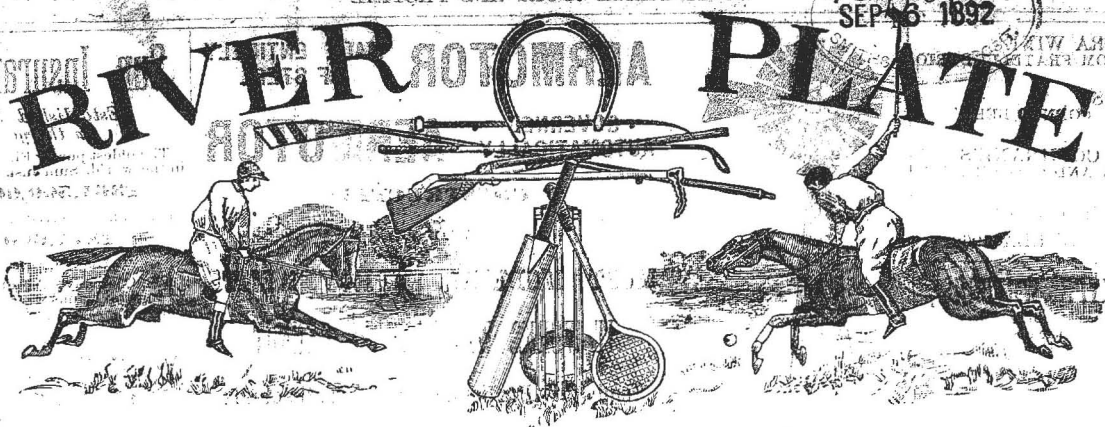


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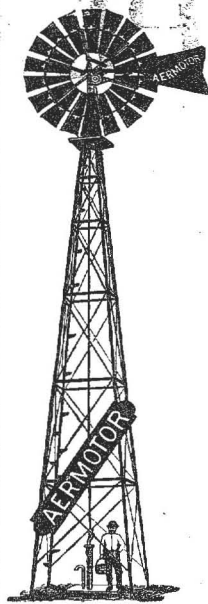
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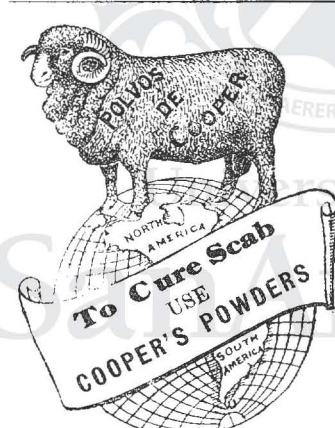
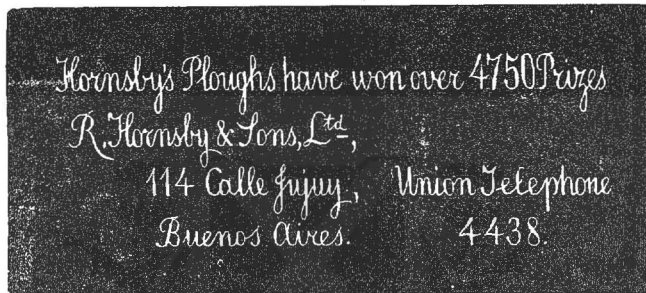
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RACING

NEWCASTLE AND GOSFORTH PARK MEETING—June 21.
 North Derby of 1200 sovs; 1½ miles.
 Mr T. Holmes's ch c Lauriscope, by Hagioscope
 —Harriet Laws, 8st 7lb. S. Chandley 1
 Mr Wallace's Sanctissima, 8st 4lb. Rickaby 2
 Mr P. Buchanan's Cardrona, 9st 1lb. Colling 3
 Sir R. Jardine's Rouge Dragon, 8st 7lb. J. Woodburn 4
 Mr F. Bates's Coverdale, 8st 4lb (car. 8st 5lb) E. Bowman 0
 Mr J. Bibby's Earl of Annandale, 9st 4lb. W. Platt 0
 Mr A. Blackburne's c by Childeric—Amber, 8st 7lb. Mr A. Thirlwell 0
 Lord Hastings's Circlet, 8st 12lb. Finlay 0
 Mr W. L'Anson's Collesie, 8st 12lb. F. W. Lane 0
 Mr W. L'Anson's Cantire, 8st 4lb. E. Field 0
 Capt. H. Lambton's Rosalura, 8st 4lb. P. Maguire 0
 Mr J. North's Mark Macgregor, 8st 7lb. A. Watts 0
 Mr R. I. Robson's Manna, 8st 7lb. Fagan 0
 Mr J. Lowther's Leventhorpe, 8st 7lb. Mullen 0
 Mr W. Winn's Lord Lieutenant, 8st 12lb. J. Chandley 0
 Betting: 2 to 1 agst Cardrona, 5 to 2 agst Sanctissima, 6 to 1 each agst Lauriscope and Manna, and 8 to 1 each agst Earl of Annandale and Rouge Dragon.
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June 23.
 Northumberland Plate of 1000 sovs; second to receive 50; 2 miles.
 Mr W. L'Anson's b c Newcourt, by Highborn
 —Orange Blossom, 4 yrs, 7st 3lb. Mullen 1
 Mr M. D. Peacock's Golden Drop, 3 yrs, 6st 11lb. S. Chandley 2
 Mr B. Maple's Clarence, 3 yrs, 7st 12lb. J. Woodburn 3
 Mr C. Perkins's Dare Devil, 4 yrs, 8st 10lb. Fagan 4
 Mr R. Vyner's Sedge Chat, 5 yrs, 7st 13lb. G. Chaloner 0
 Lord Hastings's Seaton Delaval, 3 yrs, 7st 5lb. Finlay 0
 Lord Gerard's Metallic, 3 yrs, 8st 11lb. A. Watts 0
 Mr W. Sanderson's The Pyx, 5 yrs, 6st 6lb. Harrison 0
 Betting: 7 to 4 agst Clarence, 5 to 1 agst Golden Drop, 8 to 1 each agst Newcourt and Metallic, 10 to 1 each agst Seaton Delaval, Dare Devil, and The Pyx, and 100 to 8 agst Sedge Chat.
 Won by a length and a half, two lengths between second and third.

June 24
 Seaton Delaval Plate of 1200 sovs (900 sovs to the owner, and 200 to the nominator, of the winner, and 50 each to the nominator and owner of the second), for two-year-olds; 5 furlongs.
 Lord Durham's b f New Guinea, by Minting
 —Newhaven, 8st 7lb. Rickaby 1
 Mr J. Bibby's Allan Ramsay, 9st 3lb. Platt 2
 Mr J. Snarry's Ormac, 8st 7lb. Wall 3
 Mr D. Baird's Endearment, 8st 7lb. Heckford 0
 Mr N. Fenwick's Vilette, 8st 11lb. Weldon 0
 Mr H. Hall's Master Munden, 8st 10lb. S. Chandley 0
 Lord Hastings's Sir Benjamin, 8st 10lb. Finlay 0
 Mr W. L'Anson's Napoleon III., 8st 10lb. Colling 0
 Lord Lascelles's Cytheria, 8st 7lb. Lofthouse 0
 Lord Lascelles's Sal Volatile, 8st 7lb. Mullen 0
 Mr J. North's Macgregor, 8st 10lb. J. Robinson 0
 Mr J. Osborne's Sextus, 8st 10lb. F. Osborne 0
 Mr M. D. Peacock's Harmby, 8st 7lb. J. Chandley 0
 Capt. H. R. Pease's Gander, 8st 7lb. Widowfield 0
 Mr W. Sanderson's Nymph, 8st 7lb. Harrison 0
 Mr Perkins's Stockholm, 8st 10lb. Fagan 0
 Betting: 11 to 8 agst New Guinea, 8 to 1 agst Allan Ramsay, 6 to 1 agst Master Munden, 3 to 1 agst Stockholm, and 100 to 8 agst any other.
 Won by a length, two lengths separated second and third.

SANDOWN PARK—June 23.

Fifteenth Renewal of the British Dominion two-year-old Stakes of 1000 sovs (the nominator of the winner to receive 100; the owner of the second 50; and the nominator of the second 25); 5 furlongs.

Mr Abington's b c Meddler, by St. Gatien—
 Busybody, 8st 3lb. G. Barrett 1
 Col. North's Emita, 8st 4lb. Allsopp 2
 Mr C. J. Merry's Stirrup Cup, 8st 1lb. Ibbett 3
 Mr E. Hobson's Scotchman, 8st 5lb. Rickaby 0
 Mr H. Milner's Faithful, 8st 4lb. G. Chaloner 0
 Mr A. Taylor's Anthemius, 8st 3lb. Gough 0
 Mr H. J. Mills' Wise Eye, 7st 13lb. Wheeler 0
 Mr T. Cannon's Arriere Pensee, 7st 13lb. M. Cannon 0
 Duke of Beaufort's Quilon, 7st 13lb. R. Chaloner 0
 Betting: 4 to 1 on Meddler, 10 to 1 each agst Emita and Arriere Pensee, 26 to 1 agst Stirrup Cup, and 50 to 1 agst any other.
 Won by three lengths, four lengths between second and third.
 Wellington Handicap of 500 sovs; 1 mile.
 Lord Bradford's br c Flank March, by Retreat
 Perversity, 3 yrs, 6st. Bradford 1
 Mr A. Kilsyth's Helen Ware, 3 yrs, 6st. P. Chaloner 2
 Sir S. M. Lockhart's Lumbent, 3 yrs, 6st 4lb. O. Madden 3
 Mr Dobell's Worldly Wise, 4 yrs, 7st 12lb. Allsopp 0
 Mr J. B. Leigh's Veau d'Or, 5 yrs, 7st 10lb. G. Chaloner 0
 Sir R. Jardine's Girthead, 3 yrs, 6st. H. Toon 0
 Betting: 6 to 4 agst Flank March, 5 to 2 agst Veau d'Or, 5 to 1 agst Worldly Wise, 100 to 12 agst Helen Ware, and 20 to 1 each agst Girthead and Lumbent.
 Won by three lengths, four lengths between second and third.

LATEST LONDON BETTING

The ST. LEGER—June 25.
 9 to 2 agst Orme (o; 5 to 1 t and w)
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 100 to 7 " Watercross (t and o)
 15 to 1 " May Duke (t and o)
 100 to 6 " The Smeu (t and o)
 20 to 1 " The Lover (t).

LAWN TENNIS

The Northern Championship week was concluded on June 15th at Liverpool. The tournament was a very great success in every way, thanks a good deal to the Hon. Sec., Mr Ray, Mr Brown, the chairman, and the other members of the committee.
 The Gentlemen's Singles Championship was won from Mr H. S. Barlow by Mr J. Pim. Both players were in good form, and Mr Pim thoroughly deserved his win, this making the third year in succession that he has gained the Northern Championship he now takes possession of the cup.
 The Championship Doubles produced a good match between Mr Pim and Mr Stokes and the Messrs Baddeley, the former pair won against the fine combination play of the brothers Baddeley through the steady play of Mr Pim and the brilliant volleying and smashing of Mr Stokes, whose talent in this respect is so well known.
 Miss Dod secured the Ladies' Championship, the holder, Miss Stanuell, having retired, and the Mixed Double All England Championship was won by Miss Dod and Mr A. Dod after a splendidly contested game against Mr W. Baddeley and Miss Steedman, in the first round, and an easy win over the holders, Miss Jackson and Mr J. C. Kay.
 In Scotland, the Championship of Scotland has been won by Mr A. W. Gore after a close fight with Mr R. M. Watson, and the Ladies' Single Championship of Scotland by Miss Jackson, the previous holder.
 The Gentlemen's Doubles Championship was won by Messrs H. G. Nadin and H. E. Caldecott.

CRICKET.

