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THREE MEN IN A BOAT, TO SAY NOTHING OF TWO DOGS

## A SHOOTING ExpEDITION

## (Continued).

We had proceeded in this manner for about an hour and a half, when I heard "bang," a
shout from Anton and a crashing annong the canes in front of me, and going in the direction of Huc. We scrambled through as fast as we could to see what Anton had done, and found
him in a great state of excitement. While he was creeping along, he had suddenly seen the tops of the canes shake violently, about four yards abead of him, and had heard them crash; he had fired at the place where he heard the noise, but apparently without success. He had evidently come upon a tiger taking his morning snooze, only the beast had heard him and made off. We found his bed still warm, and the tracks of his paws, showing that he must have been an immense beast.

After that, we saw no more tigers that day, though their tracks were numerous everywhere. We discovered, however, that the large lake was about a mile and a half long, and at its broadest part about three-quarters of a mile wide. The further end, away from where we were, seemed
to be the most favourite haunt of the swans and geese, for there were literally crowds of them. And as at that end the long grass grew right down to the water's edye, we determined to have
"battue" there the following day
Our plan was this; we would launch the boat early and send Huc off to paddle slowly up the centre of the lake. If he could sail, so much the better, and we could easily fix up a sail with a blanket and a few sticks. Anton and a couple of horses and go round the east side and hide ourselves in the reeds close to the water Huc would drive the birds gradually down, and we must then take our chance.

We had no trouble about getting the boat into the water, and as there was a slight breeze blowing from the north, we rigged him up a sail, and he was soon floating merrily away, steering the boat with a paddle, of which we had four with broad leaf-shaped blades. We now got on our nags, Anton with the duck run, and I with
my old W.R. muzzle-loader. We reached the end of the lake and secured our horses well out of sight before Huc was half way down, and began to cast about for a good situation for ourselves. At our end the laguna narrowed considerably into a kind of gulf about 150 yards
across. Nothing could be better; so, telling Anton to remain on the side we then were, I ran round to the opposite shore and esconded myself close to the edge of the water, among some rushes. We could now see Huc quite plainly, about 500 yards away, and could hear him singing. There must have been over a hundred swans in front of him, swimming gently in our direction, though every now and then two of three would rise and fly back past him. I was terribly afraid that they would all rise at once,
but they did not, but came steadily on. Ducks were flying about on all sides, some so high up that they seemed mere specks. But now for the swans; three or four have already passed me
singly, but we must wait for the bulk. Here singly, but we must wait for the bulk. Here
they come : about thirty altogether. Just as they come in front of me, bang went old Anton's fowling-piece, with a report like a joung cannon. Five remain in the water, two flapping their wings and the other three dead. The remainder all rise at once and $I_{\text {, firing off both barrels as }}^{\text {they are almost out of range, have the satisfac- }}$ tion of seeing two more drop. From the direction they have taken it would seem that they are going to clear off; but no, they are turning. I jumped up and motioned Huc to one side, and he quickly disappeared among some rushes about 200 yards away
The air was now literally alive with every decription of water-fowl, the noise of their wings causing a strange weird sound. We could have shot any amount of duck, but that day we had agreed to shoot only swans. Twice they had
flown round the lake; every now and then one or two alighting on the mirror-like surface, but now the rest came steadily on, in a long line of
white and black. As they swept past between us, at a height of about seven yards above the water, Anton again let $\mathrm{A} y$, and two more drop, I only got one this time. We now see that the wounded ones, which are still flapping about, are acting as decoys to the others. Four times they come round, and each time we drop one or two;
when at last, apparently disheartened at the loss
of so many' of their number, they rise into the higher air and string away to the west.
ehave now time to survey the field of slaughter and count the slain. Sixteen in all; dollar and a half each. Huc soon had them a on board, and then came and picked me up and paddled me over to the other side, where we find poor old Anton sitting on the ground rubbing his houlder, a veritable knight of the rueful countenance. I knew what had happened directly I saw him, the old fowling-piece, heavily loaded with slugs, must have kicked terribly, and he declared that his shoulder was broken. We consoled him as well as we could, and I told him to get into the boat and let Huc paddle him back to camp and I would lead his horse home; so we
put the guns in the boat and started. Tyke and Tigre went with me, and of course we were there ong before the others, and I had the kettle boilig for mate before they arrived. That after noon Huc and I skinned all the swans and pulled out the feathers, leaving only the down, and
very lovely they were. We then rubbed them well with ashes to absorb the grease, and hung them up to dry.
We decided not to do any shooting next day, but to see what we could do with the fish. We had seen great numbers rising both morning and evening, and entertained great hopes of some
good sport. We had a large packet of hooks of all sorts and"sizes but no rods, but I had three artificial minnows, so we set to work to make some trimmers. We made three good ones, about 100 yards long each, with fifteen hooks apiece.
That night we dined off some of the slaughered swans, and very nasty they were. Our dogs would not eat them, but I gave Tyke some rice and soup, which she was too hungry to refuse and Tigre dined off biscuits. This was now a
serious matter for us, as if we could not get a deer now and then the dogs would starve, and had no wish to lose Tyke.
Anton's shoulder was black and blue next morning, and so stiff that he could not raise his arm. We had rubbed it well with oil the night be left behind though, so putting all our arms in the boat, and the two dogs and tackle, we shoved off. The trimmers we baited with swan Hesh and then I threw one of my minnows overboard, and sitting on the stern of the boat told Huc to paddle gently along. I let my line out about twenty
rards, holding the remainder of the string (as had no rod) in my hand-not a very scientific method I know, but one which proved very sueessful, for before we had gone two hundred vards a sudden jerk and a rush told me that I had hooked a fislt, not a small one either, for several times he jumped clear out of the water He was very game, and gave me plenty of sport
but slowly and surely I began to haul him in, but how to land him was the question. By degrees I got him tired out and close alongside, but I if I tried to lift him out of the water he would
break the tackle, and then adios both to the minnow and the fish.. Huc, however, was equal to the occasion, for leaning over the side with his long, thin knife in his hand, he ran the blade right through him and jerked him into the bottom of the boat. A splendid fish he was weighing, as near as we could judge, about six
pounds. He was a sort of pike, only his head was not quite long enough and a more savage fish I never saw. Every time I would try to get the hook out of his mouth he would snap his jaws at me in a terrible manner, so I borrowed Anton's knite and chopped his head off. Before we had
got to the end of the laguna we had caught three more in the same manner. but none so large as the first.
We were sitting quietly smoking and talking after landing the last fish, when Anton drew my attention to a lot of birds, "caranchos" and
vultures, which were behaving in a most extraordinary manner ; there mast have been fifty in all, whirling round in small circles just over the tops of the canes, every now and then swooping down as though they were pursuing some animal. They were gradually coming towards us and of the water. We sat and watched them in of the water.
silence. We had not long to wait, for in a few moments out from the brake came a tiger. Not the one we had seen the day we arrived though, for this one was not quite so large. He came trotting straight down to the water, drank little, and as he had evidently not seen us we crouched down as still as mice for fear that he should. Then he turned an scampered along,
over him. Then he threw himself down and had forwards all swishing his tallowards and himards an the time, and evidently enjoying himself and thoroughly pleased with his sur-
roundings. We were too far off to risk a shot at him, being fully 300 yards from the edge of the water, so we kept quiet, awaiting events and hoping to get a shot at him by some meane later on. Presently he got up again and went gamboling along till we lost sight of him as he passed and a rittle ridge of sand. Now for it. Huc Anton, who was in the bow of the telling get the rifles ready, we made her fairly hum through the water, taking care, however, to make as little noise as possible. We were not long in reaching the shore, and jumping out we
pulled the boat up a little, so that she should not drift away, and began stalking towards the ridge of sand. As soon as we could see over the top we espied the tiger sitting up in some trefoil about forty yards away, still watching the birds, some of which were flying above him, though
the greater number of them were perched the gr

