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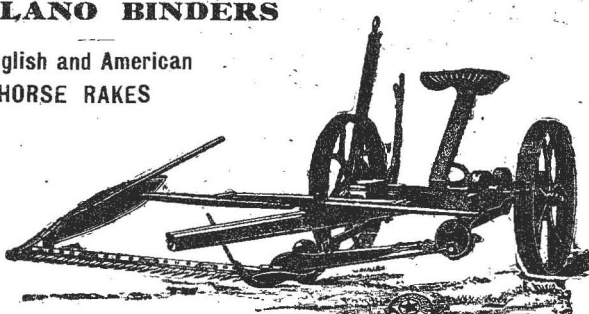
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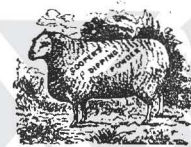
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FOOTBALL

Out of the last six matches played by the Canadian-Americans, five have been left undecided. Against the Royal Arsenal at Plumstead, on Nov. 28, the Canadians had much the worst of the game all through, but thanks chiefly to their goal-keeper, Shea, the match ended in a draw with one goal each. A return match was played a few days later, when, however, the Arsenal scored four goals to their opponents nil.

One of the best games during the tour was produced by the Canadians' match against Northamptonshire, which after an exciting struggle all through resulted in each side scoring a goal. A draw was also the result of their match against Marlow on December 4, neither side having scored.

A combined team of the Oxford and Cambridge Universities (A.) met a London one at Kennington Oval on Nov. 23, and through good forward play on the part of the visitors, and the loose back play of the home team, the Universities scored an easy victory by five goals to two.

Other Association results on Nov. 23—Suffolk drew with Cambridge University at Ipswich with one goal each; Nottinghamshire County beat Accrington in the return League Championship match at Nottingham by nine goals to none; Sheffield Wednesday beat Notts Forest in the Football Alliance Competition at Sheffield by three goals to one; and Crusaders beat Clapton at Leyton by five goals to one.

In the Rugby Union County Championship, the popular match between Lancashire and Yorkshire ended in the victory of the latter county by a penalty goal to nothing; Middlesex beat Surrey by thirteen points (one goal and four tries) to five (one goal); Kent beat Sussex at Worthing by two goals and three tries to a try.

Other Rugby results up to Dec. 4 were—Hampshire beat Suffolk at Richmond by ten points to none; Blackheath beat Richmond at Blackheath by nineteen points (three goals and two tries) to nothing; Newport maintained their unbroken record by beating Gloucester after a hard fight at Gloucester by a try to nothing; as also did Kensington by beating Old Leysians at Stamford Bridge by a goal and two tries to nothing.

The Universities played some important matches during the week ending on Dec. 5. Oxford beat The Harlequins by two tries to nil; the University was also victorious against the Edinburgh Academicals, whom they beat by a try to nothing; and St. Thomas Hospital, whom they beat by three tries to nil.

London Scottish beat Cambridge by two goals to a try (ten points to two); the University beat Lansdowne by four goals and a try to nothing; Dublin University beat the home team at Cambridge by a goal and a try to nothing; and the Cantabs beat Norfolk County (A.) easily by five goals to none.

In the first round of the final stage of the Scottish Cup, Queen's Park beat Abercorn (A.) by three goals to two; and Celtic beat St. Mirren by four goals to two; Heart of Midlothian beat Clyde by three goals to one.

Amongst the Rugby fixtures in Scotland, Watsonians beat Edinburgh University by one goal to nothing; Gala beat the Royal High School by two tries to nothing; Glasgow Academicals beat Clydesdale by a dropped goal to nothing; and Glasgow University defeated St. George by two tries to nothing.

SPORT and ADVENTURE in SOUTH AMERICA

(Continued).

We were nearly home and had as yet seen nothing of the enemy, and were riding up a narrow path through some very tall grass, Eusebio in front, I next and Mainwaring last, with the dogs bringing up the rear, when all of a sudden Eusebio shouted "look out!" and hitting his horse on the side of the head with his hand cleared to one side. As soon as he was out of the way I saw the reason. There, in the middle of the path, crouched down flat to the ground, with his tail swishing angrily from side to side lay an immense tiger, not fifteen yards ahead. Quick as thought I followed Eusebio's example and Mainwaring did the same, but not a moment too soon, for the next instant he was among the dogs. A smack from his paw sent Tyke flying and two of Eusebio's dogs followed, and then we saw a great yellow body, beautifully spotted and ringed, going in long bounds towards a clump of tall esparto grass about a hundred yards away.

We raced after, blazing away with our revolvers, but did not succeed in stopping him, and he gained the shelter just about twenty yards ahead. What was to be done now? To follow him would be folly, as in that jungle we should never see him, and he would be upon us before we were aware of it. We knew he was in a rage by the way he knocked the dogs about, and would certainly go for anybody who came within reach, so we set to work to reconnoitre his stronghold with a view to discovering the best method of attack.

We found that the clump of esparto in which he had taken refuge was only a patch on the

river bank and nearly surrounded by trefoil, so, as it was quite dry, we decided on burning him out. No sooner said than done. Eusebio went to one end and lit it, while Mainwaring did the same at the other, and I remained in front of the centre waiting for him to make his appearance.

The dogs had all followed the tiger, and were barking away, though every now and then a yelp would tell when one or other had got a scratch or a smack from the brute's paw. I heard Tyke scream, and shouted to her to come out, which she did, but with one of her hind legs ripped open and part of the bone showing. I had no time to attend to her as the fire was making way rapidly and I was expecting the tiger to rush out every minute, but the whole patch burnt right up, and nothing was to be seen but smoking stumps of grass. What had become of him? We were positive he had not come out on the land side, so he must have crossed the river and escaped to the opposite bank. We were not going to let him off as long as we had a dog to find him, so we started to cross the still smoking ground, but before we had got six yards our horses were up to their bellies in a bog and plunging frantically. Somehow or other Eusebio's revolver was knocked out of his hand into the mud, and just then Mainwaring shouted out, "Look, look, there he is!" and he fired his rifle (he had not brought a revolver) but missed. I looked in the direction in which he had fired and could just see the brute's tail swishing about in some trefoil among which he was crouching, about 15 yards from where we were. Eusebio saw him too and shouted out to me to shoot, as he was making ready to spring. There was evidently no time to be lost, so taking a snap shot I fired at the spot where I fancied the rest of his body was. My shot was followed by a hoarse roar, and the tiger sprang high in the air and fell on his back in the mud, kicking violently for a few seconds with his hind legs, and then lay still.

We, of course, were overjoyed at the result of my lucky shot, but how to get out of that bog was the next question. We climbed over our horses tails and got out ourselves as well as we could and then lassoed each horse in turn and dragged them out one after the other. The tiger lay about twenty yards off, and as we dare not go to him for fear of getting bogged again, the only way was to lasso one of his legs and drag him over to where we were, and this after a great deal of trouble we at length managed to accomplish. When we got him on to *terra firma* we were able to appreciate his enormous size. Between the three of us we were not able to lift him off the ground, as I proposed, if possible, to lift him bodily on to a horse and carry him home entire, but it was no use, it had taken two horses all their time to drag him over the bog, but as for lifting him, we could no more lift him than we could a cow, so we determined to skin him where he lay, and after we had done that, I cut his head off and took it home in a bag to clean and keep as a trophy.

We found that my bullet had entered his throat just above the points of his shoulders and gone straight through his heart. I don't know who was most surprised at the result of that shot, the tiger or I. All I know is, that I was in a horrid funk when I fired, and was mighty glad to see him fall over dead.

I wrapped Tyke up in a poncho, as the wound in her leg was a very bad one and she was looking very seedy from loss of blood, and we made the best of our way home. As soon as we got there I set to work to doctor her up. First I washed the wound well with a weak solution of carbolic acid and water and then sewed it up with a fine needle and a long horsehair, and ten days after that she was running about again, though it took quite three months to heal.