Notts added another victory to their unbroken list of county successes by a meritorious defeat of Middlesex on June 20th and succeeding days at Lords. The victory, says a home contemporary, was of sensational character, and the match was an excellent illustration of the uncertainties and surprises which are the very life and soul of the game of cricket. Notts made a bad beginning, losing three wickets for 38 runs, but Shrewsbury batted so finely that, aided by the failure of the Middlesex field to hold three very easy catches at different periods of the innings, the side were not got out before 466 runs had been put together. Of this total Shrewsbury claimed 212, having given only one chance, when he had made 158.
 To this the Middlesex bats men could only reply with 193, forty-six of which were put on by hard hitting, for the last wicket. Middlesex therefore followed on in a minority of 271, with four hours and twenty minutes left for play, and it seemed very doubtful if they could stay in so long, and by so doing, draw the match. When four wickets were down in the second innings for only 55 runs, this doubt seemed a certainty; but here a change was worked. Mr Stoddart, batting in his finest style gradually raised the score until with half an hour to go the cause of Notts seemed as hopeless as it been promising two and a half hours previously. But a second change here took place. A fortuitous hope in the shape of Sherwin as a bowler, resulted in the celebrated wicket-keeper bowling both Mr Webbe and Mr. Theisiger the result being that within only four minutes of time the last Middlesex wicket fell, leaving Notts victorious by an innings and fourteen runs.
 Scores:
 Notts—Mr. A. Jones 7, Shrewsbury 212, Gunn 1, Barnes 4, Flowers 27, Mr. J. S. Robinson 72, Attewell

59, Solacklock 36, H. B. Daft 13, Wilkinson 3, Sherwin 10, extras 12, total 166.
 Middlesex—Mr. A. E. Stoddart 2 and 130, Mr. A. J. Webbe 11 and 32, Mr. S. W. Scott 55 and 13, Mr. T. C. O'Brien 1 and 57, Mr. E. F. Matthews 61 and 0, Rawlin 4 and 1, Hon. F. J. Theisiger, 3 and 3, J. T. Hearne 3 and 0, Phillips 17 and 4, Mr. R. S. Lucas 2 and 4, West 32 and 4, extras 4 and 9; totals 195 and 257.

The match between Yorkshire and the Champion County Surrey proved, as was expected, an exciting one. Play on the first day was impossible, and Surrey were lucky in winning the toss as they were thus enabled to score the majority of their runs while the ball was wet and the wicket comparatively easy, whereas Yorkshire had to bat each time on most difficult ground, and under the circumstances it was a good performance of the Northerners to make such a capital fight. The character of the wicket may be judged from the fact that during the match thirty-seven wickets fell for 447 runs. During the two days on which play took place no less than £720 were taken at the gates.

Surrey in their second innings had totalled 81 for seven wickets when their captain closed the innings. This left Yorkshire 146 to get to win, for which task they had only two hours and five minutes of time, and were in the unenviable position of not having time enough to get the runs but still being able to lose. Naturally the finish of their innings was most exciting, Surrey only just managing to dispose of their opponents for 123 runs three minutes before time, and thus won by seventeen runs. The result was greatly owing to Lohmann's splendid bowling; in the second innings the Surrey bowler took eight wickets for seventy runs.

Peel and Wainwright were the most successful bowlers for Yorkshire.

Scores:
 Surrey—Mr. W. W. Read 20 and 5, Abel 11 and 4, Mr. R. J. Key 30 and 8, Henderson 14 and 21, Mr. Read 45 and 0, Lohmann 1 and 2, Mr. J. Shuter 6 and 27, Lockwood 6 and 7, Brockwell 13 and 6, Sharpe 0, Mr. A. F. Clarke 0, extras 5 and 6; totals 151 and 81.
 Yorkshire—Ulyett 0 and 7, Mounsey 14 and 6, Mr. A. Sellers 2 and 0, Peel 5 and 0, Wainwright 2 and 44, Moorhouse 26 and 5, Tuonicliffe 10 and 23, Hayley 17 and 24, Fletcher 0 and 12, Hirst 2 and 4, Hunter 0 and 0, extras 9 and 3; totals 87 and 123.

The Lancashire eleven showed up well in their return match against Oxford University at Manchester on June 20th, 21st and 22nd, when they were victorious by an innings and twenty-two runs.

Scores:
 Oxford—Mr. L. C. Palaret 18 and 7, Mr. R. F. Jones 10 and 5, Mr. C. B. Fry 1 and 0, Mr. M. R. Jardine 6 and 20, Mr. L. A. Phillips 4 and 10, Mr. T. B. Case 16 and 2, Mr. V. T. Hill 38 and 16, Mr. J. B. Wood 10 and 27, Mr. T. S. B. Wilson 6 and 9, Mr. G. F. H. Berkeley 0 and 0, Mr. J. A. Hig-on 0 and 9, extras 11 and 7; total 120 and 112.

Lancashire—F. Sugg 21, A. Ward 47, A. Smith 81, Mr. C. H. Benton 9, J. Briggs 11, G. Baker 29, Mr. S. N. Crossfield 2, G. Yates 51, Mr. A. T. Kemble 7, Ellis 12, A. Mold 1, extras 8, total 254.

Before their meeting neither Kent nor Somersetshire had won a match this season and their match in consequence attracted a fair amount of interest. The game was played at Catford Bridge, wet weather greatly interfering on the first day during which Kent were at the wickets. Somerset eventually won by four wickets. W. Hearne was the most successful bowler, his wickets costing less than ten runs a piece.

Scores:
 Kent—Mr. H. M. Braybrooke 20 and 45, A. Hearne 43 and 17, Mr. F. Marchant 28 and 7, Mr. L. Wilson 51 and 6, Mr. C. Mitchell 14 and 5, Mr. G. Champion 0 and 0, G. Hearne 1 and 4, Martin 10 and 2, W. Hearne 0 and 0, Wright 0 and 8, Leaney 17 and 12, extras 5 and 2; totals 189 and 108.

Somersetshire—Mr. H. T. Hewitt 33 and 54, Mr. C. Fowler 2 and 35, Nichols 6 and 21, Hale 0 and 22, Mr. W. C. Hedley 51 and 5, Mr. S. M. J. Woods 7 and 10, Mr. C. E. Dunlop 4 and 10, Mr. C. I. Robinson 4 and 3, Mr. C. E. Winter 0, Rev. A. P. Wickham 0, Tyler 2, extras 9 and 0; totals 138 and 160.

Notts and Lancashire concluded their match on June 18th at Nottingham and the result was in favour of Notts by six wickets. The victory was hardly expected as the home county had been set the task of making 222 runs on a bad wicket. Thanks to Gunn, Shrewsbury, Mr. Jones, Barnes and Flower victory was awarded Notts. Gunn showed to great advantage, remaining two hours and twenty-five minutes for fifty-six (not out). The second innings of the visitors occupied three and a half hours, and the runs required by Notts to win were hit in a quarter of an hour less time.

Scores:
 Lancashire—Mr. A. C. McLaren 29 and 0, Ward 18 and 19, Stigg 2 and 10, Smith 19 and 1, Briggs 0 and 19, Mr. G. Kemp 2 and 3, Mr. S. M. Crossfield 82 and 26, Baker 28 and 51, Mr. A. F. Kemble 1 and 31, Watson 1 and 4, Mold 0 and 10, extras 9 and 8, totals 217 and 182.

Notts—Mr. J. A. Dixon 18, A. Shrewsbury 12 and 49, Gunn 54 and 56, Barnes 37 and 37, Flowers 0 and 31, W. Attewell 0 and 4, Shacklock 24, Mr. J. S. Robinson 4, Mr. A. O. Jones 17 and 38, H. B. Daft 8, M. Sherwin 0, extras 4 and 7; totals 178 and 222.

To obtain 249 runs was the task which Yorkshire had been set by Middlesex on the last day of their match; there were only four and a half hours in which to do it, so that the finish of the game was an exceedingly exciting one. Thanks chiefly to a magnificent innings made by Ulyett the Northern County managed to score a four wickets victory half an hour before time.

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Scores:
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Yorkshire—Lord Hawke 26, Mounsey 3 and 15, Ulyett 5 and 11, Peel 54 and 11, Mr. A. Sellers 5 and 22, Wainwright 73 and 37, Mr. E. Smith 2 and 38, Moorhouse 26 and 9, Tunncliffe 5 and 0, Hirst 17, Hunter 6, extras 6 and 7; totals 228 and 250.

Leicestershire and Derbyshire played a match at Leicester on June 20 and two succeeding days for the benefit of John Wheeler who has rendered the Leicestershire eleven valuable assistance for many seasons. The finish of the game was of an exciting character. Nine of the Leicestershire wickets were down with one run still wanted as the last few wickets fell in alarming quick succession. This one run however was obtained and Leicestershire gained a victory by a wicket.

Scores:
Derbyshire 120 and 213, Leicestershire 256 and 78.

The Oxford and Cambridge match, which was commenced on June 30, promises to have a most exciting end, though the latest papers to hand have an account only of the first two days' play.

Oxford, going first to the wickets, totalled 365 runs, two of their men scoring over a hundred, a most exceptional performance, Mr. R. R. Jardine making 140 and Mr. V. T. Hill 114.

Cambridge only succeeded in putting together 160, to which Mr. G. J. Waigall contributed 63, and so had to follow on. A wonderful change now set in and for the loss of five wickets Cambridge at the end of the second day's play had scored 314, of which Messrs. Streatfield and Latham (both not out) had made 135 runs in an hour and twenty minutes. Oxford had, therefore, to dispose of the remaining five wickets and score the necessary amount of runs on the last day of play to win and avoid a draw.

THE BISLEY MEETING

By telegraph we learn that a great number of marksmen entered for the Queen's Prize, which was won by Major Pollock, and there were over two hundred entries for the St. George's Prize, India and all the British Colonies having sent representatives to the meeting.

Scotland won the Elcho Shield, and England the Kalephore Cup, a competition which has evidently been only established this year.

ATHLETICS.

The Irish Amateur Athletic Association were unfortunate in their weather for their annual championship meeting on June 18th, and the performances were, in consequence, much below the average, with the exception of D. D. Bulger in the 100 yds. long jump, and hurdles, and C. R. Dickenson in the quarter. The half mile was won by R. H. Moore from T. McMahon in 2 min. 34/5 secs. D. D. Bulger completed the 100 yards in 10 1/2 secs., easily beating the other two competitors; T. M. Ryan carried off the high jump with 5 ft 11 1/2 in. In the quarter mile C. R. Dickenson displayed a fine bit of running, winning easily from J. T. Magee in 51 1/2 secs., and D. D. Bulger covered 22 ft 10 in, or 2 ft 4 in over the standard in the long jump.

The New Zealanders made their second appearance at the Huddersfield sports. Great disappointment was expressed that Hempton, their champion sprinter, was not present, as he had not wished to run before the A.A.A. championships on July 2, as, with the exception of H. W. Bates in the hurdles, the visitors' performances were rather disappointing. In the 440 yards hurdles handicap S. Shaw and Batger both started from scratch, and had the latter not looked round in the run in he would probably have won, as he led by four yards from Shaw over the last hurdle, but as it was, the Londoner managed to get in first by a yard.

Gauchos and their Horses

So many of your readers are men to whom the horse is an animal eminently dear, that I venture to hope you may open your columns to a discussion on horses in relation to their natural masters in this country, to wit, the Gauchos.

Few real lovers of horses, finding themselves among Gauchos, can fail to have admired their skill in managing their roughly-tamed mounts.

So many of their methods are new to the average European, or man brought up among horses in other lands, that instead of indiscriminately decrying rough treatment, as is unfortunately too common among newcomers, the practical man will sit tight and take notes.