We were all three lying flat on our stomachs, and I whispered to Anton to give the signal to fire. It came almost immediately, and we let fly. As soon as the smoke cleared away we could see that something had happened to the tiger. He was rolling and twisting about in the grass, ran towards him, loading as we ran, and when about ten paces off he tried to get up, but could not get beyond a sitting posture. A thin streak of red down his side showed the mischief; he was shot through the loins, and his hind legs were paralyscd. We now went close up to him, and Huc, placing the muzzle of his rifle almost
inside his open mouth, blew his brains inside his open mouth, blew his brains out. On
examining him. we found him to be a full male, apparently about two years old, and in splendid condition. Needless to say, we were all delighted at the death of our first tiger. The skin was a beautiful one, and I decided to keep it myself as a memento of our expedition, crediting them, however. with two thirds of its actual money value. While taking off the skin we discovered that he had another bullet in his neck, and a third had just scored the inside of his left fore leg. My shot was the one in the neck. We knew this, as I had fired with a Schneider carbine, and the two Frenchmen had Remington carbines.
We got home that night well pleased with our days sport. For the next two or three days we shot and fished, but at the end of a week the swans and duck were getting so wild that it was only by the most careful driving could we get a shot at them, so we decided to move in a few days time. Among other things, we had brought four spring traps that I had used before to trap foxes at my estancia, and we had set them at the far end of the laguna in the hopes of trapping
some otters, as we had frequently seen several some otters, as we had frequently seen several
on our different shooting expeditions, bur with out success. The otters were too wary to be caught in this manner, or else they preferred catching their own food for themselves; at any rate, they would not look at the tempting morsels we spread about for them near the traps. Well, one morming, after attending to our skins, Anton suggested that we should go and fetch the traps we had set for the otters and try and catch some "nutrias," of which we frequently saw great numbers all along the edge of the water so we started off, admiring the scenery and
paddling quietly along, when we suddenly heard a shot. "Nom de dieu!", shouted Anton (this was his favourite method of expressing himself when particularly excited); then another, then another, and then a whole fusilade. What the deuce could it mean? But without losing time in useless conjectures we exerted all our efforts in etting out of sight. Robinson Crusoe, when he ound the footprints of a man on the shore of his uninhabited island, was not more surprised and scared than we. To the best of my knowledge the island we were on was unknown to anybody excepting ourselves and the Italian who had brought our things, for in those days the Indians were continually making raids on the outside settlements, and the natives were, consequently, very chary about going far away, unless in con-
siderable numbers on some expedition or "corrida." From the direction in which the sounds of firing came, we concluded that some natives and Indians had got mixed up somewhere close to the branch of the river, which formed the southern boundary of our island. The distance was not great, only little more than a quarter of a mile, as far as we could judge, so with one

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accord we started off to ascertain what all the row was about, and should they turn out to be friends of ours beset bv Indians, to lend them a hand.
As soon as we got to the edge of the cane brake we could see what the trouble was. A party of eleven deserters, no doubt fiom the southern frontier, had been set upon by about eighteen Indians. The soldiers all were the Argentine uniform, and I at once knew them to be deserters, as there was no officer with them. It was an interesting sight. The soldjers were all on foot, and formed in square, with their horses, poor worn out looking jades they were, in the centre. They were armed with Remington carbines and heavy cavalry sabres. The Indians, of course, had nothing but their lances and bolas. One soldier was down, evidently with his head stove in by a bola, for he was lying quite still on his back, and his face was covered with blood. Two Indians were also dead, for we could see them lying close together, about thirty yards from where the soldiers had made their stand.
Huc was for running out and helping the soldiers, and would have done so had I not stopped him. "Nom de dieu," said Anton, " let them exterminate each other, and, for my part, Ihope the Indiane will win!?' And he was right, for whichever party won, if they discovered us would undoubtedly make things unpleasant.
The Indians we did not fear much, for we could wipe them out from the boat if they attempted to humbug us. But the deserters were quite a different class of enemy. Thes were as well armed as we, and if they had any idea that we were there, they would certainly look for us until they found us, and shoot us for what they could get and also to prevent our telling tales.
I should mention here that the troops on the frontier were, in those days, almost without exception, criminals. No man worth his salt would willingly enlist in the Argentine army, for the pay was bad, and often as much as eight and ten months in arrears, and the life on the frontier, cut off from all civilisation, horribly monotonous. The officers, too, were often brutal and would punish any slight fault by having them nearly flogged to death or staked out in the broiling sun for four or five hours during the hottest time of the day or the frost of a winter's might. It is little to be wondered at, then, that these men often deserted, killing their officers when they could not find any other means of escape, and from that time they became outlaws, their hand against every man and every man's hand against them.
These, then, were the men with whom we should have to deal, unless we could keep out of their way. There was only one thing to be done: we must scoot, and scoot we did. We had no
curiosity to see the end of that fight, we knew well enough who would win, and all we thought about was getting out of sight as fast as possible. We scrambled back to the boat and off down the laguna as though Old Nick himself was
behind. As long as we could hear them firing we knew we were all right, for as long as the Indians kept them employed they could not come on to the island. but when we were about a quarter of a mile from our camp the firing ceased, and we knew that the deserters had beaten off the Indians and would now, most probably, seek the shelter of the cane break on our island, in which case they would be almost sure to find our laguna and discover us, as our boat, with those abominable red white, and blue staipes would show up as plainly as a fl' in a milk-pan. We redoubled our efforts, and in about five minutes more ran bump aground. We handed out the rifles and things, and then Huc and I ran her out about six yards and sank her in about four feet of water. Our next thought was to demolish our house on the top of the sand bar, as it was far too conspicuous to leave standing, so we pulled off the tent with which we had covered it and scattered the remainder and carried everything down on to the far side, next to the salt water lake. This being fimished. we could do no more, so we sat down, lit our pipes and quietly discussed our position.
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## LAS FLORES

F. C. del Sud, Cañuelas Extension, Engineers' Staff v. Messi's Nicholls \& Cu., the Contractors' Staff.
The above match was played at Las Flores on the 17 th inst., and resulted in a win for the Contractors' Staff by six wickets. a result chiefly due to the fine bowling of Mr H. Withington, who took seven wickets for 29 runs in the first and eight wickets for 14 runs in the second innings of the Engiveers' Staff, and to the flucky stand at a critical time made by Messrs. Sheard and Forbes, who carried the score from 16 to 64 . Scores:



HURLINGHAM v. Mr C.A. LOWES XI.
This match was played at Hurlingham on Sunday, 24 th inst., and resulted in a win for the home team by two wickets and 6 runs.

