilecito, 3 y. 60 k. A. Ruiz 2
 Also ran—Kandahar, Cerros Blancos, Arroz, Ganimede, Bâron, Pompon and Nydia.
 Dividends—Ebano \$28.60 win and 4.80 place, Machete 3.15 place, Chilecito 2.70 place.

PREMIO OLAZABAL, for two-year-olds that have not won. Weight 54 kilos. \$2000 to first, 200 to second 1000 metres.

Ecurie Mignon's Martha, by Offenheit—Glenshee, 52 k. P. Garcia 1
 Stud La Aurora's Agrio, 54 k. R. Garrido 2
 Stud Roma's Stella, 52 k. N. Sosa 3
 Also ran—Fructidor, Siglo, Botarate, Perseo, Director, Tiradentes, Silvina and Cina Cina.
 Dividends—Martha \$8.10 win and 3.80 place Agrio 7.25 place, Stella 8.50 place.

PREMIO A RECLAMAR, for horses that have been a year in the country. Weight for age. The winner to be sold for \$3000. Those entered to be sold for less to be allowed three kilos for each \$500 reduction. Three kilos extra for every win in a Selling Plate. \$1800 to first, 150 to second. 1700 metres.

Stud La Confianza's Tántalo, by Stiletto—Fortuna, 6 y, 54 k. R. Garrido 1
 Ecurie Lancero's Atahualpa, 4 y. 51 k. J. Sarthou 2
 Stud Saneto's Saneto, 4 y. 48 k. R. Ruiz 3
 Dividend—Tántalo \$3.25.

PREMIO LAMADRID, for colts and fillies born since August 1st. 1898. Weight 54 and 52 kilos. Three kilos extra to winners of one Classic and five kilos of more. \$5000 to first and \$500 to second. 1200 m.

Stud America's Totoral, by Stiletto—Simper, 54 k. R. Garrido 1
 Stud Yuqueri's Yuqueri, 54 kilos. R. Bastiani 2
 Stud La Confianza's Audaz, 54 kilos. J. Sarthou 3
 Also ran—Follette, Distinguida, Cimarron, Joujou, Regale, Athalie, Bonnie Dundee, Kleber and Pampero.
 Dividends—Totoral \$4.50 win and 2.80 place, Yuqueri 4.55 place, Audaz 3.20 place.

PREMIO LAPRIDA, for horses that have not won more than \$10,000. \$1800 to first, 150 to second. 1800 metres.

Ecurie Hope's Mariposa, by Ambush—Gardenia, 3 y. 47 k. S. Gallardo 1
 Ecurie Sans Souci's Zingara, 3 y. 48 k. P. Garcia 2
 Stud Modesta's Manola, 3 y. 53 k. F. Perez 3
 Also ran—Brenus, Atrevido, Arequito, 5 de Abril, Bragelonne, Venturosa, Gacela, Ascochinga and Olivero.
 Dividends—Mariposa \$34.35 win and 8.25 place, Zingara 6.25 place, Manola 3.60 place.

PREMIO GUIDO, handicap for winners. \$2,500 to first and \$200 to 2nd. 2400 metres.

Stud La Alianza's Fortunio, by Exmoor—Twin, 5 y. 57 k. H. Esteves 1
 Stud Pobre's Caramelo, 4 y. 60 k. F. Perez 2
 Petite Ecurie's Bonaparte, 4 y. 59 k. I. Diaz 3
 Also ran—Ameliana, Laprida, Athou, Reve d'Or, Tenebroso and Nicolini.
 Dividends—Fortunio \$11.85 win and 4.80 place, Caramelo 4.60 place, Bonaparte 4.75.

PREMIO PAUNERO, handicap for all horses limited between 62 and 52 kilos. \$2,500 to first and 200 to second. 1.600 metres.

Stud Los Cardos' Valero, by Gay Hermit—Jane Hading, 4 y. 60 k. S. Urrutia 1
 Ecurie Royal's Royal, 5 y. 56 k. R. Garrido 2
 Hatteras' Don Pepe, 6 y. 60 k. T. Conde 3
 Also ran—Balcarce, Oribe and Bohemio.
 Dividends—Valero \$10.15 win and \$6.35 place. Royal 4.75.

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FRIDAY, MAY 24,

SATURDAY, MAY 25.

PLAY TO COMMENCE EACH DAY AT 9 A.M.

EVENTS:

CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE RIVER PLATE--GENTLEMEN'S SINGLES

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Should there be more than forty entries for the Gentlemen's Singles Handicap, this event will be divided into two classes—an A and B class. Players entering for the event will be placed in their respective classes by the Handicapping Committee. Prizes of equal value will be given to each class.

The best of three sets (the third to be an advantage sett) will be played throughout the Tournament in all Handicap events.

In the event of the number of entries being very large, the Committee will arrange for the necessary preliminary rounds to be played off to the convenience of players before the Tournament.

The Club Courts will be at the disposal of competitors on and after the 10th of May. Competitors' tickets, admitting player and a friend, may be obtained from the Hon. Secretary.

No competitor will be allowed to play until his entrance fee has been paid.

Entries will be received by the Hon. Secretary at Calle 25 de Mayo 144, Buenos Aires, up to 6 p.m. of Saturday, 4th May.

The Draw will take place at the *Sport and Pastime* office, on Monday, 6th May, at 4.30 p.m.

The Tournament will be held under the Rules of the Lawn Tennis Association (of England.)

Slazenger's Championship Balls will be provided by the Club.

The Committee reserve to themselves the right of refusing any entry.

Visitors' tickets, available for the three days of the Tournament, may be obtained from the Hon. Secretary, in exchange for visiting card signed by a competitor or a member of the Buenos Aires Lawn Tennis Club.

A. J. McMORRAN, Hon. Sec.

Buenos Aires, March, 1901.

Calle 25 de Mayo 144.

FIXTURES.

FOOTBALL.

RUGBY CHAMPIONSHIP FIXTURES—1901.

MAY.

Sun. 12—B.A.F.C. v. Belgrano, at Belgrano.
Sun. 26—Lomas v. Belgrano, at Lomas.

JUNE.

Sun. 2—Lomas v. B.A.F.C., at Lomas.
Sun. 16—Belgrano v. B.A.F.C., at Club Hipico.
Sun. 30—Belgrano v. Lomas, at Belgrano.

JULY.

Sun. 21—B.A.F.C. v. Lomas, at Club Hipico.
Sun. 28—Semi-finals.

AUGUST.

Thurs. 15—Final.

ASSOCIATION FIXTURES—SEASON 1901.

DIVISION I.

MAY,

Sun. 19—Belgrano v. Lomas, at Lomas.
Sat. 25—*Lomas v. Alumni, at

JUNE.

Thur. 6—Belgrano v. Alumni, at Belgrano.
Sun. 9—*Quilmes v. Belgrano, at Lomas.
Sun. 16—Quilmes v. Alumni, at Quilmes.
Mon. 24—Quilmes v. Lomas, at Quilmes.

JULY.

Tues. 9—Alumni v. Belgrano, at
Sun. 14—Lomas v. Alumni, at Lomas.
Sun. 21—Quilmes v. Belgrano, at Quilmes.

AUGUST.

Sun. 4—Belgrano v. Lomas, at Belgrano.
Sun. 11—Lomas v. Quilmes, at Lomas.
Thur. 15—Alumni v. Quilmes, at
Sun. 25—*Final of Cup Tie.
Fri. 30—Alumni v. Lomas, at
* "Knock-out" competition.

DIVISION II.

APRIL,

Sun. 28—Belgrano 2nd v. Alumni 2nd, at Belgrano.

MAY.

Sun. 5—San Martin v. Estudiantes, at San Martin.
Sun. 5—Belgrano 2nd v. Lomas 2nd, at Belgrano.
Sun. 12—Belgrano 2nd v. Estudiantes, at Belgrano.
Thur. 16—Lomas 2nd v. Colon, at Lomas.
Thur. 16—Barracas v. Belgrano 2nd, at Lanús.
Thur. 16—Banfield v. Estudiantes, at Banfield.
Sun. 19—Colon v. Estudiantes, at Dique II.
Sun. 19—Barracas v. Alumni 2nd, at Lanús.
Sat. 25—Belgrano 2nd v. San Martin, at Belgrano.
Sun. 26—Belgrano 2nd v. Colon, at Belgrano.
Sun. 26—Banfield v. Lomas 2nd, at Banfield.
Sun. 26—Barracas v. Estudiantes, at Lanús.

