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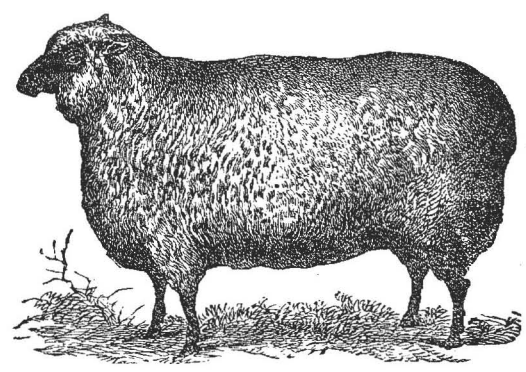
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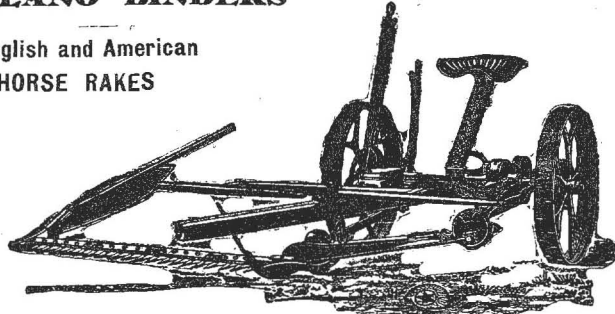
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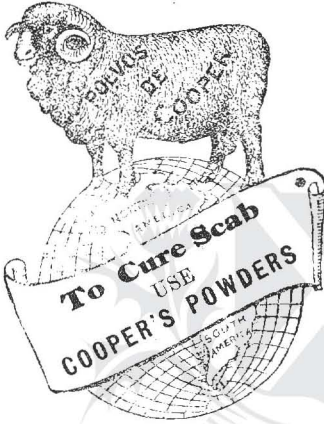
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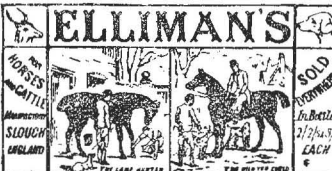
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HOME NEWS

RACING

WARWICK—Feb. 10.

Warwick Handicap Steeplechase, 3 miles:
Mr T. R. Irving's Mazzard by Marshall Ney,
11 st 8 lb Mr F. Hassall 1
Betting, 5 to 1 agst—6 ran.

Feb. 11.

Wellsborough Handicap Steeplechase, 2 miles:
Mr A. M. Singer's Banshee by Balfe, 11 st 7 lb
C. Gregor 1
Betting, 5 to 2 agst—5 ran.

Leamington Hurdle Handicap, 2 miles:
Mr Grazebrook's Harlow by Plebeian 10 st 6 lb
Mr G. B. Milne 1
Betting, 4 to 1 agst—6 ran.

KEMPTON PARK—Feb. 12.

Littleton Steeplechase, 2 miles for four-years-olds:
Mr J. Wallace's Springbank by Springfield,
10 st 7 lb A. Nightingall 1
Betting, 9 to 2 agst—7 ran.

Halliford Maiden Hurdle Race, 2 miles:
Mr G. Trimmer's Oregon by Bend Or, 11 st Sensitive 1
Betting, 100 to 30 agst—6 ran.

Kempton Park Hurdle Handicap, 2 miles:
Mr H. Heasman's Prince Frederick by George
Frederick, 12 st 10 lb G. Williamson 1
Betting, 7 to 1 agst—10 ran.

Stewards' Steeplechase Plate, 3 miles:
Major Kearsley's Billee Taylor by Ben Battle,
10 st 10 lb Escott 1
Betting, 100 to 30 agst—8 ran.

FOOTBALL

Two international Rugby matches were decided on February 6th, England v. Ireland and Scotland v. Wales. The former of these was played at Manchester before an enormous assemblage and resulted in a not very decisive win for the Englishman by a goal and a try (seven points) to nothing. It appears that the match, due in some measure to the condition of the ground, was not particularly interesting, and though the better side won, they were not good forward. The Irish scrummers are said to have done well up to half time, but subsequently they were not so good and especially when play became loose.

England: S. Houghton (Cheshire), (full back), R. E. Lockwood (Yorkshire), J. Marsh (Lancashire), G. C. Hubbard (Kent) (three quarter backs), E. W. Taylor (Northumberland), A. Briggs (Yorkshire) (half backs), S. M. J. Woods (Somersetshire, captain), W. E. Bromet (Yorkshire), A. Ashworth (Lancashire), L. J. Percival (Oxford University), E. Bullough (Lancashire), F. Evershed (Midland Counties), W. Yiend (Gloucestershire), J. Toothill (Yorkshire), T. Kent (Lancashire) (forwards).

Ireland: T. Peel (Bective Rangers) (full back), R. Dunlop (Dublin University), S. Lee (North of Ireland), S. Gardiner (North of Ireland) (three-quarter backs), T. Thornhill (Wanderers), B. Tuke (Bective Rangers) (half backs), V. C. Le Fanu (Lansdowne), E. Walshe (Lansdowne), J. S. Jameson (Lansdowne), R. E. Smith (Lansdowne), J. H. O'Connor (Bective Rangers), C. Rooke (University), W. Davis (Bessbrook), T. Johnston (Queen's College), A. Wallis (Wanderers) (forwards).

Referee—Mr J. A. Smith (Hon. Sec. Scottish Rugby Union).

Tough Judges—Messrs E. T. Gurdon (President Rugby Football Union) and M. Turnbull (Irish Rugby Union).

The Scotland v. Wales match was played at Swansea, also before a very large number of people (15,000), and after a fast and interesting game resulted in Scotland winning by a goal and a try to one try. The match was one of particularly even character, though the method adopted by the different sides was not alike. The Scotch forwards played a much more open game than their opponents, whose back play was not quite of the combined excellence expected. The brothers James were brilliant at half back, and the Welsh three-quarters were all good. Anderson and C. E. Orr showed commendable smartness, and while Neilson and Clauss were quick to get away the soundness of Campbell's play was undeniable. Of the ten matches played, Scotland have won eight and one has been drawn.

Scotland: H. J. Stevenson (Edinburg) Academicals, back), P. R. Clauss (Oxford University), W. Neilson (Cambridge University), G. T. Campbell (London Scottish) (three-quarter backs), C. E. Orr (West of Scotland, captain), D. G. Anderson (London Scottish) (half backs), F. W. J. Goodhue (London Scottish), R. G. McMillan (London Scottish), G. T. Neilson, J. N. Millar, J. D. Boswell (West of Scotland), A. Dalgleish (Glasfields), H. T. O. Leggatt (Watsons), J. E. Orr (West of Scotland), W. R. Gibson (High School) (forwards).

Wales: W. L. Ban-roft (Swansea, back), A. J. Gould (Newport), T. W. Pearson (Cardiff), J. Conway Rees (Llanelli), W. McCutcheon (Swansea and Oldham) (three-quarter backs), E. James (Swansea), D. James (Swansea) (half backs), W. H. Watts (Newport), J. Hansen (Newport), P. Bennett (Cardiff Harlequins), T. C. Graham (Newport), A. Boucher (Newport), C. B. Nicholl (Cambridge University and Llanelli), T. Doucon (Swansea), F. Mills (Swansea) (forwards).

In the Rugby Union County Championship, Yorkshire met the Midland Counties team at Birmingham on Feb. 10, and scored an easy win by one dropped goal and two tries to nil, the stubborn defence of the Midland Counties effectually preventing their score being made larger.

ANOTHER ADVENTURE WITH A MADMAN

[Sir.—The story of "An Adventure with a Madman" which appeared in a late issue of *Sport and Pastime* interested me greatly, though I imagined it to be the "emanation of a fertile brain," inasmuch as it resembles in some respects an incident which actually occurred to me some years ago. The truth is its only recommendation, and with that excuse I venture to send it to you.—Yours truly, VERITAS.]

"Come George, you must send old Sinbad along a bit faster if I am to catch the train. We were rather behind time in starting from Hawkswood, and the roads are not very good just now. We have only a quarter of an hour and two good miles to go yet. Hurry up a bit."

George was a bit nettled at having his judgment of pace thus questioned, and though he touched up old Sinbad he did not quicken his pace very materially, and contented himself with saying "Never fear, sir. We'll get there in time. I've never missed a train yet."

Perhaps this was true enough, but George had not to take a ticket, see his luggage into the train, select a comfortable carriage, and provide himself with books and papers for a long journey—and I had; and so though we were bowling along in the high dogcart at a pretty fair pace, I was anxious to get to the station as early as possible, and was, perhaps, apt to think the pace at which we were completing the latter portion of our ten mile drive rather slower than it really was. At last, however, we reached the station, and bidding a substantial adieu to George I jumped down to get my ticket, leaving Dawson, the footman, to see my traps in the train and secure a good compartment for me while I selected papers wherewith to beguile the time.

"Take your seats for Euston." What is that. I turned round and saw Dawson hurrying up to me. "Your train is in, sir, and just starting. You have time if you run;" and I rushed, to find the mail just starting and all the doors being closed and locked. Dawson had not had time to select me a compartment, and I looked in at two or three windows, only to find the seats occupied, and if there were not actually no room, at least no comfort.

"Here you are, sir," cried Dawson, trying to open the door of a carriage which was locked. "Here porter, open this door." There was only one occupant, but no one came to open the door. The guard signalled, the engine whistled and the train was about to start.

"Here guard," I shouted, "open this door." The guard came running down and was on the point of opening the door when a porter said, "Room here, sir," pointing to the next carriage, but I had picked my carriage, and waited for the guard to unlock the door. He, however, hesitated, and I caught him looking at the porter, who was touching his head with his finger in a significant sort of way, and said aloud, "The gentleman inside is ill, sir." "Never mind," I cried, "open the door." The train was moving and it was that carriage or nothing. "Well, sir," said the guard, unlocking the door, "remember we told you he was ill." I jumped in, only just in time, while Dawson, running along the platform, threw my hat box in after me.

It was a narrow shave and I thought that if I had not hurried George up a bit he might have broken his record and missed a train.

I was annoyed, because I had been looking forward during the drive to a comfortable seat with a good rug and the London papers, a comfort which only English travellers fully appreciate.