Mr Lowe won the toss and sent in Messrs Robson and Harris, the former being bowled by a nailer from Gifford in the second over. Masters then joined Harris, and between them raised the score to 14, when Gifford again put in a ball that beat Masters. J. C. Walshe followed, but was bowled by Lacey after adding 3 to the score, E. R. Gifford falling a victim to the same bowler (4 for 25). Baker followed and put more life into the game, hitting up 18 before he was bowled by F. Archer. This bowler proved too much for the remaining five batsmen, who only added 12 to the score, and the innings closed for 68. F. Aroher bowled well, taking six wickets for 8 runs. Hurlingham, who played a man short, sent in Ker Seymer and Sumner, the former being caught in the slips off Walshe's second ball. Harker joined Sumner, and both batted carefully until Sumner was bowled by Walshe, and in the next over Harker was bowled by a "Yorker" from the same bowler (three for 29). Bridges and J. Gifford were now together. Bridges was bowled by Main (four for 31), and his place being taken by Lacey, runs came more freely, Lacey adding 19 to the score before he was bowled bv Lee (five for 66). The next batsman passed the score to 74 , and the innings closed, two batsmen being absent. An apology is due to the visitors for the manner in which they were kept waiting in the field for the Hurlingham batsmen, and they might have retired and claimed the mateh, as they talked of doing, though it is doubtful if such a proceoding would have redounded to their credit. Still, no cricketer has a right to leave the field or be out of the way when his turn comes to bat without the consent of his captain.
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V. Ker Seymer,

J. D. O. Bridges b Main .
J. Gifford, not out ........ $2^{3}$

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## LONDON AND RIVER PLȦTE BANK C.C.

 v. LOMAS C.C.This match was played on the Lomas ground last Sunday, 24th inst., and resulted in an easy victory for the visitors, who going to the wickets first, ran up 182 runs, whilst ther opponents were
got rid of for 49 . When we remember the Bank got rid of were playing without their captain, and on a strange ground, they are to be congratulated on their play, especially $G$ A. Thomson, who put 55 runs together and took $\$$ of the wickets of the home team. J. Barnes and W. E. Coubrough also batted in fine form for their respective scores.
The highest score registered for Lomas was that of Mr Tabor, who played a careful game for 11.

A large gathering of spectators witnessed the match. among whom were many ladies, who appeared to take a great interest in the game.
On going in to play out time, Lomas made a much better show and scored 63 for two wickets. Scores:
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## HOMENEWS <br> FOOTBALL <br> Asnogiation

he tie between the Old Westminsters and the Lonilon Aedonians, in the Football Association Challenge (Uup, splayed on December 19th at Leyton, and rosulted in
victory for tho old Westminsters bo two moals to none.
An anything but representative team of England mot the Canadian-American plavers at Kennington Oval on
1)ec. 1!th, an ordinary attendance showing that not much interest was taken ir the mateh, which was won by England by six points to one. At uo time was the ganie exciting, as the Canatians wereovermatched all through; their defence was decidedly good, but their forwards compared very unfavourably with those playing for
Encrand. The successful shots for the home team were England. The successful shots for the home team were made by (loterill, Smith 4: and. Henfrey, whilst War-
brick kicked the only goal soored by the ('anadians. brick ki
Teams:
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centre, W. Smith Notts Forest, J. Davies JBimingham centre, W. Smith (Notts Forest, J. Davies MBirmingham St George's, right wing) (forwards)
Canarlians-D. H. Shea (goal), J. W. Buckley, F. J.
Grepory (backs), C. Forester, J. J. Dalton. H. Waring Gregory (backsi, C. Forester, J. J. Dalton, H. Waring J. C. Warbrick centre), W. W. Bowmant. R. Bell (right wing) (forwards).

> Linesmen-Messrs F. J. Wall and J. A. Ellis.

Referee-Mr N. L. Jackson.
In County foothall. Huntingdonshire beat Cambridgeshire at Cambridge by two goals to one, on Dec. 19th; on the same date, at Swindon, Wiltshire veat Somersetshire by three goals to two, and Sussex beat Kent by
seven goals to six at Tunbridge Wells. seven goals to six at Tunbridge Wells.

The return league match botween Notts County and Blackbum Rovers was played at Nottingham on Dec. 19th, aud resulted in a tie of two goals each.

In Scotland, on Dec. 19th, in the second round of the Scottish Cup Competition, after a hard and at times unnecessasily rough match, Dumbarton beat the Brd Lanark
R.V. by three goals to one. The other tics in the Scottish Cup Competition resulted as follows: Queen's Park six goals, Bathyate Rovers nothing; Renton three goals, Arbroath notheng; Heart of Mid-Lothian flve goals,
Broxburn Shamrook four; Cowlairs eleven goals, MidAnnandale two; Celtic three goals, Kilmarnock Athletic

## none ; Annbank two goals, Leith A

and Kilmarnock a draw. no scoring.
In the League competition, Clyde beat Cambuslang by wo goals to nothing

## Rugby - North v. South

Of the Rugby fixtures for the week onding Dec. 26th, the match between North and South attracted most atLast
Last season, when two matches under this title were set for decision, Newcastle-on-Tyne was fixed upon as ment of followers of the Rughy same in the far North that fixture fell throukn. It was then decided to play this year's North v. South at Newcastle, and, this being the first of the classic matches ever played in that district, a very large amount of interest was taken in the event. Every preparation was made to accommodate spectators, of whom a large number was expected but and proved to be in good condition when this was removed on Saturlay morning.
On the South side, Rogers, of Moseley, filled the place at centre three-quarter which Aston had been origiually selected to occupy, and at almost the last moment yiend, Northern football far many years past, was chosen to play forward, on the ground of birth in Gloucestershire - a county for which he is not this vear qualified to play.