Well, two days after this it came on to rain; we saw there was trouble brewing, so took the precaution to collect a good stock of firewood, which we piled for safety under our thatched hut. It continued for three days a regular steady downpour, with no wind and very little thunder. Of course everything got soaking wet, and we passed a miserable time. Lorenzo and Abelino though, seemed quite happy under the cart; they played cards for cigarettes the whole time. They began, as far as I could see, with about twenty each, and by the end of the three days, after they had changed hands several hundred times, they were so disgustingly dirty that they were no good to either of them. However, they helped them to pass the time, and that was the chief thing to be considered. When it eventually cleared up there was of course, no reason for our remaining any longer, so we packed up our traps and collected the mares, and

were just ready to start when Eusebio came riding up so say that another animal, a cow this time, had been killed during the rain, and he thought it was a tiger that had done it. He begged me to stay with him that day and help him to try and find it, which I did, but sent Mainwaring home with the cart, Lorenzo and Abelino taking the mares.

Well, we hunted the long grass on both banks that day but could not get a glimpse of anything but a few deer; the tiger had evidently made himself scarce. That night I slept at Eusebio's hut. I say slept, but he did not let me sleep much, for he kept on talking till nearly morning. Among other things, he said he was going to leave H. at the end of the month and going home to Catamarca, which was the province he came from. His old mother and one sister were living there, and with the money he had saved he could buy a nice piece of land, and by cultivating it could make a good living for all three. Well, next morning came at last, and I said good-bye, wishing him luck, and rode home, little thinking that that was the last time I should ever see him alive. Three days after that a peon came over from H.'s estancia with a letter, saying that the boy who had been down at the river with Eusebio had just come up and told them that the Indians had come upon them that morning and that he had been able to escape, having seen them some distance off, but that the last he saw of Eusebio was on foot, surrounded by eight or ten Indians fighting for his life, while a lot more were driving off the cattle, and asking me to go over to his place with what men I could spare, to go with him and try and get the cattle back. Mainwaring and I and Lorenzo started about ten minutes later. We found H. ready to start, and about twelve other Englishmen and half a dozen natives, so we set out at once. When we got to Eusebio's hut we found it had been ransacked and everything of any value taken, so we went off to where the boy had last seen him alive. We soon found him, dead as a door-nail, and simply covered with lance wounds, most of which had gone right through him. His right hand had been cut off at the wrist. We could easily see where the fight began, for the ground for about 30 yards in one direction had been trodden down and was spotted everywhere with blood. His hand was lying about ten yards from where we found his body, and close to it was his revolver with three chambers fired off and three remaining. Two Indians were also close there, one with a bullet through his brain and the other with a knife wound in his left breast. Poor fellow! he had evidently died hard fighting to the very last. While we stood there talking we saw some horsemen on the other side of the river coming rapidly towards us. "Here they come," shouted H., who was very mad by this time at the death of Eusebio and the loss of his cattle. "Come along you fellows—we will just give them particular hell." So we rode off to meet them and try and get back H.'s cattle and avenge Eusebio. When we got near enough to make them out we discovered that they were not Indians, as we at first supposed, but men from the Carlotta. They told us that they were out running mares and ostriches and had that morning come across the Indians driving off a lot of cattle, and that as they were over seventy and the Indians were only about forty, they had gone for them and taken back the cattle and killed thirteen of them. They had lost two men in the fight, but the cattle were all there. This was good news for H., who had expected to lose them all, so when we arrived at where they were he gave them fifty head, to be divided among the families of the men who had been killed, and a dollar a head to the other men.

We then went back to bury Eusebio. First we dug a hole three feet deep, and then wrapped him up in our ponchos and put him in and covered him up and planted a little wooden cross at his head and left him. I was awfully cut up at his death. As we did not know what part of Catamarca his mother lived we could send no news to her, and doubtless she and his sister are still hoping for his return and wondering why he never comes. B.

CRICKET

FIXTURES.

Wednesday, Jan. 6, at Palermo—Lanus v. Buenos Aires.
Wednesday, Jan. 6, at Rosario—B. A. v. R. Ry. v. F. C. C. A.
Wednesday, Jan. 6, at Lomas—Married v. Single (L.A.A.C.).
Sunday, Jan. 10, at Belgrano—B. A. v. R. Ry. v. Hurlingham.
Sunday, Jan. 10, at Lanús—Lanus v. Western Railway.
Sunday, Jan. 10, at Quilmes—Mr G. Marriott Woodgate's Eleven v. Quilmes.

Sunday, Jan. 17, at Lanús—Lanus v. Pacific Railway.
 Sunday, Jan. 17, at Belgrano—B. A. y R. Ry. v. Campana.
 Saturday, Jan. 23, at Lanús—Married v. Single, Lanús C.C.
 Sunday, Jan. 24, at Lomas—Lomas v. London Bank.
 Sunday, Jan. 24, at Hurlingham—Pacific Railway v. Hurlingham.
 Sunday, Jan. 24, at Lomas—Lomas Academy v. London Bank.
 Saturday, Jan. 30, at Lanús—Lanus v. Sola, F.C.S.
 Sunday, Jan. 31, at Las Flores—Lanus v. Las Flores.
 Sunday, Jan. 31, at Lomas—Lomas Academy v. Palermo.
 Wednesday, Feb. 3, at Lanús—Lanus v. Adela.
 Wednesday, Feb. 3, at Rosario—Buenos Aires v. Rosario.
 Wednesday, Feb. 3, at Belgrano—Lomas v. B. A. y R. Ry.
 Sunday, Feb. 7, at Belgrano—B. A. y R. Ry. v. Western Ry. and ground.
 Sunday, Feb. 7, at Hurlingham—Hurlingham v. Lanús.
 Sunday, Feb. 14, at Lanús—Lanus v. The London Bank.
 Sunday, Feb. 14, at Belgrano—B. A. y R. Ry. v. Pacific Ry.
 Sunday, Feb. 21, at Belgrano—Hurlingham v. B. A. y R. Ry.
 Sunday, Feb. 21, at Lanús—Lanus v. Lomas.
 Monday, Feb. 29, at Palermo—Montevideo v. Buenos Aires (two days).
 Monday, Feb. 29, at Hurlingham—Rosario v. Hurlingham (two days).
 Monday, Feb. 29, at Belgrano—Lanus v. B. A. y R. Ry. (two days).
 Monday, Feb. 29, at Lomas—Lomas Academy v. The Dodds Eleven.
 Monday, Feb. 29, at Lomas—Lomas Academy v. Adela.
 Wednesday, March 2, at Lanús—Lomas Academy v. Lanús.
 Wednesday, March 2, at Palermo—Montevideo v. Rosario (two days).
 Wednesday, March 2, at Hurlingham—Buenos Aires v. Hurlingham (two days).
 Sunday, March 6, at Lanús—Lanus v. Pencliffe House.
 Sunday, March 6, at Belgrano—B. A. y R. Ry. and ground v. Campana.
 Sunday, March 6, at Tolosa—Lomas Academy v. Western Railway.
 Sunday, March 13, at Belgrano—B. A. y R. Ry. v. Lomas.
 Sunday, March 20, at Lomas—Lomas Academy v. London Bank.
 April (Holy Week), at Montevideo—Buenos Aires v. Montevideo.
 April (Holy Week), at Lanús—B. A. y R. Ry. v. Lanús.

HURLINGHAM AND GROUND v. BUENOS AIRES

This match was played at Palermo on New Year's Day, and, thanks to the bowling of G. A. Thomson, ended in a most decisive victory for Hurlingham on the first innings.
 Hurlingham won the toss, and sent in C. Thompson and W. C. Parry against the bowling of Walshe and G. S. Anderson. Ten overs were bowled, and as many runs notched, when Walshe took Thompson's wicket, the same bowler getting the new comer caught five overs later, (2 for 17); and the next over with the score still at 17, Anderson bowled Parry. No stand was made till Fortune and Thursby got together at 7 wickets for 42, when they ran the score up to 62 before Anderson bowled Thursby, and finally, after seeing the last two men out, Fortune retired unbeaten, having scored a freely hit 22, though he appeared to have been left off from early in his innings a catch at wicket by the umpire.
 Buenos Aires sent J. C. Walshe and E. R. Gifford to face the bowling of Lacey and G. A. Thomson, and the latter soon disposed of Walshe (1 for 5). R. W. Anderson, after sending Lacey for four and Thomson for three, was clean bowled by the last named (2 for 18), his place being taken by J. Gifford. The brothers kept together for seven overs and raised the score to 27, when J. Gifford fell a victim to Thomson, who in the same over bowled Lacey (4 for 31). The next six wickets fell in as many overs, E. R. Gifford, eighth wicket down, being the only man who made any stand against the bowling of Thomson, who took nine wickets for only 24 runs.