To start with colts and their handling. Perhaps the most useful dodge which the English or Colonial horsebreaker might learn, is the clever one of throwing the raw hide thong with a ring at the end (the cinchon of their recado), over the colt's head with a double turn, and then reaving the end of the thong through the ring, slipping

the rope noose over the quarters, and so below the hocks. The animal is then almost as helpless as if Rarefied. With our own methods of breaking the tying up of a foreleg is inevitable in some cases, but is to be deplored when used indiscriminately. Strange, that among a horsey nation like this, the Gauchos almost never use this method of bringing a horse under their power, though they acknowledge its efficacy when they see it applied. In many cases where we use the leg-strap, it would be much more easy to tie the hind legs together with the cinchon, while the colt is not nearly so liable to damage himself as under Mr Rarey's method, besides avoiding the difficulty of picking up the foreleg, an operation which I have often had to perform to throw a colt. When handling a colt, after tying up a foreleg, how common it is for the gentler to receive a nasty cow-kick. No more complete mistake can be made than imagining that a colt with the leg-strap on is powerless.

In handling a colt's hind legs, and in a short time rendering him broken-in-behind,—the reverse of the Yankee mule—the cinchon slipped over the hind legs, and tied as above described, is certainly the more handy method for rapid breaking, although of course in an English stable, with unlimited time, a colt can be handled and rendered gentle all over without either leg-strap or cinchon, unless he be unusually troublesome.

The casting line for castration, or other operation where the operator requires the horse to be lying on the ground, also seems much simpler than our side-lines, so awkward to place. I need not describe our side-lines, all men used to horses have had the pleasure of walking round colts for a quarter of an hour or more, endeavouring to get the bights over their hind fetlocks! Interesting work, no doubt, when you have plenty of time, but poor sport when you have some fifty colts to operate upon.

In casting a colt for castration, in the Argentine, I need not remind your camp readers that the forelegs, generally caught by a pial or throw of a lasso, are tied together, and if caught with a lasso the horse falls *per se*. With a tame colt a pair of hobbles, or simply two round turns of the lasso are taken round the forelegs, the stray end of the lasso forming a bight is now passed round one hind fetlock and back between the forelegs, not both, as with our side lines. The three legs are thus drawn into a bunch, and tied together—the colt lying extended. When lying on the ground a line is made fast to the fetlock of the free hind leg, passed between the forelegs underneath the shoulder, up over the wither, and the bight passed again round the free hind fetlock and drawn tight by the purchase obtained, the leg being thus raised, and the parts exposed for castration. There are many modifications of this latter operation of raising the hind leg, difficult of demonstration without illustration, which "Sport and Pastime" does not at present permit. During the operation the horse lies on his side, and not on his back, as is common in English veterinary surgery, which must diminish the risk of blood passing from the incised scrotum to the peritoneum.

Perhaps, after watching the Gauchos among their horses, one is most struck with the extraordinary ignorance displayed by them as regards a horse's ailments. Their curative and prophylactic remedies are of the crudest. An unfortunate colt, suffering from a bruised frog (camp horses are not shod, as a rule) or a rising splint, is promptly pronounced by the nearest *curandero* (quack) among the Gauchos to be "*manco del encuentro*" (anglicé, lame in the shoulder), and is subjected to the remedio of a thin cord of horse hair being passed through the skin of the shoulder. I have seen a similar remedy used in Iceland, where the Icelanders pass a seton of horse hair through the skin of the chest between the fore legs, as a cure for sore backs, the humor of the back being supposed to find an exit through the part perforated by the seton! No more common denoted cause for lameness obtains in the Gaucho's dictionary of horse complaints than this "*manco del encuentro*," or shoulder lameness—which was the stock explanation of uneducated farriers at home, in the old days, when an obscure case of lameness was presented to them for diagnosis. A pony was bought here some little time ago, with the hair absolutely removed from the skin at the point of the humerus, a result of frequent setons, the animal supposed to be afflicted with the universal complaint.

The poor colt was simply suffering from hor-miguerras, that wretched little burrowing parasite, the colloquial name of which is derived from the Spanish *Hormiga*, or ant, which finds a

home in the hoofs of horses in the Argentine. The hoofs were simply tunnelled out, some of the burrows of the little pests reaching almost to the coronet, a sufficient cause of lameness, speedily cured by the injection of dilute nitric acid, without any need of setons through unoffending shoulders.

A curious custom exists here, which may be local, of hanging a frog round the neck of a horse suffering from maggots in a wound or open sore. The maggots are fondly supposed to drop out as a result of this curious preventative. Possibly the idea of this remedio originates in the ordinary diet of a frog being flies, and thus it is supposed that the presence of the frog scares the parent fly, but why the frog should also scare the larvae is a question I leave to the Entomologists to decide.

A common cure among the gauchos for horses suffering from lameness is to tie hair tightly round the opposing leg, up to the point of causing pain. *Similia similibus curantur*, thus pain in one leg cures the other. The origin of this cure seems to be that the horse is forced to exercise the lame leg by the pain caused by the constriction of the other.

Some fine morning you will walk into the corral and see a colt bound hand and foot, with huge wooden gag in his mouth. The horse is afflicted with lampas, and anything more rough than the cutting out the swollen portions of the first two bars would be difficult to conceive. The operating knife is frequently a facon, or knife used for self protection, or aggression in case of a squabble. In case of a horse being very tired at the end of a long day's journey it is common to see the dismounted rider lance the roof of his horse's mouth with the same weapon, under the belief that this bleeding restores the vital forces of the exhausted animal.

Then what a halo of superstition surrounds *grasa de potro* (grease derived from the carcase of a horse) or *grasa de perro* (the fat of a dog). I have heard gauchos solemnly declare that on rubbing *grasa de potro* on the palm of your hand it will pass through and appear on the back! Needless to say that *grasa de potro* and *grasa de perro* hold supremacy among the few curative drugs contained in a gaucho's medicine chest, whether applied to man or beast.

To return to the more pleasing side of gaucho horse management, and hints which might with modification be made useful in civilized horse breaking, where an animal proves troublesome beyond the average. At times, when a horse being driven among a troop of others is inclined to cut out from the troop and returns to its own camping ground, you see the animal *boleado* by the gaucho in charge, thrown and its ear doubled and firmly tied thus by a few hairs drawn from the animal's tail. Frequently a *soga* or piece of green hide is also tied tightly round the forearm. After this I must confess that the previously obstreperous animal is content to run with its fellows.

I am not going to advocate the use of *boleadoras* in fenced camps, although undoubtedly they have their use in open camps, but I think this dodge of tying the ear of a troublesome colt during handling might be of service, as it distracts the animal's attention and is analogous to grasping the ear of a restive horse as an aid to mounting.

The above comprise a few items of gaucho horse lore, and possibly some of your readers may contribute some other strange remedies, or better still tell us of some other dodges used by the gauchos when gaining the ascendancy over their *mancarones*, which, however their treatment of them may belie the fact, they love as brothers.

W. L. L.

GARDENING NOTES

FLOWER GARDEN

Pruning of Shrubs.—Many trim and shear their shrubs into regular shapes, imagining that regular outline adds to their effect and beauty. While symmetry and regularity of form are to be admired in a shrub, this quality should never be gained at the expense of health and natural grace.

Each shrub has peculiarities of habit and foliage, and we should aim to preserve them as far as possible. Judicious pruning to secure health and vigour is necessary; but trimming all kinds of shrubs into one form shows a lack of appreciation for natural beauty, to say the least.

Weigelias, Deutzas, Forsythias, and Mock Oranges flower on the wood of the preceding year's growth, hence these shrubs should not be

pruned in winter or spring, but in October or November, after they have flowered, when the old wood should be shortened or cut out, thus promoting the growth of the young wood, which is to flower the following season.

Spireas, Lilaces, Altheas, and Honeysuckles may be trimmed during the winter or early in spring, but the branches should only be reduced enough to keep them in good shape.

The old growth should occasionally be thinned out, and the suckers and root sprouts removed when they appear. The best time, however, for pruning all shrubs is when they have done flowering. The Plumed Hydrangea should be severely cut back and thinned early in spring.

TREES WITH COLOURED FOLIAGE.

Some trees have remarkably distinct and showy foliage, and are, therefore, peculiarly valuable for planting singly or in groups.

Schweider's Maple, a new variety of the Norway, with purple foliage, is a charming tree, and promises to occupy a high place among purple-leaved trees. It is perfectly hardy, healthy, and vigorous.

The Blood-leaved Peach has beautiful crimson foliage, and when making its young growth is very striking. It grows rapidly, and becomes effective very quickly. It is, not, however, a long-lived tree, and should only be used where immediate effects are desired, making provision for its loss, which is likely to occur in a few years.

The Tricolour-leaved Sycamore is one of the handsomest of ornamental trees, its leaves being mottled and marbled with yellow. The variegation is constant and effective.

The Purple-leaved Sycamore is also a very interesting tree. The Variegated-leaved Bird Cherry has handsomely variegated foliage. Its branches droop, rendering it a very graceful tree. The Golden Oak, as well as the Purple-leaved Oak, are both distinguished for their remarkable foliage. The Acuba-leaved Ash has handsome, variegated leaves, and is very showy. And last, but not least, Acer, Nequedo Variegata, one of the handsomest variegated trees we possess, which should be in every collection.

I have brought these trees with beautiful foliage together so as to show what valuable material we possess for effective grounds.

If arranged judiciously and artistically the most extraordinary results may be produced.

Hortus.

DRAMATIC AND MUSICAL NOTES

The announcement of Mascagni's "L'Amico Fritz" coupled with his one act opera "Cavalleria Rusticana" attracted a full house to the Opera on Saturday. His latest opera is a charming little work and about as much unlike "Cavalleria Rusticana" as can be imagined. But the composer would have been wiser had he followed his own example in the earlier opera—that is compressed the whole of his work into one act with an intermezzo; for Erckmann—Chatrian's pretty little story is too slight to be spread over three acts.

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It was a good idea to have played the two works on the same evening as they form a happy contrast. The music is so utterly different from that of Rustic Chivalry—or as the "Standard" calls it Rustic Cavalry—that Mascagni must already be regarded as a versatile composer. In place of broad effects and fierce Italian passion, there is gentleness and fresh and subtle turns of expression.

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Of bright, original tune there is no lack, the most conspicuous examples being Suzel's song in the first act when she offers Fritz her violets; the showy finale, as light as that of an *opera bouffe*, the celebrated "cherry duet" which is particularly piquant; and the beautiful duet between Suzel and David, in which she repeats the Biblical story of Rebecca at the well. The intermezzo is as wild and passionate as that in "Cavalleria" is religious in tone.

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Sra. Pettigani showed her versatility by her girlish and engaging portrait of Suzel and sung superbly. Sr. Bayo as Fritz I did not greatly care for, his acting being somewhat too boyish. Sra. Rappini had a light task as Beppo and filled it well. Sr. Scotti as David not only sang his music well but infused a considerable amount of dramatic feeling and subtlety of expression into his conception.

Cavalleria Rusticana has in the space of two years gone the round of the civilized world and been warmly welcomed in every capital in Europe. To a Sicilian melodramatic tale of unlawful love, ending in the death of the betrayer at the hands of an outraged husband, has been written music in perfect harmony with the varying passions of the tale and in strict accord with the strange mixture of love hate, rivalry and religion which apparently constitute human nature in the Mediterranean isles of Sicily and Corsica.

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The orchestra was simply electrifying the performance of the intermezzo being impressively grand, the audience demanding an encore, and asking for a second.

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The Buenos Aires and Rosario Athletic Club performance, which I mentioned last week, is fixed for the 20th inst., and promises to be a good and an attractive show. The programme I hope to notice next week; amongst other items I note the smart little burlesque (The Rosebud of Stingingnettle Farm) in which some of our best amateurs are going to take part, so it should, and I have no doubt will, be a success.

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Amongst concerts to come should be mentioned that at Quilmes on Saturday next. The object is a good one, viz., the building fund of the church, and the promoters, the Rovers Polo Club, have kindly arranged for a special train back to town after the performance, which augurs well for a full house.