On the North side there was only one alteration from the original selection. S. Pike taking the place of S. F. Wilson, both Lancashire County men
Saturday was a capital day for good football. It was
ot too bright, and there was not a breath of wind, so not too bright, and there was not a breath of wind, so
that there was no alvantage in winuigr the toss, There that there was no alvantage in winning the 10 ss. There was a crowd of some 7000 spectators present when the South kicked off prompt to time.
The North started with only 14 men, Bromet, the Forkshire captain, not laving turned up. For a few minutes the North played one short, and then Hill, of the Hartiepool Rovers, who played for the North some years ago, was impressed into service; but when the game had procealed for about twenty minutes, Bromet arrived and took Hill's place.
The teans both worked hard and well, and the all round excelience of the contest was fully appreciatel by the spectators. No side found the North victorious hy and one ary (twelve points), after a most brilliant crime well fought out from start to finish.
North S. Hourgiou (Cheshire, back), J. I vson. York shiro, I. IR. H. Nderion iTurham, R. Lockwood Jork land), A. Brigge, Yorkshire! half backs), S. Pike Lau cashire, F. Bullough Latneashire, A. Ashworth Lancashire, W. F. Bronet Yorkshire, D.Jowett York
 wards)
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Blarkheath), A. Rogers Moseley, A. IS. Fforde (ambridge Eniversity thrmoumter hacks, A. Rotherhan backs), 1 .J. Percival tixford L niversity, E. Bonham Souner (Somersetshimens. G. T. Whitmort (Blackheath), I

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Referer Mr Temple (inadon.
Referee MrE Temple (iudton.
Of the twenty-t wo matches that have been plaved. the Gonth have whin twelve : mo three have been draved.
The return match between dlowester and Coventry resulted in a win for the former by two grats anf a try
twelve pointsi to nil. Blakheath leat Gld (beltomian
 heat Canbridge linversity by three goals and six tries 25 points; 10 a try 2 points).
The Inter-linvarsity match between Oxtord and Dublin Cniversitios was plaved at Dublin on Dee. 2tth the home division wimmug hard gane by a goal and a that they beat Cmberidge by.

## 200LOGICAL NOTES

Bx A. Stuart penntigton

## (Zoologist to the Socielad Rural Argnutina).

## ARGENTINE SNAKES.

## (Continued).

It is difficult to account for the various prejudices which arecurrent about different animals. Some of them are unreasonable to the last degree. Why should we be enthusiastic in our admiration of the bee, and yet regard with
such different feelings his near relation the wasp, whose instincts are quite as wonderful as those of the former Why should we carry this unreasoning prejudice even into our food? We conisider the oyster and even the humble periwinkle quite proper objects of our domestic cui-
sine, but we draw the line at snails. What attraction would an English sea-side resort have to 'Arry and 'Ariet if it were not for their shrimps? and yet civilised people generally. ${ }^{\text {.ob }}$ ject to locusts. The savage is not so delicate.

He classes all edible things alike as eatable, and eats them accordingly. But perhaps nowhere is prejudice more universal than with respect to snakes and reptiles generally, The very word reptile, "that which erawls," seems to convey an idea of disgust and disdain. "Oh that I had
wings like a dove" is accepted by everybody as a very poetical and very becoming sentiment, but whoever, even the most realistic of our poets, would venture to write. "Oh, that I could crawl like a snake," and yet the motion of a dove is not more beautiful in itself or more useful to its possessor than the rapid, gliding motion of the snake. It is quite. useless, however to attempt to argue against these prejudices. Fver since Wve listened to the serpent-disguised tempter, human nature has been down on the snake tribe generally, and the sight of a serpent is quite sufficient to cause most people either to kill it with disdain and opprobious epithets or to run away from it with horror.

There are a considerable number of species of serpents found in Argentina, but happily, except snake, which is only found and the Rattleneighbouring provinces, most in the Chaco and neighbouring provinces, most of the snakes found in this country are comparatively harmless from althouch of view of their venemous character, Boa and ar two of the larger species, as the squeezing him to da, are able to kill a man by The Vibora de dath.
The Vibora de la Cruz (Trigonocephalus atternatus) is distinguished by a black cross on the tributed throug, and is found more or less dispily, not so widelyt the Republic, though, hap
The Rattlesnake (Crotalus provinces.
more rare. It is called by the natives (ascabol The common serpent (Coronella pulchella) is found in the Argentine camp in all parts, and is distinguished by its red belly
Another common species (Liophis Reginae) is grey, black, and wreen. Another species, flathaped and grey, with black markings and red belly is Heterodus D'orbrignyi. The green tree suake (Philodryas olfersiz) is found in the neighbourhood of the Parana and the Aneconda or aquatic boa, called by the natives Lampalagua ( Whaectes Murimus) is found in Cordoba and the northern provinces.
Allied to the deadly coral snake and the Naya, n Cobra of India, is the Elaps Marcoravii, found n Paraná and Mendoza.
A complete list of all the snakes found in the country would be more or less a list of purely scientific names, as their habits have been but little investigated. Those named are the commonest and most known species.
The Buttertly referred to by your correspondent, Baron Von Poellnitz, is known to entomologists as Henceres Arehipmers. It is common in Buenos . Dires, and indeed is found in all parts of America, from Patagonia to North Carolina. The caterpillers live upon a species of Horreina, sies and other insects are. Showers of butterflies and other insects are not by any means uncommon, especially when the insecis are powerful Hiers, as they are able to Hy long distances without heing destroyed by the action of stroner winds, as would be the case with smaller and more delicate insects.

## NEW YORK TO SAN FRANCISCO ON BICYCLES

The two Scotch orelists, Mr. Robert Kerr, of Aberdern, and Mr. Donald il'(ruire, of Dundee --who, recently accomphisied the unprecedented feat of riding round Europe on bicycles, a Iommey lasting seven months, left London for
Liverpool last month en romte for America. There they propose undertaking the lonyesr bicycle ride ever attempted in the United States viz, from New York to San Franciseo. Thes inteud riding the Ormonde machines, the identical bicicles on which they accomplished their remarkable Enropean tour, and express themselves confident of success. They made several heary wayers in England and Scotland before starting, with certain stipulations that they are not limited to time
on the journey, that the time shall commence within six months of their reaching New York, and that in crossing the Rocky Mountains they shall be at liberty to dismount when necessiny remounting their machines wherever it is possible to ride a bicycle. With such exceptious as these the entire journey is to be performed on their machines. It is expected that this remarkable ride will cause an immense sensation in the United States, and many thousands of dollars will change hands over the event.

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## NOT.ES

With our issue of to-day we publish a portrait of the Buenos Aires. Rowing Club Crew which won the International Four-oared Race at the Buenos Aires Rowing Club Regatta at the Tigre last November. Of the four crews competing, the Club Nacional de Montevideo, Club Teutonia, Montevideo Rowing Club, and Buenos Aires Rowing Ulub, the first named started warm favourites, partly from the fact of their having won the year previous and partly because they were reported to be in excellent preparation. Buenos Aires were unfortunate in having to make several changes in their crew, owing to the illness of some of their men, and as it was, Mr. Corry Smith had only left the hospital a short time before the race was rowed: so that their victory was all the more remarkable.
Besides rowing in the International winning boat, Mr. Corry Smith and Mr. Anderson won the Senior Double Sculls and the Senior Pairs, beating the Montevideo Rowing Club easily in each event.
The weights of the crew was as follows:-
R. W. Anderson (bow) T6 kilos.
E. Earnshaw (No. 2) 76 kilos.
(i. Gilderdale (No. 3) 82 kilos.
L. Corry Smith (stroke) 81 kilos.
J. Lee (cox) 51 kilos.

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Our phototype is from a photograph taken by MrSchulta, of the Argentine Amateur Photographic Society, who kiadly supplied us with the negative.