Hurlingham, on going in again, scored 98 runs for 6 wickets, Lacey knocking up 47 runs, and Thursby 21, out of the total. The match therefore, on the single innings, ended in a win for Hurlingham by 31 runs.

Scores:

Hurlingham	1st inn.	2nd inn.
C. Thompson, b J. C. Walshe	2	c and b J. Gifford
W. C. Parry, b G. S. Anderson	10	not out
G. Harker, c Stokes b Walshe	4	c G. S. Anderson b Walshe
G. A. Thomson, l-b-w b G. S. Anderson	4	c Lacey b Walshe
Lacey (prop), c R. W. Anderson	8	not out
b Walshe	5	b Walshe
W. E. Courbough, b Walshe	5	—
C. R. Thursby, b G. S. Anderson	14	b Walshe
A. Bowden Smith, b Walshe	0	—
M. G. Fortune, not out	22	b G. S. Anderson
J. Stuart, b G. S. Anderson	0	—
C. A. Lowe, b G. S. Anderson	0	—
Extras	3	Extras
	72	98

BOWLING ANALYSIS

First Innings

	O	M	R	W
J. C. Walshe	23	9	33	5
G. S. Anderson	23	10	36	5

Second Innings

	O	M	R	W
J. C. Walshe	16	0	54	4
G. S. Anderson	3	0	14	1
E. R. Gifford	5	1	12	0
J. Gifford	8	3	14	1

J. Gifford bowled 2 wide balls.

Buenos Aires C.C.

J. C. Walshe, b G. A. Thomson	2
E. R. Gifford, b G. A. Thomson	16
R. W. Anderson, b G. A. Thomson	7
J. Gifford, b G. A. Thomson	6
A. Lacey, b G. A. Thomson	4
H. M. Mills, b G. A. Thomson	0
G. Anderson, b G. A. Thomson	0
T. Horrocks, b G. A. Thomson	1
Glynn Williams, not out	0
H. A. Ricketts, b G. A. Thomson	4
D. J. Stokes, b Lacey	1
Extras	0
	41

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

First Innings

	O	M	R	W
Lacey	15	7	17	1
G. A. Thomson	15	6	24	9

ADELA C.C. v. LOMAS ACADEMY A.C.

This match was played on New Year's Day at Mr Dodds' estancia at Adela, and resulted in a win for Lomas by six wickets.

The visitors were driven over from Chascomús, and a start was made by 10 o'clock with 13 players a side.

At the close of the first innings both sides were very level, Lomas heading the score by 3 runs. In the second innings, the Adela team were got out for 68 runs, and Lomas succeeded in reaching this score with six wickets to fall.

Reid, Anderson and Tabor all batted well, Anderson being given out on a most cleverly held catch by Frost right on the boundary.

The bowling on both sides was good, that of W. Greig being much admired.

At the end of the excellent luncheon pro-

vided by the estancia, a hearty vote of thanks was returned to Mr Dodds for his great kindness and hospitality.

Scores:

Adela C.C.		1st inn	2nd inn
J. E. Dodds, b Osborne	2	b Rowland	8
Horace Dodds, b Osborne	0	c and b Tabor	20
J. D. Frost, b H. Anderson	0	b Tabor	13
C. Bradbury, b H. Anderson	0	run out	18
J. M. Reid, c Rowland b H. Anderson	53	b Osborne	0
J. Zimmermann, b H. Anderson	0	b Anderson	3
F. Chisholme, b Osborne	24	run out	4
F. Shaw, run out	4	b Anderson	3
F. Dodds, c Gwyther b Osborne	1	b Tabor	0
R. McKinnell, run out	0	c Tabor b Rowland	6
J. Greig, b H. Anderson	0	not out	2
W. Greig, not out	2	b H. Anderson	4
C. Paton, b Osborne	3	b Osborne	1
Extras	2	Extras	3
	92		68

Lomas A.A.C.		1st inn	2nd inn
R. Bennett, b W. Greig	5	b McKinnell	0
E. P. Rowland, c Bradbury b J. Greig	2	not out	13
P. Bridger, b J. Greig	2	c H. Dodds b McKinnell	3
H. Anderson, c Dodds b W. Greig	4	not out	25
C. A. Tabor, b McKinnell	25	c H. Dodds b W. Greig	23
Osborne, c J. Greig b H. Dodds	1	c Reid b W. Greig	11
J. Kahl, c Shaw b McKinnell	0	—	—
J. Tait, run out	7	—	—
C. Spencer, c H. Dodds b McKinnell	4	b McKinnell	0
R. Grant, c J. Reid b McKinnell	0	—	—
W. Hayward, c and b McKinnell	1	—	—
H. Gwyther, not out	2	c Reid b H. Dodds	0
E. Hannay, st Reid b H. Dodds	0	—	—
Extras	2	Extras	2
	95		69

LANUS C.C. v. B. A. AND R. RAILWAY

These two clubs met at Belgrano for the first time this season on January 1st. The Railway winning the toss decided to send in Lanús who put together 172 before they were disposed of, Barnes and Cornwall batting in good form for 45 and 30 respectively. The Railway then went to the wickets, and were all out for 89, Bardwick trying hard to avert defeat scored 39, Archer 13 and Taylor 14.

For Lanús, Barnes took three wickets for three runs, the last wicket falling within five minutes of the time for drawing stumps.

Scores:

Lanus C.C.		1st inn	B. A. R. R. C. C.		1st inn
D. Duncan, c S. Archer b Rogers	5	F. J. Bardrick, c Fothergill b Cornwall	39		
E. Robson, b Webb	13	W. H. Masters, l-b-w b J. Main	0		
J. Main, b S. Archer	1	F. Archer, c Fergusson b Cornwall	13		
H. Cornwall, l-b-w b Webb	30	C. P. Rogers, c and b Main	3		
J. Barnes, c Foley b F. Archer	45	H. Wyatt, c and b Main	1		
J. Brayshaw, run out	21	S. Archer, c Main b Cornwall	0		
W. Fergusson, c Rogers b S. Archer	11	Wall	0		
A. C. Low, c S. Archer b Wyatt	24	J. S. Taylor, c Cornwall b Barnes	14		
C. Hatchings, b Foley	8	F. Fothergill, c and b S. Archer	9		
F. Fothergill, c and b S. Archer	3	Brayshaw	2		
E. Margon, not out	0	B. McCullagh, not out	6		
Extras	11	H. Webb, c Robson b Barnes	1		
	172	Byes	1		
			89		

ATHLETICS

Buenos Aires, Dec. 30, 1891.

To the Editor *River Plate Sport and Pastime.*

Dear Sir,
 I am pleased to see that some steps are being taken at last for the formation of an Amateur Athletic Association in the River Plate.

There are a good number of athletes in the River Plate at the present time, but they have no representative body which could be appealed to in case of need, nor are the athletic sports held under any fixed rules. The usefulness of an Athletic Association is beyond doubt. To-day no record is kept for times, heights, distances, &c. This is of special interest to athletes, as it would incite them to do their best if there were records to be broken.

An Athletic Association would also be able to settle the question of championships. Some of your correspondents seem to think that they have only to put a letter in the paper challenging some one else to run a race for the championship of the Plate. This is absurd, and borders on the ways of professionalism. They should try and remember (as you have already tried to impress upon them) that no championship can be decided unless at a meeting specially held for that purpose, of which due notice has been given to all athletes.

HOULDER BROTHERS & CO. v. QUILMES FOOTBALL CLUB.

This match was played on New Year's Day at Quilmes, resulting in a win for the Football Club by 20 runs.

The ground, which had only very recently been acquired, was in anything but good condition, and unsatisfactory both to batsmen and bowlers. Quilmes winning the toss elected to put in their opponents, who sent to the wickets Lamb and James, against the bowling of Rooke and Sinclair. James, unfortunately, was promptly bowled off his body. Bennett, for his 31 runs, hit hard and in good style, whilst Cutlar delighted all his old friends by the masterly way in which he played with one hand. Sinclair and Rooke both bowled well for Quilmes, taking 4 wickets each for 13 and 15 runs respectively.

At 1 p.m. the two teams adjourned for luncheon at the pretty Quinta Campos, Bernal, where they had been kindly invited by Mr and Mrs Marriott Woodgate.