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Sundry and divers were the disappointments to theatre goers last week, on Thursday "Cavalleria Rusticana" was advertised at the San Martin, but owing to the indisposition of the tenor was postponed, and "Donna Juanita" took its place. "Mephistopheles" at the Nacional had to be postponed on Saturday owing to a similar cause.

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I was sorry not to be present at the concert of the German Sing Akademie, but the powers that be did not favour me with the necessary boletos. All tickets for concerts should be addressed to the editor and should reach this office the day before the night of the concert.

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Whatever he may be to the public the actor is seldom a hero to his landlady.

THE MAN IN THE STALLS.

THE FATE OF A NOTORIOUS FASTER.

Our readers will remember the Italian fasting man Succo whose long abstentions from food rendered him notorious some time ago. In his last public exhibition he broke down and last month he was found in the Boulevard des Italiens in Paris behaving very noisily. He was removed by the Commissary of Police and loudly affirming that he was the Emperor Caesar, was lodged in the infirmary where he was examined by Dr. Garnier who pronounced him mad. Doubtless the want of nutriment had affected the brain as well as the body and produced this disastrous end to his notorious career, as a "fasting man."

THE MARDEN PARK SALE

The Marden Park Sale was held on June 18th, when the yearlings, mares and foals and stallions which belonged to the late Mr. Hume Webster were disposed of. The prices ruled low; £300 was the highest price given for a yearling, three or four of which were knocked down for thirty and forty guineas owing to their showing slight signs of unsoundness. As Mr. Webster had disposed of the best of his mares shortly before his death, few only of those catalogued made long prices. Cherry Ripe by Sterling made the top price, M. Blanc giving 740 guineas for her, Prince Doria gave 300 guineas for Fame by Statesman; The Turk, sister to Craig Miller, went for 300 guineas, Captain Cookson gave 450 gs for Lady Lumley by See Saw, Mr. Blanc gave 380 gs for Pauline by Peter, the same gentleman giving 400 gs for Sundew by Bend Or.

The mares, of which there were 53, realised 10,034 gs., giving an average of just under 190 gs each.

George Frederick, who won the Derby in 1874, realised the smallest price probably ever paid for a Derby winner, as Mr. Guy Bethell paid only 65 gs for him. Sir Bevis was bought by Mr. Benson for 500 gs, whilst Mr. Lett gave 600 gs for St. Honorat, a fair price considering the horse never ran. Hazelhatch by Hermit, having a turf career to recommend him, made 1100 gs, the price paid for him by Capt. Fife.

Gauchos at the Wild West

At the Wild West Show, held in conjunction with the "Floweries" at Earl's Court, Messrs. Cody and Salsbury have supplemented their unparalleled combination in the arena—which already included all manner of Red Indians, Mexicans, Don Cossacks, and Cowboys—by the introduction of a band of Gauchos from the Llanos of the Argentine Republic, making the sixth delegation to the "Congress of the Rough Riders of the World" which is being specially organised for the Chicago World's Fair.

The heavy rains of the night and morning on Thursday did not contribute to the display or the comfort of the half-breed cavaliers from the Pampas, who, nevertheless, made brave display in their round Spanish hats and violet jackets over the sodden and unyielding ground. Yesterday they were seen to much greater advantage in the finest of weather by a multitude of spectators, including the Duchess of Edinburgh, Prince Ferdinand of Roumania, and Princesses Marie and Victoria of Edinburgh.

Like the Vaqueros of Mexico they ride with a long stirrup, and in this respect are quite dissimilar from the Cossacks, who have their knees almost up to their saddle bows. Specially skilled are the Gauchos in the wielding of the bolas—a string of raw-hide thongs 60 feet long, with an iron ball at either end, which is thrown with unerring aim about the legs of wild ostriches, guanacos, and other big game, here represented by stationary posts.

Nearly everything belonging to the gaucho is homemade, for, as that excellent authority Major John M. Burke remarks, "Even to the rude saddle and his boots, which are made from the skin (taken from the knee down and shaped to the leg and foot while warm) of a freshly-killed cot, and sewed at the toe, thus forming, practically, a leather stocking without toe or heel."

Mr. Kingsland, the well-known Argentine dealer, has imported 15 wild horses, on which the Gauchos show wonderful dexterity; but their style differs little from that employed by the Cowboys. They have great pluck and determination, and unanimous applause followed one example of their prowess, in which two of them, after having been rolled in the dirt, mounted the same horse, and, despite his frantic endeavours to unseat them, rode him triumphantly round the ring.

The Gauchos should undoubtedly prove attractive auxiliaries to "Buffalo Bill's" display. Perhaps the arrival of the South Americans stimulated the other members of the show, but certain it is that the buckjumpers never caused more hearty enthusiasm, that the Cossacks on heads and heels never performed more daring feats, and that even the stolid Redskins seemed determined to outdo themselves.—"The Daily Telegraph," June 25.

Paper-chase at La Banda

On Sunday, the 17th inst., instead of the conventional polo it was decided to have a paper-chase, and helped by a few of the Tucuman division, a very good run was the result.

Two hares started at 2.30, well mounted on good "leppers" and fully supplied with the necessary "scent," and at 2.45 the hounds started in pursuit.

The meet was the corral of the engineer's house, and the field numbered altogether 19.

At the first fence, the gate of the corral, the first spill occurred to a recent addition to our number, with no worse result than a little time lost in catching the loose horse. After this, wirefencing being very plentiful and fences few and far between in the immediate neighbourhood of La Banda, we had a fast run of a league on the flat. The next jump, a post and rails, caused another mishap, which appeared a nasty one; however, nothing more than a shaking came of it.

The hares now took a good line of country, through monte and over a variety of fences and acequias, one of the former being especially bad, a natural double which was safely negotiated by all, though on the arrival of the tail things had been made a bit easy for them.

After two leagues of this sort of country the course was down the bed of the Rio Dulce, the galloping being very bad, and the pace fast on the wet sand. After a league of this the hares took to the country again, at the entrance to which was a baddish pantauo, which upset the two leaders; now came a few more wood jumps; and the pace improved as the field entered the Santiago road, which proved to be the straight run in for home. Here the hares were sighted, and a good race home was the result, the hares getting there first 50 yards in front of about half the original number that started, the rest having been left at various points and straggling home in small detachments.

Altogether the course was a little over five leagues, and contained about 25 jumps, and was negotiated in an hour and a half exactly. The hares are greatly to be congratulated in finding such a good course in a country so full of wire and impassable monte.

The day was very fine and the run was thoroughly enjoyable, so much so that it was decided to repeat the dose in three weeks, when it is hoped a few more of our Tucuman friends will be present.

Unfortunately owing to their want of appreciation of sport, paper-chases do not seem popular with the natives and the various owners of potreros, but it is anticipated that in time they will get used to them, and will not grumble at the extra work entailed in repairing the many gaps made in their fences.

POLO

BELGRANO V. THE ROVERS

Quite a large and fashionable crowd assembled at the Belgrano ground on Sunday to witness the match between the home club and the Rovers, and to partake of the hospitality of Mr and Mrs Ennor. Neither club was at its full strength, the Rovers playing without their captain, Mr A. Yeomans.

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| The teams were— | |
| Belgrano. | The Rovers. |
| 1. E. Robson. | 1. F. Pettigrew. |
| 2. E. Richards. | 2. A. M. Hudson. |
| 3. J. K. Cassels. | 3. J. M. Mullaly. |
| Capt. Beaulierk (back). | A. Murray (back). |
| Mr Junes Taylor, umpire. | |

The Rovers were not long in getting to work, and Mullaly scored a goal for them before the game had been three minutes old, but before long Belgrano equalised matters, Cassels hitting a goal, leaving the score at the end of the quarter one goal all.

On restarting play, Belgrano pressed their opponents very hard, and there was a good deal of scrimmaging in front of goal till Richards put the ball through. The home club still continued to have the best of the fight, Richards putting in some capital work and running the ball well down the ground two or three times. Robson now scored again for Belgrano, after which the Rovers made a determined rush on their opponents' goal, from which Mullaly scored. A few minutes of up and down play finished the quarter.

Score—Belgrano 3 goals, the Rovers 2.

The Rovers were not long in getting on to the ball when it was thrown in, and taking it down to the Belgrano lines hit behind. Thanks chiefly to Richards, the home club soon relieved the situation, and soon were again having the best of the game. About this point there was a tremendous amount of missing near the Rovers' goal, apparently by both sides, and the game in consequence got terribly slow, till Robson scored again from a scrimmage. The pace went better on recommencing, and the ball travelled faster. Pettigrew hit a goal just before time, and left the score Belgrano 4 goals to the Rovers 3.

After a few minutes slow play in the Rovers' half of the ground, Cassels scored a fifth goal for Belgrano, and on recontaining the home club had always the upper hand; a capital long shot at goal by Richards only just missing the posts. Both Cassels and Richards several times worked the ball down to their opponents' lines, but Murray, on each occasion, returned it well.

The game now was much faster, and the Rovers made a vigorous attack which had it not been for an unfortunate cross given against them, would have resulted in a goal, as Hudson put the ball through. However, Belgrano were given a free hit, and Richards getting possession made a capital run along the side of the ground, but his last shot was very wide and nothing resulted. From the hit out the home club did not allow the ball to get away far from the back line, Richards getting possession, and taking it neatly round, scored the best goal of the day, and made the match safe for his side.

Only a few minutes were now left for play, during which the pace was much better than before, Pettigrew got on the ball and scored a goal for the Rovers just before the whistle sounded for time, an appeal for offside being disallowed by the umpire. The match, therefore, resulted in a win for Belgrano by 6 goals to 4.

For the losers, Murray was difficult to get past at back, and Pettigrew played remarkably well as No. 1.

For the winners, Richards surprised every one and played a splendid game, especially when mounted on old Revolution, who seems to have taken a new lease of life, and appeared to be one of the fastest ponies on the ground. Cassels also played well forward, but not so well as we have seen him, and the same may be also said of Robson. Capt. Beaulierk was again mounted on borrowed ponies, and was in consequence somewhat handicapped.

The ground looked remarkably well, but owing to the dry weather was a little hard and bumpy, making accurate hitting at times rather difficult.

MONTEVIDEO

The return match of the Irish and Orientals against the World was played on Sunday last before a large concourse of spectators. The weather was lovely and the ground good. Two quarters only were played. The World were severely handicapped on account of Henderson's ponies not turning up, and he had to play on strange ones, which altered the whole game, and to this is principally due the defeat that his side suffered.

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| The teams were— | |
| Irish and Orientals. | The World. |
| 1. W. Yarrow. | 1. A. Gillemard. |
| 2. R. Artega. | 2. E. Henderson. |
| 3. A. Davie. | 3. E. Danvers. |
| L. Owen (back). | F. Davis (back). |

The game was slow at first, the ball being taken slowly down towards the World's goal, when from slow play in front the ball was put through by Anteaaga. There was afterwards no improvement in the pace of the game. Davie and Yarrow each added a goal to the score from loose play in front of the World's goal, and the World next secured a free hit from an offside of Yarrow, but they were only relieved for a short time, as the Irish and Orientals drove them down to their quarters again, when Owen secured the fourth goal for his side.

Shortly after this Gillemard made the best and only run worthy of mention in the first quarter, taking the

ball right down the ground, but when just in front of the Irish goal he missed; the ball was hit on by Danvers, but unfortunately it struck a pony's leg and missed the goal. Time was called just after, score, 1 and 0's 4 goals to nil.

On commencing again Anteaaga took the ball down to the World's goal and put it through and Danvers scored again a few minutes afterwards. This seemed to stir the World up, and Gillemard and Danvers getting hold of the ball took it up the ground splendidly, the latter putting it through.

Play then remained in the centre, when Henderson getting the ball ran it right down the ground and put it through. After the throw in Danvers took the ball down the side of the ground and centered to Gillemard, who put it through.

Nothing further was scored, leaving the Irish and Orientals winners by 6 goals to 3.