Mr. Cleary, of the Cleary Opera Company, has directed a letter to Sr. Lazcano, the proprietor of the National Theatre, saying that on account of the wreck of the John Elder, on which his company was travelling to Buenos Aires from Valparaiso, he will have to postpone opening in Buenos Aires until about the 15th of February.
We are glad to hear that the Company's baggage was all saved, and not lost, as was at first reported.

The Montevidean sportsmen (?) took their beating very badly at Maroñas last Sunday. They even went so far as to supply themselves with whistles to use when Camors should come in beaten by their crack horse, Gucrillero, and so when the Buenos Aires horse sailed home an easy winner there was a dead silence in the stands save for the applause of the Argentinos, until the happy thought struck some one to shout for Financiera, when the whole crowd immediately began checring the mare. It was reported that Camors had been off his feed for two days before the race, and if this was so, he must be a real good horse to run the race he did, winning right out from start to finsh: he certainly did not look nearly up to his usual form in the paddock, and seemed listless and anything but fit. Athos and Satanella both ran well, which was surprising, considering that they had only arrived in Montevideo two days before the race, but from their condition they appeared none the worse for their voyage. Camors' time for the 3000 metres, 3 min . 15 secs., was exceptionally good for the Maronas course, and is only a second slower than the best time he has done here.

The Mortevidean papers one and all complain o the inability of the Buenos Aires Rowing Club to send a crew for the Intepnational, and we go in with them entirely, as we cannot see that the committee have any excuse whatever for not
being able to find four men out of their five hundred members who could represent their Club in Montevideo. The Uruguay News says "This deeision is very much to be regretted indeed: for after both Montevidean Clubs have gone up so many times to Buenos Aires to row them in smooth water, to which they are unaccustomed, it seems strange that out of the very much larger number of members of the Buenos Aires Club, four oarsmen cannot be found willing and able to try conclusions with them in their own water. We fear the decision of the Buenos Aires Club may seriously affect the future of the international race, which had hitherto appeared likely to have become a permanent fixture. The late date at which their decision was sent in was also, to say the least of it, unfortunate."

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The following are the crews that will represent the he 31st inst

## International Fours.

First crew- (bow), R. Ludeke (2), R. Fliege (3) Al fred Davie (stroke), H. Wille (cox)

Second crew-
R, Leopold (bow), C. Sturzeneggar (2), A. D. Durnbar 3), W. L. Poole (stroke), H. Wille (cox).

Third crew-
E. Derurnex (bow), J. Stewart (2), H. C. Lichtenberger 3), M. Adam (stroke), H. Wille (cox

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First crew
(coz).
H. Leopold (how), C. Sturzeneggar (stroke), H. Wille

Third crew
R. Fliege (bow), R. Ludeke (stroke), E. Decurnex (cox).

Double Sculls.
M. Adam (bow), R. Fliege (stroke), E. Decurnex (cox).

Second crew
Alfred Davie (bow, W. L. Poole (stroke), H: Wille ox).
Third crew-
rthur Davie (bow), R. Ludeke (stroke), W. G. Buela Arth
(cox).
"The British Yeoman" thus describes a consignment of South American bred horses offered for sale in York last month
There were thirty-five of them all told. In height they ranged from 14 hands 2 in. to 15 hands 3 in., and in the catalogue they were dessribed as by a thoroughbred, a backney, or a Cleveland bay, as the case night he. A sorrier lot of rags it has scarcely ever been my
lot to conoe across. Crooked forelegs, weak hocks, and harrow chesta seemed to be at a preinium amongst them and one gentleman suid that, "By Wrong 'Un out of Mistit," would be an appropriate peligree for any one of them that he saw. It is only fair to say that there were some good-looking animals from the same consigument sold at Liverpool and Leeds, but surely it was a mistake lescribed as thgged lot at York, which may faily breeders and dealers chuckled as well they might. How would you like to ride any of these from Rufforth Whin to Red House Wood?" one of them asked derisively, and the question scarcely required an answer.

Exporting to England a really good class of horses should be one of the best businesses going, but if it is "crabbed," as it evidently is, by horses of the class described above being exposed for sate in a town thke York, the consignee of
them is seriously to blame. There are sufficient good horses bred in South America now to prevent the necessity of sending home useless brutes that only give English dealers a bad impression of our breeds and that cannot give their consignees more than a few shillings profit if not actua loss.

In an account of a hard run of Colonel Somerset's, the Enfield Chase staghounds, last month, we see that several Argentine horses went remarkably well, a grey pony, described as being nothing more than a frame, being mentioned as having gone particularly well, in recognition of which his owner is said to have declared his inA number of horses from Argentina, it will be remembered, were sold at the beginning of the season at Palmer's Green, and some of them having found their way into the hands of local buyers, are being now hunted with the Enfield Chase, and if they perform well with a pack and
over a county like Colonel Somerset', they may both as regards galloping and jumping.

There is no man that has to do so much with horses, and yet really knows so little about them, as the $\mathbf{S o u t h}^{\prime}$ American Gaucho. He will ride a as the south American Gaucho. He will ride a fact of his being lame, and if it is pointed out to him he will generally tell you that his horse is ame in the shoulder, a part that horses are less likely to be lame in than any other, and he will then apply all sorts of vague remedies which he will claim have cured his horse, though as a matter of fact the rest he has has during this period of doctoring up has done it all.

When a horse gets affected with the sun a Gaucho always throws water over him, a proceeding a well-known veterinary authority here told us is most fatal, which we can well understand, and which he has proved by examining horses that have died as believed from the effects of the sun, but in reality from shock to the system after being bathed by their ignorant owners. How it is that more are not killed in this way is a marvel, and can only be accounted for by the wonderful hardiness of the little aative horses, that must have constitutions of iron to stand what they do.

From the Live Stock Journal we learn that the total number of horses killed for human food in Paris during the past year was 21.291, of which 402 were condemned as unfit for consumption. In addition, 229 donkeys and forty mules were killed for the same purpose, and the meat of these 21,156 animals was returned as weighing $t, 615$ tons. There were 180 shops or stalls for the sale of this meat, which varied in price from 10 d . to 2 d . a pound, but not more than a third is sold fresh, the remainder being used for making sausages.

A meeting of polo players was held in this office last Thursday to consider the advisability of forming a Polo Association for the Argentine Republic. The meeting was very well attended, and all the clubs near Buenos Aires were represented. It was decided to write to the secretaries of all the polo clubs in the republic, asking them if their clubs would be willing to afiliate themselves with the Association should it be formed, and for this purpose a temporary secretary, Mr F. J. Balfour, was elected. A committee consisting of Messrs A. Yeomans, J. Ravenseroft, and $\mathbf{J} . \mathrm{K}$. Cassels was also elected to frame rules and by-laws to lay before a general meeting to be held during the Iurlingham Tournament in Mareh, should the different polo clubs send a favourable reply

It has been decided to hold a Polo Tournament at Hurlingham during the week commencing on February 48 th, and it is hoped that this earlier date will be the means of causing more clubs to enter. and making the tournament an even greater success than the one held last year. There will be a Polo Pony Race Meeting on Saturday, Feb. 27 th, the events being confined to bona-fide polo ponies as will be seen from the programme in another column, in which we hope that there will be a large number of entries from the visiting teams. In all probability a cup, or medals, will be given to the winning team in the tournament.
Sr. Dominico who, it will be remembered won the single sculls at the Tigre Regatta last November, started over two months ago to paddle up the river to Corrientes in a canoe, and has not since been heard of. His friends, having heard nothing of him, grew anxious, and went to search for him in a steam launch a short time ago, and traced him to an island near San Pedro. where he was seen about seven weeks ago, and it is feared that some misfortune has happened to him, as they cannot hear anything further of him.