JUNE.

Sun. 2—Colon v. Porteños, at Dique II.
Sun. 2—Alumni 2nd v. Lomas 2nd, at
Sun. 2—Belgrano 2nd v. Banfield, at Belgrano.
Thur. 6—Alumni 2nd v. Belgrano 2nd, at
Thur. 6—Estudiantes v. San Martin, at
Thur. 6—Barracas v. Colon, at Lanús.
Thur. 6—Banfield v. Porteños, at Banfield.
Sun. 9—San Martin v. Colon, at San Martin.
Sun. 9—Lomas 2nd v. Estudiantes, at Lomas.
Sun. 9—Barracas v. Banfield, at Lanús.
Sun. 9—Alumni 2nd v. Porteños, at
Sun. 16—San Martin v. Belgrano 2nd, at San Martin.
Sun. 16—Colon v. Lomas 2nd, at Dique II.
Sun. 16—Barracas v. Porteños, at Lanús.
Sun. 16—Alumni 2nd v. Estudiantes, at
Sun. 23—Banfield v. San Martin, at Banfield.
Sun. 23—Estudiantes v. Colon, at
Sun. 23—Lomas 2nd v. Porteños, at Lomas.
Mon. 24—Barracas v. San Martin, at Lanús.
Mon. 24—Lomas 2nd v. Banfield, at Lomas.
Sat. 29—San Martin v. Porteños, at San Martin.
Sat. 29—Lomas 2nd v. Barracas, at Lomas.
Sun. 30—Estudiantes v. Belgrano 2nd, at
Sun. 30—San Martin v. Lomas 2nd, at San Martin.
Sun. 30—Banfield v. Colon, at Banfield.

JULY.

Sun. 7—Porteños v. Belgrano 2nd, at
 Sun. 7—Alumni 2nd v. San Martin, at
 Sun. 7—Colon v. Barracas, at Dique II.
 Tues. 9—Lomas 2nd v. Belgrano 2nd, at Lomas.
 Tues. 9—Colon v. San Martin, at Dique II.
 Tues. 9—Banfield v. Alumni 2nd, at Banfield.
 Sun. 14—Banfield v. Belgrano 2nd, at Banfield.
 Sun. 14—Colon v. Alumni 2nd, at Dique II.
 Sun. 14—Barracas v. Lomas 2nd, at Lanús.
 Sun. 14—Porteños v. Estudiantes, at
 Sun. 21—San Martin v. Alumni 2nd, at San Martin.
 Sun. 21—Colon v. Banfield, at Dique II.
 Sun. 21—Porteños v. Lomas 2nd, at
 Sun. 21—Estudiantes v. Barracas, at
 Sun. 28—Belgrano 2nd v. Porteños, at Belgrano.
 Sun. 28—San Martin v. Barracas, at San Martin.
 Sun. 28—Estudiantes v. Lomas 2nd, at
 Sun. 28—Alumni 2nd v. Banfield, at

AUGUST.

Sun. 4—Porteños v. Colon, at
 Sun. 4—Banfield v. Barracas, at Banfield.
 Sun. 11—Colon v. Belgrano 2nd, at Dique II.
 Sun. 11—Porteños v. San Martin, at
 Sun. 11—Alumni 2nd v. Barracas, at
 Sun. 11—Estudiantes v. Banfield, at
 Thur. 15—Belgrano 2nd v. Barracas, at Belgrano.
 Thur. 15—Porteños v. Banfield, at
 Thur. 15—Alumni 2nd v. Estudiantes, at
 Sun. 18—San Martin v. Banfield, at San Martin.
 Sun. 18—Lomas 2nd v. Alumni 2nd, at Lomas.
 Sun. 18—Porteños v. Barracas, at
 Fri. 30—Lomas 2nd v. San Martin, at Lomas.
 Fri. 30—Porteños v. Alumni 2nd, at

SEPTEMBER.

Sun. 1—Alumni 2nd v. Colon, at
 Sun. 1—Porteños v. Estudiantes, at

GOLF.

APRIL.

Sun. 28—First Monthly Competition, at Lomas.

MAY.

Sun. 5—Lomas v. Flores, at Flores.
 Sun. 12—Monthly Competition at Hurlingham.
 Thur. 16—Bogey Competition at Rivadavia (F.C.C.A. Cup)
 Sun. 19—Second Monthly Competition at Rivadavia.
 Sat. 25—Second Monthly Competition at Lomas.
 Sun. 26—Flores v. Hurlingham, at Hurlingham.

JUNE.

Sun. 2—Lomas v. Hurlingham, at Hurlingham.
 Thur. 6—Flores v. Buenos Aires, at Rivadavia.
 Sun. 9—Monthly Competition at Hurlingham.
 Sun. 16—Buenos Aires v. Lomas, at Lomas.
 Sun. 23—Third Monthly Competition at Rivadavia.
 Mon. 24—Third Monthly Competition at Lomas.
 Sat. 29—Reserved for St. Andrew's Society.
 Sun. 30—Monthly Competition at Hurlingham.

JULY.

Sun. 7—Rosario v. Flores, at Flores.
 Mon. 8—Rosario v. Lomas, at Lomas.
 Tues. 9—Rosario v. Buenos Aires, at Rivadavia.
 Tues. 9—Lomas v. Flores, at Lomas.
 Sun. 15—Lomas v. Buenos Aires, at Rivadavia.
 Sun. 21—Fourth Monthly Competition at Lomas.

AUGUST.

Sun. 4—Buenos Aires v. Flores, at Flores.
 Sun. 11—Hurlingham v. Lomas, at Lomas.
 Thur. 15—Hurlingham v. Flores, at Flores.
 Sun. 18—Final Monthly Competition at Lomas.
 Sun. 25—North v. South.
 Fri. 30, Sat. 31—Championship of the River Plate.

SEPTEMBER.

Sun. 1—Championship of the River Plate.
 Sun. 8—Final Monthly Competition at Rivadavia.
 Sun. 15—President's Cup at Lomas.

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LAWN TENNIS.

APRIL.

Sun. 28—Buenos Aires v. Lomas, at Recoleta.

MAY.

Sun. 5—Buenos Aires v. Belgrano, at Belgrano.
 Thur. 23, Fri. 24, Sat. 25—Open Tournament and Championship of the River Plate, on Club Ground of the Buenos Aires Lawn Tennis Club, 1735 Calle Ayacucho

RACING.

April 25—Hipódromo Nacional, Belgrano.
 April 28—Hipódromo Argentino, Palermo.
 April 28—Meeting of Sociedad Hipica Argentina.
 May 16—Meeting of Hurlingham Club.—Members' Cup.
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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 1901.

NOTES.

In another column may be found a notice advertising the well-known mare "Colinita" for sale. Her present owner has kindly sent us a very good photograph of all the cups and trophies that this charming little mare has placed to her credit. There is sure to be keen competition for her, as there never was a better plucked 'un. She is now six years old, but as sound as ever, and as our advertisement points out, has hunted for the last three years without making a mistake.

A circular has been sent round by the Hurlingham Drag Hunt giving an account of their last season's working, and also the treasurer's balance-sheet. We are sorry to see that the Hunt comes out with a debit balance of \$429.23 m/n. However, this Mr. Thursby explains is due to the fact that during the past season no less than \$1147.09 has been spent in purchase of hounds and improvement to kennels. This sum, together with \$611.62 used for the same purpose the previous year—\$1,758.71 in all—Mr Thursby points out may be taken to represent the capital expenditure, which it has been necessary to incur to place the Drag-hunt on its present footing.

At the present time there are in the kennels seven couple of hounds, which have cost the Hunt no less than \$209 m/n per couple! Repairs to their kennels have cost \$281.52 and the expenses of maintaining them last year came to \$585.71 m/n! These figures appear very high, especially as we believe the Hurlingham Club supply most, if not all, the food. Were the pack a really good one, there could be no cause for grumbling, but even the warmest supporter of the hounds can hardly say that for it at present, though they will undoubtedly improve in their work this season.

At the meeting on April 16th and also in the circular something was said about an entertainment to wipe off the debit balance. Luckily this is unnecessary unless expenses are to be heavier than last year, or the new couple of hounds coming out are going to cost a fabulous price. For supposing the couple cost \$209, surely the \$1147.09 less \$209 will be saved, which, even allowing that the subscriptions do not reach more than say \$2000 m/n this year, will leave a sufficient margin to pay off \$429.23. It seems a pity that the Hunt cannot be more economically run, for \$50 is a large subscription for a one-day-a-week-man, which most subscribers are. Could not the mid-week meet be held in the early morning so as to give the business man a chance of hunting twice a week?