I had been spending my winter holiday with an old Oxford friend who, as usual, had a houseful for the shooting and for the county ball, which had taken place the night before. What with shooting all day in the keen, bracing air, and theatricals and dancing at night, I felt rather tired, and quickly reconciling myself to the loss of the papers, I put my hat-box on the rack above my head, wrapped myself up in rug, and sat back in my seat to think of the good time I had had, and of someone who had wished me good-bye and told me to take great care of myself on the journey down.

My only companion, the sick man, was rolled up in his rug on the seat facing me, seemingly very disgusted at the intrusion, for he glanced at me for a few minutes and then went off to sleep again. Poor fellow, I thought, he has a bad headache, no doubt, and I should be very angry myself at being disturbed if I were unwell.

My thoughts flew back to the merry country house I had just left with so much regret. What fun we had had over the theatricals in which I had acted the part of the husband in the "Happy

pair" with Kitty. What a good shoot we had at the "Dene" plantations, winding up with "osier carr," out of which we got 132 pheasants in half an hour. And what a glorious dance we had last night, and what a happy ending for me. It was hard to say good-bye, but then we were to meet soon in London; and thus thinking and dreaming I fell asleep.

How long I slept I don't know, but I was awakened by a violent blow on the temple, as if with a sharp, heavy instrument, which half stunned me for a few moments. Pulling myself together, I looked up, to find my companion standing over me with his eyes glaring wildly, his hand raised as if to strike me, and a look of fiendish terror on his face.

Great God, I thought, he is mad. The porter had pointed to his head, and meant to say he was mad and not merely ill, as I had gathered in the hurry of the moment.

It takes a long time to write, but thought flashes through the brain at lightning speed in emergencies like this.

In a moment I sprang at him, and clutching him by the throat forced him back on to the seat and thence on to the floor. He struggled, fought, tore, scratched, as we rolled about on the floor, but I had a tight grip on his throat which I never relaxed till his eyes began to roll and his breathing almost ceased.

My head was bleeding from the blow I had received, and was dripping over my hands and on to his face. My fingers clung round his throat, and my knees were pressed tight into his chest. "Get off," he gasped, "you'll kill me." "Yes, I will," I cried, "if you attempt to move." He struggled again, and again I closed my fingers on his throat and drove my knees into his chest. Again he gasped, "For God's sake get off my chest." "Not I, till we get to the next station," and alternately tightening and slackening my hold as he struggled and gasped, there I remained till we got to the next station.

"Guard," I yelled, and up came the guard, followed by porters and station master. "Here, take this madman in charge," I said, "what do you mean by putting me into the same carriage with a madman; it is disgraceful, and nearly cost me my life."

"Well, sir," said the guard, "you insisted, you know, when we told you the gentleman was ill," which was true. However, they took him in charge while he remonstrated loudly and indignantly. "Mad, whose mad? Why he's mad," pointing to me. "He struck me when I was asleep on the back of the head and then flew at me and throttled me before I could move to help myself. My name is ——. Bring him along too and we'll soon see who is mad," giving a well-known name. I merely pointed at the wound in my head, and said that was the blow that woke me up.

Together we were taken to the station master's room, away from the crowd of excited passengers who crowded round us; and a sorry spectacle we presented—covered with blood, scratched and torn in the struggle, our clothes dirty and disordered, and our hair dishevelled and wet with sweat we looked like welters after a race-course crowd had handled them.

However, we were both quiet men when once the struggle was over and in turn told our story to the police officer who was soon on the spot; and both stories were the same.

One of us was mad, and yet he seemed strangely sane, and the name he gave was that of a well-known man whose reputation credited him with being anything but weak in the head. But why had he struck me that blow? The train had gone on, and we had no need to hurry. The matter assumed an interesting aspect as we regained our breath and generally shook ourselves down. My late companion, now that I came to look at him, was a very striking man. Tall and intellectual, with a bright merry looking eye, he seemed as unlike a madman as I flattered myself I did; and yet what made him strike me?

Just then the porter came in at the door, saying, "I brought these rugs and this hat-box out of the carriage the gentlemen were in. The hat-box was on the floor. It was my hat-box. An old-fashioned square one, with brass tips at the corners. 'I left it on the rack,' I said. 'It must have been knocked off in the struggle.'"

What was that laugh? I turned round and saw my antagonist roaring with laughter. He was mad, then, after all. We all stood and gazed in pity and wonder. Would he never stop? At last he did, with an evident effort and both fists planted firmly in his ribs.

"Mr. Wickham," he began, "don't look so astonished. I see your name on your hat-box, and I saw you acting at Hawkswood on Thursday

last. I did not strike you, nor did you strike me. Your hat-box is the culprit! And so it was. I had put it on the rack over my head. It had fallen on to my head, the corner tip making the cut on my forehead, and then struck him as he lay asleep. Roughly awakened, he jumped up thinking I had struck him, and I had thought the same. He, like myself, had taken the train at Carlisle. Being in plenty of time he tipped the porter to keep the carriage to himself, and lay down to sleep. What followed you now know.

We dined together that night and continued our journey next day, and since then we have been the best of friends.

Kitty is now my wife in reality, and though she has never realised how near the truth she is, often wisely remarks: It is strange how misunderstandings will arise, and what serious consequences follow.

GARDENING NOTES

KITCHEN GARDEN.

The second crop of Potatoes that is above ground ought to be attended to now as regards hoeing and earthing up.

Carrot seed may be sown in a moderate quantity for winter and spring use. Sow some again towards the end of the month. Choose a light, dry, airy spot to sow them in that they may have a better chance of standing the winter.

The best time to sow a full crop of winter Onions is the first or second week in this month. The ground in which they are sown must be dry and rich, for if it be heavy or wet the crop is apt to get destroyed during the winter. The general plan here is to sow in beds about a yard wide, but I am of opinion that, and have met with most success, by sowing in drills a foot or nine inches apart, the plants are much stronger and much easier kept clean, so that I should therefore recommend sowing in drills.

Parsley may be sown this month for winter and spring use, this being the most natural season for sowing biennials.

Turnips for winter use should now be put in when the ground is in a good state, nice and moist, but not too wet. A good sowing of Rutabaga or Swedish Turnip should be put in now as it is available for winter use.

Gather all sorts of sweet, pot, or medicinal herbs, according to the season and their state of growth.

Hoe, weed, thin, and stir the surface among all crops; water, shade, and attend to neatness and order; clear off all crops as soon as they are exhausted, in order that the garden may always present a neat and orderly appearance.

HINTS ON BUDDING.

Almost all the more valuable kinds of trees, as well as many shrubs and plants, are increased by the simple operation of budding. It is not by merely sowing that the different approved varieties of many kinds of fruit and other trees can, with certainty, be continued and multiplied; for though their seeds readily grow and become trees, yet from the seeds or kernels of the finest varieties of fruit, not one tree out of a hundred produces any like the original, and but very few that are good, so variable are seedling fruit-trees and many other trees and plants.

But the trees or stocks so raised, being budded or grafted with the proper sorts, the buds or grafts produce invariably the same kind of tree, fruit, flower, &c.

This mode of propagation is particularly good for Peaches, Nectarines, Apricots, Plums and Cherries, the three former of which succeed better by budding than by grafting, and are usually worked upon plum stocks raised from seed. More often in this country they are budded on the common Peach. Plums and Cherries are best budded on stocks of the wild Plum and Cherries respectively.

Apples and Pears are likewise capable of being propagated by budding as well as by grafting, though, as they grow freely by grafting, which is the most easy and expeditious mode, they are commonly propagated in that way.

The proper implements for budding are: a small knife with a flat, thin handle, for preparing the stock and buds for insertion and opening the bark of the stock to admit them, and a number of balls of new string or worsted, which is soft and not easily snapped, to tie them.

As in this operation the head of the stock is not cut off, as in grafting, but left entire until the ensuing spring and then cut off, a smooth part on the side of the stock at the proper height,

rather on the southward side away from the sun, should be chosen for the insertion of the buds. This should be done by making a horizontal cut across the rind of the stock, and from the middle of that a slit downwards, about two inches in length, so that it may have the form of the letter T, being careful not to cut too deep lest the stock should be wounded; then, having cut off the leaf from the bud, leaving the footstalks remaining, a crosscut should be made about half an inch below the eye, and the bud slit off, with a part of the wood attached to it, somewhat in the form of an escutcheon or shield: and hence it is called shield budding.

The piece of wood adhering to the bud should be carefully removed and the bud inserted in the cut prepared for it; carefully tie, leaving only the point of the bud and footstalk exposed. Be careful to cover every part of the wound made by the material used for tying.

After the buds have been inserted three weeks they should be examined to see which of them have taken. Those which appear shrivelled and black are dead, but those which remain fresh and plump have joined. At this time the bandage should be loosened, which if not done in time, is apt to pinch the stock, and greatly injure if not destroy the bud.

In the following July, cut off the stock about three inches above the bud. The shoot proceeding from the bud, which would otherwise be in danger of being blown out, may be tied the first year to that part of the stock left above the bud, after which it should be cut off close above the bud, that the stock may be covered by it. Some, however, think it a better practice to cut it close at once.

After this, the whole effort of the stock is directed to the inserted buds. They soon push forth strongly one shoot from each. Many shoots also arise from the stock; but these should be constantly rubbed off as often as they appear, that all the powers of the stock may be collected for the vigour of the bud shoot, from which the tree now commences, and by the end of summer is, in some sorts, advanced to three or four feet high.

In the autumn and spring following the young trees may be transplanted into the places where they are to remain.

In budding, selection of such buds as are well favoured is one of the essential elements of success. Whenever the wood is of the proper induration, the buds come away freely to the pressure of the finger and thumb.

HORTUS.

CAÑADA DE GOMEZ

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

March 14.

Of Sport this week there has been none to chronicle, and Pastime has been at a discount. You would receive the report of the cricket match, Cañada de Gomez v. Roldan, from another source, so I will not recapitulate. I will only say, disappointing as the result was to us, that we all enjoyed ourselves wisely and well, and we were cheered to victory or condoled with on defeat, by the ladies present, who were fully conversant with the game, and thoroughly interested and eager.

Brisco Ray drove down a team of those grand coaching mares which he brought out from England, and he was accompanied by Mrs. Ray, looking charming, as usual, and dispensing hospitality and encouragement to all alike, in her inimitable manner.

