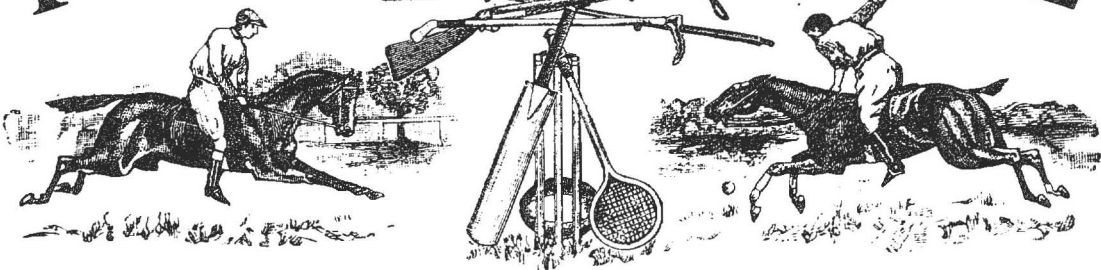


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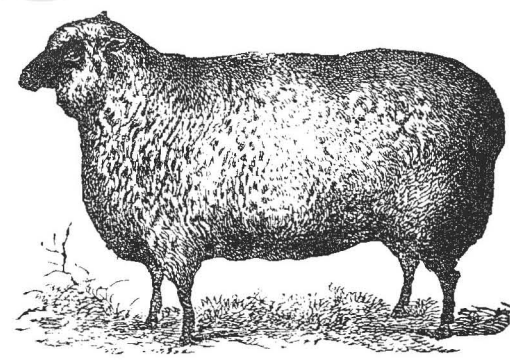
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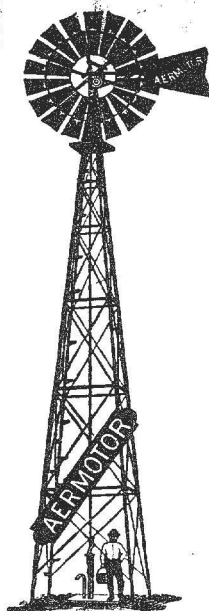
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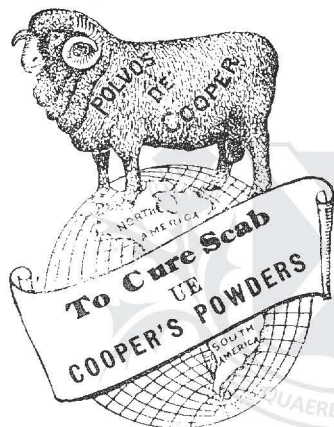
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RACING
(By TELEGRAPH)
CHANTILLY—May 29

Prix du Jockey Club (French Derby) for three-year-olds, 8 st 11 lb, 1½ miles:
Baron A. Schickler's Chêne Royal by Narcisse-Perplexité..... 1
Baron A. Schickler's Fra Angelico by Perplexe-Escarboucle..... 2
M. C. Blanc's Bucentaure by Saxifrage-Venise..... 3

Epsom—June 1
The Derby, for three-year-olds; colts 9 st., fillies 8 st. 9 lb.; 1½ mile:
Lord Bradford's ch c Sir Hugo by Wisdom-Manoeuvre..... 1
Baron de Hirsch's br f La Flèche by St. Simon-Quiver..... 2
M. Camille Blanc's b c Bucentaure by Saxifrage-Venise..... 3

Betting on May 7th, Sir Hugo 33 to 1, La Flèche 2 to 1.

Bucentaure who, it will be seen from the above, also ran third in the French Derby only three days before, was not mentioned at all in the betting. This colt does not seem to have run as a two-year-old either in England or France.

Sir Hugo first ran in the Triennial Stakes at Ascot, a two-year-old race of five furlongs, when he ran third to Lord Alington's Polyglot (1) and St. Damien (2), at the same weights. He next won the Rous Memorial Stakes at Newmarket from Kyle (2), Bouthillier (3), Scarborough and Desdemona. Sir Hugo then ran third in the Champagne Stakes at Doncaster, which were won by La Flèche, Gossoon 2nd, Dummure 4th, St. Osythe 5th and Rouge Dragon 6th; Sir Hugo carried 9 st and La Flèche 8 st 11 lb. Lord Bradford's colt next was successful in the Boscawen Stakes at Newmarket with Katherine II., Chloris and Pensioner behind him. This was the colt's last win last year, as he only ran seventh in the Middle Park Plate, which was won by Orme, El Diablo 2nd, Gauntlet 3rd. Sir Hugo carried 9 st 3 lb, the same weight as Orme in this event, El Diablo, St. Angelo and Polyglot, who finished in front of him, each carried 9 st.

This year, with the exception of the Derby, Sir Hugo's only appearance has been in the Two Thousand, in which he ran sixth. From the above running it will be understood why the colt stood so low down in the Derby betting, and his win last Wednesday only shows once more that the Derby course at Epsom suits some horses so much better than others.

June 3
The Oaks, for three-year-old fillies, 9 st each, 1½ miles:
Baron de Hirsch's br f La Flèche by St. Simon-Quiver..... 1
Duke of Portland's b f The Smew by St. Simon-Golden Eye..... 2
Colonel North's b f Lady Hermit by Hermit or Galopin-Velindra..... 3

CRICKET.
The following averages were made by Lord Sheffield's team during their tour in Australia:

	No. of Times Inns. not out.	Total Runs	Most in Inn.	Average
W. G. Grace	11	448	159*	44.80
Abel	12	388	132*	38.80
A. E. Stoddart	12	450	134	37.50
Read	11	326	106	29.63
Peel	11	228	83	25.33
Lohmann	11	228	102	22.80
Briggs	13	262	91	20.15
Bean	11	178	50	17.80
Attewell	11	126	43*	15.75
G. McGregor	9	101	31	14.42
Sharpe	9	63	26	10.50

H. Phillipson scored 15* and 1, and O. G. Radcliffe 13, 0, and 18.

* Signifies not out.

Bowling Averages

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wkts.	Average
Attewell	498	241	573	44	13.02
Briggs	212	71	419	32	13.09
Lohmann	416	178	640	40	16.00
Peel	192	83	283	15	18.86
W. G. Grace	73	21	134	5	26.80
Sharpe	287	113	509	17	29.94
A. E. Stoddart	9	3	22	0	—

Lohmann bowled two no balls and a wide, and Attewell one no ball.

The season at Lord's opened on May 5 with the match between M.C.C. and ground and Sussex. A strong side represented M.C.C., but the names of Mr C. A. Smith, Mr G. Brann, and Bean, were missed in the Sussex score. The conditions attending the match were by no means favourable for cricket, and consequently it was witnessed by only a few. M.C.C. scored 127 and 57, and Sussex 66 and 48, thus losing the match by 70 runs.

GARDENING NOTES

FLOWER GARDEN

The Pansy.—The numerous varieties of this interesting and popular flower have been obtained in a great measure from *Violo Tricolor*, a native of Britain, by selection and hybridising with other species of the same family.

For general flower garden decoration, the plant may be grown in any ordinary garden soil, not too heavy. Where the soil is very poor give a good dressing of well decomposed manure, and should it be heavy give a dressing of sand or brick rubbish.

Propagation is effected by seeds, cuttings, and occasionally by layers. Seeds may be sown at any time, but preferably in March or April. The sowing should be made in pans of light rich soil, in a cold frame, and the seeds covered lightly with fine soil. When the seedlings are strong enough they should be pricked out in beds, putting the plants about an inch apart each way; as soon as strong enough to be planted in their flowering quarters, some of the best should be selected for propagating by cuttings.

Plants intended for early blooming should be planted in their permanent quarters early in May, those for succession about the latter end of May and June. The distance between the plants may be from ten to twelve inches. After planting little is required beyond stirring the surface soil occasionally and watering freely in dry weather. A top-dressing of well decomposed manure should be spread over the beds towards Spring.

The Belgian, or Fairy Pansy, represents a distinct strong-growing race, remarkable for the rich colouring of many of the flowers, and their peculiar and even fantastic markings. They possess qualities that commend them to public notice; they are generally vigorous growers, and produce a profusion of fine flowers. They will survive under conditions that seem to destroy the less robust Pansies.

It is not too late now to sow a little seed, but it should be done without further loss of time. It will soon germinate, and if the young plants be carefully pricked out and grown on into size, they will make strong plants by August, and be very gay during September and the Spring months.

The Pansy is a true old-fashioned flower, and should find a place and be carefully looked after in every garden.

Golden Conifers.—I think these should find a place in every flower garden. They are also useful in every kind of formal garden. In this country they are all perfectly hardy, and they seldom get too large for their situations.

A few of the best and handsomest are *Tuhy a Aurea*, *Biota Elegantissima*, *Thuva Sempervirens* is an improvement upon *T. Aurea*, being brighter in colour and retaining its bright golden hue longer.

Golden Yews, both English and Irish, are very telling, occupying conspicuous positions anywhere, their changing tints in Spring and Summer are very effective. But some of the brightest and best must be sought amongst the Cypresses, such as *Lawsoniana Elegantissima*, and *L. Lutea*, *Retinospora Ob'usa*, (*Gracilis aurea* and *R. Plumosa Aurea*, being good, distinct, and useful varieties.

PRUNING.

(Continued from May 25th).

In this paper I propose giving a few short notes on our commonest fruits, the soils best adapted for them, and best mode of pruning.

The Apple.—Apples delight in a soft, hazel loam, containing a small portion of sand. In such a soil the fruit will be found to attain its full size, colour, and flavour; the trees will be

most productive and continue to flourish longest, and in such a soil disease will seldom attack them. Deep soils are not necessary for the apple tree; a dry bottom is, however, indispensable. Eighteen inches or two feet of good soil upon a dry substratum, such as chalk or rotten rock is enough; the same upon a gravelly bottom is, however, to be regarded as the minimum depth, for the roots of fruit trees should never be allowed to penetrate such a subsoil. Wet bottoms are to be guarded against by draining and by planting high. Wet soils are more to be guarded against than dry ones, for although in some cases the apple may prosper for a few years in such, we invariably find that the most productive and most permanent trees are found in dry soils.