Mr. Thursby also mentions that the Hunt should be in a position this season to commence the original programme of putting up permanent fences in many places near the Club grounds. It is now two years since this was proposed, and, so far, little or nothing has been done. The question is whether permanent fences are practicable. Certainly in a winter like last they are not, as the ground, both on the landing and take-off side, very soon becomes a "pantano." There, however, is no doubt that a certain amount would be most useful and economical, but they ought never to be used in wet weather. We notice in the balance sheet \$420.66 for hurdles, etc., but we see no credit against this. Does this mean the followers of the Hunt demolished no less than \$420 worth of jumps? No wonder Mr. Thursby has bought fifty telegraph poles for this season!

We are very glad to see that the Members' Cup, entries for which closed on April 16th, to be run for at the Hurlingham race meeting on May 16th, has filled well, not only as regards quantity, but also as to quality, for, if all the ponies nominated go to the post, seldom, if ever, will a better lot have been seen in a race at Hurlingham. Last year was the first one of this Cup, and it was won by Mr. J. N. Drysdale's Kenneth. The entries for May 16th are: Baron Peers' Chaparron, ex Don Carlos, Mr. A. Mackintosh's Dorothy, Mr. E. D. Drabble's Indio, Mr. J. Ravenscroft's Chatterbox and La Guerra, Mr. R. Leys' Try Over, Mr. J. N. Drysdale's Kenneth and Winitred

The Premio La Madrid, 1200 metres, for young ones last Sunday fully confirmed our good opinion of the qualities of Totoral, who won from start to finish. That Porrazo can beat him at any time seems beyond question up to this distance, and equally without doubt the two sons of Stiletto are far away superior to all the colts seen out this season so far, and any dark ones that have yet to appear will have to be clippers to beat them. We shall have to see the two at longer distances, of course, to judge of their staying power, but Totoral gives us the impression of lacking size, and we are inclined to think that Porrazo will remain at "the top of the tree."

The great feature of Sunday's racing was the resuscitation of Valero. This grand horse was never able to get into trim all last year, but the way he disposed of Royal and Don Pepe in the Mile Handicap seems to mean a return to form, and he will be a very welcome addition to the candidates for first class honours. The Premio Otoño on Sunday next, 2,000 metres, weight for age, will give him a chance to shew his steel, his principal opponents being Don Pepe, Dictador, Etolo, Cordon Rouge and Ultimatum, and if he is really his old self he ought to be able to give a good account of all of them. Certainly no amount of pace will be sufficient to choke him off as it did most of the runners in the Premio America. The rest of the day's card is well filled, and with a continuance of good weather we should have a bumper meeting.

It appears that Sloan, the well-known American jockey, has come out as a pigeon shot. Lack of confidence in himself is not one of his failings, and some time ago he offered to take on anyone in the States at live birds. Phil Daly, jun., a well known pigeon shot, answered his challenge, and although he succeeded in wiping Sloan's eye, yet it was by no means a runaway match, and Sloan's shooting rather surprised some of the spectators.

On April 28th another race meeting is announced to be held under the auspices of the Sociedad Hipica Argentina. There is to be a 600 metres flat race for polo ponies that have not won; a 1000-metre race, also for ponies, which the programme calls a handicap, but also states is a weight for inches race, so we are not very clear as to what is meant. Then there is to be a Maiden Steeplechase, and a flat race for all horses, that have not won in Palermo or Belgrano, of 1,000 metres on the flat. The other races include the usual trotting and military events. We feel rather doubtful whether the entries for the three first-mentioned races will be very numerous, as until it is definitely known under what rules the racing at this club is carried on, Englishmen at any rate will be a bit shy of entering their horses.

In addition to the programme of the races to be held by the Sociedad Hipica Argentina on Sunday next, we have received from the Secretary the programme of the Athletic Meeting to be held on Sunday, May 19th. There are fourteen events in all, including running races, jumping, hurdles, sack, three-legged, kicking the football, and two events for boys—one a hundred yards for those under twelve years, and the other two hundred yards for those under sixteen, both handicap.

The entries for these sports must be sent in to the Secretary at the Sociedad Hipica Argentina, Corrientes 671, before May 10th. The entrance fee for Boys' events is fifty cents, and for each of the other races one dollar; those who care to make a general entry may do so on payment of ten dollars. For any further information intending competitors are requested to apply to the Secretary or to Mr. E. Danvers, 475 Piedad, who is the Secretary of the Sub-committee, which consists of himself, Messrs. F. H. Chevallier Boutell, and George Newberry.

We understand that the members of the Club de Gymnasia have been approached by the Sports Sub-committee of the Sociedad Hipica Argentina, with the idea of their joining forces, instead of, as is at present intended, the Gymnastic Club holding a meeting of their own at the Rural Society's grounds. The latter place is in no way fitted for sports, nor was it ever intended for them, and it seems to us that it would be far better to use the Club Hipica's track, which is in good order, and so have a really good meeting.

While on the subject of racing we may remind our readers that the entries for the Hurlingham Meeting of May 16th close on Tuesday next April 30th. Also, that on the same day entries close for the Grand Hurdle Race, won last year by Mr W. Samson's *Emprestito*: this race is 3200 metres and this year ought to obtain a good entry and provoke keen competition. April 30th is also the date for declaring half forfeit for the Members' Cup should any owner wish to do so.

On Saturday night last Sir William Barrington formally declared the new premises of the St. John's Club duly open. They are situated at 778 Corrientes, and are the very ones required. If we may judge by the number of visitors present and the general interest displayed, we can safely augur a very bright future for the Club. The committee have been very wise in obtaining these premises, and the Club deserves all the support it can be given.

As the President remarked in his opening speech the committee have worked very hard indeed to get matters arranged, and it now rests with the members themselves to make the Club go, not only by using it themselves, but by inducing as many of their friends as possible to join. The sincere thanks of the members are due to Mr. Frank Henderson, who has always taken a keen interest in the Club's welfare, and who has most generously provided most of the apparatus.

The new Club's rooms are replete with everything necessary for a sound and up-to-date course of gymnastics. Horizontal and Parallel Bars, Rings, Horse, Punching Balls, Indian Clubs, Dumb-bells, Sandow's Developers, a Boxing and Fencing Ring, are all provided. There are bath rooms, lavatories, dressing and reading rooms, everything in fact that a gymnastic club requires. Forms for entrance may be obtained at the rooms themselves, and, as the entrance fee is very low at present, the club membership should very soon be largely increased.

The Annual General Meeting of the members of the Lomas Athletic Club was held at the Barker Memorial Hall, Lomas, on Friday evening last, and was very well attended. From the report we notice that the club boasts a gain of twenty-five members over last year's numbers—a highly satisfactory state of affairs. In Cricket, Football, Lawn Tennis and Golf, the club held a high place in all the inter-club competitions, although not actually first in any of them, a state of affairs which must be quite new to this go-ahead club.

The financial state of the club is excellent, thanks to the labours of the President and the Hon. Treasurer during the past year. To Mr. J. N. Drysdale and the Great Southern Railway the thanks of the members of the club are due for handsome donations, and also to Mr. Boutell for his hard work regarding the lectures he gave for the benefit of the club, which resulted in a handsome addition to the club funds. Both the report and cash statement were approved *nem. con.*

The elections resulted in Messrs. P. L. G. Bridger and H. A. Cotman, who have worked so long and well for the club—being made Vice-Presidents, while Messrs. R. L. Halstead, C. Alexander, A. Anderson and A. Mohr Bell were elected on the Committee, which for the ensuing season will, therefore, consist of:—President, Mr. F. H. Chevallier Boutell; Vice-Presidents, Messrs. H. A. Cotman and P. L. G. Bridger; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. H. A. Cotman; Hon. Secretary, Mr. R. W. Rudd; Members, Messrs. W. Flint, C. Alexander, A. J. McMorran, R. L. Halstead, A. Anderson and A. Mohr Bell. Mr. Bridger was re-elected Cricket captain, and Mr. A. Anderson was elected captain of the Rugby Football.

The Old Bedfordians, in this town, are losing a good all-round sportsman this week in the person of Mr. J. A. Page, who is unable to resist the attractions of camp life any longer. Mr. Page has worked very hard as Hon. Secretary of the Santa Lucia Lawn Tennis Club, a position he has held for some time now. We are requested to state that his successor is Mr. C. J. N. Carter, 707 Montes de Oca, to whom all communications should, in future, be addressed.