The camp match against Rosario is not yet finally arranged, but I know that Mr. Macnaughton and Mr. Adamson are in solemn conclave with the view of procuring a team which will make "old Rosary" (as I have seen the city of smells and small beer dubbed in print) take a back seat.

Polo is not going strong here. I hardly know why, except that the men who play are fewer, and those who do, have occupations just now which prevent regular practice or a certain promise to play on any given date. Dickson is as eager as ever, and I believe would buy up all the polo ponies in the country if he could. But the times are not what they were when Musgrave, Waring Smyth, Dickson, Robinson, Pain, Bradney, and Fleming, were all to be counted on. In those days almost every Sunday brought down Dr. Friend, Sheehan, Day, Adamson, Talbot, Lightbody, poor Uniacke and others, besides many men from the northern camps, and a good game, followed by a good dinner, whist and poker was the result. "Auri sacra fames!" I am afraid that the dispersal of the good old

crowd is due to the hunger, which, whether accursed or not, we all suffer from, and shall to the end of time. Let us hope that when these good men and true have sold all their wheat and maize, and garnered "many shekels and much fine gold," they will again come together, and bring the sport which they all love out of the slough of despond.

At "Las Lomas" they are still keen, but then there are so many good players on the neighbouring estancias who can run down there for a Sunday, but who cannot afford the time to come here. They had a grand game, I hear, on the 6th, Mr. A. Dickinson's side winning by 5 goals to 4.

I am sorry to say that Mr. "Jack" Bradney, of "La Rosita," is very ill, suffering from typhoid fever. He is in the able hands of Dr. MacInnes and a professional nurse. That his symptoms are more favourable to-day will be good news to his many friends here, in Rosario, and in Buenos Aires.

Mr. Heiland, of the Caña Fabrica, made an offer for Mr. Wasey's maize of \$3.10 in the cob, but I understand this was not accepted. The value of the cobs should pay for the disgraining, and disgrained it is fetching \$4.50 to \$5 delivered here in bags, \$3.50 should be about the price, as the grain is sound and good. Wheat is still coming in, but I do not think that those who are able to hold on are eager to sell.

Both martinete and partridge are very plentiful and strong on the wing. I am anticipating good sport in the camps beyond Las Chilcas when March is out. I saw seven and a-half brace of martinete, big fine birds, brought in here from Sr. Tietjens camp, La Hansa, four leagues away from this, yesterday, but it is a little early to shoot yet. A couple of hares were shot at the same time. Sr. Tietjen imported a lot some six years ago, and enclosed three or four squares with wire netting, with the result that all which did not escape died. He afterwards imported more and turned them down in the open; they have increased greatly, but those I saw, leverets certainly, were nothing like the size we are accustomed to see at home.

The weather is fine, and seems to have steadied down after the rain. A cool breeze is blowing, making life just supportable.

C. W. W.

ATHLETICS

THE AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

A meeting was held at 471 Piedad on Monday last for the purpose of electing a committee and chairman and framing bye-laws for the Amateur Athletic Association of the River Plate.

The meeting was well attended, those present being: Messrs E. P. Christian, A. W. MacLachlan, J. Kelly, Rumbold, Kahl, Jacobs, Ravenscroft, H. Anderson, R. W. Anderson, Ker Seymour, A. Lace, R. Christian, F. Atkinson, Cornwall, Balfour, Fortune, Gare, Halstead, Coubrough, Goodfellow, Mills and Danvers.

Mr E. P. Christian was elected chairman. Mr Danvers, the secretary, put some rules and bye-laws before the meeting for discussion, and those following were drawn up. It was decided that the Rules for Competition should be the same as those of the Amateur Athletic Association of England.

RULES.

1. That the Association be called the Amateur Athletic Association of the River Plate, its object being to improve the management of athletic meetings, and to promote uniformity of rules for the guidance of local committees, to deal repressively with any abuses of athletic sports and to hold an annual championship meeting.

2. That the Association be governed by a head committee of nine members in Buenos Aires, four to form a quorum, with sub-committees in every centre where sports are held.

3. That affiliated clubs pay an annual subscription to the Association of \$25.

4. The head committee have power to suspend or disqualify any athlete who may take part in any meeting not recognised by the Association or held under its rules or who does not come under the definition of an amateur, which is:

Any person who has never competed in an open competition, or for public money, or for admission money, or with professionals for a prize, public money or admission money, nor has ever at any period of his life taught or assisted in the pursuit of athletic exercises as a means of livelihood.

5. The rules and bye-laws of the Amateur Athletic Association of England be adopted by this Association.

6. Any alterations in these rules and bye-laws can only be made by a General Meeting of the Association.

BYE-LAWS.

1. Due notice of all athletic meetings proposed to be held under the Association's rules must be given to the secretary.

2. Championship meetings will be held yearly on the various club grounds as selected by the committee.

3. Entries for all open handicaps to be made on authorised forms, which may be obtained from the secretary. The handicaps to be made by the committee with the assistance of the local sub-committee.

RULES FOR COMPETITIONS

The same as those of the Amateur Athletic Association of England.

RECORDS

The only records to be accepted shall be those made in public competitions and held under the Association's rules and by a member of an affiliated club.

Questions of gradients, wind and other favourable conditions, shall be taken into consideration when deciding any individual record.

The Association will publish copies of its rules and bye-laws, and will supply copies to each affiliated club.

After the above rules, etc., had been passed by the meeting, the election of the chairman and committee were proceeded with, and the result of the voting was that Mr E. P. Christian was elected chairman of the Association, with a committee consisting of Messrs E. Danvers, M. G. Fortune, J. Ravenscroft, W. P. Drabble, R. W. Anderson, H. Anderson, H. M. Mills and F. J. Balfour. The meeting then broke up, after a cordial vote of thanks to the chairman had been passed.

PRICES

Closing prices of Sovereigns and Ounces on the Bolsa from March 9 to 15, inclusive:

| | SOVS. | ONZS. |
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| Wednesday | \$17.40 | \$56.10 |
| Thursday | 17.45 | 56.20 |
| Friday | 17.45 | 56.10 |
| Saturday | 17.45 | 56.30 |
| Monday | 17.35 | 55.80 |
| Tuesday | 17.38 | 56.00 |

Over 15,000 head arrived at the Corrales during the past week, and prices as below have been made:

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| Novillos (mestizo) | \$42.00—52.00 |
| " (ordinary) | 17.00—42.00 |
| Cows (mestizo) | 35.00—43.00 |
| " (ordinary) | 15.00—23.00 |
| Calves (regular) | 8.00—13.20 |
| " (small) | 5.00—7.50 |
| Sheep | 4.50—6.70 |

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| Hay, 1000 kilos | 25.00—35.00 |
| Maize (morochó), 100 kilos | 4.80—5.80 |
| " (amarillo), 100 kilos | 4.20—5.00 |
| Wheat (barleta), 100 kilos | 10.50—11.30 |
| " (French), 100 kilos | 9.50—11.50 |

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| Novillo Hides | 8.00—12.00 |
| Cow Hides | 5.50—6.80 |
| Sheepskins | 0.65—0.85 |
| Wool | 6.20—9.30 |

Cargo received in Central Produce Market from March 8 to 14:

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| Wool | 1,104,894 kilos |
| Skins | 168,673 " |
| Grain | 1,218,843 " |
| Various | 37,800 " |

In the wool market a slight improvement has taken place during the past week. Plenty of buyers have attended the market, but prices offered being low the sales have not been large.

In grain very little has been doing in the exporting line.

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List of Clubs with their Secretaries

| CLUB | SECRETARY |
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| Argentine Association Football League | A. Lamont, Plaza-Constitucion F.C.S. |
| Balcarce Polo Club | F. J. Dawson, Balcarce F.C.S. |
| Buenos Aires Cricket Club | A. Laca, Banco Britannico, Buenos Aires. |
| Buenos Aires and Rosario Ry. Athletic Club | T. Fisher, 248 Avenida de Mayo, B. Aires. |
| Buenos Aires Football Club (Rugby) | R. W. Anderson, 476 Piedad, B. Aires. |
| Buenos Aires Football Club (Association) | H. Anderson, 126 Florida, Buenos Aires. |
| Buenos Aires Rowing Club | |
| Belgrano Polo Club | J. W. Hunter, 3 de Febrero 103, Belgrano. |
| Campana Polo Club | F. J. Bardrick, B. A and R. Ry., Campana. |
| Cañada de Gomez Polo Club | J. S. Robinson, Cañada de Gomez, F.C.C.A. |
| Central Uruguay Ry. C.C. | A. N. Davenport, Talleres, F.C.C.U., Montevideo. |
| Camp Polo Club of Uruguay | L. Edwards, Barrancas Coloradas, Colonia. |
| Cordoba Athletic Club | J. W. Besserer, Casilla 21, Córdoba. |
| Flores Polo Club | H. Scott Robson, 221 Rivadavia, Flores. |
| Gramilla Polo Club | P. W. Watts, Gramilla, F.C. B. A. y Rosario. |
| Guaileguay Polo Club | A. Raikes, Guaileguay, Entre Rios. |
| Hurlingham Club | M. G. Fortune, 685 Cangallo, B. Aires. |
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| Lanus Cricket Club | J. Brayshaw. |
| Lomas Academy Athletic Club | J. Kahl, 631 Corrientes, B. Aires. |
| Montevideo Athletic Club | J. Harvey, Club Inglés, Montevideo. |
| Montevideo Cricket Club | A. Gair, Club Inglés, Montevideo. |
| Montevideo Polo Club | C. H. Jefferies, Club Inglés Montevideo. |
| North Santa Fé Polo Club | R. S. Foster, Chiru Traill, F.C.Cy.R. |
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| Roldan Athletic Club | A. W. MacLachlan, F.C.C.A., Roldan. |
| Roldan Polo Club | J. D. Pryce, Hotel Inglés, Roldan. |
| Rosario Athletic Club | J. A. H. Beaumont. |
| Rosario Polo Club | W. F. Christie, F.C.C.A. Rosario. |
| Rosario Rowing Club | E. W. Newto, English Bank Rosario. |
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| St. Andrews Athletic Club | E. Morgan, Plaza Constitucion, F.C.S. |
| San Jorge Polo Club | A. Hall. |
| Santa Fé Polo Club | J. Benitz, La California, Las Rosas, F.C.C.A. |
| Santiago del Estero Polo Club | R. McSmyth, La Banda, Santiago del Estero. |
| Strangers Polo and Racing Club | A. Macdonald, Venado Tuerto. |
| Tigre Boat Club | W. H. Krabbé. |
| Tucuman Athletic Club | Stuart Shipton, F.C.N.O.A., Tucuman. |
| Tuyú Polo Club | H. Gibson, Los Ingleses, Ajó F.C.S. |
| Western Railway C.C. | W. Schoppe, F.C.O. Tolosa. |

HURLINGHAM

FORFEIT LIST

1891

- Stud 2nd Argentino (Sr. Joaquin A. Capmany), entry fee \$50—
- Pluton..... Premio Ecurie, April 6.
- Stud Stop (Sr. Molina), entry fee \$30—
- Pinquilla..... Premio Expreso, April 6.
- Sr. J. M. Ezcurra, entry fee \$30—
- Don Laguna..... The Laddie Steeplechase, Sept. 8.
- Sr. J. M. Ezcurra, entry fee \$30—
- Don Laguna..... Hurdle Race, October 17.
- Sr. E. Billinghurst, entry fee \$25—
- Murcielago..... 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
- Mr C. J. Klappenbach—
- Premio Europa, Jan. 6.... Fine imposed by starter \$20

AUTUMN RACES

OF

"THE ROVERS" POLO CLUB

TO TAKE PLACE ON THE

Club Grounds

ON

SATURDAY, APRIL 16, 1892

(For Gentlemen Riders only).