The programme arranged for the cricket team now touring in South Africa has been entered upon. The first mateh was against an eleven of Cape Town. and it resulted, on Dec. 22, in a draw. The Englishmen went in first and put together 200 runs, against which the home team made 146. Having scored 145 for the loss of five wickets, the visitors closed their second innings, but when time arrived Capetown had lost only six wickets and their score was 127 .

A long distance zide, from Beilinto Drankfort on-the Maine and back, s to take place between the 18th and 24 th of March this year. Only gentlemen riders will be allowed to compete The first prize is to be of the value of $£ 2,500$, and will be an objet d'art in gold, the design being a subject of the competition. The second prize subject of the competition. The second prize Will be worth $£ 1,250$. In atl, $£ 5,000$ will be distributed in prizes to the first ten horses. The entrance-fee is fixed at ens, atid aready many German and Austrian officers hare announced
their intention of taking part in the race. Entheir intention of taking part in the race. Entrance notices have also been received from Russia and Italy. A number of towns on the route are mentioned where the riders will have to report themselves.

The following will represent Quilmes Athletic Club in the match Quilmes v. Hurlingham, on Sunday, 31st inst., at Hurlingham:

1. C. R. Thursby
2. W. S. Lamb
3. T. B. Sinclair (captain)
4. C. Burrow
5. F. J. Bennett
6. T. Norman
7. C. Parry
8. F. W. Fothergill
9. A. Palmer
10. F. Bocquet
11. H. H. James

The train leaves Central for Hurlingham at 10 a.m.

It is with deep regret we have to announce the death of Mr. Heury Edwards, which occurred on the exth inst., after a long and painful illness. Mr. Edwards, perhaps better known by his well-earned sobriquet of "Facon Grande," was one of the earliest pioneers in the Southern camps, and in company with his friends and companions in arms, did more to protect life and property against the frequent raids of the Indians than whole regiments of soldiers could have done. Always living outside the lines of defence, many are the stories told of his pluck and daring, combined with promptness of action, in saving the lives of the settlers further in, and he was held in such awe by the Indians and they feared his revolver to such an extent, that it is related on one occasion he scattered a whole crowd of them by simply presenting a pipe case at them. Genial, hearty, courteous and brave, we can illspare men like Harry Edwards, and of few men can it be more truly said "he done his level best."

## RAC\|NG

## MONTEVIDEO-Jantary 24

The Intebnational: 3000 metres; weight for age; $£ 1000$ to the 1st, $£ 100$ to the 2 nd.
Stud Camors' Camors by Ed. the Confesor-Omphale, Stud Girondino's Financiera by Beaudesert-Donna
 Stud Entre Rios Athos by Zut-Athalie $59 / 1 / \mathrm{k}$.

Stud Entre Rios' Satanella 55 k . Dionisio Carlin Stud Capricho's Charrua $46 \mathrm{k} .$.

Grigero 0
After one or two false starts the lot were got well away together, and after going a short distance Camors, as usual, was sent to the front by Diaz, and passing the stand the first time the order was Camors, Satanella, and Athos, with Guerillero and Charrua whipping in. Athos made a bold bid to get on terms with Camors, who was now joined by Satanella, but beating them off he was challenged by Financiera, who, however, could never get on anything like terms with him, and he eventually won, without being called on, by two lengths and a half from the filly; Athos, who came with a rush and beat Guerillero, a bad third.
Time, 3 min. 15 secs.
Camors 2,821 tickets win 818 place, Financiera 530 and 420 , Athos and Satanella 474 and 384. Guerillero 1279 and 511, Charrua 143 and 160. Total 5247 win and 2293 place.
Dividends: Camors $\$ 3.34$ win, $\$ 3.00$ place; Financiera $\$ 3.30$ place.

## ENTRIES FOR HURLINGHAM MEETING February 2, 1892

Premio Ligabreza, Handicap for ponies 54 in . or under ; $\$ 400 ; 800$ metres.

## Lanchito Tightfoot

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Rpato IsBREAO, Handicap ford ponies or, galo

| Ways 58 in. or under; $\$ 400$; 1200 netres |  |
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| Blarney | Pecedora |
| Alva | Langosta |
| Brajd | Rama Negra |
| Planchette | Arapey |
| Mary | Satanas |

Premio Cosmopolita, Handicap for any horse that has not won more than $\$ 2000$ in $1891 ; \$ 1000$; 1300 metres.

| Civico | Lillington |
| :--- | :--- |
| Fleurette | Jubileo |
| Jefferson | The MeGowan |
| Curupaity | Charlemagne |
| Almirante |  |

Premo Mártes, Handicap for ponies 56 in. or under; \$400: 1000 metres.

| Lightfoot | Peludo |
| :--- | :--- |
| Daiman | Piccadilly |
| Macabeo | Congo |
| Gouty Owl | Travieso |

All races are open to any" qualified jockey.
Professional jockeys give members of the Club 3 kilos and gentlemen riders 2 kilos.

## ATHLETICS

A meeting of those interested in the formation of an Athletic Association was held in the offices of River Plate Sport and Pastime, on Saturday, Janury 23rd, Mr. E. T. Christian in the chair.
Mr. E. Danvers was elected Secretary pro tem. and was asked to forward the following letter to the secretaries of the different Athletic, Football, and Cricket Clubs in the River Plate

171 Piedad, Jan 23, 1892. Athletic Club. Cricket Club. Football Club.
Dear Sir,
At a preliminary meeting of the proposed Amateur Athletic Association, held this day at the office of the River Plate Sport and Pastime it was unanimously agreed to elect a Secretary protem. the undersigned having accepted the post, and to address the Secretaries of all known Athletic Clubs in various parts of the Plate, with the object of obtaining their co-operation in the scheme. The main object in view is to hold annual championship meetings in various wellknown centres, and at the same time to control the working of every club that adheres to the idea, in so far as the open races are concerned.
I may also mention that a small subscription for working expenses will be required from each club that affiliates itself to the movement.

I shall be obliged by your laying this subject before your Committee and by letting me bave an early answer, so that a general meeting can be called, at which representatives of all the clubs willing to affliate themselves will be invited to attend.-Yours tuly

Eunesto Danvers.
Should any Club have been omitted and not have received a copy of the above lettor, Mr. Danvers will be glad if it would accept this notice and instruct its secretary to write to him saying whether it would join the proposed Association or not.