One of our keenest sportsmen here recently sent home a "batitú" which he had shot. The bird was placed before a "feathery" expert. The latter soon raked up a lot of information concerning this bird, and as so many of our sportsmen have enjoyed shooting the "batitú" we

feel sure that the following information concerning it will be read with very great interest. In English the bird is known as "Bartram's Sandpiper," and it is also known as *Actiturus Bartramius* or *Bartramia Longicauda*. There are other scientific names for the bird, but the ones given are the better known and more important.

The specimen under notice has now been presented to a large museum at home, where the authorities were delighted with it, as the only one they had was placed there in the year 1819! Strange to relate; Bartram's Sandpiper does not breed anywhere south of the Equator. It is a North American bird whose home is sometimes found as far North as Nova Scotia and the Yukon Valley. Evidently at one time it did not migrate so far south as this country, but found its way towards the end of September to Brazil and Paraguay. It is no relation to the Godwit.

The last of the Rugby Football International matches, that between Wales and Ireland, a full account of which appears in another column, must have been worth going a very long way to see, as after seventy minutes of most exciting, if scrambling play, Wales won by a single point. England has thus been beaten by all three of her rivals. Scotland is a well-deserved champion, and Wales, by this last match, has somewhat luckily got herself into second place.

The match at Swansea, if it did nothing else, disposed of the old idea that the Welshmen could never play an uphill game. The way they played up at the finish of the Scottish match was sufficient to cast some doubt on the axiom, and their display in the match under notice upset it altogether. Any team might well be excused for going to pieces when their opponents could claim a nine-points lead in the first twenty minutes, which was the state of affairs in this case, but the Welshmen never gave in, and although having the worst of the game throughout, eventually won as stated above.

"Both the tries for Wales were got rather trickily," writes a spectator, "the three quarter kicking across the field and running on straight to put his men on-side. It was a little doubtful whether Llewellyn had quite got up to Alexander, but the try was ruled good. In the second case the ball touched an Irish defender, and there was no doubt about the legitimacy of the score. Bancroft converted both tries, but we imagine that that is only part of the game upon which the famous full back will look with pleasure, for he was terribly uncertain and slow in fielding the ball. The winning halves were also a failure, for they were no match in physique for the Irish forwards, and displayed sometimes anxiety to get rid of the ball at any cost.

As for the losers, the three-quarters were not very good, for, though they had pace, their passes were erratic and not very well timed. Boyd could not be blamed for either of the tries, and did very fairly, but Magee was the best of the whole team, and played a sterling game. He and Nicholls marked each other with considerable cleverness, and there was some very pretty stopping strategy displayed on both sides."

On March 18th a meeting of the General Committee of the Kent County Cricket Club was followed by the annual general meeting. At the former it was unanimously voted: "That the Committee of the Kent County Cricket Club approve of the action of the county captains, and wish to express their great satisfaction at the fact that the M.C.C. Committee are prepared to take the question in

hand in consultation with the county captains." The matter was also mentioned at the general meeting, Mr. G. Marsham expressing the opinion that the county captains would have done well to consult their committees. The report of the committee was adopted.

Some hunters in the forest of Drommling, says "Forest and Stream" recently, made a very strange discovery. They began to fell a venerable oak, which they soon found to be quite hollow. Being half decayed it speedily came to the ground with a crash, disclosing a skeleton in excellent preservation; even the boots, which came above the knees, were perfect. By its side were a powder horn, a porcelain pipe bowl, and a silver watch. The teeth were perfect. It would seem to be the skeleton of a man between thirty and forty years of age. It is conjectured that, while engaged in hunting, he climbed the tree for some purpose and slipped into the hollow trunk, from which there was no release, and he probably died of starvation.

ESTANCIA AND COLONY.

The sheep returns of New Zealand show that the number at the latest enumeration was 19,355,195, as compared with 19,548,505 returned last year, when there was a small decrease. There has been comparatively little variation in the totals of the last six years.

At the recent annual meeting of the Canadian Ayrshire Breeders' Association, held in Montreal, an emphatic resolution was placed upon record pointing out that the cattle-breeding industry is seriously menaced by the tuberculin test as applied to animals purchased for importation or export; that it is misleading as a diagnostic agent, and of no real value. They therefore respectfully asked that the Dominion Minister of Agriculture, so far as lies within his powers, order the discontinuance of its use.

The controversy in reference to the tuberculin test which has been waged for some time between Dr. Salmon, the chief Government veterinarian of the United States, and the *Breeders' Gazette*, Chicago, continues. It would be impossible to find space for the lengthy statements on both sides, but we quote the following proposition made by the *Gazette*:—"We desire to ask a few things at the hands of Secretary Wilson. We respectfully urge the appointment of a fairly constituted commission of inquiry to be composed of experienced men who shall make a complete and careful investigation as to the necessity for this test being made compulsory in the case of all cattle offered for entry into the country; as to whether tuberculin is a reliable agent; as to whether it is harmless to breeding cattle; and as to whether men can be employed to carry out these tests who will conduct them with intelligence and skill, and honestly declare the results. We submit that the time has come for an unprejudiced inquiry of this character. The cattle growers decline to accept the proffered teachings of the theorists upon the subject, and they also deny the right of the veterinarians to sit as sole judges upon their own case."

We have received Messrs. Gibson Bros.' monthly wool report, which is always interesting reading. Concerning the markets here there is nothing fresh to be reported on, but as regards the European ones, Messrs. Gibson consider that the improvement is very slight. English manufacturers have been steadily purchasing, but not so those on the continent. The last telegram from Liverpool concerning the sales of the River Plate wools, dated 17th inst., read as follows:—"To-day the fourth series of auction-sales of the River Plate wools was held, there being a good attendance and plenty of animation. Almost all the parcels offered were sold. The prices for Merino confirm the reaction recently begun; no change in coarse crosses and Lincoln. All the wools of Argentine breeders offered through your intervention were sold."

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According to telegrams from Cordoba last Friday morning, the camps all through that district have been inundated, owing to the great fall of rain, and serious damage has been done to both the camps and the live-stock. A large number of the latter have perished owing to their being unable to obtain food.

On the 15th inst. the auctioneer Sr. Mariano G. Oyhamburu held a liquidation sale of live stock at the establishment "San Martin" in Pila. The following prices were obtained:—Novillos for fattening at \$20; cows for fattening at \$23; heifers from \$12.65 to \$23.60; cows *al corte* \$13.75 to \$26; sheep for fattening at \$3.40; for breeding \$2.30 to \$3.10; mares *al corte* at \$8.50. Total of sale \$45,620.

The last Australasian Pastoralists' Review to hand (March 15th) publishes, as a supplement, a complete and interesting review of last year's wooltrade, from which we make the following extracts:—

The season just brought to a close, whether viewed from a grower's or consumer's standpoint, has been one of the most unsatisfactory in the annals of the Wool business. The prosperous state of the trade at the time in all the manufacturing centres of the world, supported by the strong statistical position of fine-haired Wools (owing to the greatly diminished output, since 1894) induced users of Wool to purchase heavily during the year 1899, at constantly increasing prices. Yet, hardly had that year closed, when a decided reaction took place, with, as the new year progressed, an uninterrupted series of heavy falls in value, entailing enormous losses. While Merino Wools have seen lower rates than those now ruling, we question if Merino and Crossbred values combined have ever been at such a low standard.

The enquiry naturally arises—What were the primary causes for the phenomenal drop in values, unparalleled in the history of the trade? When dealing with this vexed question, it has been the prevailing custom to give one explanation, and one only—over speculation—as the reason for the season's dire disasters. No doubt over speculation was a very great factor. Even people outside the trade bought Wool, believing that inflated values were likely to hold, and that the demand would increase in strength as the scarcity of Merino Wool made itself manifest. The latter argument evidently held also with the legitimate trade, as manufacturers, almost without exception, operated heavily at liberal prices, on the assumption that abnormal scarcity of Fine Wools was in prospect, and that it behoved them to lay in stocks in good time. During the period of inflation, which was one also of excitement in the trade, two chief elements of danger appeared to have been lost sight of: One, that the capital necessary to lay in stocks of normal size was double the ordinary amount, and the other that consumers of the product of manufactured material, when suddenly called upon to pay double the usual price of their cloth, would look about for a cheaper substitute.