The winners owe a great deal of their success to the splendid play of their No. 1, Yarrow, who clung to Davis like a leech. Anteaaga played hard for his side, as did Gillemard for the World. Henderson was out of it on account of playing on strange ponies, although in the second quarter he was better mounted and was able to show up better.

The losers have challenged the winners for another game on the 25th August.

RACQUETS

Much interest was centred in the racquet match between Hurlingham and Flores, which had long been talked of and was finally arranged to be played off at Caballito on Sunday last.

The day was all that could be desired, and both clubs were fully represented, the pairs being arranged as follows:

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| Flores— | |
| C. R. C. Miller, J. Macadam. | |
| A. B. P. Boyd, J. K. Theobald. | |
| O. Tudor, G. Crane. | |
| Hurlingham— | |
| J. D. O. Bridges, V. Ker Seymour. | |
| R. A. Sumner, J. Gifford. | |
| J. White, J. Ravenscroft. | |

It was arranged to play the tournament American fashion—each pair playing each—but unfortunately the day was too short to allow all the ties to be played off, and so the match resulted in a draw in favour of Flores, the scores standing at four sets to three.

It is certain that had there been daylight enough the last games would have been very exciting. Flores had started with the lead, scoring four sets to one; but the Hurlingham men played up well and reduced the advantage to four sets to three, and though it is more than probable that Flores would have eventually won it was by no means the certainty it appeared at one time.

Altogether it was a most enjoyable day, and the luncheon at the Restaurant Campidoglio, to which the visitors were invited by their Flores friends, was not the least enjoyable feature of a thoroughly pleasant day.

The following are the scores:

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| C. R. C. Miller and J. Macadam beat J. Gifford and R. A. Sumner, 15-12, 15-4. |
| C. R. C. Miller and J. Macadam beat V. Ker Seymour and J. D. O. Bridges, 15-5, 15-11. |
| J. White and J. Ravenscroft beat C. R. C. Miller and J. Macadam, 15-12, 15-12. |
| A. B. P. Boyd and J. K. Theobald beat J. Gifford and R. A. Sumner, 15-1, 15-13. |
| A. B. P. Boyd and J. K. Theobald beat J. White and J. Ravenscroft, 15-3, 15-8. |
| J. D. O. Bridges and V. Ker Seymour beat O. Tudor and G. Crane, 15-7, 15-15, 15-6. |
| J. White and J. Ravenscroft beat O. Tudor and G. Crane, 18-16, 17-16. |

Unfinished games:

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| A. B. P. Boyd and J. K. Theobald beat J. D. O. Bridges and V. Ker Seymour, 17-4. |
| J. Gifford and R. A. Sumner beat G. Crane and O. Tudor, 15-11, and were beaten 18-17. |

GOLF

STIMIED BY A SNAKE AT HURLINGHAM.

Our Golf reporter has been "pressing" a bit lately, and was too overcome to give us his account of last week's play. This week the links have been in fine order and some good matches have been played. An interesting foursome was played on the 17th between Messrs. Gumpert and Ker Seymour and Messrs. Ravenscroft and Lace, the former pair winning somewhat easily at the finish. Lace looks quite like a coming player. Ker Seymour seems to improve every time he honours the links.

We were all, years ago, given to understand that snake stories were played out, but Sunday last proved the error of our calculations. In a match between Clunie and John Gibson, the former's second shot going to the home hole lay within four or five yards of the hole. On reaching his ball he found he was dead stymied by a snake about two feet long. The novelty of the thing attracted Gibson's attention, who promptly used his mick in an efficient way, fatal to the snake. Had the stymie been anything but a snake I should have thought nothing of it, but as I am assured by others of the veracity of the statement, I can vouch this is not a snake story but a snake fact.

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SPORTING NOTES

The football match between Quilmes A.C. and the Caledonians, which was to have been played at Quilmes last Sunday, did not come off, as the Caledonians were disappointed in not being able to raise a full team.

There was a capital practice game of polo on the Quilmes A.C.'s ground on Sunday, a full number of keen players being present.

The Buenos Aires F.C. v. Lomas Academy A.C. match at Lomas next Sunday promises to be a good one, as a strong team will represent each club.

The return Rugby match between the teams representing England and Ireland v. Scotland and Wales will be played on Sunday, August 7, at Quilmes, at 3 o'clock. The teams will be published next week. Judging from the names of those who are being asked to play, the game should be in every way as good a one as the original match played at Hurlingham last month.

I am glad that the Belgrano Polo Club have commenced to build the pavilion for their ground, and I believe the tennis courts are shortly to be made, so that the club will soon be more of a pleasant Sunday afternoon meeting place than ever.

By the way there is not a single Polo Club here which can boast of a scoring board, although the necessity of having them is more apparent at every match. For instance at Belgrano last Sunday I don't suppose half a dozen of the many people present on the ground knew the final result of the game, many of them probably going away without knowing which side had won.

Two black boards with the name of a competing club on each, under which the number of goals scored could be hung, would cost little and add immensely to the interest undoubtedly already taken in the matches by those who witness them.

At a meeting of the Committee of the Buenos Aires Lawn Tennis Club, held on Friday 22nd July, seventeen new members were elected, bringing the number of ordinary members up to the limit of 100.

The match against Rosario postponed on 9th July will take place on Saturday the 6th August. It is probable that Messrs. Daniel, Ratray, Sheehan, Lucas, Condor, Francis, Neill and Dale will represent Rosario; and that Messrs. Still, Knox, Verschoyle, Seymer, Bridges, Boyd, Bowden-Smith and Hill will play for the Buenos Aires Club. Play will commence at 9.30 a.m.; there will be tea provided in the afternoon for members and their friends.

A Club Tournament (handicap) has been arranged for the 30th August when prizes will be offered for Ladies and Gentlemen's Doubles and Gentlemen's Singles. The entrance for the Doubles is \$2.50 each and for the Singles \$3,

Armida died on Monday from the result of injuries received from his fall in the second race last Sunday. Harding, the jockey, is progressing favourably.

I hear that Saint Honorat was brought at the Marden Park sale for the Curamalan stud. The price paid for the son of Hermit and Devotion was £600.

At the end of the racing season Esperanza will go to the Chacabuco stud, where he will make a worthy successor to his sire Chivalrous. Perhaps the best horse out this year, and with every chance of winning the Gran Premio de Honor, he will be able to retire from the turf with a splendid record, and will, I hope, turn out as good a stallion to the Messrs. Casey as Chivalrous was.

More Argentine race horses sold to the Brazilians. Señor Acosta, the owner of the ecurie Titan, has sold Estoque and Central for £500 and £400 respectively to a Rio Janeiro sportsman. If they go on buying at the same rate as they have been doing lately, our friends up north will leave us only a few crocks to dispute the usual Sunday and holiday races.

The four-year-old Diamond by Phoenix—Blissful, has also been sold to a Brazilian sportsman for £300. He was shipped last Saturday for Rio by the Ahuitaine.

Athos will be shipped next month for Rio, where he will run in the Premio Derby Club on the 7th September and the Gran Premio America of 25,000\$ gold on the 12th October next.

The Premio Diez y seis de Julio of Rio de Janeiro for three-year-olds, 16,000\$ to the first, 3200\$ to the second, and 1600\$ to the third, which was to have been run on the 16th instant, has been postponed.

The race was founded by the Jockey Club of Rio on the anniversary day of its formation, and was successively won by Rabelais in 1887, Rapido in 1888, Suavita in 1889, Theropolis in 1890 and Heaume in 1891.

I am sorry to hear that I. Diaz is suffering from a bad hand, which will prevent his appearing in the saddle for a short time. From the same stud I also hear that Camors is better, his illness only being a slight one, of which he was easily cured.

The meeting which should have taken place last Sunday will be held to-morrow at Palermo. The Premio Iniciacion, the classic event of the day, has been creating a good deal of interest for some time past in the different "Casas de Sport," and at the moment of writing the betting stands as follows: Araucano 4 to 1, the Buenos Aires Stud's pair Niobe and Edelweiss 9 to 2, Soleil 6 to 1, Rivadavia 15 to 1, Capitan Lopez stable 90 to 1, La Petite Ecurie 23 to 1, Las Ortigas 20 to 1, Ecurie Argentino 20 to 1, Ecurie Bolivar 45 to 1, Ecurie Prisonero 70 to 1, Ecurie Titan 75 to 1, Ituzaingo 23 to 1.

A good bag of snipe was obtained the other day by Messrs. Peter and Colt, on Señor Calderon's estancia "La Flor," Entre Rios. It consisted of ninety-two snipe, two teal, one pigeon. The day was an unfavourable one, and it was blowing half a gale, and the work severe, as the mud took the shooters up to the knees at every step. The birds were very wild owing to the high wind.

During the last week, Buenos Aires has been in quite an artistic ferment owing to the caricature competition. Well known sportsmen have been button-holed in the street by budding Millais and embryo Spys with an impassioned request, "Lend as a good photo of yourself old chap." Some of the artists have even suborned younger brothers, or appealed to the tender feelings of wives or sisters to procure the much desired likeness. A well executed and inoffensive caricature is amusing as a piece of work and interesting as a recuerdo and I hope that another competition may bring forth further talent in this line.

It is quite time that the attention of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals was called to the disgraceful way the tramway horses

in this city are shod. In almost every other case the shoes are so carelessly put on that the poor brutes who wear them have to work with bleeding fetlocks, caused by the shoes projecting out beyond their hoofs, or nails not properly filed down.

To anyone with any affection for animals the sight is sickening. As if the poor little horses had not a hard enough life of it on the slippery, uneven stones without enduring any further unnecessary pain, and I hope the tramway managers will have the matter pointed out to them as soon as possible.

One of the members of the Strangers' Club complained to me the other day of having had his coat stolen from a peg in the corridor of the club by a person unknown. As he justly said, he thought at least his coat was safe in one of the principal clubs in town, especially as the coat must have been stolen by someone connected with the club itself.

Whether Mr. Buffalo Bill has been exceptionally skilful in advertising his gauchos or whether they have been brought before the public outside the show by the South American gentlemen who are doing so much at home to make their visit to England a pleasant one, I cannot say, but they are certainly attracting an unusual amount of attention, and the papers, both illustrated and otherwise, all have a something about them.

Here is the "Daily Graphic's" description of the Gaucho, which, if nothing else, is original: "They are melancholy men, these riders of the wide stretching Pampas. A compound of the Indian and the Spaniard, they combine with a disregard of money and an inveterate love of tobacco the imaginings of the poet and the inspirations of the musician. The Gaucho is rarely to be seen except astride his wiry long-tailed mustang. He is, indeed, rarely to be seen in any guise now except in the upper provinces of Catamarca, Corrientes, and Santiago del Estero. He can tell from the footprint whether a horse which he passed some time before has been running free or has had a rider. This Centaur of the South American prairie replaced the Indian, and is now, in turn, giving room to the colonist from Europe. His cloak is usually ragged, a large knife is stuck through the sash that girdles his waist, his hair is black and tied up in a red handkerchief under a slouch hat, his boots are formed of the skin of a horse's hind leg—the hock forming the heel—and he clanks a pair of prodigious spurs."

The "Sporting and Dramatic News," in its last issue to hand has a series of pen and ink sketches of the Gauchos at the Wild West Show, and in each case they are carefully represented as wearing Scotch caps! these, coupled with their loose-flowing bombachos, drawn more like kilts than anything else, give to the Gauchos the appearance of Highlanders out on the "spree."

As for the Gaucho's horses, a sporting paper at home says that though a three-cornered lot enough, the South American horses show more breeding than the bronchos used by the cowboys at the show. Their shoulders, too, are better, a matter of some importance to the rider when he and his beast have a difference of opinion. The absence of vice in the Argentine horse seems to have astonished all those who went to see them, all their antics being simply the result of fear.