1. OPEN POLO PONY RACE, for Ponies 13.2 hands and under; 600 metres; 70 kilos, 3 kilos per inch allowed; entry \$10.
2. POLO PONY RACE (Cup Race), for Ponies 14 hands and under; 800 metres; 75 kilos, 3 kilos per inch allowed; entry \$5.
3. OPEN HACK RACE, for bona-fide Hacks that have never run for stakes at a public race meeting; 1600 metres; 75 kilos; entry \$10.
4. POLO GAME RACE (Cup Race), for Ponies 14 hands and under; entry \$5.
5. POLO TEST RACE (Cup Race), for Ponies 14 hands and under; entry \$5.
6. OPEN JUMPING RACE, for bona-fide Hacks; entry \$10.
7. OPEN POLO PONY RACE, for Ponies 14 hands and under; 800 metres; 75 kilos, 3 kilos per inch allowed.
8. TOP HAT, CIGAR and UMBRELLA RACE, OPEN; 800 metres; entry \$5.
9. OPEN RACE, SADDLE UP, DRAW TENT PEG and PICK UP BAG OF CHAFF; 800 metres; entry \$5.
10. OPEN HURDLE RACE, for Polo Ponies 14 hands and under; 1000 metres; 75 kilos, 3 kilos per inch allowed; entry \$10.
11. CONSOLATION RACE; entry \$10.

The MACKILL CHALLENGE CUP will be competed for at this meeting by playing members of the Club under conditions already advertised. Copies of these conditions can be obtained by applying to the Hon. Secretary.

Ponies must be presented for measurement before 11 o'clock on April 16 on the Club Ground. Ponies not presented for measurement before the above-mentioned time must carry full weight.

The Committee reserve to themselves the right to refuse any entry.

For further particulars apply to the Hon. Secretary,
J. M. MULLALY,
Bolsa No. 8.

Entries close on Saturday, April 10, at 4 p.m.

Strangers

Polo and Racing Club,

Venado Tuerto

PROGRAMME OF THE AUTUMN MEETING

TO BE HELD AT

VENADO TUERTO ON EASTER MONDAY

APRIL 18, 1892

(Under Hurlingham Club Racing Rules).

1. FLAT RACE, half mile; entrance \$20; for Criollo horses only; weight 80 kilos.
2. STEEPLECHASE, two and a half miles; entrance \$25; for any horse (thoroughbreds excepted); weight 80 kilos.
3. POLO PONY RACE, half mile; entrance \$10; for Ponies 56 in. or under; Ponies of 56 in. to carry 75 kilos, 3 kilos allowed per inch.
4. STEEPLECHASE, one and a quarter miles; entrance \$20; for Criollo horses, 68 in. and under; weight 75 kilos.
5. FLAT RACE, one mile; entrance \$25; for any horse (thoroughbreds excepted); weight 75 kilos.
6. COMERCIALES PLATE, FLAT RACE, half mile; for Criollo horses only; weight 75 kilos.

All so-called Criollo horses to be passed by the Stewards as such.

Racing to commence at 1 p.m.

All races to be ridden in saddles, and jockeys to ride in colours.

Entrance fees to be paid and horse and colours named at time of entry.

The Committee of the Club will act as Stewards of the meeting, and all disputes will be decided by them.

Ten per cent. will be deducted from the stakes to go to the funds of the Club.

All the races, with the exception of No. 6, are Sweepstakes.

Entries close on Monday, April 11, and must be addressed to the Secretary, Correo, Venado Tuerto.

The distances will depend on the course, but they will be as near as possible to those mentioned.

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River Plate Sport and Pastime.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 1892.

NOTES

A phototype portrait of Whipper-In was to have been published with the *River Plate Sport and Pastime* of to-day but unfortunately the negative met with an accident at the last moment and so the publication of the portrait of this celebrated stallion will have to be held over until next week.

The Stranger's Polo and Racing Club hold their first meeting on Monday, April 18th, at Venado Tuerto. The programme will be found in another column.

The Rover's Polo Club have arranged to hold a polo pony meeting on their new polo ground on Saturday, April 16th, the programme of which will be found in another column. As there is no other fixture of any sort for this day, the meeting should be a great success, as there is a sure to be plenty of entries.

The Belgrano Polo Club wants livening up badly, and accordingly two matches have been arranged for next Sunday afternoon. The first team will play the Hurlingham Club, and the second the Rovers' Polo Club. Play will commence at half-past two.

The two following bye-laws framed at the Polo Association the other day were omitted by us last week:

9. Certificates of height will be issued by the secretary for ponies which have been measured by any two of the committee. These certificates, which must be signed by the measurers, will hold good for all tournaments if the pony they are issued for is over four years old. No notice will be taken of certificates of height issued by any Racing Club.

10. The captain of any team may object to a pony the property of any other team playing in a tournament, on the ground of its being over height, and such pony, if it have not a certificate according to the preceding rule, must be measured by two of the committee, and if shown to be over fourteen hands will not be allowed to play.

It would have perhaps not have been out of the Polo Association's jurisdiction to have laid down what constitutes a polo pony for racing purposes. In this country, where matches in some parts are few and far between, and where ponies are always the property of the members and not of the club, the rule that a pony must play in at least three matches to be able to race as a polo pony would perhaps come rather hard on some of the outside camp clubs; but instead of three matches six games might be substituted, and the entries, as formerly to be signed by the secretary of the club the pony has played with. The committee of the Association will no doubt settle this at their first meeting.

There is a rumour that one, if not two, polo teams will go from Buenos Aires to take part in the proposed tournament at Montevideo on April 14th or 15th. I hope this is true, as the Montevideo Polo Club has very few chances of playing matches, and as one match does a club more good

than a dozen practice games, it would no doubt be glad of the opportunity of meeting the Buenos Airesans.

A consignment of lawn tennis racquets from thirteen to fourteen and a half ounces have just arrived for Lacy at Hurlingham.

A cricket match has been arranged between Hurlingham and an eleven representing the United Railways, to be played at Hurlingham on Sunday, April 10th. This should be one of the most interesting matches of the season, and a phototype portrait of the two elevens will be published in the *River Plate Sport and Pastime* as soon after the match as possible.

The Athletic Association is now an accomplished fact, and the programme of the first meeting to be held under its auspices, viz., that at Hurlingham on May the 25th, is being eagerly looked out for. I believe a sub-committee, consisting of Mr. Ker Seymer, Mr. W. P. Drabble, and Mr. E. Danvers, is to make the arrangements for the meeting, and one or two prizes have already been promised. Prizes presented by influential and well-known gentlemen are naturally much more appreciated and valued than those simply bought by the club, and I have no doubt there will be no fewer given on this than on former occasions.

As will be seen from the report of last night's meeting of the Buenos Aires Cricket Club, the Open Lawn Tennis Tournament will not now take place. The entrance fees already paid will be returned by the Hon. Secretary of the Cricket Club, Mr. A. Lacc, Banco Británico. "Conciliator's" letter in another column so exactly echoes my sentiments that further remarks from me on the dog-in-the-manger policy of the majority last night are unnecessary.

Antonio Braqueli had a nasty fall on the Maroñas Racecourse, Montevideo, last Sunday, by which he broke a leg badly, and on being removed to the Hospital de la Caridad it was feared it might have to be amputated. Braqueli was the jockey of the Stud Luchadores.

The principal race on the card for next Sunday's race meeting at Palermo is the classic Premio Criadores, a 1000 metre race for mestiza two-year-old fillies. There are only nine entries: Liana by Keir—Madre Silva, Mazorca by Zanoni—Marguerita, Mondaine by Keir—Cocotte, Niobe by Whipper-In—Mnemosyne (a sister of Thalia), Shilda by Garrard—Santa Rita, Clementina by Earl Clifden—Minita, Caanacha by Pan—Atlantia, and Vidalita by Garrard—a mare by Porteño.

From the way Stone Cross ran exactly with the last race at Palermo on Sunday he will take a lot of beating in most of the races he is entered for if he keeps sound, which is doubtful, and he is entered in every classic event he is qualified to run for. I fancy I remember this horse giving a lot of trouble in the paddock at Epsom one summer meeting about three years ago, as like his sire he is a queer tempered horse, and very handy with his legs and mouth. He generally started at a pretty long pace, and on this occasion won, I think, the Epsom Plate, with about 100 to 8 laid against him. He never won a race until he was four years old.