At 3 p.m. play was again resumed. A. Palmer and A. Cruzar represented Quilmes against the bowling of James and Bennett. Cruzar was despatched in the first over by James, when J. Palmer joined his brother; these two played steadily for some little time, A. Palmer specially showing good style in his batting. Eaton and Bocquet also played well for their side. James bowled well for Houlder Brothers & Co., taking 7 wickets out of the ten, though probably owing to the state of the ground he was hardly in his best form. Houlder Brothers & Co. throughout were under the disadvantage of only being able to put 10 men in the field.

During the afternoon the ladies present dispensed tea and other refreshments to all comers.

Scores:

Houlder Bros. C.C.	1st inn	Quilmes F. C.	1st inn
Lamb, c A. Palmer b Sinclair	4	b H. H. James	9
H. H. James, b F. Rooke	0	A. Cruzar, l-b-w b H. H. James	0
(F. Marriott Woodgate, b F. Rooke)	0	J. Palmer, b H. H. James	9
F. J. Bennett, b Sinclair	31	F. E. Rooke, b F. J. Bennett	12
George Grant, b F. Rooke	1	B. Eaton, b H. H. James	2
E. Jenkins, b A. Cruzar	7	J. Sinclair, b H. H. James	6
N. C. Brown, b J. Sinclair	4	F. W. Atkinson, b H. H. James	5
A. McCarthy, b F. Rooke	4	W. K. Cutlar, not out	2
W. K. Cutlar, not out	2	J. Bocquet, b G. Marriott	9
L. J. Roquette, b J. Sinclair	0	Woodgate	9
Extras	3	F. Steed, b H. H. James	2
	56	E. Robinson, b G. Marriott	2
		Woodgate	1
		B. Moser, not out	2
		Extras	19
			76

BOWLING ANALYSIS

Houlder Bros. C.C.

	O	M	R	W
J. Sinclair	8	2	13	4
F. Rooke	7	1	15	4
A. Cruzar	5	0	25	1

Quilmes F. C.

	O	M	R	W
H. H. James	17	2	26	7
F. J. Bennett	12	1	24	1
G. Marriott Woodgate	5	2	7	2

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Again, no individual club can hold championship meetings for the whole of the Plate unless the said meeting has been authorised by all athletic clubs in the country, and for this simple reason it is necessary to form an Amateur Athletic Association.

I now propose the following:

1. That an Amateur Athletic Association be formed for the Argentine and Uruguay Republics, with headquarters at Buenos Aires, for the purpose of governing athletic meetings, holding championship meetings, keeping records, &c., and that all existing Cricket, Football, Athletic Clubs, &c., be asked to adhere to the Association.

2. That the Association adopt the laws and regulations of the Amateur Athletic Association of England.

3. That a championship meeting be held once a year, or, if this is not feasible, that certain events be fixed at the meetings of one of the following clubs: Rosario, Montevideo, Hurlingham, or at any other meeting, should the governing committee think same advisable.

4. That no records or championships be accepted from any sports held by any Athletic Club not affiliated to the Association.

I shall be very glad to assist in any way in the formation of the Association—Yours truly,
ERNESTO DANVERS.

To the Editor *River Plate Sport and Pastime*.

Dear Sir,

Hearing that an idea has been mooted for the formation of some co-operative association for the mutual promotion of athletics generally through the River Plate, I should beg to offer a few suggestions, which may be of service.

Many younger men are not aware that thirty-five to forty years ago, athletic meetings were very rare and were held almost exclusively by a few cricket clubs and schools. The institution led sooner or later to the formation of a large club in London, known as the Amateur Athletic Club, and was chiefly patronised by Varsity men and the elder public school boys. I believe it no longer exists, but the idea, which it took from the infantile patterns of the cricket clubs and schools, led to the creation of that still most prosperous society, the London Athletic Club, which was the first to instigate open races, and, above all, that most lucrative system the open *handicap*, its handicappers being chosen from the newly-retired pedestrians of the club.

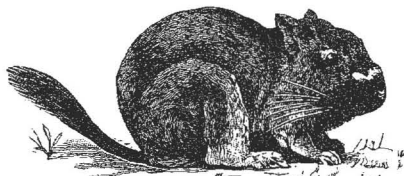
To cut a long matter short, the example set by these two clubs was soon followed all over the country—north, south, east, west and centre.

The British Isles, in general, soon became covered by athletic clubs, without any head centre, every club holding its own meetings in its own peculiar manner. At the proposal of the L.A.C., agreed to first by Oxford and Cambridge, and then by most of the clubs of the principal towns, delegates from each were sent to a given spot, wherein to consult seriously a general association for the purpose of holding championship meetings, at various cities and towns, alternating between those who owned the best running tracks and most suitable grounds for the purpose. The result was the formation of the ever famous Amateur Athletic Association, which now rules the athletic world, governing with prudence and decision the working of the whole machine; not only taking in hand, in company with the Cyclist's Union, the arrangement of all championships, but also framing the laws under which all competitors shall be allowed to compete, with the result that those laws, framed by an impartial "jury" of all the principal clubs, have now become as those of the Medes and Persians, and woe betide the athlete who tries to offend against them.

In order to avoid lengthiness, and to enable those interested in the matter to obtain more voluminous information, I would refer them to the "Athletic and Football" volume of the Badminton Library, and would make special reference to Chapters VII. and VIII., headed "Athletic Meetings" and "Athletic Government" respectively, suggesting a careful perusal of these two chapters, particularly at folios 191-195, 198-199 and 222-23.

Now, I see no reason why, on the basis therein set forth, some arrangement should not be arrived at between Buenos Aires, Rosario, Montevideo, Córdoba and the other athletic clubs. Therefore I should suggest that, as soon as possible, a letter be addressed, say by the Secretary of the Hurlingham Club, to the secretaries of those of the other cities, thus taking the first steps toward a definite understanding, calling their attention to the fact that the "locale" of the annual championship meeting will be changed every year.—Yours truly,

E. T. CHRISTIAN.



ZOOLOGICAL NOTES

By A. STUART PENNINGTON
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THE VISCACHA.

One of the most characteristic animals of the Argentine Fauna is the Viscacha or Biscacha, a species of rodent known to naturalists as *Lagostomus Trichodactylus*. In Griffith's translation of "Cuvier's Natural History" it is called the Diana Marmot. The rodents form by far the largest order amongst the mammalia, there being at least six hundred species described. Amongst Argentine rodents, we have, in addition to the Viscacha and the various species of rats and mice, the Cuis, the Carpincha, the Patagonian Hare, the Nutria or Coypu, the Chinchilla and the Viscacha de la Sierra or Alpine Viscacha.

The Viscacha proper belongs to the family of the Chinchillas or *Lagostomidae*. The characteristics of the rodents may be recognised by anyone who cares to study the teeth of a rabbit. There will be noticed the two large chisel-shaped curved incisors so admirably adapted to gnawing purposes. Behind these, at a considerable distance, are the grinders. The incisors are enamelled only on the front surface, and the back surface continually wearing away, keeps the teeth always pointed, and to compensate for this wearing there is a continuous growth of the tooth. The front enamel is described as being "hard as the hardest steel."

The Viscacha is only found in the Argentine Republic, and extends there as far south as the Rio Negro and as far west as the Andes. In the Andes themselves its place is taken by the Viscacha de las Sierras (*Lagidium Cuvieri*). It is said to be unknown in Uruguay, although it has crossed the larger branch of the River Plate, the Paraná, and is common in Entre Rios.

The Viscacha is about thirty inches in length, and in height behind reaches fourteen inches, being a little smaller in front. Its fur is grayish in colour above, sometimes inclined to brown or yellow, and even may be slightly reddish. It is thickly interspersed with coarser black hairs, which give it often a dusky tinge.

Underneath the body the fur is white or yellowish. The feet are white. The tail is dark above and below and lighter at the sides.

The fur is soft and moderately long. The hair on the tail is much longer above and below than on the sides, which gives that appendage rather a flattened appearance, and at the extremity the hairs are two to three inches long.

There is a curious formation of short bristles on the upper side of the middle toes and the inner side near the nail of the inner toes. These bristles give the animal its specific name of *trichodactylus* (hairy fingered), and are supposed to be of use to the Viscacha in cleaning its fur.