## POLO NOTES

## HURLINGHAM TOURNAMENT.

The following is the programme of the Polo Pony Meeting to be held during the Polo Tournament at Hurlingham, commencing on the 27 th of February :

1. Flat Race, 500 metres; entrance $\$ 10$.
2. Bending Race, 8 posts, 8 yards apart; enrance $\$ 5$,
3. Flat Rage, 1000 metres; entrance $\$ 10$.
4. Jymping Compettition ; entrance $\$ 5$.
5. Bareback Race, 1000 metres; entrance $\$ 5$.
6. Hurdle Raek, 1600 metres, over 5 Hights of hurdles ; entrance ${ }^{4} 10$.
7. Tandem Race, 1000 metres; entrance $\$ 10$

All the events are open to bona fide polo ponies only, 14 hands or under, and all entries must be signed by the secretary of the club the ponies have been played with, who shall be responsible for their being properly described.
For races Nos. 1, 3 and 6 the weights will be catch weights, not under 70 kilos.
Winners at a Hurlingham Meeting cannot compete in events Nos. 1, 3, 5, 6 and 7.
Gentlemen jockeys or members of a polo club only allowed to ride.

On Sunday, tainuary $24 t h$, a very fair muster of members were present for practice, and some fairly tast quarters were played. From the all round form shown by those playing, Belgrano will be able to put a fairly strong team in the field for the Hurlingham Tournament in March, should the club be able to get a feis good ponies should the club be able to get a few good ponies
before then. When one has little or no time to school ponies except in the usual Sunday practises, it would be rather hard to be prohibited from riding green ponies in a game until they are handy enough to enable. them to be kept out of danger's way, but at the same time nearly all the accidents that occur at polo can be traced to untrained penies, and of these we saw rather too many on the ground at Belgrano last Sunday, and we should like to call the attention of the hon. secretary to the matter before an accident does happen.
Amongst the members present we noticed: Messrs J. K. Cassels, H. de B. Stafford, H. Scott Robson, E. Robson, J. M. Still, J. W. Hunter, A. Brodie, F. J. Balfour and R. England.

The Rovers' Polo Club new ground at Quilmes is in every way a success, and in a short time when it is put into order will make a really firstclass polo ground. On the evening of the 24th, Messrs Yeomans, J. N. Mullaly, and A. Yeomans, after a fast game against Messrs Cumberbatch, W. D. Bailey and C. Murray, were beaten by three goals to one.

Six energetic members of the Quilmes Athletic Club played a fairly fast practice game early last Sunday morning ; Messrs H. Anderson, F. Rooke and W. F. Fothergill beating Messrs F. J. Bennett, F. Atkinson and N. O. Brown, by four goals to three.

## HURLINGHA限

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Stud 2 Argentino (Sr. Joaquin A. Capmany), entry fee $\$ 501$
Platot:

Premio Ecurie, April 6.
Stud Stop (Sr. Molina). entry fee $\$ 30$ -
Pinquilla …...... Premio Expreso, April 6.
Sr. J. M. Ezcurra. entry fee $\$ 30-$
Don Lagua .......The Laddie Steeplechase, Sept. 8
Sr. J. M. Ezcurra, entry fee $\$ 30-$
Don Laguna . . . . . . . Hurdle Race, Octeber 17.
Sr. E. Billinghurst, entry fee $\$ 25-$
Murcielaga . ........ Premio Las Rosas, Nov. 25.
Stud Crisis (Sr. E. W. Fernandez), entry fee $\$ 50$ Crisis

Premio Gardenia, Nov. 25.

## 1892

Mr E. Billinghurst
Premio Europa, Jan. 6. .... Fine imposed by starter \$20
Sr J. J. Mandia-
Fine imposed by starter $\$ 20$

Mr C. J. Klappenbach
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## GARDENING NOTES

## KITCIIEN GARDEN.

Hew crops, though wholly different in character and produce, give better results when grown together than peas and celery. By forming the rench a foot or more wide, two rows of celery may be grown in each, and treated in this way there is little waste of ground. Leave a space fiom three to four feet wide between each double row of celery in the trenches for the pea plants; these distances will be found to foster the growth of the celery by the useful shade of the peas, and to afford sufficient space for the culture and gathering of the peas. Of course the latter will be harvested before the soil of the ridges is required for the earthing-up and blanching of the celery.
The present is a good time to put in a sowing of "Early Cauliflower" and cabbages. Prepare the beds as described in previous papers, and cover with some loose material to retain moisture. Watering must not be neglected from the day of sowing always choosing the evening for this purpose.
Where tomatoes are much in demand a small plantation ought to be made now in some sheltered part of the garden; make also a small sowing of maiz for late "choclos."
Where ground.has not been got ready for the autumn sowing of vegetables, it should be dug at once, and thrown up roughly so as to have it in
Mr C. .J. Klappenbach

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nice mellow condition two or three weeks hence, and should it rain in the interval, have it well broken apart with the hoe.
Where potatoes have not yet been planted have them put in at once.

Hortus.

## REMARKABLE LONG DISTANCE RIDES

It would be, I think, a ridiculous thing to say that the age of personal prowess has passed away, or that we, " the heirs of all the ages," have degenerated in pluck or pith or virile virtue because fashion and circumstance have diverted energy and enterprise and endurance into different channels. I trow that Webb's splendid swim across the Channel would have astonished my Lord Byron or Captain Akenhead, both in the grandeur of the conception and the quality of the execution. The clements, like the stars in their courses, foaght ayainst the driving match between Lords Shrew sbury and Lonsdale last year, just as the stars did ayainst the doomed sovereign Sisera of ancient renown ; but Lord Lonsdale's record against time was a very good one. A walking woman has thrown the famous Captain Barclay's thousand hour feat into the shade, and, indced, our women-kind have broken records in several departments, and shown us that whereas Virgil taught us in our youth that the powers of a frenzied female (notogue furenns quid joemina possit) were known to the ancients, we really can assign no limit to their enterpriso or achievements, luck or patience. But why multiply instances when a retrospective review of a few decades will convince anyone who is not an inveterate and incurable luadator tempor is acti, that when occasion calls the hour and the man (or woman) will not be wanting, wherher it be to carry despatches through a hostile country and under extreme difficulties (as not very long ago in Africa), or to wis the bubble reputation even at the cannon's mouth, more majorum No: Though it is quite true that facilities of locomotion have perhaps diminished the number and ponsibly the quality of our hackney horses, and made tremendous rides, such as those of Dick Turpin and his contemporaries, an anachronism, and a needless expenditure of time and horseflesh, we are not, on the whole, a progenies viliosior, or more reluctant to do and dare than our forbears, if the object to be attained is only worthy of the effort, or the play food yalue for the candle (or cash). A very highly civilised country, such as lingland, is not the likeliest arenafor such deeds of derrin doo as longe distance rides or matches agrainst time. Why ride a couple of hundred miles when a railwas will carry you to your destination in a quarter of the time horses would take, and at a fraction of the cost (and a modern motto assures us that time is money). It is in countries that are not as yet gridironed with railways, and in frontier provinces of great cmpires and republics, that such feats are apt to originate, because they have something of a commercial or emperial value, and, as it were, set up a standard for couriers and pioneexs, so that while in England we nowadays hear liette of rides measured by hundreds of miles, whether for a wager or for personal satisfaction, we read constantly of such courses de longue hateme among the steppes of Russia, in Cent, al Asia, in the Pampas, or among the cowboys of Texas and New Mexico.
Let us now unroll a few of the records of the past, and bring to light certain of the performances of our forbears in the saddle, which forfeats of such a kind on the