I find the following interesting note in the *Asian*, a Calcutta sporting weekly, on a race run there which partook of a thoroughly international character, as the four horses taking part in it hailed from three different countries, Ethelberta, by Phoenix—Elfrida, representing South America, Guignol England and Silver King and Victor, Australia. Although an unknown quantity to the public, it appears that Ethelberta had odds of 2 to 1 laid on her, while Silver Queen was next in favour at the like odds against. At the start Ethelberta made play, but was soon passed by Silver Queen, and though Victor caught her at the distance, his rider was out-riden by Mr. Rees, whose ideas of finishing are less elementary, and the mare won by a length. On going to scale Victor was objected to as having won a race worth more than 200 rupees in Australia the event being closed to non-winners of that amount, and was disqualified; Ethelberta, who was third, going up one in the placings, and her stable, who had laid a good deal at 3 to 1 on her being first or second, pulling off their wagers.

I am glad to see that the owners of horses are beginning at last to grumble at the amateur starters at Palermo. Take for instance the starting at the meeting on Sunday. On the whole it was not at all bad as far as the starts themselves were concerned, but the refusal of the gentleman with the red flag to let the horses go on numerous occasions when they were really in capital line was unpardonable. The chance of many horses was completely lost by these many false starts, whereas to others they made not the slightest difference, as I found, to my cost, last Sunday. Tenor, on paper, appeared to have a fair chance of winning the first race with bottom weight; and so with commendable caution I backed him for a place and took up a comfortable position in the stand to watch the race and see him roll home, if not first at any rate second or third. The gentleman, with the red flag however, thought fit to refuse to let the field go to two or three excellent starts, and my brute promptly went the whole course twice, in spite of a bit with a bar about a foot long and a post you could drive a coach and four under. Several sportsmen round me were evidently on Jubileo, and as he went half the distance two or three times I didn't feel so lonely: still, as I have said almost every week since *River Plate Sport and Pastime* was first published, it is a perfect farce for the committee of the Jockey Club to allow Dick, Tom and Harry to start races, each with his own ideas of how it should be done, and each with his own particular horse to get off well.

An amusing and clever article appeared in the *Diario* of the 10th, in which the writer asserts that the Argentines are slowly but surely becoming Anglicised, and traces the development of this process from the time when an Englishman was to the native what a Japanese in his characteristic costume would appear to-day if he presented himself in Calle Florida, and when the Protestant was popularly credited with being furnished with a tail like his Satanic majesty, up to the present day, when the Argentine has adopted English dress and English customs so completely as to be hardly distinguishable from an Englishman in appearance, and rides in a hansom, drinks tea at the Creamery, and plays the English games.

This is true enough to a certain extent, but I do not see what grounds the *Diario* has for saying that Argentines play the English games, unless perhaps men that have been educated in England, and of these very few, if any, keep them up after their return to this country. It is a great pity that they do not, as it would be very interesting to see an Argentine football, cricket or polo team in the field playing against an English one, and the good which would result from thus bringing our adopted countrymen and ourselves together would be incalculable, as at present, outside business, we may be said to have nothing whatever in common.

There is no reason why this should not be so, as many Argentines have held their own well in England at some of these games. Polo is essentially the game at which they should excel, but I do not know of a single instance of an Argentine (unless of English parentage) playing the game. I do not of course take the camp peons into consideration, who in many parts of the country join in the game on their estancias and in some cases take a good deal of beating. The *Diario* itself said in another article a short time ago, whereas Englishmen preferred to spend Sunday in a "dia del campo," the Argentines looked on at frontons and hipodromos, but it did not go on to say how much better it would be for the country if its young men played cricket, football or polo on feastdays and Sundays. I can assure them if they would take our games up they would be warmly encouraged, and a match of some sort between an English and an Argentine team would do more to assist the process of Anglicising than anything else.

By the way, why does the *Diario*, in enumerating the English papers published in this city, omit to mention *Sport and Pastime*, which has surely done something to assist this Anglicisation, especially when within the last few weeks several requests have come from Argentines to have the paper printed in Spanish as well as English, requests that will some day be complied with when the now unused centre parts of the Palermo and Belgrano racecourses are laid out as cricket, football and polo grounds, and when we shall see inter-provincial cricket matches and inter-regional polo tournaments taking place there.

The table giving the names of the different parts of the horse in English, Spanish, French, Italian and German, and his comparative height in English, Argentine and French measurements, which was published last week, has been re-printed by request on thick paper and may be obtained at this office.

BOOTS.

CRICKET

FIXTURES.

Sunday, March 20, at Lomas—Lomas Academy v. London Bank.
 Sunday, March 27, at Lomas—Quilmes A.C. v. Lomas A.C.
 Sunday, March 27, at Hurlingham—B.A.C.C. v. Hurlingham.
 April (Holy Week), at Montevideo—Buenos Aires v. Montevideo.
 April (Holy Week), at Lanús—B. A. y R. Ry. v. Lanús

ROLDAN v. CANADA DE GOMEZ.

A cricket match was played at Cañada de Gomez on Sunday, the 6th inst., the contending teams being an eleven picked by Mr. McNaughton, of Cañada, and the Roldan Cricket Club's team. The match, as will be seen from the scores, was won on the first innings by Roldan by only 5 runs. On going in a second time Cañada ran up a total of 111 runs, and it is only fair to their side to say that if stumps had not been drawn at 4.30 p.m. they would have stood a good chance of winning the match. The visitors were entertained to a good breakfast, provided by Messrs. McNaughton, Dickson and others, and all voted the outing as enjoyable as it could possibly be.

For the winning side special mention should be made of the bowling of Messrs. Bragg, Ellery, and Martin. For the losers the batting of Messrs. M. Whish (a very careful, stolid, good old Scotton specimen of a batsman), F. Hall, whose leg hits were very fine, and the bowling of F. Francis were worthy of extra praise.

Scores:

| Roldan | | 1st inn |
|-----------------------------------|----|---------|
| J. M. Ellery, c Ennis b Francis | 16 | 7 |
| F. Martin, c Hall b Francis | 7 | 0 |
| C. Martin, run out | 0 | 3 |
| A. W. MacLachlan, l-b-w b Francis | 3 | 5 |
| B. Wilkinson, c Francis b Adamson | 5 | 3 |
| F. Lydall, b Francis | 3 | 17 |
| J. H. Bragg, c McAllister b Ennis | 17 | 17 |
| J. D. Martin, b Waddilove | 17 | 4 |
| C. Holloway, b Ennis | 4 | 4 |
| S. Wykesmith, c Whish b Waddilove | 4 | 0 |
| B. Holloway, not out | 0 | 3 |
| Extras | 3 | |
| Total | 79 | |

BOWLING ANALYSIS

| | o | m | r | w |
|--------------|------|---|----|---|
| F. Francis | 14 | 5 | 21 | 4 |
| H. Ennis | 11.1 | 3 | 34 | 3 |
| A. Adamson | 4 | 1 | 10 | 1 |
| A. Waddilove | 5 | 2 | 11 | 2 |

| Cañada de Gomez | | 1st inn | 2nd inn |
|-----------------------------------|----|-------------------|---------|
| F. Francis, c Wykesmith b Ellery | 7 | b Holloway | 19 |
| M. Whish b Ellery | 16 | b Bragg | 16 |
| W. Lupton, b Ellery | 7 | c and b Holloway | 11 |
| A. Adamson, b Ellery | 5 | run out | 6 |
| F. Hall, b Wilkinson | 17 | c and b Wilkinson | 3 |
| A. Waddilove, c Ellery b Bragg | 2 | b Ellery | 10 |
| A. Dickson, b Wilkinson | 8 | b Ellery | 11 |
| V. MacAllister, b Wilkinson | 3 | b C. H. Martin | 6 |
| H. Eccleston, b Wilkinson | 3 | b Ellery | 0 |
| H. Ennis, c J. D. Martin b Ellery | 1 | not out | 11 |
| W. Macnaughton, not out | 0 | b C. H. Martin | 0 |
| Extras | 5 | Extras | 18 |
| Total | 74 | Total | 111 |

BOWLING ANALYSIS

| First Innings | | | | |
|----------------|------|---|----|---|
| | o | m | r | w |
| J. M. Ellery | 11.1 | 1 | 29 | 5 |
| S. Wykesmith | 4 | 1 | 9 | — |
| C. H. Martin | 5 | 1 | 12 | — |
| B. Wilkinson | 6 | 1 | 10 | 4 |
| J. H. Bragg | 4 | — | 9 | 1 |
| Second Innings | | | | |
| C. H. Martin | 6.3 | 2 | 21 | 2 |
| C. Holloway | 11 | 3 | 17 | 3 |
| J. H. Bragg | 3 | — | 16 | 1 |
| B. Wilkinson | 4 | — | 21 | 1 |
| S. Wykesmith | 3 | — | 15 | — |
| J. M. Ellery | 5 | 2 | 3 | 3 |

HURLINGHAM v. WESTERN RAILWAY

Hurlingham scored an easy win against the Western Railway last Sunday by eight wickets. The Western Railway Club began their innings well with Robson and Baker, and 30 was marked

on the board before Lacey bowled the latter; but with the exception of Ferguson the following batsmen did not increase the score much, and the innings closed for a total of 85. Hurlingham, through the fine batting of C. Thomson and J. Gifford, reached their opponents score for the loss of only two wickets, and so won the match as stated above. Scores:

| Western Ry. | | 1st inn | Hurlingham | | 1st inn |
|---------------------------|----|------------------------|-------------|--|---------|
| E. Robson, b Bowden | 19 | A. Boyd, l-b-w b Baker | 11 | | 30 |
| Smith | 21 | B. J. Dillon, b Norman | 2 | | |
| B. Baker, b Lacey | 21 | J. Gifford, not out | 36 | | |
| A. Muñiz, b Lacey | 0 | A. Bowden Smith | | | |
| F. Parkes, st C. Thompson | 0 | E. R. Gifford | | | |
| b Bowden Smith | 0 | E. Danvers | | | |
| W. Ferguson, b Lacey | 22 | Lacey | did not bat | | |
| F. Dore, c E. R. Gifford | 6 | B. L. G. Bridger | | | |
| b Bowden Smith | 6 | M. G. Fortune | | | |
| A. Bannatyne, b Lacey | 4 | J. Stuart | | | |
| G. Watts, not out | 5 | Extras | 8 | | |
| P. Norman, b Lacey | 5 | Total | 87 | | |
| J. Harris (jun), b Lacey | 0 | | | | |
| J. Harris, b Lacey | 0 | | | | |
| Extras | 3 | | | | |
| Total | 85 | | | | |

BOWLING ANALYSIS

| Western Ry. | | | | |
|-----------------|----|---|----|---|
| | o | m | r | w |
| J. Gifford | 6 | 3 | — | — |
| Lacey | 22 | 6 | 30 | 7 |
| M. G. Fortune | 4 | — | 8 | — |
| A. Bowden Smith | 13 | 3 | 29 | 3 |
| Hurlingham | | | | |
| B. Baker | 19 | 5 | 26 | 1 |
| P. Norman | 14 | — | 39 | 1 |
| J. Harris | 6 | 1 | 14 | — |

LOMAS A.C. v. B. A. and R. Ry. A.C.