The head is flattened at the top. The muzzle is very broad and blunt at the tip and the fur all around the mouth is soft and velvety. Above the incisors is a notch in the upper lip, which, however is not cleft like that of the hare.

Across the face is a broad band of white, which reaches from eye to eye, and above this is a black marking not quite so extensive. Above each eye is a white spot, and in the case of the males the cheeks are furnished with long stiff bristles like those of a cat, which extend six or seven inches from the face. The female has often considerable bristles, but much shorter and less distinct. As described by Azara, the female has a "barba" and the male "bigotes" (barba

—beard; bigotes—moustache). This beard and whiskers, and, in fact the hair generally on the cheeks, is black.

Like the Marmot of North America the Viscacha is a social animal, living in large families or villages, with many openings to the surface. These openings form very serious hindrances to gallops over the camp, and few are the camp riders who haven't a tale to tell of some "spill" caused by their horse putting his foot in the hole of a Viscacha and pitching its rider over its head to a distance varying from a few yards to an unlimited number according to the conscience or memory of the rider. Like the Marmot also the Viscacha shares its burrows with an owl, the *Speotyto cunicularia*, and also with the bank swallow (*Hirundo lunifrons*).

The Viscacha is said to be a very clean animal and to object to its villages being mistaken for basura heaps. Indeed, it is asserted that a sure way to get rid of the Viscacha is to use its abode for the purpose of basura or dirty rubbish. At the same time clean rubbish is quite acceptable to our rodent. In fact, it is an inveterate collection of all kinds of things, such as pot, bones, &c., which it uses to adorn the entrances to its abode. A tale is told of a traveller who, travelling on the pampas, lost his watch, and remembering this feature in the Viscacha's character, retraced his steps, carefully examining every Viscacha hole in his path, and at length he found his missing chronometer. This event ought to be borne in mind by our estancieros when they so ruthlessly advocate the destruction of the Viscacha.

The Viscacha is generally hunted at night. In the day time it does not venture far from the burrows, and quickly retreats on being alarmed. It is said that if all the burrows in a village are closed up from the outside, the Viscachas will die as their instinct does not teach them to burrow outwards.

The Viscacha is a vegetable feeder, living largely upon the roots of the thistle. Its flesh, though not often eaten, is good and wholesome, as being of identical habits with the rabbits it should be. The Viscachas do not lie torpid or hibernate in winter as do their relations the Marmots.

They are interesting, sociable members of Nature's society, but this does not hinder them from being very objectionable tenants upon an estancia or chaera, and when we hear people talking, as we sometimes do, of the desirability of trying to extend the breeding of rabbits to the Argentine camps, we always think it would be better to be content with the rodent we have, which is bad enough, and not to fly to others that we know not of, at least in this country, but which, if Australian experience is to be our guide, would be infinitely worse.

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NOTES

Aventurero, who has been sold to race in Brazil, sailed in the La Plata yesterday for Rio Janeiro. £15,000 was the price paid for him.

The old established cricket match between the Montevideo C.C. and Her Majesty's Navy was played on January 1st, at Montevideo, and resulted in a decisive win for the M.V.C.C. The Club went in first and totalled 186, to which Charter contributed 86; the Navy, in their first innings, only scored 47, the only double figures being Ellis's 21, and on going in again they did little better and scored 67, thus leaving the M.V.C.C. easy winners by an innings and 72 runs.

From the *Uruguay News* we see that the following are the three crews that will represent the M.V. Club at the International Regatta on the 31st inst.:

1st Crew—(Bow) Arthur Davie, (2) R. Ludike, (3) Fliche, (Stroke) Alfred Davie, (Cox) H. Wille.

2nd Crew—(Bow) R. Leopold, (2) C. Sturzenegger, (3) A. D. Dunbar, (Stroke), W. L. Poole; (Cox) W. G. Buëla.

3rd Crew—(Bow) J. Stewart, (2) A. B. Hill, (3) R. Bernhard, (Stroke) M. Adam.

An advertisement will be found on another page in which the President of the Quilmes Football Club calls an extraordinary general meeting of the club, to be held next Friday, the 8th, for the purpose of considering the advisability of forming an Athletic Club on the basis of the present Football Club. The President was asked to call this meeting on the club's having at last secured a ground for which they have been in want of for some time. The ground acquired is the Rovers Polo Club's old field, about which we have been hearing so much lately.

An interesting sporting race for trainers' and jockeys' hacks was brought off last Sunday at Belgrano. The race was a handicap of 1900 metres, and twenty ponies were entered for it, all except the top weight going to the post. David Velasquez acted as starter and was fortunate in getting the nineteen runners well away together, and a good race resulted in Cruz's pony Mary winning by a length and a half.

The Belgrano Polo Club must have felt very well pleased by the response to their invitation for January 3rd to witness the match against Flores on their new ground. There were at least four hundred persons present, and everyone seemed to take an interest in the game. We don't suppose a polo match in South America has ever been witnessed by so many people before.

The Rosario Polo Club have been having some good games lately and the players are showing an all round improvement. Messrs. R. N. Smythe and Follett, both of Santiago del Estero polo fame, have been joining in the games and giving a spurt thereto. On January 3rd Rosario played a match against Fisherton, and although

three of the latter team were novices and Rosario had a fairly strong team, so lacking in combination were they, that the game ended in a draw, each side having scored three goals.

A most entertaining cricket match was played at Messrs Gibson Brothers' well known sporting estancia near Ajó on Saturday, Dec. 26, 1891. The match—a two innings one—was between Linconia, the smaller estancia, and Los Ingleses, played on the ground of the former, and resulting in a victory for the home team by 7 wickets. Amongst residents and visitors there only numbered some five Englishmen on each side, the rest of the teams being made up of puesteros and peones belonging to the estancias. The amusement caused by the fielding and batting of those who had never seen a game of cricket in their lives may be better imagined than described. Rain put a stop to the game for some time, but the dampened spirits of the players were most effectually raised by an excellent lunch provided for both teams, which was graced by the presence of several ladies who had come as spectators to the match.

The challenge issued by the home club to their opponents deserves to be framed. We cannot copy the old fashioned lettering, but the wording runs as follows:

"Sirs! F..... and the rest of the thieves are at the door: shall we be merry?"

"Ay: merry at cricket my lads. And, hark ye: a cunning match have we made.—

(Shakespeare: 1st Henry IV. ii. iv.

YE CHALLENGE.

Whereas we, the undermentioned, doe holde ourselves doughtie and of grete valour on ye crycke feilde, and are furthermore not a little helde in countenance by our valious allies and visitous, to wit, ye Court Physicianne and ye Knyghte of Lombardie, and manyie another gallant and fearless esquire: we hereby provoke, call and challenge

Ye (Yngleses) Cryckete Clubbe

to a faire and friendlie encountre at ye honeste and antient game to be contended on the 26th of Decembre upon our own feilde in yis pleasaunte dale of Linconia, and in accordance with ye established and approven laws of toumey bekowne to all worthie and gentle knyghtes.

Whereby these presentes, given and signed at Linconia, this twentie and third day of Decembre, of ye yeare of our Lorde one thousand eight hundred and ninetie one yeares.

THE PAST RACING SEASON

The past racing season, from a sporting point of view, has been, in every way, most satisfactory. There has been a large increase during the year in the number of horses in training, an average of no less than fifty horses having entered in each of the thirty-two races made by the Jockey Club. The financial crisis may have, to a certain extent, hindered the improvement of the Argentine Racehorse by checking the importation of first-class thoroughbreds, but at the same time it has caused breeders at home to pay more attention to the raising of stock for the supply of the turf, and with such sires to breed from as Tissaphernes, Gay Hermit, St. Mirin, Humewood, Orbit, and Ormonde, whose two-year-olds should be seen in 1893, and those that have in past seasons proved themselves such good getters of racehorses as Phoenix, Zanoni, Whipper-In, Earl Clifden, Star and several others, they will now be able to breed as good horses as any country in the world.

The fame of Argentine thoroughbreds has begun to be spread in different parts of the world; Camilla, by Phoenix out of Bright Eye, is a winner in India, where Mr. Kemmis has recently sent Westminster, by Phoenix, and Vixen, by Whipper-In; and Bqueron, the handsome son of Zanoni and Mineral, is carrying everything before him in Brazil, where he was sent some three months ago.