When one comes to think of it, there are, perhaps, no horses in the world other than the criollos but would be ruined by the rough treatment they are subjected to in their breaking in, a clear proof of their good temper and freedom from vice. I wonder what use a thoroughbred colt would afterwards be if he were hit over the head with a heavy reberque the first time he was mounted.

Of the many rough ways of breaking in the Japanese method of training their ponies is, I should imagine, the roughest. The pony is mounted for the first time by a rider armed with a kind of board, and the poor colt is belaboured over the head with this board till, literally, his spirit is completely broken, as one might well expect, and he becomes, in future, nothing more nor less than a "moke."

A coroner's inquest was held in London last month to enquire into the death of a man who had been killed by a horse near the Strand. It appears that the horse was one of those belonging to the Wild West show, an unbroken South American, which was being taken by some of the gauchos to Earl's Court in the usual way, that is to say, he was being led by a man who had a rope from the horse's halter tied to the cinch ring on his saddle. The gaucho's horse slipped going through Park Lane and the rope breaking the led horse bolted, and though one of the men succeeded in lassoing him, there was no foothold for his horse on the slippery pavement, and the "fiery untamed" got away again. He was eventually captured near Waterloo Bridge, but not before he had inflicted the injuries which terminated fatally to a passer-by who had tried to catch him. The sight of two or three gauchos attempting to lasso a horse in Park Lane must have been about as curious a spectacle as it is possible to imagine.

Boots.

PRIZE COMPETITION

Our prize of \$50 for the best caricature has been won by Mr R. H. Morgan. As two or three caricatures of ourselves were sent in for competition, we were unable, therefore, to judge the drawings, but handed them over to a committee of three gentlemen who awarded the prize as stated above.

We hope to give the subject for another Prize Competition in next week's issue.

FOOTBALL

FIXTURES.

RUGBY

Sunday, July 31—Buenos Aires F.C. v. Lomas A.A.C., at Lomas.

Sunday, Aug. 7—England and Ireland v. Scotland and Wales, at Quilmes, at 3 o'clock.

ASSOCIATION

Sunday, July 31—Scotland and Wales v. England and Ireland, at Quilmes. Train leaves the Central Station at 2 o'clock.

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 Buenos Aires.

Sunday, Aug. 14—Rosario A.C. v. Quilmes A.C., at Rosario.

Monday, Aug. 15—Roldan A.C. v. Quilmes A.C., at Roldan.

Sunday, Aug. 21—Quilmes A.C. v. Buenos Aires F.C., at Flores.

Sunday, Aug. 23—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.

ENGLAND v. SCOTLAND.

The following is the revised list for the Association England v. Scotland match, to be played next Sunday, July 21st, at Quilmes:

England

F. X. Carter (Quilmes), goal.
T. M. Knox (B.A.), C. W. Reynolds (Lomas), full backs.

M. Macadam, L. J. Woolley (B.A.), Tucker (Quilmes), half backs.

H. Tudor, B. B. Syer, B. Guy (B.A.), W. G. Cowes (Lomas), C. D. Moffat (Quilmes), forwards.

Scotland.

W. H. Masters (B.A. and R.Ry.), goal.

H. Gordon (B.A.), W. Leslie (Lomas), full backs.

J. Angus (Caledonian), A. Buchanan (Quilmes), Philips (Lomas), half backs.

A. Lamont, J. Buchanan (Quilmes), J. Caldwell, Muir (B.A. and R. Ry.), J. Leslie (Lomas), forwards.

Mr. McKewin, referee.

Players will leave the Central Station by the 2 p.m. train. Scotland will wear blue Lomas shirts, and England white.

RUGBY

ROSARIO A.C. v. BUENOS AIRES F.C.

The return match between these two teams was played at Plaza Jewell, the well-known ground of the Rosario Athletic Club, on Sunday last, in glorious weather. As the game had been looked forward to by many enthusiasts, it was no surprise to see about 400 spectators present at the commencement of the game. Forbes was unable to play for the visitors, his place being filled by P. Permain, the rest of the team remaining as originally selected. T. Parry (of polo renown) was the only absentee from the Rosario ranks, M. M. Graham being his substitute. When the teams turned out they seemed about evenly matched as far as weight was concerned.

The Rosario skipper won the toss, and elected to play against a slight wind. Goodfellow kicked off, Webster returning, and a scrimmage was soon formed in neutral ground. The leather getting loose, some good forward play by both sides was witnessed, when Usher picking up made a useful run, and passed to Webster, who failed to get hold till near the goal line, when he succeeded in rushing the ball over, being smartly tackled by Coubrough and A. Anderson. A maudlin ensued, in which Webster got the ball, and gained the first try for Rosario. Wilkinson failed to convert. Goodfellow dropped out, and Beaumont getting hold made a useful run for his side, but being collared a scrimmage was formed, the B.A. forwards were working hard, but failed to take the ball out of their 25, though ably backed by some short runs of A. Anderson and Coubrough. After some loose play Boardman gained the second try for Rosario by means of some smart passing of Webster, C. Holloway, and Rowbottom. Wilkinson took the place, and this time kicked an easy goal.

A goal and a try in eight minutes shows how fast the game was. These reverses put the Buenos Aires men on their mettle, Goodfellow kicking off, the forwards by some dashing play in which G. S. Anderson and Corry Smith were to the fore, brought the ball into the Rosario 25. Usher relieving his side by a short run and kicking into touch from the line out the leather was passed to A. Anderson, who could not get far, Webster tackling well; a scrimmage took place, Lees picking up passed to Jacobs, who tried a drop at goal but failed, and from some loose play the ball was carried over the Rosario line, Kinch gaining a try for B.A. Jacobs, for a wonder, failed at a rather difficult place. Beaumont dropped out, and the leather being promptly returned a series of "pucks" were held in the Rosario 25, and A. Anderson getting hold passed to Coubrough, who, with a strong run, crossed the line, the Rosario full back failing to tackle him, Jacobs converted into a goal. Beaumont kicked off, and the Rosario forwards with a combined rush, in which Dale, Boardman, and Rowbottom showed up well, carried the ball over the line, but their efforts only resulted in a dead ball. Soon after the drop out the B.A. got a penalty kick, through a Rosario forward being off side. Some give and take play now occurred, G. S. Anderson doing a power of work for his side. Again B.A. were pressed, but their lines were relieved by Fothergill, who kicked into touch. Half time was now called; score, a goal and a try each.

After a five minutes interval the teams again took the field. The Buenos Aires team are noted for their strong play in the second half, and this match was no exception.

Beaumont started the leather, and after a few scrimmages in the B.A. 25, some neat passing among the B.A. backs made up a little ground, well helped by some useful runs. When they scored another free kick through Talbot being offside.

Webster and Usher in vain tried to score, the B.A. back playing a splendid game, and after a few pucks the ball was passed to Coubrough, who made a good run, Holloway tackling well. A scrimmage ensued in the Rosario 25, when B.A. were awarded another free kick, a Rosario forward picking the ball out of a scrimmage, Jacobs landing a neat goal. Beaumont kicked off, and the ball was once again in the Rosario quarter, by means of some splendid forward play, when Lees getting hold scored another try for his side, Jacobs again improving. The leather was restarted, and, from a foolish pass of a B.A. forward, C. Holloway picked up and made a good run, and from some loose play the leather crossed the line, Jacobs saving for his side.

Soon after the drop out C. Holloway again got hold, this time scoring, but Wilkins failed to improve. Time being called left B.A. winners by 3 goals (one from a penalty kick) and 1 try to 1 goal and 2 tries. H. B. Lawrence made a good and impartial referee, while A. W. Towse and C. Ellery officiated as touch judges.

It is hard to particularise anyone from such a good lot of players, but perhaps Coubrough, Fothergill and A. Anderson behind, and G. S. Anderson and Corry Smith forward, were about the best, while for Rosario, Webster, Usher, and the two half backs and Rowbottom, Boardman, and Kinchant seemed to do most.

Teams: Buenos Aires—

F. W. Fothergill, full back.
C. Coubrough, A. Anderson and F. Jacobs, three-quarter backs.

T. Lees and P. Permain, half backs.
A. G. Goodfellow (captain).

L. Corry Smith, G. S. Anderson, C. Kennard, E. Kinch, E. V. Bowman, H. Cornwall, A. Thornton and Gilderdale.

Rosario—

J. D. Pryce, full back
T. Usher, C. Webster and G. W. Pumpfrett, three-quarter backs.

C. Holloway and P. Talbot, half backs.
J. Beaumont, captain.

R. B. Rowbottom, M. M. Graham, F. Kinchant, B. E. Holloway, E. E. Wharton, H. Dale, F. W. Boardman, B. L. Wilkinson.

ASSOCIATION

B. AIRES AND ROSARIO RY. v. BUENOS AIRES

On the 24th, on the somewhat rough ground at Flores, the above clubs played their return match. The Buenos Aires men lost the services of Tudor on the left wing, while the four gaps in the Railway team were ably filled by Lomas men, all of whom it is to be hoped will figure in the International match next Sunday at Quilmes. A late start was made. The Railway won the toss and had both sun and wind in their favour.

For ten minutes the Buenos Aires team were entirely on their defence, Cowes and Leslie, well backed up by the three Railway half backs, being very dangerous round the posts. The home team, however, saved all shots, and then Guy, Syer and Agar transferred the attack to the other end, a corner kick resulting, which Woolley misplaced. After the kick off Gibson put in some good return kicks for Buenos Aires, and at last, after some close passing right in front of goal, and two fine saves by Masters, Guy scored a goal for Buenos Aires by a fine screw shot across the goal right out of Masters' reach.

On restarting, Cowes, Hughes and Leslie were again very busy amongst the Buenos Aires backs, both Leslie and Hughes putting in shots, but the home goal-keeper saved on each occasion, and luckily for Buenos Aires a very hot shot of Leslie's went just the wrong side of the posts. After some middle ground play, in which Macadam and Williams took a prominent place, Whitworth gave Buenos Aires a corner kick which dropped within a foot of the cross bar; Masters punched well away, and Woolley putting the leather well back into the goal, some close play resulted in Syer lifting a sharp shot just over the bar. Half time was called with Buenos Aires one goal in hand.

After the usual interval, the wind having nearly dropped, the ball was restarted, and Guy and Syer on left and right wing made it very hot for Singleton and Whitworth at back, but Masters in goal was too good, and despite three corner kicks preserved the Railway goal intact. Then Raff, kicking in fine form, passed to Cowes, who gave the ball to Leslie, and the latter shot into goal, where Gordon unfortunately handled and the referee very properly allowed a penalty kick. This was taken by Reynolds, who failed to score. The Railway, however, were not to be denied, and five minutes later Leslie and Hughes got possession, the latter shooting for goal, when the ball hit the cross bar and dropping right into the goal bounded through the posts off the Buenos Aires full back. Buenos Aires, who had been very slack and dispirited since half time, now pulled together, and tried hard to make another goal, but again and again Masters saved his charge. Just before time was called Leslie and the right wing ran well down and looked like scoring had not the run been stopped by the referee's whistle.

For the Railway, Cowes and Leslie played a hard, fast game, Leslie still being too fond of a dodgy dribble before passing out, while Reynolds, Williams and Raff were all very steady in passing and kicking; Masters in goal was first class, saving often what looked like certainties.

For the home team, Agar in the centre, and during the second half Syer and Guy on the wings, worked a fine passing game, Macadam as usual being ubiquitous and untiring, while Gordon at back was invaluable.

Mrs Boyd and Mrs Woolley dispensed the hospitalities of the tea-table to friends and foes.

The teams were as follows:

Railway—
Masters, goal.
Whitworth and Singleton, full backs.
Raff, Reynolds and Williams, half backs.
Cowes, Hughes, W. Leslie, Fraser and Godwin, forwards.

Buenos Aires—
Knox and Gordon, full backs.
Woolley, Macadam and Gibson, half backs.
Syer, Fowler, W. Agar, Guy and M. Hughes, forwards.
ESTHER.