In due course, coincident with the end of the Christmas vacation of 1899, which may also be called the period of reflection, the tide had turned, and the new year saw the beginning of a series of reverses which have shaken the trade to its foundations. Cheaper materials did come into vogue, and the money market, affected greatly by the protraction of the South African war, and also other political troubles, became tightened; both eventualities placing those who held stocks of dearly bought Wools in a most difficult position. At Home, the situation became one of great stringency. Yorkshire houses were sorely pressed in meeting their engagements. While, however, there were few and unimportant failures in the aggregate at Bradford, the position on the Continent was much more extreme. The troubles there culminated in August in several large failures. Financial pressure has throughout the year forced re-sales of purchased Wools on the market, and this circumstance, combined with others referred to, has kept the trade in a disturbed condition, and prevented the rehabilitation of confidence which has been so longed for by all concerned.

A hopeful feature existing now, and which ought to give strength to the trade, is that, at the low values ruling for the staple to-day, the manufacturers should be able (with the adjustment of their finances) to produce a good

article at a cheap rate, without resorting to cotton mixtures, which the high prices had recently compelled them to use. But all important to the restoration of confidence, and an imperative essential to a normal state of affairs, is the meeting of the market by growers when their Wool becomes available for sale. It is generally admitted by those who have watched closely the trend of affairs in London last year, that the hampering of Wools with reserves, and heavy withdrawals, contributed largely to taking the life out of the market as series followed series, and were a large factor in the general disorganisation.

Mr. Donald Hussey has arrived in town in charge of some horses of Sr. Agustin de Elia. Mr. Hussey speaks very highly of these animals, and his judgment may be relied upon. We wish him good luck with them.

On the 12th inst. Señores B. Alchourron y Hno. sold at auction the live stock on the establishment known as "Altos Verdes". The total of the sales amounted to \$82,434.85.

On the 14th inst. the auctioneer Sr. Adolfo F. Paz wielded the hammer at the 9th show in Coronel Vidal (Mar Chiquita), where the following prices ruled: Two-year-old novillos mestizos, for fattening \$150 to \$27; cows (criollas) for fattening \$100 to \$16, for consumption (fat) at \$24; 1,200 capones for freezing \$4.20 to \$5; 800 sheep for killing \$2 to \$3.70; horses for \$8 to \$20; mares 13 to \$17. Total of sales \$15,000.

To-day the fourth horse show, held under the auspices of the Argentine Rural Society will be inaugurated, and it promises to be one of the most successful yet held. To-morrow and Sunday will be devoted to the usual jumping contests, etc., for which the Jockey Club have presented a thousand dollars to be divided among the various winners. Altogether 1139 animals will be exhibited, and the judges of the different classes will be Señores M. Terrero, Emilio V. Casares, Henry Green, Saturnino J. Unzué, Pablo Hasperg, Narciso Stegman, Miguel A. Martinez, Manuel J. Guiraldes, Agustin de Elia, Emilio Frers, Hernan Ayerza and Atenaso Ceballos. For the jumping, etc., the prizes will be awarded by Señores Miguel A. Martinez de Hoz, Comandantes Isaac de Oliveyra Cezar and Alfredo P. de Urquiza.

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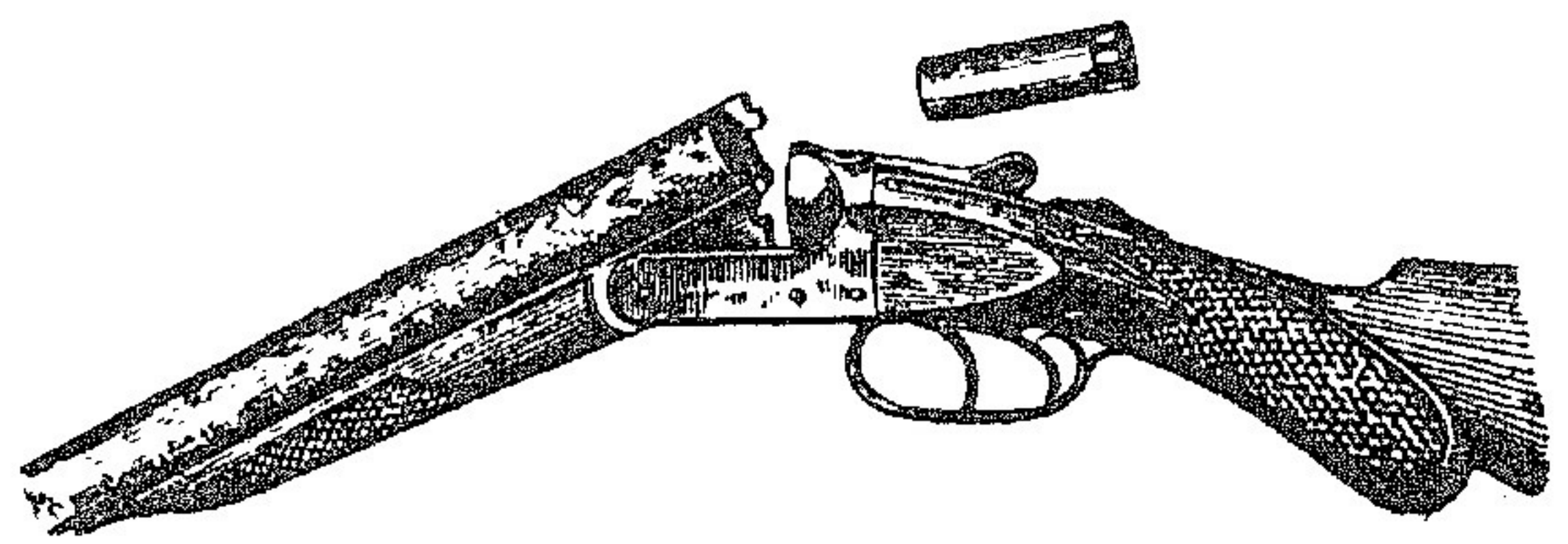
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A NIGHT IN A DILIGENCE.

The diligence was in waiting at the door of the hotel, at Coir. A tall, slim figure appeared in the doorway, an uplifted face lightly framed in erratic tresses of brown-gold hair, crowned by a sombre Tam-o-Shanter travelling hat. The girl stood confronting an iron-grey world built up of mountains and storm-clouds.

"Really going to face the weather?" said a voice from behind her, and a chilly-looking lady came forward, rubbing her hands in self-congratulation.

Elizabeth—that was the name in the copy of Browning in her bag—thought of the number of the guineas in her purse, and of her promise to the Princess Pompilia to arrive at the Palazzo Pompiliani at a certain moment.

"I am really going," she said. "A storm on the Alps will be rather glorious."

She got into the diligence and put her face out to smile good-bye. Strong brows, an intelligent, inquisitive line of slender nose, and a mouth with elastic curves suggested that this must have been a very piquant face before the shadow of those, or other, storm-clouds fell on it.

One good thing gained to her by the weather was that she had the diligence all to herself. Her first impression, after she had planted her bag under her feet and settled herself in a corner was that she ought to seize the opportunity afforded her for a "good cry." However, she reflected that strength was to be in future her only reliable friend. Now that she was putting these hard, grey mountains between her and the past, scarcely one look back could be safely ventured. Yet there was a glance in her own world, queen of her father's heart and home. Now she was suddenly dethroned and bankrupt, her girl-hood crushed under the ruins of her father's fortunes and the tragedy of his death. She knew that like things had happened before in the world she had lived in. She remembered individually such a case. Her regret for the sorrow of those people had hung about her the length of a morning, but she had danced with spirit at a ball the same night. What, she wondered, had become of that So-and-so girl? Probably she too had gone out to be English governess to the daughter of some other Princess of the Pompiliani.

Elizabeth opened her bag and rummaged for a magazine, but it was the Browning that came to her hand. It was not merely as Browning that she was taking the book across the Alps with her: yet she would hardly have acknowledged that it was for the handwriting of the word Elizabeth in the front page corner. She held the book close, though she did not open it, and her desire for the magazine appeared forgotten.

Night came down early the weather-darkness hastening its fall. At a point in the road a long whistle signalled the driver of the diligence, who thereupon came to a stop. A man opened the door of the vehicle, made a step to get in, but drew back again.

"Only one lady?" he said in English. "Then I shall not intrude. I shall do very well outside, driver."

Elizabeth felt guilty though relieved. As the vehicle swung on and she lay back in her corner she was disturbed by an echo, something in the ring of the voice that had spoken at the door out of the darkness. She had pushed the Browning away from her. Now the storm came down in earnest, a dry scattering wind, freezing as the breath of icebergs; the diligence rocked and swung; it seemed to her that at any moment coach and horses and freight might ride off on the gale down the precipice.