The Pear.—A deep, dry loam is the best soil for the pear tree when upon a stock of its own species, but on a quince stock it requires a soil rather more moist. A gravelly bottom is good provided there be a sufficient depth of mould over it. A clayey, wet, spongy bottom is the worst of all, and should be guarded against by draining. The ground should be made good by trenching to the depth of two and a half or three feet, and if not rich enough of itself it should be assisted by the addition of a portion of well rotted dung. The pear is generally a hardy tree, much more so than the apple, and will prosper in soils where the apple will not live.

The pear and apple being similar in their manner of bearing, that is, as both of them produce their fruit on spurs which issue chiefly from the sides, though sometimes at the end of their branches, pruning is necessary for both. The operation may be begun towards the latter end of May and continued to the latter end of August. Cut out all decaying, cankered, and dead wood or barren stumps, which will not only give the trees a neater appearance, but will also much improve their health by allowing a free circulation of air and sunshine to every part of the tree, and by displacing all useless ill-placed spurs, disencumber the tree of a great load of entirely useless leaves and small spray, which it would otherwise have to support, and which would rob the fruit of a great share of its nourishment.

The proper thinning of the branches is a matter by far too little attended to. There are few trees, speaking generally, but would be improved if divested of one half the branches, spray, and useless spurs which are upon them. Thinning the branches of old trees and keeping them supplied with fruitful wood, encouraging young shoots to take the place of those that are getting into decay, and keeping them moderately thin, are points which ought to be strictly attended to. The thinning of full grown trees is better practice than pruning the young shoots upon the early pruning principle. In the former case you encourage the formation of fruit buds, in the latter that of wood buds. What is wanted is a crop, and a good crop too. Therefore, thin out the branches, but do not lop off the tops, particularly when the trees are aged.

Figs will succeed in any tolerably good garden soil where the bottom is not too wet. As regards pruning, thin out any superfluous shoots, selecting the older branches, and introduce fresh or younger branches in their places.

In my next I will treat of the apricot, cherry, and plum.

(To be continued.)

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7	E. Garcia	bl g.	Alva	7	58 in
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10	C. Wright	bl g.	Piccadilly	4	56 in
11	R. R. McIver	bl g.	Jock Tamsen	a	56 in
12	R. R. McIver	gr g.	Bitters	a	56 in
13	J. Ravenscroft	wh g.	Daiman	a	54 in
14	A. C. Brown	bl g.	Travieso	a	52 in
15	H. Anderson	bl g.	Lightfoot	a	54 in
16	J. J. Mandia	ro g.	Iniqueto	a	53 in
17	H. S. Robson	ch c.	Blarney	2	58 in
18	H. S. Robson	bl g.	Peter Flower	a	56 in
19	H. King	bl g.	Johnny	a	54 in
20	C. H. Carlisle	bl g.	Fractious	a	55 in
21	H. S. Robson	pbd g.	Moloch	a	56 in
22	F. J. Balfour	bl g.	Newty	a	58 in

HOCKEY

We were glad to see a revival of this good old game at Hurlingham on Sunday, and hope that the practice game that took place may be the forerunner of some matches. There were seven a side, and though there was a certain amount of uncertainty about the rules, some of the players showed very good form, especially G. A. Thompson and King, who got the only two goals. A little more training would have been useful to some of the players, whose breathing seemed to catch somewhat.

ATHLETICS

ROSARIO, 25TH OF MAY.

Athletic sports for prizes competed for by the crew of H.M.S. Beagle.

The above sports were held at the Plaza Jewell, the ground of the Rosario Athletic Club.

At 1 o'clock, in glorious weather, the programme was commenced with a Wheelbarrow race, one man holding the legs of another who stepped along on his hands. This was quickly followed by a 100 Yards race run in two heats, the winner turning up in Lyall, a Sergeant of the Marines; Peverett was favourite, but failed to get placed, though he won his heat. A Sack race and a Three-legged race followed in quick succession, then came the Quarter-mile Handicap, Lyall, 15 yards start, again came to the front, winning by 2 yards from Rammall. A Pick-a-Back and Bucket-o-Water race were the next on the card, then a Hammock race; this latter was well contested, the competitors, lying in their hammocks, at the word "go" jumped out, put on their boots and jumpers, unslung and lashed up their hammocks, and ran 50 yards carrying them on their shoulders. The next event, the Obstacle Race, was run in 2 heats, the final being won by Peverett. The Veterans' Race, All-four's Race, and the Boys' Race, were smartly competed for. The Tug-of-War, 12 men of the Beagle against 12 members of the R.A.C. At the word "heave" the R.A.C. got the best of the pull and nearly pulled the tars over the line, but the latter, being ably managed by Lieutenant Bruce, gradually made up their lost ground and in the end won easily.

Several side shows, such as Aunt Sally, a shooting gallery, and a nigger troupe, seemed to be a great source of amusement to the spectators, of whom some thousand or more were on the ground.

The prizes, of which there were three for each event, varying from \$15 to \$250, were kindly presented by Mrs Charles Jewell, wife of the President of the R.A.C., for whom three hearty cheers were given, and so ended one of the most enjoyable days that we have had in Rosario for some time past.

Great praise is due to Lieutenants Bruce and Prouse, and Paymaster Penfold, for the smart way in which the competitors came to the mark. Lieutenant Prouse and Mr R. C. Baines officiated as judges.

Mr Walter Graham, the energetic Secretary of the R.A.C., ably assisted by Messrs A. W. Towse, MacLachlan, Bryce, Ellery, and Laurence, are to be congratulated on their arrangements, as the 14 events were run off to time and without a hitch.

FESTES.

To the Editor *River Plate Sport and Pastime.*

Dear Sir,—

June 2.

Having read an article which appeared in your valuable paper immediately before the Amateur Athletic Sports recently held at Hurlingham, which had reference to the starting of foot races and the rights of starters, I take the liberty of requesting you to insert the present, holding, as I do, views in opposition to those expressed by the writer of the article referred to.

The article in question contained a statement to the effect that "the starter has an absolute discretion to call back the men even after he has fired the pistol, and either to declare a start or no start."

Rule 7 of the A.A.C. says: "All questions as to starts shall be at the absolute discretion of the starter." The meaning of what is actually intended to be conveyed by this appears to be a trifle ambiguous, for I am acquainted with several well known athletes who interpret the meaning of this rule, as I do myself, to be that the starter has the absolute right of deciding all false starts made by individual competitors in a race, or those made by the whole of them simultaneously before he has fired the pistol only.

One naturally supposes that by firing the pistol the starter gives his decision that a start is effected, and that from the very moment he fires all matters connected with the race pass from the hands of the starter to those of the judges.

It is possible, although I do not think probable, that we may have been misinterpreting the spirit of this rule; but, allowing such to be the case, for the sake of argument only, I cannot imagine for one moment that the gentlemen who framed the rules of the A.A.C. desired or intended to give the starter the power to fire the pistol, call the men back, and then declare that no start has been effected.

Suppose, for instance, in a 100 yards race, the starter fires the pistol, getting all the men off their mark together, he may take it into his head to call them back again, if he be invested with the right to do so, even when, perhaps, they be within 10 yards of the tape, and they would have nothing to do but obey. To give such a power to any man appears to me to be most unfair towards competitors.

Rule 5 tells us that "a start shall only be effected by the actual report of the pistol," and by this I fancy most runners consider that once the pistol is fired a start has been actually effected.

If I am in error in regard to my opinions on this subject I should be glad to know when the duties of the starter finish and when do those of the judge commence; and, in conclusion, I can only say, that were I in a sprint race and the starter fired the pistol, did he call us back or not, I should run the whole distance until I had passed the tape, and should not start again for the same heat unless under protest.—Yours truly,

ONE WHO RUNS WHEN THE PISTOL IS FIRED.

We are quite satisfied that Mr. Christian was right when he said that the starter had power to call the men back "even after the pistol had been fired," but we should be glad to have some more correspondence on the subject.—Ed.]

POLO

BELGRANO v. THE ROVERS

This interesting match was played at Belgrano on the 5th June, before quite a large number of spectators. The day was beautifully fine, and the ground, with its short turf, played very fast.

The following players represented the two competing clubs:

Belgrano	The Rovers
1 F. J. Balfour	1 — Pettigrew
2 R. England	2 S. Yeomans
3 J. K. Cassels	3 A. Yeomans
H. S. Robson (back)	A. Murray (back)

In the first quarter the Belgrano men kept the ball close in front of their opponent's goal the whole time, but only putting it through twice, both goals being hit by Cassels. The game was in consequence uncomely slow.

The second quarter commenced with a goal for Belgrano, hit by England, who took the ball from the centre of the ground in two hard clean shots. On recommencing the same player again got on the ball, and taking it down to The Rovers' goal it was hit through by Balfour. The visitors then got to work, and thanks to the Belgrano back missing his shot, Pettigrew scored their first point. Towards the end of the quarter Belgrano scored again, Cassels hitting the ball through from a good back hander, and left the score at half time Belgrano 5 goals, The Rovers 4.

In the third quarter the game improved in pace, the ball travelling well up and down the ground. The only addition to the score was a goal hit by England from a good long shot, and at the end of the quarter it stood Belgrano 6 goals, The Rovers 4.

In the fourth quarter the Quilmes men pulled themselves together, and making a determined rush on the Belgrano goal, Mr E. Yeomans took the ball down the ground and put it through the posts in good style. A free hit obtained by Belgrano on account of Pettigrew being off side, resulted in nothing, but a few minutes later Balfour scored for them. On the ball being hit in, England carried it down to the Quilmes goal, but his final shot was stopped by a pony's foot almost on the line and Balfour hit it through. Quilmes again made an effort and scored another point, Balfour receiving a hard smack on the knee which kept him out of the game for a few minutes, during which Murray scored. On the ball being thrown in Balfour got possession and scored the last point in the match, which resulted in an easy win for Belgrano by eight goals to three.

For the winners, England as No. 2 deserves most praise, he played a brilliant game and with excellent judgment. Robson seemed a little off colour during the second and third quarters (he had nothing to do in the first), but returned to his usual good form in the fourth, which was the fastest in the game.