This match took place on Sunday last, 13th inst., at Belgrano, and resulted in an easy victory for the Railway team by 100 runs.

Winning the toss, Lomas went in first, but they could make no stand, and were all disposed of for the small total of 58. On the Rosario Railway team going in, Bardrick, Bond and McCulloch all compiled useful totals, the former's innings being a really sound display of good cricket.

| B. A. and R.R.A.C. | | 1st inn | Lomas | | 1st inn |
|-----------------------------------|-----|-------------------------------------|-------|--|---------|
| F. Bardrick, b Minton | 37 | D. Duncan, c Sub b S. Archer | 3 | | |
| W. H. Masters, c Anderson b Dodds | 12 | F. Jacobs, c Archer b Webb | 1 | | |
| Higgins, c and b Reynolds | 7 | D. Frost, l-b-w b Higgins | 12 | | |
| S. Archer, run out | 4 | A. Anderson, c Webb b Higgins | 18 | | |
| W. Bond, b Minton | 19 | Higgins | 0 | | |
| T. Fisher, not out | 2 | A. Dodds, b Archer | 4 | | |
| W. McKinnell, b Jacobs | 1 | T. M. Lees, b Higgins | 7 | | |
| P. Ellison, c Frost b Anderson | 12 | C. A. Tabor, c Bardrick b McKinnell | 5 | | |
| H. Hughes, c Anderson b Minton | 10 | F. Minton, c McCulloch b McKinnell | 0 | | |
| J. McCulloch, b Reynolds | 21 | C. Reynolds, c McKinnell b Higgins | 0 | | |
| F. Webb, b Jacobs | 19 | N. Cowes, b McKinnell | 0 | | |
| Extras | 14 | S. Gibson, not out | 0 | | |
| Extras | 14 | Extras | 8 | | |
| Total | 158 | Total | 58 | | |

BOWLING ANALYSIS

| B.A. and R.R.A.C. | | | | |
|-------------------|----|---|---|----|
| | o | m | w | r |
| Anderson | 12 | 4 | 1 | 26 |
| Reynolds | 12 | 1 | — | 35 |
| Jacobs | 13 | 3 | 1 | 23 |
| Tabor | 4 | 1 | — | 12 |
| Minton | 13 | 1 | — | 24 |
| Dodds | 8 | 0 | — | 24 |

| Lomas | | | | |
|-----------|----|---|---|----|
| | o | m | w | r |
| Archer | 11 | 4 | — | 14 |
| F. Webb | 3 | 0 | — | 7 |
| Higgins | 5 | 0 | 1 | 14 |
| McKinnell | 5 | 0 | — | 14 |

BUENOS AIRES CRICKET CLUB.

A special meeting of the Buenos Aires Cricket Club was held last night at the school-room of St. John's Church, to take into consideration some propositions regarding the Lawn Tennis Tournament, and the action of the committee regarding it. About 100 members were present, Mr. R. Bridgett in the chair.

After considerable discussion for and against, the following motions were declared carried:

- 1st. That the *Open Lawn Tennis Tournament* announced to be held on the Cricket Ground shall not take place there.
- 2nd. That although Ladies are permitted, by courtesy, to play Lawn Tennis and other games, on one day in the week, on the *Cricket Ground*, this privilege may be withdrawn by the Committee at any time.
- 3rd. That the Committee has acted altogether beyond its sphere in admitting (a) an *Open Tournament to all comers*, (b) *Mixed Doubles and Singles for Ladies and/or Gentlemen*.

Mr. James Gifford, who had resigned, was re-elected captain of the club. The election of suppletes was not proceeded with, as the whole of the committee resigned, and a new one will, therefore, have to be elected.

Buenos Aires, March 16.

To the Editor *River Plate Sport and Pastime*.

Dear Sir,—
 Will you allow me a small space in your valuable paper for the following remarks anent the vexed question of the B.A.C.C. Open Lawn Tennis Tournament.

Let me preface these few remarks with the statement that although a supporter of Cricket as opposed to Lawn Tennis in the club, I nevertheless voted at the meeting of the 15th in favour of the Open Tournament.

This, at first sight, would appear an anomaly, would it not? Allow me to explain my reasons for doing so.

In the history of nearly every cricket club in England, lawn tennis has been gaining ground year by year, until at last its supporters become of nearly equal numbers with the cricketers. It was therefore thought advisable by the management of such clubs to make certain concessions and give certain privileges to these lawn tennis playing members, and, in a word, recognise and welcome such members as supporters and a source of income to cricket clubs.

What do we do in South America? The lawn tennis members of the B.A.C.C. wish to hold an Open Lawn Tennis Tournament (the one for members only having proved a failure) with a view to getting up a little interest in their favourite game and making some use of the fine grounds of the club at Palermo.

A very harmless and laudable object surely! But no! It appears that such a project is high treason against the Cricket Club, a "thin end of the wedge," a "dangerous precedent!"

I went to the meeting to find out what arguments could be brought forward against the harmless proposition of the lawn tennis men. The only arguments put forward against the open tournaments were: (a) that it would interfere with the cricket practice (save the mark), and (b) that in the event of the tournament being open it would be unfair to the non-members of the B.A.C.C., as they would not have the same opportunities for practising as the members!

Surely, Mr. Editor, such objections are trivial.

Would it not be better and in the true interests of the club, to adopt a policy of conciliation towards our tennis members and make them some slight concession that would cost us nothing and please them? Let us cease to look upon lawn tennis as an unclean thing, to be cast from our midst—a sort of yellow fever that must be stamped out at any cost, or the day will surely come when the tennis players will outnumber the cricketers and rise up against such treatment.

Let us rather be wise in time, let us live and let live, and work altogether and in perfect accord for the prosperity and success of our club.

Apologising for the length of this letter, and thanking you for its insertion.—Yours truly,

CONCILIATOR.

POLO

On Sunday, 13th, a practice game was played at Hurlingham, sides being composed as follows:

- | | |
|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Capt. Morley Knight | 1. Russell |
| 2. C. Innes Taylor | 2. S. Smith |
| 3. S. Danvers | 3. D. M. Wilson |
| H. Clark (back) | J. Ravenscroft (back) |

As most of the players had not played for some time, and were mounted on strange ponies, the game was anything but a fast one, and the ball seemed to hang and the game to sway from one side of the ground to the other without a redeeming feature in the way of a good run straight up and down. The last quarter was perhaps a little better than the preceding ones, but even this could not be said to have been fast. At the end of the fourth quarter the scores stood 4 to 0 in favour of Mr. Ravenscroft's side, three being credited to Mr. Russell and one to S. Smith. Mr. Russell, who has just come over from Chile, played hard and well on the ball, and with a little practice to get accustomed to the ponies would be a very useful man. Captain Knight had very few chances as No. 1, the ball seldom passing him. The day was a lovely one for polo, and the ground in good playing order, but the game itself was as slow and uninteresting as could well be imagined.

RACING

PALERMO—MARCH 13

The attendance on Sunday at Palermo was much better than at the previous meetings and the proceedings were in consequence more lively, and though the card was not a particularly interesting one sport was decidedly good.

Espoir was made favourite for the first race, Charlemagne and Clairon both being given as good tips. Sr. Correas, who started this race, thought fit to refuse to drop the flag to four really excellent starts, and in the first of these Tenor went the whole course, and Jubileo half of it, a performance they repeated the two next occasions, and consequently lost all chance of making a show in the race itself. Espoir gave his backers great hopes, when the field were eventually let away, but it only lasted for about 800 metres, when the usual result of being run off his legs in the first few hundred yards came about. Palas and Clairon made a close finish of it, and had the former made his effort a little sooner, would we think have won.

Midi and Lugano were supposed to be good things for the Premio Huron, but Ceres had not much difficulty in beating them both under his light weight.

The Premio Productos, as far as the horses engaged in it were concerned, was the most interesting race of the day, being the first race of the season for two-year-olds. The entries were exceedingly small, only numbering eight, all of which however accepted but only five going to the post on Sunday. For looks there was no doubt about which colt took the palm, as Silex, better known before perhaps as Nugget, by Phoenix out of that good mare Blissful, was a long way ahead of the others, though Fanion by El Amigo attracted a good deal of attention and is a fine colt. Reports of good times and trials done by Silex made him a tremendously hot favourite, but there was a slight sensation when his tail was seen to go once or twice coming round into the straight, and it looked very like his being beaten there; however, when the others were stopping he was going on, and he won a good race from Genoves by a length. Silex is a thorough son of Phoenix both in looks and action, and it is interesting to note that he was the lowest priced youngster sold at Mr Kemmis' sale last October, with the exception of Clairette.

Nelly was thought to be almost a certainty for the Premio Soldado, but she never showed in the race, Remolacha, after making the whole of the running, winning from Lumen by nearly a couple of lengths.

All the six coloured on the card went to the post for the Premio Gettatore, Gettatore being the good thing; Diaz, however, won a good race on Sombra and upset the calculations of his backers easily. The same cannot be said of Diaz's riding in the next race, as he was undoubtedly caught napping by the youthful Gil on Diamond, an own brother, by the way, of Silex, and lost the race from over confidence. It was curious to notice that the public, who were losers by Diaz's defeat, cheered him heartily on his return to the paddock, but had not a word to say to the boy who beat him so cleverly. Only two ventured to try conclusions with Stone Cross for the last race, which he cantered away with anyhow, and we noticed that he was perfectly sound on his return to the paddock, and for the time being his trainer has evidently patched up his doubtful leg.

The starting was excellent in every race, though the numerous attempts to get a level start were rather trying to the public patience, and besides, lost a great deal of time. Our sympathies, however, are all with the starters, who evidently did their best to get perfectly fair starts, and when the jockeys begin to realise that this is really so, they will, perhaps, try to work with them a little more than they do at present, and not make their post such an exceedingly difficult one to fill.