RACING

PALERMO—JULY 24.

As regards attendance the meeting last Sunday was the best we have ever witnessed, more ladies being present than we ever remember. A different tale, however, has to be told of the fields, as out of the 160 entered only 59 went to the post for the seven events on the programme, and of most of these the loss said about them the better, as they certainly were not the pick of our racing studs, although it was confidently expected that all the best horses would run.

Most of the interest in the Premio Armada Nacional was lost when it was known that Esperanza was not a starter, and the race itself resulted simply in an exercise gallop for Finance, though his time for the 1750 metres was returned at 1.50, showing it was an exceptionally fast run race.

Great dissatisfaction was expressed at the Judge's decision in the first race, the general opinion being that Colon had won by a good neck, whereas the judge gave Pirata the race by a head.

Armida fell in the second race, and we are afraid both he and his jockey were seriously injured. Mudo scored his first real win in the Premio Almirante Brown, and Enochantress in the two-year-old race the Premio El Plata. The Premio Crucero Patagonia was reduced to a match between Phoebus and Politica, the former winning with ease.

Considering the number of people present the betting on the races was very much below the average, probably due to the uncertainty in the minds of backers as to the real intentions of the

owners running horses, the popular opinion being that the meeting was being used as a convenient public trial, and very few of the horses were run to win. The benefit derived from the meeting to the funds for the new Rosales' construction results as follows:

Commission on the "Sport" money.....	\$ 25,140
Entrances to course.....	4,500
Donations by members of the Jockey Club.....	7,000
Donations for the "Casas de Sport".....	4,000
	\$ 40,640

Details:

PREMIO TORPEDERA ESPORA, a handicap for horses that have not won more than \$3000, a gold medal to the 1st, a silver medal to the 2nd; 1300 metres.

Ecurie Prisonero's b c Pirata, by Pepper and Salt—Bardana, 3 yrs 50 ks.....	P. Oroná	1
Stud La Prensa's Colon, 3 yrs 47 ks.....	J. Bayardi	2
Sr. E. Casal's Gorrión, 3 yrs 55 ks.....	R. Garrido	3
Mr. Mantón's Gitana, 3 yrs 53 ks.....	J. Olmos	0
Ecurie Ecurie's Pharaon, 3 yrs 55 ks.....	P. Torres	0
Stud Esperanza's Severac, 3 yrs 55 ks.....	P. Aguilera	0
Capitan Lopez' Corsario, 3 yrs 54 ks.....	E. Figueredo	0
Stud La Tablada's La Capital, 3 yrs 44 ks.....	C. Bracerco	0
Stud Niño Dorado's Monk, 4 yrs, 49 ks.....	Martinez	0
Stud San Juan's Nahuel, 4 yrs, 48 ks.....	G. Alca	0
Sr. A. Sibourd's Descubierta, 4 yrs 47 ks.....	A. Ricca	0
Sr. A. Amare's Fleurette, 7 yrs, 40 ks.....	Rodriguez	0
Sr. E. del Castillo's Briton, 4 yrs 45 ks.....	J. Acosta	0
Ecurie Argentino's Gerente, 4 yrs, 40 ks.....	C. Bueno	0
Stud Solitaire's Musical, 5 yrs 38 ks.....	C. Peñalba	0

A very close race. Pirata took the lead from the start and kept his position to the finish, beating Colon by a head; half a length between second and third.

Tickets—Pirata with 377 win and 602 place, Colon 262 and 609, Gorrión 215 and 298, Gitana 140 and 207, Pharaon 821 and 1170, Severac 361 and 432, Corsario 212 and 533, La Capital 42 and 89, Monk 41 and 198, Nahuel 49 and 92, Descubierta 71 and 103, Briton 12 and 22, Fleurette 16 and 36, Gerente 22 and 69, Musical 30 and 55.

Dividends—Pirata \$12.04 win and 4.20 place, Colon 4.53 place, Gorrión 7.18 place.

PREMIO ACORAZADO EL PLATA, for maiden two-year-olds; a gold medal to the 1st, a silver medal to the 2nd, colts 52 kilos, fillies 50 k; 1000 metres.

Stud Las Ortigas' ch f Enchantress, by Star—Embuche.....	J. Cirolí	1
Sr. F. C. Malbran's Bouchon.....	S. Gil	2
Ecurie Catalinas' Sensacion.....	Martinez	3
La Petite Ecurie's Gualicho.....	P. Torres	0
Stud Phoenix' Phleguet.....	J. Cruz	0
Stud Forster's Tourbillon.....	D. Castillo	0
Ecurie Prisonero's Albor.....	P. Oroná	0
Ecurie Argentino's Satis.....	A. Aguirre	0
Capitan Lopez' Melpomenes.....	J. Cardoso	0
Ecurie Aníma's Armida.....	W. Harding	0
Stud La Noria's Sylvia.....	G. Morales	0

Gualicho, followed by Melpomenes, led to the straight, when Bouchon went to the front. At the padlock Enchantress came up and easily disposing of Bouchon won by a length; half a length separated second and third.

Tickets—Enchantress with 670 win and 1126 place, Bouchon 1011 and 1354, Sensacion 36 and 90, Gualicho 225 and 473, Phleguet 175 and 357, Tourbillon 34 and 79, Albor 21 and 374, Satis 170 and 398, Melpomenes 1115 and 1592, Armida 128 and 141, Sylvia 53 and 98.

Dividends—Enchantress \$9.72 win and 3.53 place, Bouchon 3.25 place, Sensacion 21.25 place.

PREMIO ARMADA NACIONAL, a limited handicap between 62 kilos and 50 kilos, a gold medal to the 1st, a silver medal to the second; 1750 metres.

Capitan Lopez' b l Finance, by Beaudesert—Donna, 5 yrs 62 ks.....	R. Garrido	1
Stud Las Ortigas' Amazon, 6 yrs 50 ks.....	J. Cardoso	2
Ecurie Talisman's Calandria, 4 yrs 50 ks.....	J. Cruz	3
Mr. Mantón's Golondrina, 4 yrs 52 ks.....	J. Olmos	0
Ecurie Chantilly's Mio, 5 yrs 52 ks.....	N. Grigera	0
Ecurie Montevideo's Nelly, 6 yrs 50 ks.....	P. Lara	0
Stud Boqueron's San Carlos, 5 yrs 50 ks.....	Rodriguez	0
Stud Terminacion's Terminacion, 3 yrs 50 ks.....	S. Gil	0
Ecurie Titan's Cabula, 4 yrs 50 ks.....	F. Pacheco	0

The issue of the race was never in doubt. Finance went to the front soon after the flag was dropped, and never being headed throughout won from Amazon by a length; half a length between second and third.

Tickets—Finance with 4641 win and 4297 place, Amazon 2377 and 9579, Calandria 447 and 719, Golondrina 1108 and 2167, Mio 158 and 312, Nelly 250 and 518, San Carlos 224 and 426, Terminacion 128 and 268, Cabula 158 and 480.

Dividends—Finance \$3.51 win and 2.35 place, Amazon 2.49 place, Calandria 4.09 place.

PREMIO ACORAZADO ANDES, a handicap for any horse that has not won more than \$12,000, a gold medal to the 1st, a silver medal to the 2nd; 1600 metres.

Ecurie Indecis' ch h Buridan, by Tristan—Belle Croix, 4 yrs 51 ks.....	J. Olmos	1
Capitan Lopez' Brandy Snap, 3 yrs 51 ks.....	J. Cardoso	2
Stud Entre Rios' Nogoyá, 6 yrs 48 ks.....	S. Rodriguez	3
Ecurie Prisonero's Erato, 4 yrs 51 ks.....	P. Oroná	0
Ecurie Titan's Barata, 4 yrs 49 ks.....	F. Pacheco	0
Stud Entre Rios' Tala, 4 yrs 45 ks.....	S. Rodriguez	0
Stud Newmarket's Arundel, 8 yrs 46 ks.....	S. Gil	0
Sr. J. B. Zubiaurre's Guerrillero, 4 yrs 46 ks.....	J. Bayardi	0
Sr. A. Amure's Fleurette, 6 yrs 37 ks.....	C. Peñalba	0

Nogoyá made the running for a thousand metres, when Buridan went to the front and shaking off a vigorous challenge from Brandy Snap won by half a length; a length between second and third.

Tickets—Buridan with 3597 win and 3048 place, Brandy Snap 1451 and 1622, Nogoyá and Tala 794 and 1171, Arundel 234 and 235, Guerrillero 453 and 514, Fleurette 75 and 121.

Dividends—Buridan \$3.76 win and 2.84 place, Brandy Snap 3.59 place.

PREMIO CRUCERO PATAGONIA, a handicap for two-year-olds that have run, a gold medal to the 1st, a silver medal to the 2nd; 1200 metres.

Stud Phoenix' ch c Phoebus, by Earl Clifden—Noble, 49 ks.....	J. Olmos	1
Ecurie Catalina's Política, 46 ks.....	Martinez	2

The pair ran together to the stands, where Phoebus drew out and won easily by a length.

Tickets—Phoebus 1428 and Política, 731.

Dividends—Phoebus \$2.57.

PREMIO ACORAZADO ALMIRANTE BROWN, a handicap, a gold medal to the 1st, a silver medal to the second. 2500 metres.

Sr. F. C. Malbran's ch c Mudo by Whip—perin—Good Bye 3 yrs 50 ks.....	J. Cruz	1
Stud Niño Dorado's Pertoldi 5 yrs 40 ks.....	Martinez	2
Stud Camors' Zángano 3 yrs 53 ks.....	P. Olivera	3
Stud Forster's Liniers 4 yrs 45 ks.....	D. Castillo	0

The flag was dropped to a wretched start. Mudo and Liniers were the first in front, Mudo soon taking a good lead which he kept to the finish winning easily by a length from Pertoldi, a bad third.

Tickets—Mudo 4820, Pertoldi 921, Zángano 2601, Liniers 377.

Dividend—Mudo \$3.07.

PREMIO CRUCERO 25 DE MAYO, a handicap, a gold medal to the 1st, a silver medal to the second. 1000 metres.

Stud El Plata's ch h Huracan by Muncaster—Pyrites 4 yrs 50 ks.....	J. Cardoso	1
Sr. J. E. Coronado's Riflero 3 yrs 56 ks.....	Aguirre	2
Capitan Lopez' Zampa 4 yrs 48 ks.....	P. Aguilera	3
Mr. Mantón's Tedworth 5 yrs 59 ks.....	J. Olmos	0
Sr. S. Clavario's Le Torpilleur 4 yrs 56 ks.....	P. Torres	0
Ecurie Talisman's Sirince 4 yrs 51 ks.....	J. Cruz	0
Stud La Prensa's Falucho 4 yrs 48 ks.....	J. Bayardi	0
Ecurie Indecis' Palaina 3 yrs 47 ks.....	S. Gil	0
Stud Entre Rios' Nogoyá 5 yrs 46 ks.....	S. Rodriguez	0
Sr. E. Acebal's La Mora 3 yrs 38 ks.....	A. Garcia	0
Stud Niño Dorado's Wolf 3 yrs 45 ks.....	S. Martinez	0

La Mora led at a short distance from Tedworth to the turn for home where Riflero took up the running; opposite the stands Huracan came to the front and an exiting finish between Zampa and Riflero and the last named resulted in Huracan beating Riflero by a head, with the same only separating second and third.

Tickets—Huracan 1485 win and 1550 place, Riflero 2875 and 2204, Zampa 251 and 536, Tedworth 169 and 145, Le Torpilleur 718 and 873, Sirince 797 and 1309, Falucho 286 and 447, Palaina 498 and 1079, Nogoyá 365 and 374, La Mora 467 and 471, Wolf 215 and 437.

Dividends—Huracan \$9.30 win and 3.59 place, Riflero 3.12 place, Zampa 6.22.