For the losers, Murray was very safe at back, and E. Yeomans played with considerable dash. By the way, I believe polo should be played on ponies not exceeding fourteen hands, but this player was mounted on ponies considerably higher, one of them being nearer fifteen than fourteen; a trifle rough on his opponents, not to mention the infraction of the rules, Pettigrew was evidently a splendid eye for hitting the ball.

Mrs Maitland Heriot again entertained every one at tea.

Mr Maitland Heriot and Mr J. M. Mullaly were the umpires. SPECTATOR.

EL CHIRU—SUNDAY, JUNE 5

When the Northern Santa Fé Polo Club was formed it was decided that El Chiru would be the most convenient centre for meetings. Mr Edmund Traill accordingly kindly provided a ground, which is now in excellent condition for play. It says much for the popularity of the game that men will ride sometimes six or eight leagues, and ride home on a dark night, for the sake of one hour's play, but such is the common usage amongst the northern campmen.

On Sunday last there was an incentive added to the ordinary delights of the game, in the presence on the ground of Miss Traill and Miss E. Traill, who rode over from Las Limpías, some two and a half leagues, and also in the fact that Mrs Edmund Traill provided tea and a welcome to all comers.

There were more men than required on the field, but the sides were chosen from the following:

L. Bury (captain)	R. Traill (captain)
A. B. Dickson (back)	H. Bury (back)
J. Francis	E. Dobbs
C. Hay	E. Traill

The game was not very fast, but some good play was witnessed, although in the first half (two halves were played, as ponies were short) Traill's side were out-classed, and in the result 4 goals scored against them—Hay 2, Bury 1 and Dickson 1. In the second half, however, playing better together they scored 3 goals—H. Bury 2, Traill 1, though they were again hard pressed on the call of time. Result, a win for Bury's side by 4 goals to 3.

For the winners, perhaps Dickson, Bury and Hay were best, Dickson saving and playing as usual all round well. The losers owed most to Traill and H. Bury, who both rode hard and used excellent judgment.

C. W. W.

GOLF

To the Editor *River Plate Sport and Pastime.*

Dear Sir,—

Where's Bulger? Since it has come to the knowledge of his fellow-golfers that, escorted by trusty friends, he set out on an expedition, the nature of which has not been made public, his absence on the green on Sunday caused anxiety and disappointment to the players who like his genial chatter in your columns.

Golfers were early afield on Sunday. Boddle and Fortune were the first out. Later on a match between San Martin and Hurlingham came off. Scroggie and Masters playing for San Martin. Fortune and Clunie for Hurlingham. It was easily seen that Hurlingham were in better form than their opponents, who finished the first round four down; the second round they pulled themselves together a bit, but finally lost the match by four up and two to play. The bye was also won by Hurlingham.

After lunch a foursome consisting of Ker Seymour and Bridges played T. Forde and Miles. The former couple, being left-handed, were somewhat handicapped by playing with right-handed clubs; but they made a good fight for the match. Forde and Miles finally won by three up and two to play. Ker Seymour shows promise of a coming player; Bridges only wants a little practice to put him in the front ranks.

A very good match was played between Masters and Williamson and Fortune and Scroggie, the first round falling to Fortune and Scroggie after the others being two up.

The next match went the other way, Williamson and Masters winning by two up and one to play.

There was a great deal of talk about the coming golf tournament; a lot of entries are expected. The handicapping will be difficult the first time.

Please find Bulger, as the date fixed is the 26th inst. —Yours truly,

BULGER'S PAL.

CRICKET

B. A. AND ROSARIO RY. A.C.—SEASON 1891-92

BATTING AVERAGES.

NAME	NO. OF RUNS	INNINGS	TIMES NOT OUT	MOST IN AN INNINGS	AVERAGE
E. Danvers	71	6	2	26*	23.66
F. Archer	292	12	1	54	21
J. R. Garrod	52	3	0	48	17.33
S. Archer	259	19	3	74*	16.18
W. Bond	139	9	0	35	15.44
H. Higgins	94	9	3	26	15
W. H. Masters	122	9	0	51	13.55
B. Syar	32	8	1	29	13.14
W. Briant	41	3	0	31	13
F. Bardrick	158	14	0	39	11.26
F. Rogers	45	4	0	25	11.25
H. Wyatt	149	14	2	38	12.41
W. Pettigrew	77	7	0	33	11
H. Ellison	54	8	1	17	7.71
J. G. Taylor	30	4	0	14	7.50
W. McCullough	30	4	0	19	7.50
F. Webb	31	10	2	19	3.87
H. Higgins	17	3	0	9	5.66

BOWLING AVERAGES.

NAME	OVERS	MAIDENS	RUNS	WICKETS	AVERAGE
S. Archer	147.4	32	316	29	10.27
F. Archer	84.2	15	227	20	11.9
J. R. Garrod	55	15	120	8	15.8
F. F. Webb	54.4	19	100	17	6.1
S. Rogers	95.2	10	102	5	2.2
P. Norman	39.2	9	59	9	6.6
R. McKinnell	27	8	49	3	16.2
Foley (g. man)	28	8	62	4	15.2
H. Higgins	23	5	62	11	5.10
T. Keyworth	26	5	68	8	8.1
Dr. Pettigrew	10	0	39	4	9.3
B. H. Green	12	1	38	2	19
E. Danvers	6	1	20	3	6.2
F. Bardrick	6	0	16	0	17.0
H. Wyatt	5	2	5	1	5

The club played 19 matches during the season, of which 11 were won, 7 lost and one was drawn.

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FOOTBALL

FIXTURES.

RUGBY

Sunday, June 12—London Bank F.C. v. Quilmes A.C., at Quilmes.
 Thursday, June 16—Buenos Aires F.C. v. Rosario A.C., at Buenos Aires.
 Sunday, June 19—Buenos Aires F.C. v. London Bank F.C.
 Friday, June 24—England and Ireland v. Scotland and Wales.
 Sunday, June 26—Southern Railway F.C. v. Lomas A.A.C. at Lomas.
 Sunday, June 26—Buenos Aires F.C. v. Hurlingham C., at Hurlingham.
 Wednesday, June 29—London Bank F.C. v. Lomas A.A.C.
 Sunday, July 3—Quilmes A.C. v. London Bank F.C.
 Saturday, July 9—Rosario A.C. v. Buenos Aires F.C.
 Sunday, July 10—Quilmes A.C. v. Lomas A.A.C.
 Sunday, July 17—London Bank F.C. v. Hurlingham C., at Hurlingham.
 Sunday, July 24—North v. South.
 Sunday, July 31—Buenos Aires F.C. v. Lomas A.A.C.

ASSOCIATION

Sunday, June 12—Buenos Aires F.C. v. Buenos Aires and Rosario Ry. A.C., at Belgrano.
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 Wednesday, June 29—United Railways v. Argentine Republic.
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 Saturday, July 9—Rosario A.C. v. Quilmes A.C., at Quilmes.
 Sunday, July 17—Buenos Aires F.C. v. Montevideo, at Buenos Aires.
 Sunday, July 17—Buenos Aires and R. Ry. v. Lomas A.A.C., at Belgrano.
 Sunday, July 24—Buenos Aires F.C. v. Belgrano, at Flores.
 Sunday, July 31—Buenos Aires F.C. v. Hurlingham, at Flores.
 Sunday, Aug. 7—Buenos Aires and Rosario Ry. A.C. v. Quilmes A.C., at Quilmes.
 Sunday, Aug. 14—Buenos Aires F.C. v. Montevideo, at Montevideo.
 Monday, Aug. 15—Rosario F.C. v. Quilmes A.C., at Rosario.
 Sunday, Aug. 21—Quilmes A.C. v. Buenos Aires F.C., at Flores.
 Sunday, Aug. 28—Buenos Aires F.C. v. Buenos Aires and R. Ry. A.C., at Belgrano.
 Sunday, Sept. 4—Buenos Aires F.C. v. Quilmes F.C., at Quilmes.

Buenos Aires v. Quilmes.

RUGBY

This match was played on Sunday in lovely weather, on the ground of the latter club at Quilmes, before a fair sprinkling of spectators.

B.A. having won the toss Fothergill kicked off for Quilmes against a stiffish wind and with the sun in their faces. The ball was well returned by Coubrough, and speedily found its way to the Quilmes twenty-five, and the latter, after having touched down two or three times in quick succession, let Lees in behind the posts after a quarter of an hour's play, the kick being successfully undertaken by Jacobs.

Almost immediately afterwards R. Anderson ran in the far corner, but this time Jacobs was unsuccessful with the place. This was quickly followed by tries by Coubrough from a run round, and Kennard, both of which were converted by Jacobs.

Half time was now called with the score at 3 goals 1 try to nil in favour of Buenos Aires.

A five minutes interval having taken place Goodfellow restarted the ball for B.A., and after a few minutes play a good run by Ravenscroft enabled Fothergill to get in behind the posts, thus scoring the first try for Quilmes, the same player having no difficulty in converting it into a goal.

After the ball had been again set in motion, Quilmes returned to the attack, and from a loose scrimmage in the B.A. twenty-five Kinch broke away with a dribble, and having evaded the full back, secured a try some distance out; the kick, a magnificent one taken by Fothergill, went directly over the goal post.

After this reverse the B.A. forwards who had been taking a breather, now set to work again in earnest with the result that Lees again got in behind the posts, this being quickly followed by another try by Coubrough after a good run round from a pass by Forbes, both of which were converted by Jacobs.

Immediately after this no side was called, leaving Buenos Aires masters of the situation, having scored 5 goals and 1 try, to Quilmes 1 goal and 1 try.

Remarks.—Taking the winners first, their forwards were vastly superior to the losers, G. Anderson and Kennard being very noticeable, especially out of touch. Of the backs Forbes at half was good, but a trifle selfish, Coubrough at three quarter both running and kicking well.

For the losers, Ravenscroft was invaluable, doing the majority of the tackling and saving. The forwards, with the exception of Leitch and Kinch being feeble in the extreme. The former of these played a robust game,

but should pay more attention to the scrimmage work, and should remember not to handle the ball in the scrimmage, as he only penalises his side by so doing.