PREMIO CLARIN, a Handicap for horses that have never won up to the time of starting; \$1500 to the 1st, \$500 to the 2nd; 1300 metres:

Table listing race results for Premio Clarin, including names like La Petite Ecurie's b h Clairon, Hampton-Shatemuc, Stud Termination's Palas, Stud Buenos Aires' Charlemagne, R. Garrido, Stud Porvenir's Jubileo, Ecurie Titan's Equivocacion, Stud La Prensa's Espoir, Stud Winchester's Lillington, Stud Monfi's Monfi, Stud Civico's Civico, Stud Niño Dorado's Monk, Stud Republicano's Tenor.

After several false starts, one or two of which were quite good enough to have dropped the flag to, and in which Tenor and Jubileo got away with their jockeys and went most of the course, the field were eventually let away well together. Espoir showed the way until she was collared by Clairon rounding the bend, and the latter came on with a lead down the straight. At the stands Palas came a little late, and though steadily gaining on Clairon failed to get up by a head; a couple of lengths between Palas and Charlemagne and Jubileo who ran a deadheat for third place.

Clairon with 332 tickets win and 615 place, Palas 202 and 447, Charlemagne 261 and 444, Jubileo 130 and 214, Equivocacion 258 and 725, Espoir 1365 and 1365, Lillington 138 and 257, Monfi 66 and 175, Civico 86 and 225, Monk 66 and 146, Tenor 150 and 363.

Dividends—Clairon \$16.56 win and \$5.04 place, Palas \$6.18 place, Charlemagne \$4.10 place and Jubileo \$7.34 place.

PREMIO HURON, a Handicap for all horses; \$2000 to the 1st, \$500 to the 2nd; 1000 metres:

Table listing race results for Premio Huron, including names like Ecurie Ceres' b m Ceres, Sr. E. Casal's Midi, Ecurie Talisman's Sirince, Stud Nuevo's Lugano, Sr. Churry's Barata, Stud Norte's Almirante.

From a good start the lot ran together to the turn, where Midi took the lead which she kept to the paddock; here, however, Ceres came along with a wet sail and passing the favourite in front of the stands won easily by a length; four lengths between second and third.

Ceres with 576 tickets win and 853 place, Midi 1431 and 1218, Lugano 1241 and 919, Sirince 885 and 972, Barata 478 and 601, Almirante 264 and 319.

Dividends—Ceres \$15.23 win and \$3.90 place, Midi \$4.92 place.

PREMIO PRODUCTOS, for mestizo two-year-olds; \$2000 to the 1st, \$400 to the 2nd, \$100 to the 3rd; 50 kilos; 1000 metres:

Table listing race results for Premio Productos, including names like Ecurie Bolivar's ch c Silex, Phoenix-Blissful, Ecurie Prisionero's Fanion, Amigo-Rosina, Sr. F. C. Malbran's Bouchon, Phoenix-Hyacinthe, Petite Ecurie's Genoves, Ecurie Titan's Ruso.

After numerous false starts, Genoves got away with a lead which he did not keep for long, Fanion and Bouchon coming into the straight first, followed by Silex. At the paddock Bouchon and the others were done with, and with Fanion slowing down, Silex came away and won by a length; bad third.

Silex with 2396 tickets win and 1293 place, Genoves 275 and 315, Bouchon 639 and 633, Fanion 886 and 585, Ruso 263 and 263.

Dividends—Silex \$3.34 win and \$2.69 place, Genoves \$3.54 place.

PREMIO SOLDADO, a Handicap for all horses; \$2000 to the 1st, \$500 to the 2nd; 1600 metres:

Table listing race results for Premio Soldado, including names like Stud Principe's b m Remolacha, noni-Trile, Sr. E. Celery's Lumen, Sr. J. M. Villanueva's Nubifer, Ecurie Montevideo's Nelly, Sr. E. Acebal's Emperor, Stud La Prensa's Falucho, Stud Liquidacion's Holland.

Remolacha led throughout and won by a length and a half from Lumen, who was only half a length in front of Nubifer.

Remolacha with 992 tickets win and 979 place, Lumen 701 and 683, Nubifer 877 and 962, Nelly 1220 and 1534, Emperor 900 and 1022, Falucho 641 and 620, Holland 461 and 428.

Dividends—Remolacha \$10.50 win and \$6.02 place, Lumen \$7.79 place.

PREMIO GETTATORE, a Handicap for all horses: \$2500 to the 1st, \$500 to the 2nd; 2000 metres:

Table listing race results for Premio Gettatore, including names like Ecurie Bolivar's b m Sombra, Cocotte, La Petite Ecurie's Gettatore, Mr G. Kemmis' The McGowan, Stud Nuevo's Ary, Stud La Prensa's Osiris, Ecurie Titan's Estoque.

The McGowan was the first to show in front, and he kept a slight lead of Gettatore, with Sombra close up for half the journey, when Gettatore took the lead. Coming into the straight the race was now between these three; at the paddock Gettatore had disposed of the McGowan's challenge, and opposite the stands Sombra made her effort, and eventually won a good race by a length; same distance between the second and third.

Sombra with 1509 tickets win and 1636 place, Gettatore 2377 and 1245, The McGowan 416 and 286, Ary 551 and 509, Osiris 367 and 308, Estoque 516 and 455.

Dividends—Sombra \$6.84 win and \$2.68 place, Gettatore \$2.89 place.

PREMIO ESPERANZA, a Handicap for three-year-olds; \$2000 to the 1st, \$500 to the 2nd; 1750 metres:

Table listing race results for Premio Esperanza, including names like Stud Termination's br c Diamond, Sr. E. Casal's Junio, Stud La Noria's Noel, Sr. J. E. Coronado's Riflero, Sr. E. Casal's Gorrion, Sr. E. Acebal's Apolo, Stud Las Ortigas' Clarin.

Clarín led for the first 1000 metres, the others being close up, with Junio, who got off badly, bringing up the rear. Rounding the last bend Junio came through his horses, and at the paddock the lot closed up; Junio with a lead of Noel drew out opposite the stands and appeared to have the race in hand, when Diamond came with a rush, closed with him, and before Diaz had time to get to work had gained the verdict by a neck; about three lengths between the second and third.

Diamond with 386 tickets win and 276 place, Junio and Gorrion 1736 and 1700, Noel 1609 and 1384, Riflero 1180 and 777, Apolo 546 and 485, Clarin 376 and 389.

Dividends—Diamond \$27.20 win and \$11.18 place, Junio \$3.49 place.

PREMIO THE MACGOWAN, for any horse that having run in 1891 has not won more than \$7000; three-year-olds to carry 52 kilos, four 54 kilos, winners once 3 kilos extra, twice or more 5 kilos:

Table listing race results for Premio The McGowan, including names like Stud Carupa's ch h Stone Cross, Ambulance, Sr. F. C. Malbran's Carnaval, Sr. J. M. Villanueva's Cautivo.

Stone Cross made the whole of the running, and won hard held by three lengths; Cautivo a bad third.

Stone Cross 3019 tickets, Carnaval 642, and Cautivo 952.

Dividend—Stone Cross \$2.75.

The Derby Club paid the following dividends:

Table showing dividends for Premio Clarin, including names like Clairon, Palas, Jubileo.

Table showing dividends for Premio Huron, including names like Ceres, Midi, Sirince.

Table showing dividends for Premio Productos, including names like Silex, Fanion, Bouchon.

Table showing dividends for Premio Soldado, including names like Remolacha, Nubifer, Lumen.

Table showing dividends for Premio Gettatore, including names like Sombra, Gettatore, The McGowan.

Table showing dividends for Premio Esperanza, including names like Diamond, Junio, Noel.

Table showing dividends for Premio The McGowan, including names like Stone Cross, Carnaval, Cautivo.

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RACING

Sunday, March 20—Hipódromo Argentino, Palermo. Saturday, April 16, at Quilmes—Rover's Polo Club Autumn Meeting. Monday, April 18, at Venado Tuerto—Strangers' Polo and Racing Club Autumn Meeting.

CRICKET.

Sunday, March 20, at Lomas—Lomas Academy C.C. v. London Bank.

POLO

Sunday, March 20, at Belgrano—Belgrano v. Hurlingham and The Rovers Polo Club v. Belgrano, at 2.50 p.m.

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When she saw us the lioness turned and cleared, and for a time we lost sight of them, but the dogs followed them close and guided us. They went off at a good rate, and we also, for when she broke cover, as she eventually had to, on a bare patch of ground about three hundred yards broad, we were close behind. I had no idea the beggars could travel so fast, but the pace began to tell on the cubs before they had gone half the distance, and just as they reached the long grass again we were not more than fifteen yards behind. Huc, now thinking to distinguish himself, leaned forward over his horse's neck and fired. Unfortunately for him the horse had never been shot off before and stopped dead, but Huc went straight on, and landed flat on his stomach four yards beyond, with a thud that completely knocked the wind out of his body and put him "hors-de-combat" for at least five minutes.

Immediately after, as the cubs began to lag, the lioness turned round, as though on a pivot, and stood at bay. Tigre, who was not expecting this, ran right up against her before he could stop himself, and got a clout on the side of his head that spun him round like a top and sent him howling off with a hee in his ear.

We dismounted as soon as we could, and Anton then shot the lioness full in the chest, and she fell over, clawing at the ground, the blood flowing from her nose and mouth. I fired at one of the cubs and missed, but knocked them both over the head with the butt end of my rifle. Tyke, however, got a nasty wound on her hind leg from one of them, the scar of which she carried to the day of her death.

We now turned to look for Huc and found him sitting where he had fallen, feeling himself all over and swearing like a trooper. His nose, mouth, and chin were all skinned, and so were his hands, elbows and knees, but no bones broken. We chaffed him terribly; Anton asked him what he meant by jumping over his horse's head in that manner, and told him that if his horse had not providentially stopped he would certainly have been run over and perhaps killed. This set Huc thinking, and he said he didn't think he jumped at all, but that his horse suddenly disappeared from between his legs, and left him in the air, and that was the reason he fell. In the end, however, we persuaded him that he had jumped, and he actually believed it firmly.