On April 49.1745 , Mr. Cooper Thomhill rode from Stilton to London and back, and then from Stilton to London, in twelve hours, less some twenty-six minutes, and $a s$ the distance is all but 213 miles it will be been that the rider exceeded seventeen miles per hour.
Mr. Woodcock's match to ride 2,900 miles in twenty-nine successive dajs was the outcome of a wager for $2,000 \mathrm{gs}$. Letween Mr. Shafto and Mr. Meynell-it was begun on May 4, 1761 , and
finished successfully on June 1-on Newmarket finished successfully on June 1-on Newmarket the task.

In October, 1791 Mr . Wilde backed himself to ride 127 English miles on the Curragh. He accomplished this feat in six hours and twenty-one mutes on ten horses. He dined at the Turf Clubhou
2000 gs .
The Express, with the account of the drawing of the Irish Lotterv in 1792, accomplished the distance between Holyhead and London, via Birmingham and Stratford-upon-Avon-292 miles - in 21 hours 34 minutes-an extraordinary perper hour. On Tuesday, Aurust 14, 1775 a match to ride from London to York, between Mr. Walker and Captain Hay, was won by the latte: portman's mare, steered by Captain Mulcaster in 40 hours 35 minutes, and the mare drank twelve bottles of wine during the performance, and was none the worse for time or way. Squire Osbaldeston's match on Newmarket Heath is too recent an achievement to chronicle here, nor can we notice feats of some gallant hunters, as dist.ances have to be estimated approximatel,

The following record of a ride accomplished by Mr Walter Lindsay under rather trying circumstances, including some atmospheric adversities. and on not the best of tracks, last October, in the territory of Montana. C.S., shows that ueither the men or horses of this fin de siecle have much degenerated- $q u \alpha$ endurance in pluck-from the old standards. The ride was from Belle Fourche ranche to Mizpah creek-a distance of 144 miles and the stages and intervals may be thus tabulated. Belle Fourche was left at $4.30 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$., and the goal was gained at 5. 20 p.m.
Horses Stages

If.M. Mileage
Tommy. Belle Fourche to Crow Creek
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ritz ... Thomas Ranche to Box Eilder AIgada)
Fixman. Box Elder to Crow Creek (secomi) 2.:31)
Barney. Crow Creek (second to Powder
ville.

## Flaxy ... Powlerville to Mizpah Creek.



Mr Lindsay was to have been accompanied, but his companion's horse collapsed early. The mile was done in the teeth of sleet and driving rain (which is not riding rain), and in the fourth heat
Nixman crossed his legs, threw the rider, and Nixman crossed his lers, threw the ruter, and
rot away for two miles, when he fortunately caught himself by standing on the reins, and getting a foot entangled. Mr Lindsay got a square meal at Box Elder, and cups of rea or coffee at the other stages. A hot bath, some brandy and water, and Elliman's embrocation estored him completely ai the end of his journes; and as he has ridden a few winners over a he cannot be considered to have experienced any bad effects from a journey leemed in the ranche egion a pheromenal performance. "Censo!" in Land end II ater

## Weight of Cattle by Measurement

The following two letters, addressed to the ditor of the Live Stoch Journat, will be found nteresting
Would any of your resders furnish a reliable method of ascertaining weight of cattle by neasurement? There is a method, which believe is scoteh, quoted in some books as fol-ows:-"'Square the girth itaken where least behind the shoulder) in feet and inches; multiply by the length in feet and inches 'from the point of the shoulder to the junction of the tail:' and multiply the product by $\cdot 23, \cdots 24, \cdot 25, \cdot 26$, or up to ' 20 , and the result is the 'carcase weight' in mperial stones.
I have occasionally tried this and find that it always gives too high a result, at least in cases where such a measurement would be most useful -ie., in the case of an ordinary fat anima!, suitable for the butcher, but not for exhibition.
The girth measurement is easily ascertained, but the length, according to the direction quoted above, is not easy to get accuratsly, and I think a measurement of length more likely to be accurately obtained is one half the length taken round the animal by a tape passed under the tail and round the breast, where it can be made least, and I think that if the square of the girth be multiplied by the length (ascertained as I suggest) and the product be multiplied by 35 the esult will represent the dressed carcase weight in stones of 8 1 lb , and decimals. I have not as yet actually tested the result of such a measurement by the weight of the dressed carcase, but suggest it for consideration.

If the loins and back are exceptionally wellmight be added to the result
H. L. C.

With reference to "H. L. C's." letter in your issue, dated 4th inst., under the above heading, permit me to state that I have used the method quoted by your correspondent when selling, fat calves to the butcher' by "dead weight," and have found the calculated weight to be very near the actual dead weight.
In proof of this I qive below the measurements, calculated results, and actual weight of the last two calves sold :
Calf No. 1.-Measured girth, 3 ft .5 in; length,

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Calf No. 2.-Measured girth, 2 ft .10 in ; length, 2 ft .1 in .

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Actual dead weight in the first calf was 10 stones. and in the second 5 st .4 lb .

When I first beran to measure I found the difficulty in finding the right decimal to multiply with. I have not yet tied to measure a beast, but intend to do so at an early date. H. W. M.

## Can Horses Talk?

Mr. Andrew J. Ogilvie, of Tamala, Shark Bay, Western Australia, writes as follows to the Spec-tator:--"I once purchased a station on which a large number of cattle and horses had gone wild. To get the cattle in I, fenced the permanent water (a distance of twenty miles), leaving traps at intervals. At first this answered all right, but soon the catfle became extremely cautious about enterin the traps, waiting outside for two or three nights before going in, and, if they could smell a man or his tracks, not going in at all. At last they adopted a plan which beat me. A mob would come to the trap-wate, and one would go in and drink and come out, and then another wate do the same, and so on till all had conclusion that I would not catch one and frighten all the others away. To get in the wild horseh 600 of which were running on a large plait (about 20,000 acres), I entered a stockyard with a quadually widening lane, in a hollow where is could not easily be seen, and, by stationimg horsemen at intervals on the plain, yalloped the wild horses in. My first hunt (which lasted tor som dars) was suceesstul, the wild horses head towards the mouth of the lane without : en difficulty ; but, of course, some escaped by arging back at the stock-yard wato and other was. My second hunt, abont a mon later, was a failure: even mob of horses on the plain seemed to know where the sard was, and would not heal that way. This seems to show that the horses that escaped from the first hunt told all the others where the stock-y ard was."

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