The combination of the losers was not to be compared to that of the winners, the majority of the forwards evincing a special anxiety to get rid of the ball at any price. This was mostly noticeable in their own twenty-five, and Quilmes have a lot to learn before they can even hope to win a match. Such backs as Ravenscroft and Fothergill are simply thrown away behind such a set of forwards, and the sooner their executive sets about to improve its front rank the better it will be for the club.

The game throughout was pleasantly contested.

Teams—

Buenos Aires:
 W. E. Coubrough, back.
 R. Anderson, F. Jones, F. E. Jacobs, three-quarters.
 W. A. Forbes, T. M. Lees, half backs.
 A. G. Goodfellow, captain.
 G. Anderson, L. Corry Smith, M. F. Gillerdale, J. C. Walshe, F. Corry Smith, A. Anderson, H. Hemans and G. Kennard, forwards.

Quilmes A.C.:

F. J. Bennett, back.
 A. E. Tucker, J. Ravenscroft, F. W. Fothergill, three quarters.
 T. W. Steed, P. Permaine, half backs.
 F. Robinson, T. W. Atkinson, J. Leitch, Kinch, Bocquet, Thornton, Caldwell, Knight and Brown, forwards.

The following will be the teams representing the London Bank and Quilmes in the match to be played on Sunday next at Quilmes. Quilmes team:

F. J. Bennett, back.
 F. W. Fothergill, R. Anderson, A. Anderson, three-quarter backs.
 Forbes, P. Permaine, half backs.
 Atkinson, Steed, Kinch, Caldwell, Todd, Knight, Thornton, Keevil, Tucker, forwards.
 London Bank team:
 J. F. Barnes, back.
 W. E. Coubrough, F. C. Wilmot, G. A. Thomson, three-quarter backs.
 J. M. Lees, J. F. Leitch, half backs.
 A. G. Goodfellow, G. S. Anderson, J. Earnshaw, H. N. Hemans, A. C. Challinor, J. Hardman, E. H. P. Francis, L. Corry Smith (captain), forwards.

LOMAS v. B.A. AND ROSARIO RAILWAY.

ASSOCIATION

This match took place on the ground of the former at Lomas last Sunday. Singleton, winning the toss for the Railway, chose to play with the wind for the first half. The ball was kicked off by G. Leslie and taken into the Railways ground by a combination of Lomas forwards, but was soon returned into midfield by Knox. Barnes, who was playing on the right wing for Lomas, had now to leave the field through illness, thus leaving his side with only ten men ten minutes after the game was started, and a lot of give and take play took place, the ball going from one end of the ground to the other in quick succession. From a scrimmage in front of the Lomas goal, in which nearly all the forwards took part, Thurman scored the first point of the game for the railway.

The ball being restarted was taken into the Railways territory, Knox missing his kick overran the ball, and Moffatt getting on it scored from a good shot for Lomas, thus making matters even; soon after which half time was called.

After the interval the ball was put in motion by Thurman, and the game continued in the centre of the field for some time, when Syer got a pass from Thurman, and from a good run down the field made a shot which seemed almost impossible to stop, but Carter, maintaining his old reputation, jumped at it, and saving it splendidly, brought resounding cheers from the spectators. The ball then travelled down the field and being passed to Lamont, immediately some of the players called "off-side," and putting him off his kick, he shot wide of the mark. By the way, there are players who are continually calling "off-side" without the slightest cause and arguing about it for a considerable time after the referee has given its decision.

After this, another shot was made which hit the post and bounded into play again; Singleton, however, cleared the lines by a good kick, and from a long pass from the backs Syer got on the ball about two minutes before time, and scored the second and winning point for the Railway, after which time was called, thus leaving the Railway winners by two goals to one.

For the winners Knox and Singleton at back, Davis at half back and Syer forward, played exceedingly well; and for the losers Carter goal, Reynolds and Leslie backs, and the four forwards—Lamont, Moffat, Leslie and Cowes played very well.

Teams—

Lomas: Carter, Reynolds, W. Leslie, Gibson, Hall, Bridger, Lamont, Moffat, G. Leslie, J. Barnes, and Cowes.
 Railway: Webb, Knox, Singleton, N. Whitworth, Williams, Davis, Syer, Godwin, Thurman, Cripps, W. Whitworth.

The second eleven of the St. Andrews and Buenos Aires and Rosario Railway Athletic Clubs played a match last Saturday afternoon on the ground of the latter at Belgrano, and after a fairly good game the St. Andrews won by two goals to one.

ELECTRIC SPURS FOR OLD HORSES.

At Guttenburg (N.J.) an electrician named P. Tobin bought Gidya, a worn out runner, and secretly provided his jockey with an electric belt, to which were connected wires running down to the spurs. When the jockey gave the old horse a shock in the home stretch, she forged ahead with a remarkable spurt, won the race, and paid her owners 100 to 1. A second attempt to "electrify" Gidya was not so successful, and resulted in the discovery of the new mode of spurring. Tobin was ruled off the track.

A HORSE ON THE PENSION ROLL.

In the U.S. army there is a horse on the retired list drawing a pension. The horse, whose name is Comanche, belonged to Captain Keogh, a near relation of Gen. Custer, and is the only horse which escaped the massacre in which that general was killed. He was found many miles from the scene of the massacre, with seven wounds and nearly exhausted from loss of blood. His pension pays for his forage and transportation. He is cared for by a man who does nothing else, and although never ridden is regularly saddled, bridled, equipped and brought out for inspection.

CORRESPONDENCE

Ajo, June 3.

To the Editor *River Plate Sport and Pastime*.

Dear Sir,—
 We have a couple of ferrets here just now, male and female, which were imported about three years ago. They have bred several times, but the young have never survived, although they have reached full size, having died of some kind of distemper for which we do not know a cure. Perhaps some of the readers of *Sport and Pastime* may be able to tell us how to rear young ferrets best.—Yours truly,
 W. L. L.

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NOTES

It will not, I hope, be forgotten that the entries for Hurlingham Meeting next Thursday close to-day, to the Secretary, 685 Cangallo.

The order of the races has not been definitely decided upon, but it will probably be as in the programme of the meeting published in another column.

I hear that a meeting will shortly be held to choose the teams for the International Rugby Match arranged for June 24th, between England and Ireland and Scotland

In addition to the 600 horses Baron Poelnitz has arranged to ship to India for cavalry remounts, I hear that 800 more are to be purchased for the use of the Indian Army.

On the 25th of May several of the estancieros round about Vedia, F.C. Pacifico, got up a couple of races, one for ponies thirteen hands or under, and the other for criollo horses. Five ponies went to the post for the first event, which was a race of 500 metres, Mr Luis Stuyck's Huerfano taking the lead from the start, and winning by 2 lengths easily. Six horses turned up for the next race, one of 800 metres, which was won by Boron Peer's Reluisant, who was sent to the front half way home and won easily.

I am exceedingly sorry to hear of the death of Mr A. C. Waddilove, which took place at La Rosita, Cañada de Gomez, last Saturday afternoon from influenza. A good horseman and universally liked, Mr Waddilove will be much missed in Cañada, and great sympathy is felt for his wife, who is seriously ill of the same dreadful epidemic.

The idea mooted by a correspondent last week, of having a Rugby Football Cup to be played for annually by the different clubs, does not find much favour amongst football men. I can quite understand that so long as Buenos Aires contains two leading clubs as the Buenos Aires F.C. and Hurlingham, for which of course men play in preference to any other, the local clubs must suffer, and in the event of a competition they would not have a look in with them.

"Spectator" gave Quilmes in his letter as one of the sufferers through men playing for two or three different clubs, but I find that one or two of the players, who have formed the Quimes teams already this season, play for other clubs besides their local one, in fact, in the matter of what might, perhaps, be called borrowing men, all the Buenos Aires Clubs are in the same boat. Were this not done, there are, comparatively, so few regular football players, I am afraid, through the consequent falling off in the play, and difficulty in getting up teams, Rugby Football matches in some places might be stopped altogether.

I believe in some towns at home where an annual cup has been played for, the result of holding the competition has done infinite harm instead of good, and, as I have just stated, there are comparatively so few regular players in Buenos Aires, we cannot afford to do anything which will put a brake on the game of any kind. Were Rugby Football like Polo, which only requires 8 men to make a match instead of 30, the case would be quite different, but as it is not, I think a local cup to be played for by the Buenos Aires Rugby Football Clubs, annually, would be a mistake.

As an inducement for men to keep in training, and in order to keep up interest in athletics, it would, I think, be a good idea to hold what I believe are known at home as "evening handicaps," to be run off say every month, or, if possible, every fortnight.

If the Athletic Association would make the start, and the different clubs arrange to hold these handicaps I am sure it would help on athletics, which, in this country, are by no means too flourishing, notwithstanding that we have so many good performers amongst us.

A General Meeting of the Santa Fé Polo Club was held at Las Lomas on Sunday, May 29th, when the following gentlemen were elected to represent the club at the Hurlingham Tournament on the 9th of July: Messrs T. Parry, A. Dickinson, J. Benitz, A. Adamson, and F. Robinson as extra man. It was also decided at the meeting that a tournament should be held on the new ground at Las Rosas at an early date.

When the tournament comes off, I hope at least two Buenos Aires clubs will be represented as a return for the sporting way in which Santa Fé have always travelled down to Buenos Aires whenever a tournament has been held, to take part in it.

On the day the above meeting was held no fewer than fifteen members of the club assembled on the Las Lomas ground to take part in the games, Mr Adamson being present from Caracará, and Messrs C. Fair, F. Robinson, and A. Pain from Cañada de Gomez. Truly, polo flourishes at Las Lomas in a way that puts all other clubs in the shade.

The Belgrano Polo Club have arranged to hold an entertainment in the Salon Italiana, Belgrano, on Saturday, June 18th, consisting of a concert and a short comedieta entitled "Why Women Weep." The concert will be taken part in by Miss Lumb, Sig. Farino (violinello), Mr R. H. Loder, Mr H. Scott, Mr F. Magraine, and Mr R. H. Morgan. The characters in the comedieta will be played by Mrs Tebbut, Miss Troutbeck, Mr J. K. Cassels, and Mr R. H. Morgan. From the above list of those who have kindly offered to assist at the entertainment its success will be insured. The proceeds are to go to the building of a pavilion for the club, which is much needed.