Well, we skinned all three tigers, and then fetched Huc's horse and we jogged quietly home, Huc and Tigre thoughtful. When we got home we doctored up Huc and oiled his face, though failed to give him the cheerful countenance which we are led to believe by the scriptures that that process generally does produce; on the contrary, a more woe-begone looking beggar I have seldom seen. It is not pleasant to have one's skin rubbed off by violent contact with a sandy surface, and I believe he suffered a good deal of pain. Neither was Anton entirely free from anxiety, for Tigre's head swelled up like a pumpkin, and he thought his jaw was broken, so he oiled him too, but I was not a bit sorry for Tigre, as I disliked him very much. It was not because he was a mongrel, because I have had many mongrels that I really admired, very faithful beasts and fond of any sort of sport and plucky too, but Tigre had none of these recommendations: he had no pluck, his greatest delight was to lie in the sun and let the flies walk over him; and he only followed his master because nobody else would have anything to do with him. He followed me, of course, because he was in love with Tyke, and not for any sport he could get with us. I sewed up the hole in Tyke's leg that afternoon, and she never opened her mouth except to lick my hand, for she knew I wouldn't hurt her unless it was for her good, but then she was almost a Christian. I shall never have another dog like Tyke.

Anton and I went out and left the cripples and shot some duck and three flamingoes that afternoon, and I afterwards fished with a minnow and caught two good pike and hooked a third, but he broke my line and got away with my hooks. I expected we should catch him with the net one of those next days, as I wanted the minnow back, but he never turned up, though I stuck to the fishing for more than a week just to see if he would. I guess he cleared out, not liking the food that grew round there.

Well, after this I got no more sport to speak of, in fact I only stayed about ten days more. Anton and Huc seemed not to care about anything except catching fish with the net. They had already about a cartload dried and salted, so I made up my mind to leave and shortly after did so. I was very angry with them both, for I had undertaken all the first expense of the boat and the food, and everything on the understanding that it was to be a shooting expedition, but at the same time, of course, to shoot for skins as well as for sport, at any rate, to pay the expenses out of the trip; but now they had gone and turned it into a fish drying establishment and I would have no more to do with it; so one fine morning I said good bye and wished them luck, and rode home.

I lost nothing by the trip, as they refunded me what I had spent and I got some good skins besides. They stayed on some time longer, but eventually quarrelled and parted. Anton told me afterwards that he had made about four hundred dollars clear and Huc the same. I have never seen Huc from that day to this, and Anton and I have not met for ten years, but I have heard that that expedition put him on his legs, and he now has a very good post in a bank in Frayle Muerto. B.

ZOOLOGICAL NOTES

By A. STUART PENNINGTON

(Zoologist to the Sociedad Rural Argentina.)

THE GUANACO AND VICUNA.

The above named animals belong to the same family as the camel and dromedary, namely, the Tylopoda, so named from the presence of a callosity or callous sole covering the phalanges or toes behind the small hoofs. In walking, they touch the ground with the callosity and not the hoof. They differ from other ruminating animals in not having any horns and also in the absence of one of the stomachs usually found in ruminants, the psalterium or manyplies, which is the third division of the stomach in cows, deer, &c. The Llamas and camels have only six incisor teeth in the lower jaw and their feet are not cloven. The Llamas may, therefore, be called the camels of the new world. They are, however, much lighter-built animals than their old world relatives, have no humps, and their toes, not being joined, they are good climbers.

There are really only two species in the genus Auchenia, namely, the Guanaco (Auchenia llama) with its domestic variety the Llama, and the Vicuña (A. vicuña), with its domestic variety the Alpaca.

The Llamas are of moderate height, with long neck, almost vertical, back without any hump, short tail, and with long and thick wool.

The term Guanaco is applied to the wild Llama, the latter term being reserved for the domesticated animal. Similarly, the Alpaca is the domesticated Vicuña.

Attempts have been made to acclimatize the llama and alpaca in France, but they have been unsuccessful. The guanaco is found in the Cordilleras or Andes, the plains of Patagonia, Tierra del Fuego, and the neighbouring islands of the Straits of Magellan, having been found in Navarin Island, about forty miles north of Cape Horn. In Chili the domesticated llama is used as a beast of burden, carrying from 70 to 100 kilograms, but it is not able to travel very far. The guanaco is the size of an ordinary deer. The hair is long, woolly, and of a clear red brown colour, except on the belly and chest, which are white. The domesticated variety is rather stouter than the wild species and is different in colour, being sometimes quite black at others white, with black markings. This difference in colour has been used as an argument to claim a specific difference between the guanaco and llama, but as has been pointed out, mere difference of colour is no ground on which to found species, as is well shown in the case of cattle and other domestic animals.

The guanacos are found in herds, sometimes small, containing from ten to thirty animals, at other times numbering from two hundred to five hundred. The males act as sentinels, and on being alarmed utter a shrill neigh, which has been described as being between the belling of a deer and the neigh of a horse. When approached they are easily alarmed, and make away at full speed, but if by chance they meet a man suddenly, especially if he be quiet, they will slowly advance to reconnoitre him, and will come very close, urged by their curiosity to a nearer acquaintance. Dr. Moreno ("Viaje al

Patagonia Austral") refers to the guanacos as the adornment of the plains, where they wander in herds, cropping the scanty herbage and enjoying the crystalline springs of the cañadas. He relates an amusing instance of an interview he had with a herd of guanacos. He was resting, when a small herd, headed by a male, came up and surrounded him. At first he kept perfectly still, but as the animals came nearer and nearer he began to whistle airs from "Rigoletto" and "Fille de Mdm. Angot." The guanacos became deeply interested, and when he changed his theme and favoured them with selections from "Aida," their delight was unbounded, and they showed their applause by cowering about in all directions. Owing to their shyness when approached, they are rather difficult to shoot, but when a shot has once been fired they appear stunned, and will often stand for a moment, thus enabling the sportsman to get another shot. The Tehuelche Indians hunt them with the bolas and use their skins for their tents and clothing, and their flesh for food. It is said that the Bezoar stones sold by the Indians in Patagonia for remedies (medicine) are found in the stomach of the guanacos.

The guanaco is not infrequently domesticated but has some curious modes of defending itself, to which it gives vent when in captivity. One is to run at a man from behind, and strike him forcibly with its bent knees. Another is to spit at him. In Cunningham's "Natural History of the Straits of Magellan" is related an amusing tale of some Yankee sailors who were busy teasing some captive guanacos, "Gradually the latter approached nearer and nearer to their enemies, going through the process of churning up saliva in their mouths till, all their preparations being complete, they projected a volley of saliva, as if from a hot-house squirt, right in the faces of their enemies, from a distance of three feet. The Yankee said, "the laugh against them, and went away discontented."

Darwin relates as a curious habit of the guanaco that on successive days all the members of a herd drop their dung in a defined heap, which will measure several feet in circumference. The Indians profit by this habit, and collect the dung to use as fuel.

The males are always in charge of the herds they accompany, and will often engage in combat through jealousy. The guanacos are good swimmers, and are often found near the rivers. They have been observed to drink the water even when quite salt. They seem to have favourite places to die in, several cemeteries having been found on the banks of the Santa Cruz and Gallegos Rivers, where large numbers of bones have been found accumulated together. A wounded guanaco always makes for the water. The guanaco has been known from the earliest times of the discovery of America. Antonio Pigafetta, who accompanied Magellan in his memorable voyage round the world says that the Patagonians were clothed in skins of a beast which had a large head, great ears like a mule, the body of a camel and the tail of a horse. Later, Oliver Van Noort found near Port Desire "beasts like stags and buffaloes," and in 1800 Wood ("Voyage Through Straits of Magellan") says that "at Port Desire the land is dry and barren, but there is plenty of 'Winnackews' or Spanish sheep, as large as an English deer and as wild," and at port San Julian he saw many deer or sheep which the Spaniards called "Wyanagues."

The Vicuña (Auchenia vicuña) is smaller and more elegant than the Llama. When wild the colour is a clear yellow, turning to grey on the head and limbs. The hair is soft and wavy. It lives in the Cordilleras, in Jujuy, and the Andine provinces, at a height of 12,000 to 13,000 feet, feeding upon the ichú or coarse grass which is found growing there.

In Peru and Bolivia is found the Alpaca, a domesticated variety of the vicuña, whose hair is dark-brown or black. The wool of the vicuña is used for making ponchos and blankets, which are woven from it by the Indians, and when really authentic fetch a high price.

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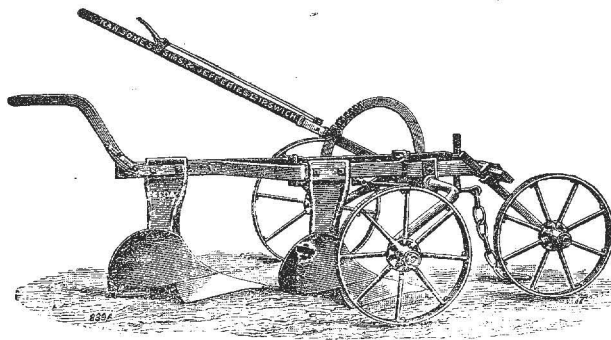
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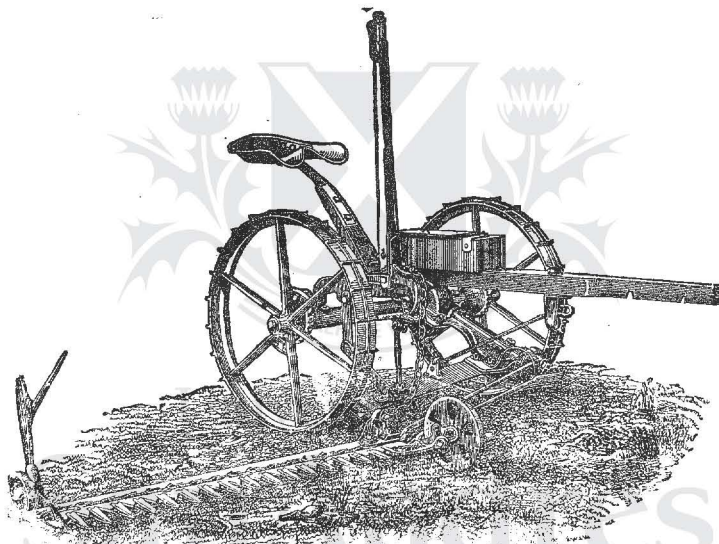
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