An undoubted loss to the turf was Mr. Casey's stallion Chivalrous by Adventurer, who died at Curumalan in November. Chivalrous has got many good ones in his day, those best known now being Esperanza, Puri, Lego, Catagoria, and Pampa.

Of the country bred three-year-olds last season Amianto, Esperanza, and Thalia are easily at the top of the tree, but we are sorry to say that the first and last named have been affected by the fearful hard going, and it is to be hoped that

the fact of the two crack horses of the year having been laid up with "legs," will call the attention of owners to the necessity of having tan exercise gallops at Belgrano and Palermo. Horses in this country have to do more work in training than in most others, and as an horse can wear out several sets of legs, they should not be asked to do their work here on the hard ground they now have to gallop on.

The Hipodromo Nacional has set the Hipodromo Argentino the example in appointing an official starter and handicapper, and the course at Belgrano has been arranged so that the mile can now be run with only one turn in it. We have over and over again during the past season lamented the execrable starting and mistakes in judging, which we are convinced will be continued next season unless the Jockey Club appoints officials to fill the important posts of judge and starter, instead of allowing these duties to be performed by men who bet heavily and are always deeply interested in the issue of a race. Why there is not a straight mile at both Palermo and Belgrano we cannot understand, as there is plenty of room at both places for it; the reason generally given, and a most unsporting one too, is that the public can get a better view of the racing with a circular course than with a straight one.

One of the most important events of the season was the breaking up of the stud Las Ortigas, which, thanks to Amianto, heads the list of winning studs for the year. Since the sale, the purchaser of Amianto, Sr. B. Villanueva, has gone into partnership with President Pelligrini and Sr. Martinez, who, with Sr. Ig. Correas, were the former owners of the stud, and Pancho Fabiani, their trainer, goes with them to take charge of the crack, who we hope will do as well this year as he did last, and earn for himself the title, as yet well merited, of the Ormonde of the Argentine turf.

The Premio Internacional at Belgrano last October was of a thoroughly international character, as two horses from Montevideo, Guerrillero and Vanguardia, took part in it, but though the former, from his successful career on the Oriental turf, was very much fancied by his friends who came over to see him run, he never showed in the race, which was won by that good horse Camors.

PRINCIPAL WINNING STUDS IN 1891

Stud Las Ortigas—		
Amianto	6 races	\$32,500
Ecume	4 "	11,087
Lagrima	3 "	6,500
Nebulosa	1 "	3,500
Neapolis	2 "	3,250
Destructor	1 "	2,700
Vengeur	1 "	2,500
Tesoro	1 "	2,500
Won	19 "	64,487
Stud Camors—		
Camors	6 races	\$33,500
Gold Cup and 500 argentinos		
Zangano	3 races	\$7,150
Vendetta	2 "	4,500
Alguacil	1 "	2,000
Won	12 "	47,150
Stud Capitan Lopez—		
Aventurero	6 races	\$17,000
Finance	6 "	13,750
Moises	3 "	7,000
Margery	2 "	4,300
Zampa	2 "	3,750
Brandy Snap	1 "	1,800
Mary	1 "	1,500
Centella	1 "	1,000
Won	22 "	50,100
Stud E. Casal—		
Huron	7 races	13,500
Midi	5 "	10,500
Havre	2 "	8,000
Lumineux	4 "	7,000
Chorlo	3 "	5,000
Gorrión	2 "	2,500
Junio	1 "	2,000
Won	24 "	48,500
Stud Entre Rios—		
Satanella	6 races	17,600
Athos	5 "	15,250
Tala	4 "	7,000
Nogoya	2 "	4,750
Scipion	—	500
Won	17 races	44,100
La Petite Ecurie—		
Gettatora	9 races	19,000
Alerta	3 "	7,450
Esmeralda	3 "	6,000
Atlantico	2 "	4,500

Pharaon	1 "	2,100
Joyeuse	1 "	2,000
Lise Fleuron	1 "	2,000
Clarion	—	200
Won	20 races	43,250
Ecurie Prisonero—		
Sargento	4 races	11,950
Dardo	4 "	8,500
Erato	3 "	8,000
Gloration	2 "	5,500
Soldado	2 "	4,500
Anastasio	1 "	4,500
Won	16 races	39,950
Ecurie Titan—		
Connaught	6 races	12,500
Cabula	5 "	10,250
Titan	2 "	5,000
Eneas	2 "	4,500
Estoque	1 "	2,000
Demos	1 "	2,000
Gladiator	—	1,000
Burns	—	800
Equivocacion	—	700
Guardia Vieja	—	500
Chiliarch	—	500
Alcibiades	—	100
Won	17 races	39,850
Ecurie Bolivar—		
Onix	6 races	13,600
Revelacion	2 "	6,000
Patria	3 "	5,250
Sombra	3 "	5,500
Voyageur	1 "	2,400
Reina	1 "	2,000
Won	16 races	34,750
Stud Buenos Aires—		
Thalia	7 races	20,720
Santa Lucia	6 "	12,000
Dorothy	—	600
Boulangere	—	500
Won	13 races	33,870
Stud Los Nogales—		
Asteroides	5 races	15,500
Barata	3 "	6,425
Central	1 "	3,000
Diane de Lys	1 "	2,250
Holland	1 "	1,350
Abrojo	—	100
Won	11 races	28,625
Ecurie Talisman—		
Calandria	5 races	15,000
Myosotis	3 "	7,500
Sirince	1 "	3,500
Sappho	1 "	2,500
Won	10 races	28,500

The following are the best times made at Palermo and Belgrano during the year:

3000 metres—	
Camors	3'14"
3500 metres—	
Camors	3'47" 1/2
5250 metres—	
Aventurero	5'58" 1/2
RACING	
LA COLINA MEETING, DEC. 25TH, 1891.	
A most enjoyable little meeting took place at the Estancia Colina on Christmas Day by kind invitation of Mr. F. C. Barry. The events were contested with so much spirit and such good fields were the order of the day, that Mr. Barry was fully compensated for the great trouble he had been put to to insure the success of the meeting. It may be said, in parenthesis, that the races were only suggested about a week before Christmas, so that the horses, being very much out of condition, were considerably distressed on passing the winning post. Below will be found a detailed account of the racing:	
STEEPLECHASE, 2000 metres; jumps—a hurdle, in and out, water jump, bank and six hurdles.	
Mr F. C. Barry's Mainstay	Owner 1
Mr O. G. Hoare's Marquis	Owner 2
Mr T. James's John Gilpin	Owner 3
Mr H. Tremayne's Bunny	Owner 0
Mr Jackson Taylor's Grand Duke	Owner 0
Mr L. Peel's Ormonde	Owner 0
Mr T. N. Wilson's Black Prince	Owner 0
Mr F. C. Barry's Little Darling	T. F. Malcolmson 0
Mr B. Hoare's Maggie	Owner 0
All got away to a very good start, Mainstay and Marquis taking the first hurdle somewhat ahead of the rest of the field, followed by John Gilpin, Ormonde and Bunny; Grand Duke, refusing, was thrown out. On arriving at the in and out Mainstay and Marquis held a good lead, but Mainstay half refusing, was passed by Marquis, Maggie, Little Darling, and Black Prince all came to grief, leaving the field somewhat thinned. Marquis held his lead over the water but bungled the bank, the pace beginning to tell on him. Mainstay now took up the running, followed by Marquis, John Gilpin, Ormonde, Bunny and Grand Duke. All got safely over the hurdles, and though Marquis rapped the last one hard he succeeded in keeping his place. In the run in, Mainstay, well within himself, passed the post two lengths in front of Marquis, John Gilpin pressing the latter hard for second place.	
RACE FOR ANY HORSE, 1000 metres, on the flat.	
Mr F. C. Barry's Negrete	Owner 7
Mr Jackson Taylor's Grand Duke	Owner 7
Mr O. G. Hoare's Quickstep	Owner 3
Mr T. N. Wilson's Black Prince	Owner 0
Mr B. Hoare's Blow Hard	Owner 0
Mr F. C. Barry's Funny Eyes	T. James 0
Jumping off with a slight lead Negrete and Grand Duke made the running at a great pace, closely followed by the whole field. Half way home the positions were nearly the same, though Black Prince and Blow Hard showed up slightly from the rest of the field. Two squares from home the riders of Negrete and Grand Duke sat down in earnest and a ding-dong finish ensued, a splendid struggle resulting in a dead heat. Quickstep, coming with a rush, took second place from Blow Hard, only a length behind the winner.	
STEEPLECHASE, for ponies under 14 hands.	
Mr T. James's Dick Turpin	Owner 1
Mr F. C. Barry's Small Hopes	Owner 2
Mr Jackson Taylor's Gt. Expectations	O. G. Hoare 3
Mr F. C. Barry's Mikey Free	H. Tremayne 0
Mr O. G. Hoare's Dandy	T. F. Malcolmson 0
Mr T. N. Wilson's Grey Friar	Owner 0
Mr Jackson Taylor's Smart	Owner dis 1
Getting away with a rush Dandy swerved at the first hurdle and took with him most of the field, the first over being Smart, who had been laying well behind, followed by Small Hopes and Great Expectations, Dick Turpin and Mikey Free. Great Expectations here took up the running at a great pace; coming, however, to unmitigated grief at the in and out, he was passed by Smart, Small Hopes and Dick Turpin, before his rider could get him on his legs. Smart here led the field, taking his hurdles in grand style, followed by Dick Turpin, who was hard pressed by Small Hopes and Great Expectations. This order was maintained till the finish, Smart coming in full of running but unfortunately this grand pony was disqualified for having passed the wrong side of a flag.	
RACE FOR ANY HORSE, 500 metres, on the flat.	
Mr Jackson Taylor's Bandurria	T. James 1
Mr O. G. Hoare's Troubadour	Owner 2
Mr F. C. Barry's Liberator	Owner 3
Mr T. N. Wilson's Black Prince	Owner 0