Tickets may be obtained from Mr J. Grant, Cangallo 469, from Mr J. Mackern, 125 San Martin, or from any of the members.

I hear that the colt by Ormonde-Lily, which was sold by Mr Biscuccia a short time ago to Sr. J. B. Zubiaurre, is suffering from some kind of throat affection. Several of the mares and foals belonging to Mr Biscuccia were attacked by the same disease, which has been quite an epidemic in his stud, so that, although of course Ormonde's stock are being now looked upon with a certain amount of suspicion, it is probable that the colt's illness is not a hereditary one contracted from his sire.

Aventurero is continuing to carry everything before him in Brazil. He won the Premio 13 de Mayo last month easily from another River Plate horse, Ecume. The race was worth \$3000 and was 2500 metres in length.

I hear that Huron has been sold for £900 to go to Rio, and that Athos will be shipped within a few days to fill his engagements there.

On May 30th, on the estancia of Messrs Colt, Entre Rios, Messrs R. R. Peter and H. D. Colt got a nice bag of 67½ brace of birds, shot over dogs, viz., 100 partridges, 3 martinets, 3 pigeons, 5 duck, 24 snipe.

The partridges were all shot in thick woodland, and these birds give very much better sport than their confreres in the open, as they twist and turn like wood-cock, and afford every variety of sporting shot.

Mr Peter used a setter, and Mr Colt the first cross between a setter and retriever, broken to work as retrieving spaniels.

Unfortunately the snipe marsh was only reached half-an-hour before sunset, or otherwise the bag of long-bills would have been much heavier, as they were there to any amount.

The following paragraph in the "Melbourne Sun" gives an Australian's opinion of the Argentine Republic in a few words. It is, perhaps, just as well for the Republic that Mr Murphy has returned more in love with Australia than ever, as he will now probably stay there.

Mr James Murphy, of "Marina," St. Kilda, returned recently to Melbourne, after visiting among other places, the Argentine Republic. Mr Murphy found that country to be most unsuitable for sheep and cattle; stock will not fatten, the wool is poor, and the sheep contract all manner of diseases. The country will grow anything, but the extremes of heat and cold are so severe that the fruit spoils. The laws, manners, and customs of the people also are very objectionable. Land is offered at 3s 6d an acre, and is dear at that price. There is no timber for over 450 miles. In short, Mr Murphy, who entertained some idea of taking up a large estate for his sons, has returned more in love with Australia than ever.

I find the following interesting facts concerning the Chinese pony in the "Live Stock Journal." The particulars were obtained in Manchuria by a correspondent of a contemporary, dated May 29th, 1892.—

The ponies are "in appearance like a miniature Clydesdale," and stand from 12 hands to 13.2 hands. They are never put under cover; but stand in the open air in winter, when the thermometer falls to 20 degrees below zero Fahrenheit. "To protect him against the weather he has a thick furry coat (like that of a Labrador dog) which comes off him in the spring in bushes." There being no grass, hay, or oats in the North of China, the ponies are fed on barley straw chopped fine; with—if in hard work—"black beans, bran, and maize." On this food they can perform extraordinary feats. One is said to have travelled 140 miles a day for five days running. Another is said to have carried an Englishman seventeen miles within the hour "pacing the whole way; and never once breaking into a canter." The writer states he himself had a pony which carried a man weighing 12 stones 420 miles in six days. Whilst a friend (who weighed 15 stones) was carried, by his pony, eighty miles in twelve hours; the pair rested twelve hours; and then made the return journey in fourteen hours, i.e., a journey of 160 miles was accomplished in thirty-eight hours. For the accuracy of this the writer vouches; and goes on to say, "The Tartar pony never possesses speed; but he excels in bottom any horse of his own size." Surely the Tartar pony must be worth a trial in Britain!

Yet he has his defects: a Chinaman believes that a pony with a head like a mule is to be preferred. Gelding is never performed till four years old; and many ponies are incurably vicious. Beside bucking, kicking, biting, they have a vice peculiar to themselves, i.e., boxing. They stand on the hind legs and strike out with the fore ones. "I saw one at Tientsin which was incurable. I saw him knock over an ox; and five Chinese horse-breakers in succession who tried to break him in. They united their efforts to master the pony; and three were seriously wounded before they gave him up." The Chinese ponies suffer from many disorders, glanders occurring among them; but they seem entirely free from windgalls, which are the special weakness of foreign horses taken to China. Inflammation of the eye and sandcracks are common; but except for sandcracks the hoof of the Tartar pony is always healthy. The Chinese horse-dealers know all the tricks of their European competitors; with a few special ones of their own. "Lying is not considered culpable; they feel no shame; and only laugh good humouredly when you point out the grossest attempt at imposition." The last statement is the most wonderful of all. "The news of the taking of Nankin was sent to Pekin in three days; the letter was carried 1,200 miles by relays of carriers travelling night and day on Tartar ponies."

BOOTS.

RACING

PALERMO—JUNE 5

The brilliant weather of last Sunday no doubt attracted a larger number of people than usual to the Palermo racecourse, and those present were fully rewarded for coming by witnessing an excellent day's sport.

The Stud Capitan Lopez was in great form, and carried off three races out of the six on the card, Brandy Snap winning two of them and Finance the other, a useful dividend being paid on each occasion.

The times in which the races were run in were quite exceptional, the big race of the day, the Premio Las Haras, was won by Satanella in the fastest time yet

made for 2200 metres at Palermo, viz., 2 min 19 1/4 secs, no horse having previously beaten 2 min 20 secs, and the two-year-old event, the Premio La Quinna, was run in 1 min 9 secs.

The day was not allowed to pass without its unpleasant incidents. In the second race the jockey of Amazon was allowed to keep his horse some distance in front of the others at the start without being ordered back by the starter, an irregularity that called forth hisses when that official sent the field away with Amazon well in front. Details:

PREMIO HARAS NACIONAL, a handicap for horses that have not won \$4000 up to the day of the race; \$1500 to the 1st, 200 to the 2nd; 1750 metres:

Table listing race results for Premio Haras Nacional, including names like Capitan Lopez, Lass o' Gowrie, Stud Niño Dorado's Pertoldi, and their respective positions and jockeys.

Holland jumped off in front and made strong running till rounding the last bend, where he cried enough, and was passed successively by Brandy Snap and Pertoldi, who finished in the order named at an interval of a length.

Tickets—Brandy Snap with 940 win and 1136 place, Pertoldi 464 and 927, Holland 437 and 642, High Life 36 and 49, Sobremonte 827 and 997, Severac 120 and 189, Palas 382 and 484, Escarola 355 and 583, Gerente 69 and 122.

Dividends—Brandy Snap \$7.00 win and 3.12 place, Pertoldi 3.36 place, Holland 3.98 place.

PREMIO LAS ROSAS, a handicap for any horse that has not won more than \$10,000 up to the day of the race; \$1500 to the 1st, 200 to the 2nd; 1400 metres.

Table listing race results for Premio Las Rosas, including names like Mr Manton's br in Golondrina, Venusta, Stud Las Ortigas, and their positions and jockeys.

After several false starts Amazon was let away in front and led for a short distance, till he was overhauled by Emperor and Clairon. Coming into the straight Clairon was in front, but at the paddock Golondrina who had been steadily advancing, had him beaten, and won from Amazon by two lengths, Clairon was beaten by half a length for second place.

Tickets—Golondrina with 1091 win and 1341 place, Amazon 1785 and 1238, Clairon 1498 and 1676, Paysandú 670 and 699, La Plata II, 512 and 744, Emperor 1158 and 1147, Jefferson 357 and 477, Colon 265 and 352.

Dividends: Golondrina \$12.10 win and 5.22 place, Amazon 5.49 place.

PREMIO LAS HERAS, for mares; \$3000 to the 1st, 500 to the 2nd; 2200 metres.

Table listing race results for Premio Las Heras, including names like Stud Entre Rios' ch f Satanella, Sweetheart, Stud Puri's ch m Puri, and their positions and jockeys.

Satanella went away with a lead from the start, followed by Calandria, and made the running till rounding the last bend, where the Talisman mare was done with and Puri made her way to the front. Opposite the stands Satanella and Puri were running together, and an exciting finish resulted in a dead heat.—Time 2 min. 19 1/4 sec.

Tickets—Satanella with 2561, Puri 1537, Remolacha 772, Sombra 902, Calandria 1286.

Dividends: Satanella \$2.88, Puri 3.46.

PREMIO LA QUINNA, for two-year-olds; colts 52 kilos, fillies 50 kilos; winners once 3 kilos, twice 5 kilos, three or more times 7 kilos extra; \$1500 to the 1st, 200 to the 2nd; 1100 metres.

Table listing race results for Premio La Quinna, including names like Stud Whipper-In's b f Smiling Lass, Smiler, Sr. J. G. Coronado's Fortacho, and their positions and jockeys.

Smiling Lass took up the running from the fall of the flag, and never being headed won easily by half a length. Tickets—Smiling Lass with 806 win and 1037 place, Fortacho 1582 and 1686, Artichaud 644 and 1121, Danton 888 and 961, Liana 2592 and 2593, Avant Garde 328 and 370, Edelweis 1976 and 2649, Satis 161 and 211, Jenny 163 and 269.

Dividends: Smiling Lass \$20.41 win and 5.83 place, Fortacho 4.40 place, Artichaud 5.54.

PREMIO CURAMALAN, a handicap; \$1500 to the 1st, 200 to the 2nd; 1200 metres.

Capitan Lopez' b e Brandy Snap by Sweetbread

Table listing race results for Capitan Lopez' b e Brandy Snap, including names like Lass o' Gowrie, Stud El Plata's b e Salaam, and their positions and jockeys.

Salaam made the running till well into the straight, where he was passed by Brandy Snap, who had been lying some distance behind, and the Capitan Lopez colt scored his second win for the day without difficulty by a length and a half.