As the night wore on and the cold grew more intense, she heard the outside traveller coughing, the man who had equal right with herself to the shelter of an inside seat. Was she going to be so selfish or so prudish as to give over this fellow-creature to suffering, perhaps danger, for the gratification of her preference for privacy? She watched her opportunity and communicated with the driver.

"Will you tell the gentleman," she said in German, "that the lady requests him to come inside of the coach?"

A safe halting place was chosen, and the outside passenger got into the comfortable interior. He thanked the lady and retired into an opposite corner, and his few words were spoken in German. There was no mistake about the voice this time. What had seemed a mere echo on the wind from her own brain had become a reality. The impossible had come to pass. She smiled a little pained smile in the impenetrable darkness of her place and her wrappings. So far was he from discovering her that he had taken her for a fraulein. The compliment to

her German did not console her for the position in which she found herself.

The man slept, but Elizabeth was waketul. The storm was unabated. One or two wild-looking stars looked through rents in the masses of wind-cloud. A line out of that Browning book which she had pushed behind her beat on her ear amid the rattle of the wheels and the click of the horses' hoofs:

Who knows but the world may end to-night!

Yet another hour passed and the wheels and hoofs still kept the road. The man woke, stirred, sat up and struck a match.

"Excuse me," he said, "I want to see what o'clock it is."

Taken by surprise Elizabeth allowed her open-eyed face to be revealed by the puny flame, which also lit up for the moment the clean-cut features of the fellow-traveller, a resolute mouth and chin, thinking forehead, and calm grey eyes of most women.

"Eliz—!"

The tiny phosphor-flash vanished; the two sat in darkness as before, and the mountains thundered.

Elizabeth passed in an instant through an exercise which to a woman is something like what the buckling on of armour must be to a man.

"Do you think the match was extinguished before it fell? A diligence on fire in a storm in the Alps would make quite a thrilling paragraph for the London morning papers."

"I believe it is safe," said the man, and the slight shake in the voice that had named her was gone from it. "How do you do, Miss Wethered?"

"Well, thank you. I am glad to see you were not eaten by the savages."

"Those I have met with are rather above the average of civilised persons."

"I did not know. I have not read your book."

"Why should you? I hope you are going to make a pleasant stay in Italy."

"My destination is Rome—the Palazzo Pompiliani."

"How interesting. And your father, too, is well?"

Elizabeth choked back a sob in the darkness.

"Well? Yes, I trust he is well," she muttered.

"And the old place looking as sweet and charming as ever!"

Here the two minds, looking out of mutual darkness, while the wind roared and the diligence shook and swung above the precipices, saw both the same scene. An English garden in the flush of June, high yew hedges with banks of brilliant flowers heaped against them.

There was a girl in a white dress, in a whiter heat of passion, and a man who had accused her of coquetry, standing a little away from her with quiet eyes and a determined mouth. Manifestly it was a lovers' quarrel, with the ending that is usual when the love is only on one side and the other belligerent has the advantage of being without a heart. Each of the minds in the coach summed up the evidence in this manner and arrived at an identical conclusion.

"And your cousin who had just got his jacket in the Horse Artillery?" said the man. "Has he worn the jacket much?"

"Jim has distinguished himself in Africa," said Elizabeth. "Not your part of Africa," she added with a slightly wicked touch of scorn which she knew to be unjust.

"I understand, by the way, in my long absence many changes among friends may have taken place. I have perhaps blundered in addressing you by your maiden name."

"I have encumbered myself with no new styles or titles. And you—for I am not a reader of the papers (a fib, for had she not read every review of his book!)—you remind me that it is probable you are no longer a bachelor."

"Writing a book in Central Africa does not run to wooing."

"But your savages who are above the average of the civilised? You may never meet with such another opportunity."

"I intend to return to that society. I have only made a flying visit home to arrange with my publishers."

The conversation flagged, so did the storm. A blaze of stars lit up the heavens and made a gleam even within the coach by which the travellers could jointly discern each other. Elizabeth sat well back in her corner. The man presently made an effort to carry on the conversation.

"I know something of the Princess Pompilia—an agreeable woman. You will find the Italians of that class interesting people. You are particularly fortunate."

"You think I might write a book about them, versus the savages," said Elizabeth. But here a rosy light appeared behind the velvety blackness of the pines.

The travellers were clearly visible to each other as the morning radiance penetrated into the interior of the diligence. Each stole a long investigating look at the opposite face and figure. The woman found that the man had grown bronzed and older, and that his mouth had got harder lines. The man saw the woman like the pale and spiritualised sister of a blooming girl who had plighted her troth to him three or four years ago. He noticed that her dress was black, of that particular degree of sombreness which denotes the deepest mourning.

"She had no one but a father," he thought.

But just then the diligence came up with a rush to the door of the hotel on the summit of the Pass, and stopped there.

"Will you allow me to assist you to alight, Miss Wethered? Will you give me your hand?"

Elizabeth put out her hand—a long, slim hand, every line of which he knew. He took it, and held it as coldly as he was able. They stood in the open dawn, with carnation-tinted glaciers above their heads, and the heavy green and purple draperies of the huge pines looming up out of the abysses of the earth-shadows that still hung on the lower valleys.

"You look cold and ill. Come in and rest while I order your coffee. Put your feet to this stove. Let me take your heavy hat. I see you have no maid with you. Bear with my clumsy attentions."

They had breakfast together, talking carefully as people will talk who are both anxious to avoid a painful subject present to both minds. The hour for the starting of the diligence drew near.

The man looked at his watch. "Our ways part here," he said. "We have half an hour still. And now, Elizabeth as we may never meet again, will you tell me—you who were so kind to a perishing fellow-traveller, thinking him a stranger—tell me that you forgive me for writing you that abject letter."

Elizabeth opened her eyes wide and gazed at him wonderingly.

"What abject letter?"

"The letter I wrote you the day after we parted."

"I never got a letter from you since that evening."

"You never got that letter?"

"Never, assuredly. What—"

She checked herself.

"What did I say in it, Elizabeth? Only that I loved you—that I was ashamed of my jealous words, and prayed you to forgive me. I got no answer. I thought you could not forgive, had never loved me. And you—"

"I thought the same," murmured Elizabeth. "You went from me angry, and I knew no more."

The half hour was too short to hold the words that followed, but the fellow-travellers finished the journey together, and the Princess Pompilia is in search of an English governess.

YARNS FROM "THE FRONT"

(WRITTEN BY ONE OF "SOMERVILLE'S VOLUNTEERS.")

No. I.—VREDEFORT.

"I say, Head," I said one afternoon, "will you come to my bivouac this evening? Frank will be there, and if you bring Brabant we can have a game of whist. Have you any spare grub?"

"Yes," said Head, "I believe I can raise a goose and some corn flour, but I have no sugar."

"Oh, Frank has some sugar he commandeered at Vredevort this afternoon, and I was out with the wagon and got plenty of wood," I replied. "We pulled down a farm about a mile from camp. Has Brabant anything?"

"Yes," said Head, "he got a parcel this afternoon by the mail. Tobacco, cigarettes and some chocolate, so we ought to do fairly well."

The above conversation took place in camp near Vredefort. We had had rather a stiff bit of fighting that morning with Dewet and had captured five loaded wagons from him, so on the whole we were rather pleased with ourselves, although we had had thirty-two men hit in our corps.

My bivouac, the rendezvous for that evening consisted of two blankets sown together and made into a tent, with a piece of canvas I had got off one of the wagons we had captured that morning, to stop up one of the ends, the other end being open for ventilating purposes. I lived in this tent with my brother Frank and a greyhound, Bruce by name, that came from I don't know where, but who had taken one of those inexplicable likings to me, that are common to the canine species I believe; not knowing much about "carpentering" I can't swear to it.

At the time appointed Head and Brabant turned up with their respective contributions for the dinner. Brabant, who always was of an argumentative mood, at once began to argue that I hadn't provided my share, as the wood, which was the only thing I subscribed besides the tent and cards, was part of the wood I had brought in for the colonel, and it had only cost me the trouble of commandeering it. After a very lengthy argument, in which bitter words were used on both sides, it was settled by Frank and Head, both agreeing that I should do the cooking, while they all three smoked.

Then, of course, Brabant again had to raise an argument as to whether we should roast the goose or make a stew.