To an even start Bandurria soon showed in front of his field, and maintaining his position throughout, won by a length from Troubadour, Liberator being half a length behind the second horse.

CONSOLATION RACE, steeplechase course.

Mr Jackson Taylor's Smart..... Owner 1
 Mr L. Peel's Ormonde..... Owner 2
 Mr O. G. Hoare's Dandy..... T. James 3
 Mr F. C. Barry's Liberator..... Owner 0
 Mr O. G. Hoare's Bootles..... Owner 0
 Mr F. C. Barry's San Emilio..... T. N. Wilson 0
 Mr B. Hoare's Gringo..... Owner 0
 Mr F. C. Barry's Little Darling..... T. F. Malcolmson 0

This race looked a good thing for Smart who at once took the lead, taking his jumps in capital style. The water stopped Gringo, San Emilio, and Little Darling and Smart still leading showed the way over the hurdles, followed by Dandy, Liberator and Ormonde. On coming into the straight Smart did not disappoint his followers, winning easily by three lengths. Ormonde, responding gamely to his rider's call, snatched second place from Dandy.

The proceedings ended with a fast game of polo, played between two pick-up sides, resulting—chiefly owing to the play of Mr T. James—in favour of the left, by two goals. Teams:

Right.	Left.
Mr F. C. Barry	Mr T. James
Mr Jackson Taylor	Mr O. G. Hoare
Mr L. Peel	Mr T. N. Wilson
Mr T. F. Malcolmson	Mr H. Tremayne
	Mr B. Hoare.

P O L O

BELGRANO POLO CLUB.

The inauguration of the Belgrano Polo Club took place on January 3rd at the new ground in Calle Saavedra under most auspicious circumstances, and if the club goes on as it has begun, it should soon be one of the leading clubs in the country. By the hour fixed for the match arranged for the occasion, Belgrano v. Flores, one side of the ground was lined with carriages, and there were some hundreds of spectators present, amongst whom we noticed many who had come from Buenos Aires, Flores and Quilmes, whilst Belgrano itself was well represented, and we were glad to see also several Argentine families taking a keen interest in the game. We only hope that the success of the opening day will be the means of bringing the club many honorary members, as with such a capital ground they will be able to often witness many a game as good as that played on Sunday.

Mrs. Maitland Heriot very kindly supplied tea to the visitors, no easy task considering their number, which added greatly to the success of the afternoon.

The teams which faced each other when the umpire blew his whistle were:

Flores.	Belgrano.
1. H. Anderson	1. F. J. Balfour
2. F. J. Bennett	2. J. K. Cassels
3. Ed. Robson	3. C. C. Day
H. Scott Robson (back).	H. de B. Stafford (back).

For the first few minutes Belgrano pressed Flores very hard and kept the play at their end of the ground for the most of the period, Balfour putting the ball through the posts drew first blood for the home team. This roused Flores, and towards the end of the quarter they had one or two shots at their opponents' goal, without effect, however. Score: Belgrano 1 goal, Flores 0.

On changing ponies matters assumed a very different aspect; Cassels and Day were quite out of the game, owing to their ponies requiring an ace or two to turn in, and consequently Flores got three goals right off the reel with comparatively little opposition, Bennett scoring the first, H. S. Robson the next, and Ed. Robson from a fine long shot the third. Score: Flores 3 goals, Belgrano 1.

The game went much better in the third quarter; Belgrano, from a good piece of backing-up, scored another goal, hit by Day, but this was soon revenged by H. S. Robson scoring again for Flores, leaving the game at the end of the period, Flores 4 goals, Belgrano 2.

With two goals to the bad Belgrano made a bold bid for victory, and several times the ball went up and down the ground at a rattling pace. Cassels, who was now mounted on a dun pony that went a good pace, was instrumental in obtaining another point for the home team, the final shot being made by Balfour, but it was now almost time, and before the whistle sounded for the last time Belgrano had to put up with defeat by four goals to three.

H. S. Robson, as usual, played a game worth going a long way to see, the most apparently impossible shots seemed to come perfectly easy to him, and his being able to play as well with one hand as the other will always keep him a long way at top of the tree as a polo player. Bennett also played well for the winners, and showed a great amount of dash, and Ed. Robson hits as hard and straight as his brother, no mean praise.

Taking the game all through it was decidedly a fast one and the ball seldom hung; the visitors, however, were a long way better mounted than their opponents who, as may be imagined of a young club, have not yet had time to get together a team of well trained ponies.

Mr G. Marriott Woodgate kindly officiated as umpire, a by no means easy task, as the teams wore no distinguishing colours.

"THE ROVERS" POLO CLUB.

Bernal, Jan. 4, 1892.

To the Editor *River Plate Sport and Pastime*.

Dear Sir,—

I should be obliged if you would insert in your next issue the following observations, bearing upon the correspondence published in your last, relating to the Rovers' Polo Club.

On the 6th ult. the person from whom we rented our ground informed me that it would not be at our disposal after the 15th. As the club was not prepared to remove on that date it was decided that the month's notice to which we were entitled must run from the 15th, the end of the then current month, which arrangement was agreed to.

The club continued to occupy the ground until the 23rd, when a communication was received to the effect that it had been rented to F. J. Bennett, Esq. I enclose herewith copy of the letter of resignation received from Mr Bennett on the 15th ult., and would beg that you consider same in connection with that directed to yourself by this gentleman on the 28th.

The committee of this club is not desirous of entering into discussion in reference to the subject of this letter, which is directed to you solely with the object of informing you of the facts of a matter to which you devoted some considerable space in your issue of Dec. 30.

I may add that the committee of the club, of which Mr Bennett was one of the most active founders, were not aware prior to the publication referred to, that an athletic club was being formed in the neighbourhood. Yours truly,

WILFRED D. BAILEY.

LAWN TENNIS

ROSARIO v. FISHERTON.

This match was in reality a return one to that played last year, but from its evident popularity it will almost certainly be an annual affair in future. Play took place on the private courts of Messrs. Robinson, Knight and Lucas, on January 1st and 2nd, and the hospitality extended to visitors by the inhabitants of Fisherton was unbounded.

Last year's match ended in a draw in favour of Rosario, and as may be seen from the analysis kindly sent us by Mr. H. M. Rattray, the captain of the Fisherton team, the result this year was also a very close one, Fisherton having an advantage of only seven points out of the total of 1114. The weather was all that could have been wished for, and the courts were in capital condition, bearing witness to the interest the Fishertonians put in the game, as also did the condition of their players, who showed all round the effect of hard practice. We may say that the result of the match upset the calculations of most people, as when playing outside matches Fisherton has had at least three of Rosario's best men playing for them—Messrs. Rattray, Lucas and Sheehan.