Tickets—Brandy Snap and Zampa with 1715 win and 2388 place, Salaam 553 and 1229, Maipu 2070 and 2260, Riflero 325 and 989, Santa Lucia 1330 and 1632, Cabula 1810 and 2194, Vendetta 646 and 900, Zampa 1715 and 2388, Spree 586 and 750, Xanthornus 509 and 315.

Dividends: Brandy Snap \$10.01 win and 3.38 place, Salaam 4.69 place, Maipu 3.46 place.

PREMIO SAN JOSE, a handicap; \$1800 to the 1st, 200 to the 2nd; 1750 metres.

Table listing race results for Premio San Jose, including names like Capitan Lopez' b h Finance, Donna, Ecurie Talisman's Sirince, and their positions and jockeys.

Mudo made the running to the 1000 metre post, where Finance was sent to the front and won by a length from Sirince, who made a good race of it for second place with Mudo.

Tickets—Finance with 2662 win and 1705 place, Sirince 1524 and 1204, Mudo 1397 and 1889, Carpintero 994 and 940, Alerta 3614 and 2653, Patria 1645 and 1288.

Dividends: Finance \$8 win and 5.40 place, Sirince 6.80 place.

Table titled 'DERBY CLUB SPORT PORTENO' showing race results with columns for WIN, PLACE, WIN, and PLACE, listing various race names and their respective values.

CAÑADA DE GOMEZ

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

LAS LIMPIAS AND EL CHIRU.

June 6.

To the uninitiated, camp life may seem to be all work of the hardest sort in lonely situations and without relaxation of any refined character. But though, without doubt, the work is hard and has to be closely attended to throughout the long day, from sunrise to sunset, it is equally certain that refinement of the highest order is to be found on nearly every estancia. The men who, apart, of course, from the peones, work at anything that may come to hand, are "men," but they are "gentlemen," and both terms may be taken to signify that they are neither afraid of the field nor of the drawing-room, and that they yield to none in their respect for woman or their appreciation of the pleasures obtained by being able, after a day's toil, to enjoy the society and conversation of ladies. After dinner and the usual cigarette, an adjournment for music is as much the rule as in any house at home. Although leagues may divide you from any neighbour or from any town.

This little preamble simply shows that a healthy life in the country with all the surroundings obtained in a city, is much more enjoyable than a life spent in an office during the day and in café or music-hall during the night. All cannot command this, and, indeed, life could not be lived if they did or could. Perhaps this is why it is the more enjoyable. These two estates named above are the pro-

perty of Messrs. Robert and Edmund Traill, and comprise eight leagues of fertile soil. To this must be added four leagues now being formed into the Colonia Crispi. The Rosario and Cordoba narrow gauge railway runs straight through the colony, on which a station is to be built at once, to be named "Traill."

The projected town, from the appearance of the plans and from the excellent railway accommodation, should speedily be an accomplished fact. Many lots have already been sold, and others are in the market. Alfalfa will be largely grown and baled on part of this land, as it is the very best for the purpose and so well situated for transit.

Las Limpías is a league and a half from the station, formerly called Los Algarrobos, now Carlos Pelligrini, on the F.C.C.A.; and El Chiru is a league and a half further on and half a league from the new station on the narrow gauge. Avena station, on the same line, is some two leagues away.

Messrs. Traill bought the camp when first out here in 1868, and commenced to work the estate on the ordinary accepted method. Fifteen hundred head of cattle and an immense number of sheep were purchased and put on, and luck seemed to attend the venture, but in the year 1888, 5000 cattle and some 4000 sheep were lost, more through the weather than from any disease, so now (naturally there was a big increase from the remnant), they are being gradually sold off. There are still some 3000 head of mestizos, of great size, showing unmistakable signs of the great care and judgment used in crossing, and the desire of Messrs. Traill to improve the ordinary breed of the country. On account, however, of the large amount of money lost in the breeding of cattle, the proprietors of this immense tract of land came to the conclusion that agriculture pure and simple was the better plan to make the estate pay.

Mr. Robert Traill says that the difference in value of production by this method is twenty times greater than by breeding. Much of this is being resorted to in the province, and the result is generally said to justify the experiment. Indeed, to show that it is of sound, practical worth, six leagues of camp have been rented to colonists at 13 per cent on the produce. This land is now broken up, after lying idle and unproductive for some years. It is fair to calculate that by and from 1894 a net profit of £6000 a year for some years should result.

In the early future it is contemplated to put 2000 squares into the hands of medieros and a proportionate profit is confidently expected! That the same land can, at the same time, carry 300 or 400 head of stock, which the colonist farming this extent would certainly possess, as all have a small point, shows that the country is fertile and capable under proper government of developing and of r paying with great interest those who invest money in it. But this is a matter for the political economist and not for a correspondent ignorant in such matters except in so far as he has gained some slight experience by pleasant visits to pleasant places, and conversations with those who are fully au fait with the subject.

Messrs. Traill's system of colonisation is to sell land on long or short terms of payment, at the option of the purchaser, and to take payment in wheat or gold, as may be agreed upon. If the colonist is unable to meet his yearly obligations, he is allowed to pay down a small amount, and so tide over a bad year without being turned out of his holding. By fifteen annual payments, or less at his choice, he may become final possessor of the land. This plan seems to be a singularly generous one on the part of the vendors and singularly fortunate for the vendees. At the present time Messrs. Traill are on their own account commencing to put under wheat some half league; and another half league was colonised this last season. The yield from 600 squares, or rather that portion of the yield handed over to the Dueños, realized £500. On some of the neighbouring camp 25 quintals per square of trigo bertoní was produced. Is this a record or no?

One league of the estate is in alfalfa, thick and full of leaf, exactly calculated to fatten cattle, 1500 of which will be ready for sale this year. A fine pedigree shorthorn bull, deep red with white spots, imported by Mr Traill, is one of the hand-somest in the province, and his stock are all well grown and of good shape. Two hundred tame lecheras, mestizas, provide the milk and account for the excellent butter, made under the superintendence of Mrs Traill.

To work Las Limpías alone requires 150 working bullocks and some 250 collar and saddle horses. When one considers that there have to

be mounted each day Messrs R. Traill, R. Traill junior, E. B., and J. Traill, and the two cricketering brothers H. and C. Bury besides the peones, this does not seem an extravagant number, and indeed is only sufficient. Of course this does not include the ponies sacred to the Misses Traill, or to polo.

The word polo being written, reminds me that I saw some ponies here of the very sort for the game, unused to it as yet, but just the size and class for making good colour and shape; any man buying should visit Las Limpías. Amongst the potros, too, which are very, indeed exceptionally, good, many of this class are to be found.

The Shire horse Norfolk, imported, and in the Stud Book, is a great black, pico blanco standing over 17 hands and big in proportion, his shoulders and quarters are astonishing, but in true keeping with his frame.

His foals take after him, some of them at 2 and 3 years standing almost as high. Preciosa is a good-looking chestnut horse by Forester (raced by his owner and never beaten in this country) out of a half-bred Whirlwind mare, and is getting excellent foals out of criolla mares.

The pick of the basket is queerly-named Spring Dark, by Springfield from Dutch Oven, queerly named, unless his former owner had in his mind that there was a relationship, or some affinity, between the "Jack" on which the roast beef turns round and an oven.

This horse was bought in Norfolk in 1889. If he was then 3 years old he must be almost the first foal that was thrown by his dam, but I have not my Calendar with me, and forget if Dutch Oven won the Leger in 1882. I know that when she did I backed her at 40 to 1.

Spring Jack is a dark brown horse of whole colour, save a white blaze on his face. He moves in the same long, swinging manner which was so characteristic of his dam. Although standing no more than 15 2 he is full of bone and muscle. Tame as a sheep, and as handsome as his pedigree would suggest.

His manada (but he does not run) has consisted of 1/2 and 1/4 bred mares, most of them by Forester. He is a sure foal getter, and I hear that 20 thoroughbred mares might be received to him.

Messrs Traill imported sheep to the value of £1000, Shropshire Downs, but they did not do well at first and many died, however they are now increasing, and show a good fine point or flock; 1000 are in alfalfa and are rapidly improving.

At El Chiru, which is under the management of Mr Edmund Traill, the breeding of pigs on a large scale is carried on, the increase is very rapid, and much faster unfortunately than the demand. Perhaps when eggs are cheaper bacon will appear oftener on the breakfast table.

To give some idea of the extent of these estates, and the manner in which the potreros are laid out, I may just mention that there are 300 miles of fencing, which alone cost £7000.

In the old days the Indians were very troublesome, and several were shot at Las Limpías while raiding the horses, but of course now it is a thing of the past.

The house and outbuildings are large and spacious, thoroughly fitted for their use.

Mr R. Traill jr, is mayordomo, energetic and thoroughly conversant with all appertaining to the management of so much stock, so great an extent of camp, and so many peones, he is the right man in the right place.

Miss Traill is a great horsewoman, and has the knack, when in the house, of making you feel perfectly at home, which knack is shared to the full by Mrs Traill.

C. W. W.

ZOOLOGICAL NOTES

By A. STUART PENNINGTON
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BIRD STRUCTURE

As I propose to follow up the present paper by a series of descriptions of the principal birds which form the object of our sportsmen's shooting expeditions, and as such descriptions, to be of practical use, must be full, and involve the use of technical expressions, I propose in this article to give the principal terms used in describing bird structure, with such explanation as may be necessary.

Commencing with the head, the front part above the beak is called the forehead, the region

next behind is the vertex, and behind this again, at the back of the head, is the occiput.

The beak is generally spoken of as the upper and lower mandible, the point of the upper mandible being called the apex, and the highest point or ridge is called the culmen; the corresponding ridge of the lower mandible is the gonys. The lateral edges of the mandibles are called margens, and when the margens of the mandibles meet the line formed by the meeting is called the commissure, which is described according to its shape as straight, curved, festooned, undulated or angulated.

On the side of the head the space behind the eye is called the orbital region, and between the beak and the eye is the cheek. Below the eye the hinder space is called the parotid region, and the anterior space the lorum.

Between the head and the trunk is the neck, the upper part of which is called the nape and the under part the throat, the latter divided into two regions, the upper, or throat proper, and the lower or jugulum. Below the neck is the breast, the region following this being called the abdomen, divided into the epigastrium and belly, the latter terminating at the crissum or vnt.