I wanted to make a stew. He objected that he had no vegetables. This I very soon overruled by agreeing to provide them and fresh, not tinned. At the mention of fresh vegetables, Frank and Head sided with me at once, as we very seldom got them. Even Brabant agreed that a stew with fresh vegetables would be rather good, if I didn't spoil it in the cooking.

Well, the colonel had a French cook who's one failing, they all have one, was a very powerful desire to talk his native language. Now my brother and myself learnt French as youngsters, and we can both speak it fairly correctly.

My plan was for Frank to go and get François into an animated conversation while Brabant helped me to help myself to François' stores.

Brabant, when it came to commandeering, was splendid; it was like setting a bloodhound on a fresh scent.

It all went off admirably; Frank found out that François had seen some active service in Algiers in the French army and started him on that subject. We got potatoes, beans, carrots and some rice.

Poor Frank couldn't get away from François for about an hour.

Then a new difficulty arose; we hadn't a big enough pot to put all our stew into.

This time I went to François and asked him for the loan of one, in French of course, and he lent it to us willingly.

Now things went swimmingly for a while; I got the goose cooked and made some chocolate *blanc-mange*, with the cornflour and chocolate sweetened with Vredefort sugar.

We adjourned to the tent with our dinner, but then suddenly remembered that we had no light of any kind.

We were wondering where we could raise a candle, when Head, who is rather a quiet chap, pulled a packet of them out of his pocket, and also a dozen of matches. A regular yell was raised of course; as we all knew that Head was much too honest to commandeer anything. We wanted to know where he'd got them.

He stammered and blushed for a bit, then told us he had "found" them on the quartermaster's wagon and had brought them as he thought, perhaps, I hadn't any. Poor Head; his character was lost from that moment; we chaffed him unmercifully.

The dinner went off A 1, and Bruce had the bones, a very poor meal by the time we'd done with them. The stew was good, the chocolate *blanc-mange* excellent and Brabant's cigarettes beyond praise.

After a cigarette each, I produced the cards, and we cut for partners. Head and Frank v. Brabant and myself. Now begun the fun; the great thing in whist is to cheat as much as you can, but don't get found out; I had a splendid partner. He always managed to show me the ace of trumps or to lead when it was my turn, only just to show me what he wanted, lead of course. We got on famously. My partner's remarks were enough to discourage anybody.

When we won, "pure play" of course; when we lost, "pure luck". If I'd had those cards, I'd have got every trick on the board, and so on with a few regimental stock phrases that would be incomprehensible to most people, besides being more to the point than polite.

After two or three rubbers, our conversation naturally turned on the events of the day. Amongst our own personal friends only Geoffries had been hit through the right arm and just above his left hip. The latter wound might have been very dangerous only the bullet had struck the outside button of his braces and glanced outwards only just going through his skin.

As we stopped at Vredelort some time, his wounds got fairly well, and he was able to go on with the regiment. Brabant had been hit in the thigh and had a nasty bruise there. He would not see the doctor, as he said that the bullet had only hit a fork he had in his haversack and didn't hurt him at all. We tried to persuade him to go into hospital, but he wouldn't hear of it. Poor chap! He had to go to hospital for a fortnight eventually, as the bruise turned out pretty serious. Now he has quite recovered, thank goodness.

Well, we broke up our party about eleven p.m. and all slept well on the goose, chocolate *blanc-mange* and cigarettes.

A FEW FISH-TALES

By W. CARTER PLATTS.

A PSALM OF LINE (AND ROD).

Tell me not in mournful numbers
Fishing's but an empty dream;
That the sole is hooked that slumbers,
And minnows are not five-pound bream.

Not enjoyment, and not sorrow,
Is our destined end or way;
But to fish, that each to-morrow
Finds us fishier than to-day.

Lines are long and rods are limber,
And our voices stout and true,
As they toot in tuneful timbre—
"Scotch and soda, miss, for two!"

Lives of anglers all remind us
We may, p'r'aps, be fishing cranks,
And, departing, leave behind us
Empty bottles on the banks.

Let us then be up and doing
Others, as they would do you;
Still a-fishing, still pursuing,
Learn to spin a yarn or two.

I never could quite satisfy myself as to which is usually the stranger—fiction founded upon fact, or fact founded upon fiction; and I am equally at a loss to determine to which section of raconteurology the following interesting items belong. The first was sent to me by a friend. He writes, "The enclosed paragraph is from a provincial paper, published in a little market town. I happened upon it quite accidentally, and having read it once read it a second time, to make sure that my last dose of influenza had not completely stolen my reason. Afterwards I lent it to an old gentleman who occasionally looks upon the whisky when it is yellow, and immediately after perusing it he went to bed and sent for the doctor, under the firm impression that he'd 'got 'em again.' Upon mature deliberation I have come to the conclusion that the editor of the paper wished to celebrate in suitable terms an important event in the domestic history of the Mayor of the town, but, unfortunately, through some inexplicable mishap, the printer got the matter mixed up with a fishing tackle and bait dealer's advertisement, the result being the following pathetic announcement:—

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for that purpose. Bait-cans to be returned carriage paid." Funny, isn't it?"

Yes, it is rather funny. It puts me in mind of a little yarn I once heard of a disappointed christening party. Another friend of mine told me he was at a little country church one Sunday morning, and, loitering behind the rest of the congregation, in order to examine some ancient brasses, was about to leave the church when loud and expostulatory voices reached him, and the next instant he was witnessing the curious sight of the old sexton valiantly keeping a whole rustic christening party at bay in the porch.

"It's no use," he said, determinedly; "ye can't christen to-day, an' that's straight!"

"But we must!" came the dogged reply. "We've got all ready, an' thou knows as well as I do 'at we arranged with thee for this morning."

"I don't care a dang what we arranged for!" exclaimed the sexton, triumphantly; "but I know there'll be no christening here to-day; for t' parson's goin' fishin' tomorrow, and I've got two dozen minnows in t' font for him to take with him, so there!" And that settled it.

I have heard another yarn of a country parson and fishing, or, rather, poaching. There was a tailor in a little village in Wharfedale. He was a good tailor, but a better poacher—I mean a worse poacher. Once a keeper dropped on him in the early hours in the act of poaching trout in the river. An exciting chase ensued, in which the tailor got the best of it, and escaped—saved his goose, so to speak. However, a few days later he was hauled up before the magistrates. The keeper's unsupported evidence was to the effect that he had detected the tailor in the very act, while the tailor's defence was that on the day in question he had been engaged in making a pair of breeches, which were so urgently wanted that he had to sit up to finish them, and at the alleged time he was busy with the lining. The Bench gave the tailor the benefit of the doubt, and he was coming out of court when the parson joined him.

"Ah, Balderson," the latter exclaimed in tones of pain, "it grieved me to the heart's core to sit and hear you perjure your immortal soul in yonder! For, with my own eyes, I saw you rush out of the thicket into your house, as I was returning from sitting up with a sick member of my congregation."

"Perjury, be blowed!" returned the tailor, in no wise abashed. "What I swore to, I stick to. I was busy with the lining, and if them clever chaps on t' Bench don't know t' difference between night-lining and britches-lining, it's no fault of mine!"

I used to know a garrulous old fellow from Sheffield, who could rake up fishing-competition yarns by the mile.

"Yes," he once remarked to me, pathetically; "the biggest catch I ever made in a fishing match brought me nowt in—and that catch was six pounds heavier than anybody else's in that competition."

"How was that?" I enquired, casually.

"Well, you see, we were fishing near Brigg, and it was a pegged-down match. Just before the time was up I'd a pile of fish as big as a young haystack, when down came a bull to the river to see what was up. None of us noticed him, but he must have caught sight of a red pocket-handkerchief I had hanging out of my coat-tail pocket, for the first thing I knew about him was that I was tipped head over tail clean into the middle of the river, and blame it, they disqualified me for leaving my ground!"

Usually the fish-tale runs in the direction of phenomenally big fish, or gigantic catches. About the most wonderful catch in this respect was one a Yankee sportsman told me of in answer to my enquiry as to what was the biggest specimen he had ever hooked.

"Wall," he drawled, reflectively. "I can't jestly recollect what was the weight of it to a few hundredweight, but I guess it was nigh on to ten thousand tons, and you can let it go at that."

"Look here, draw it mild!" I entreated.

"I reckon I'm drawing it tarnation mild," he went on seriously. "You see, I was out for a night's sea fishing off Sandy Hook. It was pitch dark, and I hadn't no sort of luck to speak of, when, all at once I got an all-fired big bite, and the reel jest screeched 'Hail Columbia!' as the line flew out. It was a light skiff I was in, with a man named Jim Blaine to row me.