Play commenced at 7.30 a.m. but as one or two players failed to turn up at that early hour the match was unable to be finished on the first day, as it otherwise would have been. Rosario was unlucky in Mr. Spicer being so knocked up after playing in the first set that he was hardly fit to continue playing, which however he luckily did, owing to some misunderstanding which prevented his being replaced.

Mr. Robinson surprised everyone by playing excellently with Mr. Rattray for Fisherton, as also did Messrs. Lucas and Conder; whilst Messrs. Daniel and Matthews and Messrs. Bayne and Obu rendered capital service for Rosario. Altogether the meeting passed off most pleasantly and the scene, comprising the well kept courts with the dresses of the many ladies present, will

be long remembered by the visitors, to whom the hostesses kindly dispensed an inexhaustible supply of tea under the shade of their balconies.

Below we give the results of the play:

FISHERTON.		Won.	Lost.
H. M. Rattray and W. Robinson	.....	3	1
W. O. Lucas and E. L. Conder	.....	3	1
T. Beaumont and F. Francis	.....	2	2
T. S. Sheehan and R. T. Conder	.....	1	3
		9	7

ROSARIO.		Won.	Lost.
T. T. C. Daniel and R. M. Mathews	.....	3	1
A. W. Bayne and F. Obu	.....	3	1
A. H. Clarke and H. A. Dale	.....	1	3
H. Spicer and T. Neil	.....	0	4
		7	9

Result at end of First Day—				
Matches.	Sets.	Games.	Strokes.	
Rosario	7	15	143	991
Fisherton	7	18	146	974

Second Day—				
Matches.	Sets.	Games.	Strokes.	
Rosario	0	0	15	116
Fisherton	2	4	24	140

Result of the Two Days and Match—				
Matches.	Sets.	Games.	Strokes.	
Fisherton	9	22	170	1114
Rosario	7	15	150	1107

The matches were the best of three sets, deuce games only on third set.

LOMAS ACADEMY ATHLETIC CLUB

TENNIS TOURNAMENT

The following list shows the result of the 1st Round, and the order of play for the 2nd Round, which must be played off not later than the 17th January.

GENTLEMEN'S SINGLES

Results of 1st Round:

- F. L. Jacobs, bye.
- F. H. Jacobs beat F. C. Carter
- H. W. S. Bird beat W. Watson
- T. Pollard beat D. Gibson
- R. W. Romer beat P. H. Vargas
- C. Kennard beat A. Dobson
- A. Anderson beat R. W. Anderson
- A. Mohr Bell beat J. Corner
- B. W. Kennard beat A. Goodfellow
- P. Bridger beat R. K. Edgar
- T. M. Lees beat H. Mohr Bell
- H. Anderson beat Rev. A. T. B. Pinchard
- R. McKenzie beat G. C. Kennard
- L. Corry Smith beat T. Dodds
- H. A. Livock beat Lawrence Jacobs
- E. P. Rowland, a bye

2nd Round:

- F. L. Jacobs v. F. H. Jacobs
- H. W. S. Bird v. T. Pollard
- R. W. Romer v. Claude Kennard
- A. Anderson v. A. Mohr Bell
- B. W. Kennard v. P. L. G. Bridger
- T. M. Lees v. H. Anderson
- R. McKenzie v. L. Corry Smith
- H. A. Livock v. E. P. Rowland

GENTLEMEN'S DOUBLES

1st Round:

- A. Mohr Bell and T. Dodds beat A. Dobson and L. Corry Smith
- A. Goodfellow and T. Pollard beat H. A. Livock and J. Corner
- G. C. Kennard and C. Kennard beat Rev. Mr. Pinchard and H. Anderson.
- R. L. Phillips and A. Anderson beat J. B. Hall and B. W. Kennard
- H. Mohr Bell and R. Anderson beat R. W. Romer and T. M. Lees
- F. L. Jacobs and F. C. Carter beat F. H. Jacobs and R. K. Edgar
- P. Bridger and R. Colville Jones beat O. Norwood and W. Watson.
- D. Gibson and E. P. Rowland beat P. Vargas and R. McKenzie

2nd Round:

- A. Mohr Bell and T. Dodds v. A. Goodfellow and T. Pollard
- G. C. Kennard and C. Kennard v. R. L. Phillips and A. Anderson
- H. Mohr Bell and R. W. Anderson v. F. L. Jacobs and F. C. Carter
- P. L. G. Bridger and L. C. Jones v. D. Gibson and E. P. Rowland.

LADIES' SINGLES

1st Round:

- Miss A. Jacobs beat Miss Barfield
- Miss Jacobs beat Mrs Pinchard
- Mrs Livock beat Mrs Knee
- Mrs Lovett, a bye.

2nd Round:

- Miss A. Jacobs v. Miss Jacobs
- Mrs Livock v. Mrs Lovett

LADIES' DOUBLES

1st Round:

- Mrs Livock and Mrs Knee beat Miss A. Jacobs and Mrs Lovett
- Miss Jacobs and Miss V. Jacobs beat Miss Barfield and Mrs Pinchard

2nd Round:

- Miss Jacobs and Miss V. Jacobs v. Mrs Livock and Mrs Knee

MIXED DOUBLES

1st Round:

- H. Anderson and Miss Barfield, a bye.
- R. Colville Jones and Miss Jacobs beat P. Bridger and Miss Barfield
- A. Anderson and Mrs Livock, A. Dobson and Miss A. Jacobs, byes

2nd Round:

- H. Anderson and Miss Barfield v. L. Colville Jones and Miss Jacobs
- A. Anderson and Mrs Livock v. A. Dobson and Miss A. Jacobs.

JOHN F. KAHL, Hon. Sec.

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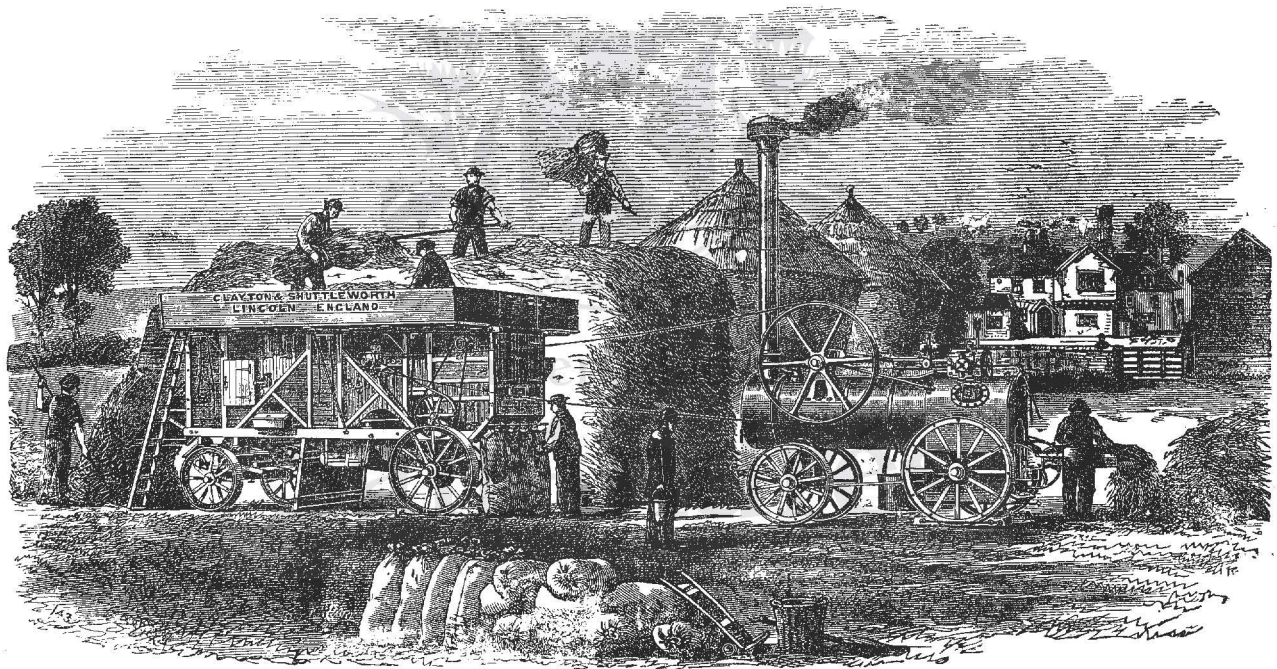
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