The parts covered by the closed wings are called the flanks or sides.

The back extends from the neck to the tail and includes the interscapular space between the insertion of the wings, the back proper, and the rump.

The wing feathers are of three kinds, Tectrices, or wing coverts, also divided into the smaller inside, and larger wing coverts; Remiges, or wing feathers proper, divided into primaries and secondaries, and thumb feathers, which form what is called the bastard wing.

If the bones of a bird's wing be examined, they will be found to consist of the humerus, or fore arm, followed by the radius and cubital bone, or ulna, followed again by the manus, which corresponds to the human hand. The primary or long wing feathers are attached to the manus, as it is sometimes called the metacarpal bone, and the secondaries are attached to the ulna or cubital bone. The joint between the primary and secondary feathers corresponds to and is called the wrist. Attached to the metacarpal bone is a small bone called the "hallux" or thumb, to which the bastard wings are attached. If there are any feathers attached to the humerus they are called tertiary quills.

The primary feathers are the longest, and vary in number from 9 to 11.

The secondaries are usually only half the length of the primaries.

The wing coverts overlap the origins of the quills, and from being arranged like the tiles on the roof of a house are called Tectrices.

A feather consists of the following parts: the quill, or free portion which enters the skin, and the rachis, which bears on each side the barbs. The rachis and barbs together form the feather as distinguished from the quill. The barbs may again bear barbules. Sometimes there are, as it were two feathers to one quill, in which case the smaller feather attached to the underside of the larger one is called the aftershaft.

The legs consist of the femur, or thigh bone, followed by the tibia and fibula, which are usually and popularly, but incorrectly, called the thigh, and the tarsus, or shank, usually called the leg. The tarsus bears the toes, or digits, of which one, when present, is placed in opposition to the others, and is called the hallux.

The toes are usually four in number and bear the claws. The tibia is always feathered. The shank is feathered in birds of prey, but is usually naked and protected by scales.

The feathers of the tail are usually 12 in number, although there are birds with as few as 8 and as many as 18. The feathers are numbered from the outside, so that the exterior feathers on each side are the 1st tail feathers.

The small feathers which cover the roof of the tail are called upper and lower tail coverts.

There are, of course, special names given to the various shapes of wings and tails, but as these names always carry with them their own explanation there is no necessity to give them here.

THE MARMOSET.

In my recent paper on Argentine monkeys, I referred to the marmoset or outiti. A lady correspondent of the "Spectator" at Oxford has written to point out that this animal forms a favourable subject for the investigation of monkey language. Nearly a century ago a bookseller residing on the Quai Voltaire in Paris, at the

sign of the Tower of Babel, published a book endeavouring to translate the cries of this little monkey. The "Spectator" correspondent confirms the researches of this old French observer, and the following are some of the results of her endeavours to form a Monkey-English dictionary:—

"Ouistiti, oustitititi"—a cry for help from a young one in danger.

"Ghrii"—come.

"Guenakiki" expresses terrible fear.

"Trouakki" violent grief.

"Triouagno," save me.

"Krrrreoeoeo," very happy indeed.

"Kch," a little better.

"Korrie," annoyed.

"Ocooco," deep terror.

"Anic," help.

"Quih," I want something very much.

"Quouééé," despair of escaping from some danger. This cry is always made at sight of anything new and strange.—"Daily News."

A SCIENTIFIC MONKEY.

In the interesting little "Zoo" connected with the National Museum of Washington is a large male grivet monkey which shares its cage with four opossums (allied to the comadreja of this country). The monkey has always taken kindly to his companions.

Recently the attention of the attendant was drawn to the cage by the excitement of the crowd in front of it, and on going to see what was the matter he found the monkey seated in the middle of the cage with one of the female opossums laid on her back in his lap, and with her head under his arm. The monkey had, by diligent search, discovered the marsupial pouch, and was investigating it.

He carefully lifted the outer wall and peered into the cavity. Then he reached in with his hand, felt about for a moment, and drew out a young opossum about two inches long: hairless, blind, but alive, and kicking. Jack held his prize to the light, scrutinised it with the air of a savant, and then put it back in the pouch, from which he then proceeded to draw out another young opossum, which he looked at with solemn interest, smelt, and then put back again. He then released the object of his investigations. It was in this way made known to the attendants that the opossum had young ones, which had been previously looked for in vain.

HURLINGHAM

FORFEIT LIST

1891

Stud 2nd Argentino (Sr. Joaquin A. Capmany), entry fee \$50—

Phuton, 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. Billingham, 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. Billingham, Premio Europa, Jan. 6. Fine imposed by starter \$20

Mr C. J. Klappenbach, Premio Europa, Jan. 6. Fine imposed by starter \$20

FIXTURES

RACING

Sunday, June 12—Hipódromo Argentino, Palermo.

Thursday, June 16—Hipódromo Nacional, Belgrano.

Thursday, June 16—Hurlingham.

FOOTBALL.

RUHBY

Sunday, June 12—London Bank F.C. v. Quilmes A.C., at Quilmes.

Thursday, June 16—Buenos Aires F.C. v. Rosario A.C., at Buenos Aires.

ASSOCIATION

Sunday, June 12—Buenos Aires F.C. v. Buenos Aires and Rosario Ry., at Belgrano.

Thursday, June 16—Lomas Academy A.C. v. Quilmes A.C., at Quilmes.

Hurlingham Club June Meeting
(UNDER THE HURLINGHAM CLUB'S RULES OF RACING)

Thursday, June 16, 1892

1. THE JUNE HURDLE RACE, a Sweepstake of \$10 each, for Polo Ponies 14 hands or under; weight for inches, ponies of 14 h. to carry 75 kilos; winners extra; 1600 metres, over 5 flights of hurdles.
2. THE LIGHTNING STAKES of \$10 each, for Polo Ponies 14 hands or under; weight for inches, 14 h. to carry 75 kilos, winners extra; 500 metres.
3. THE MIDGET STAKES of \$10 each, for Polo Ponies 13 hands 2 in. or under; weight for inches, ponies of 13 h. 2 in. to carry 75 kilos, winners extra; 500 metres.
4. THE POLO STAKES of \$10 each, for Polo Ponies 14 hands or under; weight for inches, ponies of 14 hands to carry 75 kilos, winners extra; 1200 metres.
5. THE HURLINGHAM DERBY CUP, value \$1000, added to a Sweepstake of \$50 each, for Ponies or Galloways 14 hands 2 in. or under, the property of, or nominated by, a member of the Club; weight for inches, Ponies or Galloways of 14 h. 2 in. to carry 70 kilos; 2000 metres.
(The Cup must be won twice by the same nominator or member before becoming his absolute property).
6. THE POLO PONY STEEPLECHASE, a Sweepstake of \$10 each, for Polo Ponies 14 hands or under; weight for inches, ponies of 14 h. to carry 75 kilos, winners extra; 2500 metres.

Entries close on Wednesday, June 8, at 5 p.m., at the office of the Secretary, 655 Cangallo.

In races 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6 members of Hurlingham or of any Registered Polo Club only can ride, and

In the Hurlingham Derby, members of the Club or Gentlemen Riders, members receiving an allowance of one kilo.

In races 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 winners once will carry 3 kilos, twice 5 kilos, and three or more times 7 kilos extra.

A pony, to fulfil the conditions of races confined to polo ponies, must be 14 hands or under, must be the bona-fide property of a member of a polo club, and must have played in at least three separate matches, or six practice games, within two months of the date of any race meeting in which he runs as a polo pony.

If through accident, or other cause, a pony has been unable to fulfil either of the above conditions regarding playing, but is well known to be a bona-fide polo pony, his entry being signed by the secretary of the club with which he has played, and this must be done in all cases, will be deemed sufficient.

The Jockey Club of Gualeguay

PROGRAMME OF THE

Meeting Arranged by the Club for July 9, 1892

- 1st Race, LA PALMA, for any Criollo horse which has not run for more than \$100 on a public course; weight 65 kilos; 886 metres; \$150 to the 1st; entrance \$25.
- 2nd Race, SANTA ROSA, for any horse; weight 65 kilos; 1773 metres; \$250 to the 1st; entrance \$40.
- 3rd Race, ALBARDON, for any Criollo horse which has not run for more than \$25 on a public course; weight 65 kilos; \$100 to the 1st; entrance \$15.
- 4th Race, SAN GUILLERMO, for any horse; weight 62 kilos; 3546 metres; \$500 to the 1st; entrance \$50.
- 5th Race, LAS CABEZAS, a Trotting Race for any horse; weight 68 kilos; 3546 metres; \$100 to the 1st; entrance \$15.
- 6th Race, SAN FRANCISCO, for any Criollo horse; weight 65 kilos; 1000 metres; \$400 to the 1st; entrance \$70.
- 7th Race, CONSUELO, for non-winners of the day; weight 65 kilos; 1330 metres; \$40 to the 1st, \$15 to the 2nd, \$5 to the 3rd; entrance \$5.

Entries, which must be addressed to the President of the Jockey Club, Mr W. Milne, close on June 25, at 8 o'clock p.m.

Entries which are sent without their corresponding entry fees will be taken no notice of.

W. MILNE, President.
H. JEWELL, Secretary.

Gualeguay, April 22, 1892.

MOSQUITO.

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The first awakening of an Indian to the benefits of civilisation develops with a tendency for personal adornment, and in this case they may be classified as Extremists.

Their first ambition is to have a hat, and then skipping the numerous intermediate wants, their next eager choice is a pair of boots.

One old Indian whose vanity through age alone ought to have ceased long since, strutted about like a turkey cock, for hours at a time, happy in the possession of an old tall hat that had done service probably in the time of the Dictator, and when a feather was added to it, he became too utterly proud for anything.

The remainder of his outfit was not anything to speak of, in fact, that hat was his full measure of glory, any addition might have killed him.

He ate with that hat. It was said he slept with it on, and he certainly kept away from the house, because if he came too near he would have had to take the hat off.

The vain old fossil allowed himself to be photographed in part payment of that same hat.

These Indians are under no restraint regarding their return to the interior wilds, but are free to go back at any time.