"By gosh!" says Jim; 'yew've hooked the sea sarpint! You kin jes' bet your sweet life on that!"

"Wall, I jest put all the pressure I durst on that fish, and he towed our boat along with him like a pine chip. Jim wanted me to cut the line and let him go, but I wasn't

going to throw away the chance of landing a record. So I jest hung on, and played him all through the night, and when day broke we were a hundred and fifty miles out at sea, and, dog my cats, if it wasn't the City of Paris, with three thousand passengers on board, that I'd hooked in the rudder chains!"

"And you didn't land her after all?" I put in sarcastically.

"Wall--skursely," the Yankee replied softly; "but when they took their bearings that day on board the liner, they found I'd dragged 'em seventy-three miles out of their course, and they were half a day overdue at Queenstown in consekens!"



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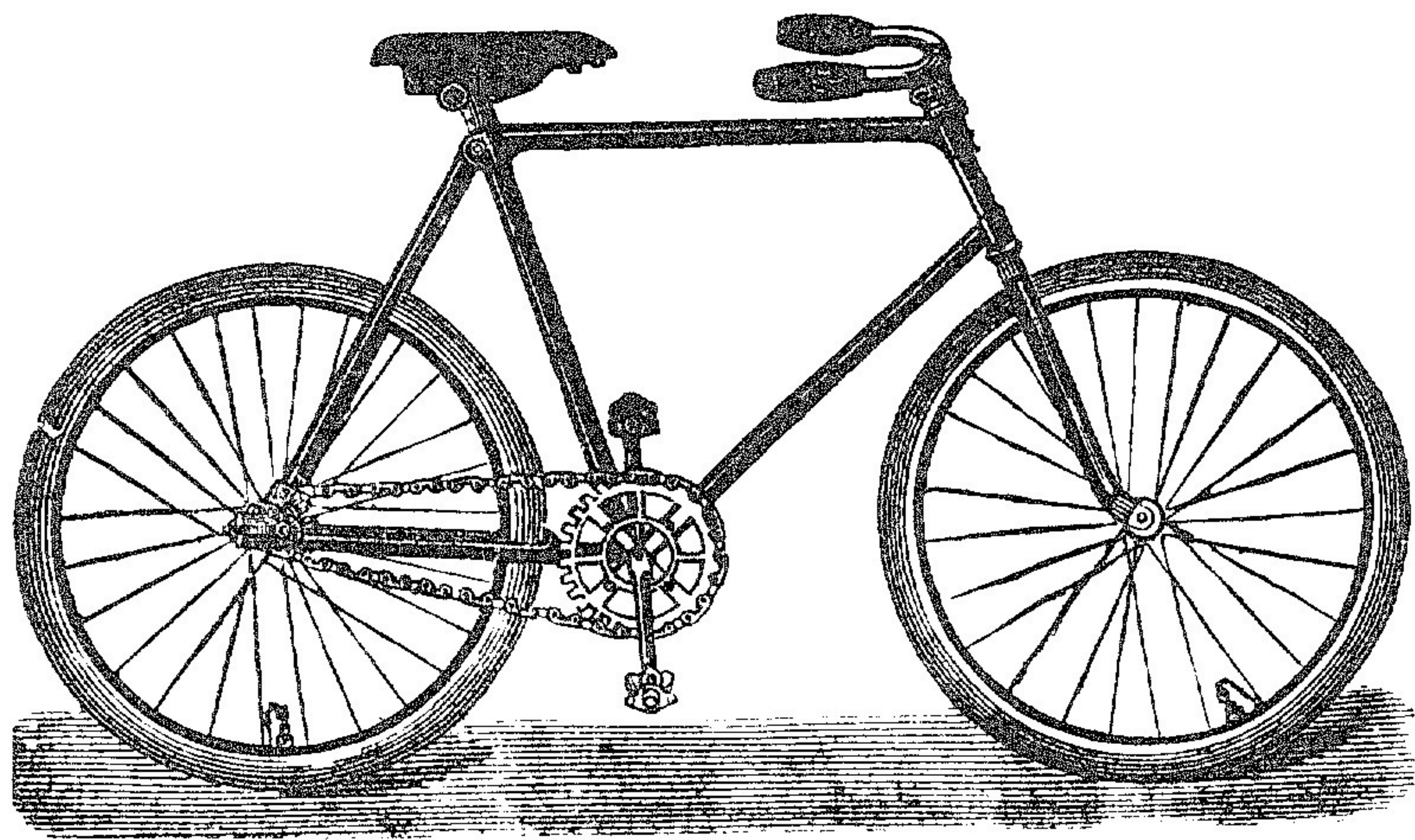
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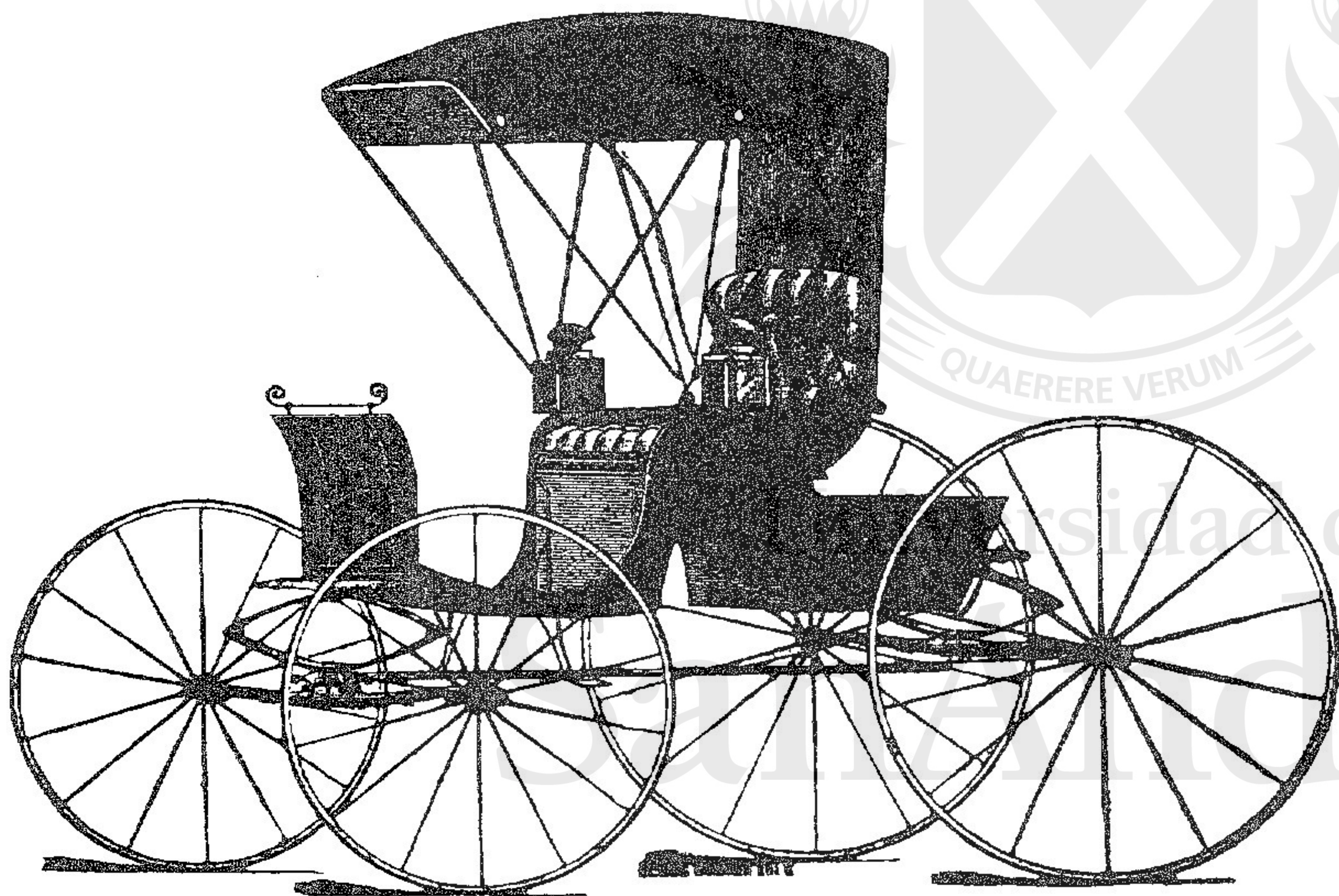
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