They are comparatively innocent of the management of fire-arms, but are well aware of the terrible effects of their use in anger, and they are kept in awe by the household peons, who always go about well armed.

The Indians use bows and arrows, with which they are very skilful, also a short spear, and the old-fashioned but very efficient club.

The women are tattooed once they arrive at marriageable age, the tattoo marks being in the form of scratches from the top of the cheek bones, crossing diagonally to the lower jaw.

These marks are the nearest approach they have to a Masonic certificate, and from the number of them on view, some of the squaws must be much married.

The settlement is on a severe military basis, our host being a military man.

He served during the time of Lopez, and was second in command at Humaitá.

His ideas on the origin and duration of the Paraguayan war show deep insight of the character of his own countrymen, and his stories of campaign life were very entertaining to us.

The second day of our visit Mr G. placed at our disposal two of his best tiger hunters with their dogs, which latter we kept in a large canoe towed astern of the Dart, and again we were off up the Pilcomayo.

The river being high we steamed up without difficulty some 20 miles, where we landed and took to the woods.

The forests near the river are dense but not impenetrable, and we made good progress inland, finding occasionally natural clearings of high grass pasture land, dotted with small groves of palm trees.

We found marks of deer and also the track of a tiger but the dogs insisted that the tiger track was too old for practical use, and soon left it for a Javali (wild boar) trail.

The Javali was soon found and killed, and a vicious brute he was.

The old dogs simply held him at bay, but one of the pups, with the usual foolhardiness of youth, rushed in upon him, and was most severely torn for his temerity.

Later on we came upon indications of Indian camp fires, about two days' old (since the last rain), and this explained to us, in part at least, the paucity of game, and we determined to return to the Dart and follow on further up the river, but even then we met with but little success.

When the Indians are out for game in any numbers it is lost time for white men to follow over the same ground.

Upon finding the camp fires, we knew them to be Indian fires from the following facts:

The Cristiano or white man's camp is easily known by the one camp fire, where the general meal is cooked, whereas the Indians do not associate at their meals, but each head of a family, or each hunter, has his own fire apart, and apparently if he wishes to taste his neighbour's food he must steal it.

We finally returned to the estancia without any tigers, and found the report that one of the peons on the other side of the river had seen a tiger, fired at him, missed him, of course, etc., etc., etc. It might have been true; but no one could have expected such disgusted men as we were to believe it.

We confess to a certain degree of disappointment regarding both the Bermejo and Pilcomayo rivers, and more particularly the Pilcomayo, based upon the importance given them as rivers destined to become valuable factors in the development of trade through the immense zone of their course.

Of the two rivers, the Bermejo, at its junction with the Paraguay, has better indications of being a navigable river than the Pilcomayo, but despite appearances, repeated failures of one exploration after another have proved it to be not navigable, practically speaking, for any important distance from its outlet.

Despite the favourable condition of the river during our short trip up the Pilcomayo, and without taking into consideration the hard experience of the expedition that had endeavoured to navigate it, we should have been fully convinced of the fallacy of calling it a navigable river.

The tortuous form of its course, of itself, indicates an irresistible current in time of freshet, and promises but little depth of water for navigation in the dry seasons,—and to add yet more to its catalogue of negatives, the water itself at a distance of 20 miles from the Paraguay river, is so charged with saltpetre as to be totally unfit for drinking or cooking purposes, or even for use in a steamer's boilers.

As the Pilcomayo forms the boundary between the Argentine and Paraguayan possessions, it is of considerable importance to the two Governments to decide which of the two branches of the river is the true Pilcomayo, and to that end several expeditions have been sent, and have certainly deserved deep sympathy for much severe and useless suffering.

Our practical man says if he had to explore the Pilcomayo, he would not encumber himself with a steamer but would take a well seasoned mule.

We spent part of another day on the estancia replenishing our larder with small game, and after gladdening the hearts of our Indian friends with sundry gifts of tobacco, we bid good-bye to our kind host Mr G., and started down the river.

Our old friends the camalotes were waiting for us, but we worked our way through them without much difficulty, and arrived the next morning at our old moorings in the port of Asuncion, and passed the day in the city making preparations for our departure down the river Paraguay.

Our next destination was the river Tibicuary, where we were to visit the estancia of Mr N—, who was to accompany us on board the Dart from Asuncion.

We took one last stroll through the city, laid in our supplies of laces, cigars, and caña; looked at a tiger skin which our self respect (and fear that the other fellows would tell) kept each one from buying, and bidding good-bye to our kind friends we saluted the port for the last time, and sailed away from Paraguay's capital.

The run down the river was a delightful one. Wind and tide in our favour, and soon we left the Lamaré and San Antonio out of sight astern.

We passed Villeta, taking the main channel on the Chaco side of the river, and had a view of a fruit preserving factory on the banks of the river.

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We passed Angostura early in the afternoon, and at our junior's request we slowed down our speed and took in sail, but despite our extra pair of eyes, and an additional marine glass from Asuncion, we failed to see symptoms of "the delicate bloom of the" etc., etc., which was evidently the object in view.

Our anchorage at night was made at the entrance of the small river called the Araguay. The meaning of the word is Wise Water, but the application of its wisdom is a sealed book to us.

It possibly means that wisdom is necessary for its navigation, but from its appearance, a wise man would not try it unless fully covered by insurance.

The next day, despite the clear blue sky, we had a stiff head wind, and found our top coats very necessary when we left the Wise Water at 6 in the morning.

We passed Santa Rosa without even a suggestion from our junior, and found our old "Camp 14th July", yet unchanged.

The air at midday marked 18 deg. Centigrade, and the water 18^{1/2}.

As we wished to reach the mouth of the Tibicuary by daylight, we did not stop at Formosa, but contented ourselves with admiring the pretty town from the opposite side of the river, en passant.

We wished to replenish our supply of charcoal at the Carboneria Argerich Colony, but found that the colonists, the owner, and the charcoal-burners were at legal war, and the charcoal was embargoed three deep, and could not be sold.

We found the mouth of the Tibicuary at 5 in the afternoon, and the soundings gave eighteen feet of water.

Mr N—, who had gone up the Tibicuary on a previous occasion, was rated as pilot, and we ran for an hour before anchoring for the night.

We left again in the morning at clear daylight, and found as we advanced that the channel narrowed very considerably, and gradually shallowed to four feet. We then came to deeper water, numerous branches and openings, and finally the main stream again.

Undoubtedly, we had taken the wrong channel soon after entering the mouth of the river, and certainly no reproach should be thrown on our pilot, as all the channels look exactly alike.

Our course is all around the compass, but the mean course is N. by W.

The land is low, and evidently inundated at flood water for some twenty miles up from the mouth of the river. There are occasional higher banks where the soil appears to be good.

The current in the river is very slight. We arrived as near Mr N's place as the river permitted at midday, and the noise we made to attract attention evidently made the people think that another revolution was coming, but, however, their fears were soon allayed, and direct communication was established, and we went up to the house.

On our return to the Dart we shot a number of martinets and small partridges, which seem to be plentiful in the open lands.

Just above our anchorage, yet very plain to be seen, are the defences made by Lopez during the Paraguayan war.

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The Allies entered the Tibicuary in 1868, but at this point, Paso Potrillo,—Penayo cué—there was no fighting of consequence.

In the morning we went again to the estancia, with the intention of organising a shooting expedition, but the men had all gone out to round up the scattered cattle, and returned too late for our purpose.

The question of horses and saddles is a serious one in Paraguay.

As we were, apparently, not to have an opportunity to explore the interior on horseback, we crossed the river to try for patos reales, and were moderately successful.

These royal ducks are very similar to the black variety we found on the Upper Paraná, they are of the size of the domesticated muscovy, and weigh 8 or 9 pounds.

They fly very high, once they get off; and some of them go away with a load of shot as if they enjoyed it.

There are deer there also, but we did not get a shot. They say there are tigers, but of late, when any one talks of tigers to us, we withdraw within our shells and ask some kind soul to put out the light.

The alligators have found out that we will not waste ammunition on them, and they smile at us, as we pass.

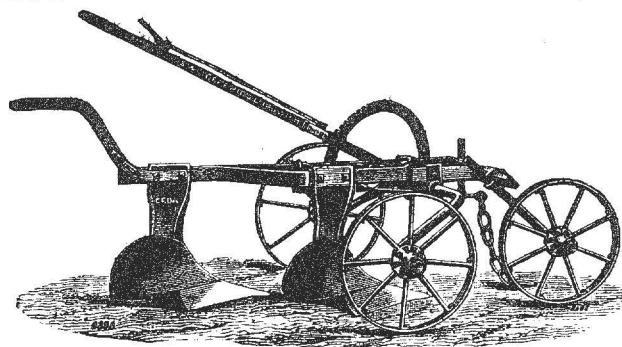
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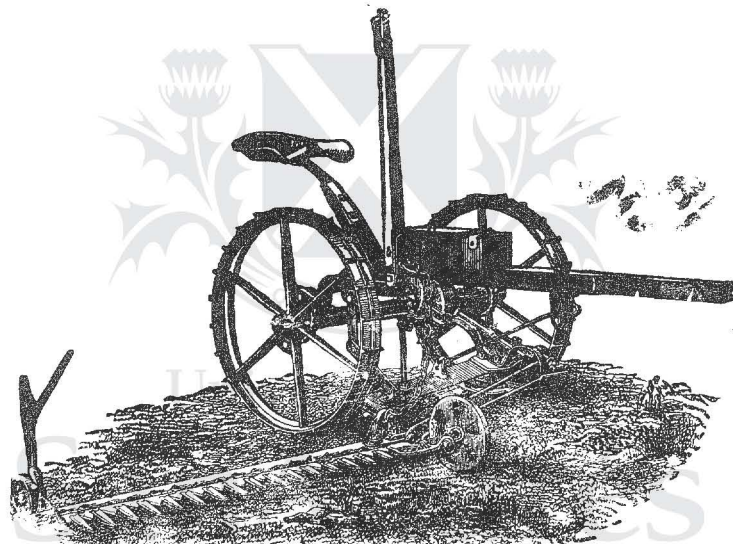
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