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	WIN	PLACE	WIN	PLACE
Premio Torpedera Espora—				
Pirata.....	\$17.60	\$4.90	\$20.55	\$4.25
Colon.....	..	10.20	..	11.00
Gorrión.....	..	15.30	..	13.80

Premio Acorazado El Plata—

Enchantress.....	10.55	4.95	10.90	8.80
Bouchon.....	..	11.10	..	5.85
Sensacion.....

Premio Armada Nacional—

Finance.....	8.35	2.75	5.90	3.85
Amazon.....	..	2.15	..	2.50
Calandria.....	..	26.30	..	73.35

Premio Acorazado Los Andes—

Buridan.....	6.65	3.40	4.60	2.15
Brandy Snap.....	..	4.30	..	4.85
Tala.....	..	12.90	..	30.50

Premio Crucero Patagonia—

Phoebus.....	16.40	4.00	6.15	2.70
Política.....	..	5.80	..	13.75

Premio Acorazado Almirante Brown—

Mudo.....	18.55	5.15	12.50	3.05
Pertoldi.....	..	18.05	..	10.30
Zángano.....	..	6.00	..	4.70

Premio Crucero 25 de Mayo—

Huracan.....	20.95	5.00	29.90	5.45
Riflero.....	..	5.65	..	4.45
Zampa.....	..	10.05	..	3.80

ANGLING.

Buenos Aires, July 25.

To the Editor *River Plate Sport and Pastime*.
Dear Sir,—
I am sure there is a large community here that would read with pleasure the experiences of other fishermen in this country. There is fishing to be had here. I have had some real good sport. To-day I have not time to give you particulars, but I shall be only too glad next week to tell you and your readers of my experiences, patience and luck in this country.—Yours truly,
HUGH McRORT.

ESTANCIA AND COLONY.

* * * We cordially invite and will be very pleased to receive communications for this column.

A cross of two pure breeds combines the good qualities of each. Just as some of our most valuable fruits, grains, and flowers are crosses of two varieties so with animals. The excellent Shropshire sheep is a crossbred; so is the Hampshire and the Oxfordshire. The Yorkshire cow was originally a cross bred, and so was the grand Shorthorn. In modern use a cross of Guernsey has improved the Jersey; a cross of the Jersey has done the same for the Ayrshire; and the polled Aberdeen has added some points of value to the Shorthorn. But it is not wise to interbreed the progeny of a cross without judgment; indeed it is bad to breed pure blood injudiciously. How much has been done by crossing the pure breeds on our native stock (which is a breed as much as any) unjustly called scrubs? Every one cannot have pure stock and if crossing breeds were a mistake how many would be left out in the cold?—Farmer and Stockbreeder.

The annual show of Percheron horses has been held this year at Nogent-le-Rotrou, which is in the very heart of the Perche district, and the most striking feature in connection with it was the increasing proportion of blacks, the reason assigned for this being that the Americans, who have been such good customers to the breeders of Percherons, will not look at grey horses. The consequence is that at the recent show there were nearly a hundred black horses out of 259 entries, whereas a few years ago there would not have been one in six. The entries included forty-nine stallions of four years and upwards, sixty three-year-olds, and seventy two-year-olds, while there were thirty mares of four years old and upwards, eighteen three-year-olds and twenty-four two-year-olds. The Russians and the Swedes were the principal buyers at the show, but it was officially stated that Percheron breeders do not intend to send anything to the Chicago Exhibition next year—in the first place, because they do not approve of the classification; and secondly, because they do not think it would be good policy to come into competition with their American customers.—Live Stock Journal.

The Remate Feria at Las Rosas on the 7th and 8th of next month promises to be a most important event as animals are catalogued from the well known estancias of Las Rosas, Las Lomas, El Refugio, La Germania, La California, Las Joyas, and Las Limpias. The Saturday night train from the Once will have sleeping carriages which will run right through to Las Rosas; these carriages will remain at the station till Monday night and may be used to sleep in, which will no doubt be found a great convenience. Most of our readers know the excellent hotel close to Las Rosas station.

We learn from the Partido de Navarre that the sheep farmer's prospect this year is bad. The sheep are poor, the ewes have no milk for their lambs and there are in consequence a great many dying, and if the frosts and dry weather now being experienced continue it is probable that large numbers of sheep will be lost.

The news received of the murder of Mr. Butler the proprietor of a dairy farm at Morón has again sent a thrill of horror through all Englishmen. We cannot regard without serious feeling the prospect of having a live spent in industry and usefulness terminated by the dagger or revolver of some villain who will not even receive the fate which he merits. It is some consolation to the community when a murderer really is put out of the way; but when as we see it in this country a peaceable and industrious man is slaughtered by some idle or drunken scoundrel for no reason whatever and the is not even attempted to be really punished to say nothing of executed, ones blood boils and one wishes for the institution of the Court of Judge Lynch cuanto antes.

Notices from Santa Cruz inform us that the winter there is of exceptional severity, the ground in that territory being covered with two feet of snow. Even the staff of the sub-prefecture have deserted not being able to stand both cold and want of food and have preferred the journey on foot of 60 leagues to Punta Arenas to a death by slow starvation at Gallegos.

The following is the route fixed for the Niederleiss expedition which will start in a few days with the object of obtaining specimens for the Chicago Exhibition. The party will travel by Rosario, Paraná, and Barranqueras to Resistencia and the colonies of the Chaco Austral.

They will also visit Corrientes, Lake Iberá, the Appipé falls, Posadas, the old Paraguayan town Encarnacion and the ruins of the Jesuit colonies. The party will return by the mountains of Misiones to Candelaria and thence to Primer Misiones where there is an old copper mine. They will visit various Indian settlements and plantations of yerba and sugar and will hunt and fish to their hearts content. A detour will be made to the Victoria falls so well known to our readers by the recent articles in the *voyage of the Dart*. Other places visited will be Villa del Pilar, Formosa, Villeta, Pilcomayo and Asuncion. The return will be then to the North of Santa Fé. The party will be accompanied by persons having the necessary for a complete study of the neighbourhood traversed.

Those who wish to make a tour over more or less the territory described in the "Cruise of the Dart" can arrange to join the expedition by calling at Port 260.

In "El Periódico del Estadero" is an interesting account of a new breed of sheep recently brought into notice by the Society of Agriculture and Natural History at Lyon. The breed is called "Millyer" from the district in the canton of Givros where it has been developed. The wool averages 2½ kilos per head. The fecundity is very great as except in the first parition the generality of the lambs are double with a large number triple and even quadruple. The teats are well developed and the yield of milk is at first 2 to 3 litres per day falling afterwards to 1½ litres. The quality of the milk is good for cheese making which is a rising industry in the Millyer district.

The following extract from a letter addressed to the "Field" will interest wool growers:

In the Colonias where sheep-shearing is on a very different scale to the Old Country—it is not a very extraordinary thing for one shearer to clip 200 full sized sheep in one day, even by the old-fashioned hand shears. None of my old farmer friends here will believe me when I say so; but will reply, "Well, I reckon myself a good man at it, and I can't do more than twenty or twenty-five in a day." One man did admit to having shorn thirty-five, but they generally say, "Oh! ah! now tell us another."

I will briefly give you my experience on a station in South Canterbury, New Zealand. During shearing in November and December, 1890, ten Maories (on one board) and eleven whites (on the other) in twenty-five days sheared, by the old-fashioned hand shears, 50,880 cross-bred Lincoln-Leicester sheep. There were 1123 bales, and the total clip of wool was a little under 198 tons. The hours were from 5 a.m. to 5 p.m., with deductions for breakfast, 7 a.m. to 8 a.m.; for dinner, 12 a.m. to 1 p.m., and three "smokes," leaving nine to nine and a quarter hours for clear work. These figures give an average of ninety-six sheep per man per day, and an average of five and three-quarter minutes occupied with each sheep all through; and, after deducting 11 lbs. per bale for the sacks, there would be an average of 8 lb. 9 oz.—or a fraction under—per fleece.

In taking these figures into account, allowance should be made for one day that we knocked off at 12 sharp in order that the men might record their votes for the Parliamentary election, eight miles away. There must also be deductions for at least half a dozen days when rain stopped shearing for several hours; on one day we were stayed from 12 till 5 p.m., and there were, too, several hot "nor-westers," which make the wool to cut like wire. But for the whole of these hindrances, of course each shearer's average would have been increased. The shearers were paid 15s. per hundred. Two or three of the men's tallies reached as many as 200 sheep, and the highest of all was 208. I may say that I weighed and branded the bales as they come from the press, and that I kept the books from which, as a curiosity, I have copied these figures. At a neighbouring station—thirty miles higher up the same valley, belonging to the Hon. Robert Campbell and Sons, and where only Merinos were kept—I saw that same season the Wolsley machines at work. There are twenty-four machines driven by, I believe, a 16-horse steam engine, and they were worked by second season men.

By the courtesy of the manager I was enabled to examine the whole process and see the wool-books and tallies. The highest tally was 187 as against 208 in the other shed, done by hand. The sheep were shorn by the Wolsley much more evenly, and it is claimed that 5 oz. to 6 oz. more wool per fleece is obtained. That may be so the first year, but I am not convinced that it is so again. The sheep are less cut; though sometimes a long narrow strip will be taken, especially in the wrinkled Merinos. I saw one ewe get her throat cut and killed, for which the shearer had to pay 6s. 6d. An Australian squatter told me that, sometimes, machine-shorn sheep will die from sun-stroke, and that in the N. Z. summer they will sometimes suffer badly from cold in a wet season.

I have frequently timed with a stop-watch in the presence of witnesses, the actual shearing of a sheep in 2½ min. to 3½ min., both by old-fashioned shears and machine. The latter involves costly shafting bands and steam engine. There must also be two machines to each shearer; and coal be burned at £2 a ton for the engine. Besides wear and tear the machine involves extra labour, for, in addition to an engine driver and assistant, there ought to be two skilled machinists to repair machines. Still, the extra five to six ounces of wool will soon recoup this outlay, if they get it.

An application of the shearing machine driven by hand power at trifling cost is being brought out in Birmingham, easily worked by turning a handle; and this should admirably suit small farmers and "cockatoos."

BUENOS AIRES FROM DAY TO DAY

Those who wish for a little amusing reading should not fail to read the section of the daily papers headed "Campo Neutral." In this anything but neutral ground will be found set out at length the various documents relating to duels, etc., and also the pleadings in the law courts in the principal causes celebres. Some times these pleadings are bristling with abuse, at other times the advocate tries to avoid offending the susceptibilities of his client's opponent.

In the pending action against the recent street row in La Plata in which the Governor of the Province and Sr. José Figuería were "protagonistas," the latter gentleman was accused of desecration, and his advocate in his defence adopted the novel plea that his opponent the Governor suffers from morbid germs which attack him with unfair violence and produce attacks of rage which seriously injure his brains, and on this account renders him like others so afflicted rather worthy of pity than of anger. We can confidently recommend this "Campo Neutral" of the daily papers as a fertile ground of amusement.

Sr. Miguel Cané has just completed, and will shortly publish, a translation into Spanish of Shakspeare's play of "Henry III." It is said that he has succeeded very well in maintaining the spirit and essence of his author, a task very difficult in all translations, to say nothing of an author so *sui generis* as Shakspeare.

Absit omen. We read that at a recent Presidential reception one of the guests in stooping down to pick up some harmless object, let fall a by no means harmless dagger which he had concealed about his person. Some people are afraid of this as an omen, as when, on the last occasion that Juárez Celman attended the Cathedral, the white wand of office, or some other bauble, was forgotten, and superstitious people professed to see in this an omen that he would never attend the Cathedral again in an official capacity, which, as we all know, came true. But, although the "Prensa" did try to frighten us the other day with notices of a moon which set in a blood-red flame, we cannot regard the falling of such a usual Spanish article of dress as a dagger, as of any greater value as an omen than the dropping of a collar stud or any other trifling incident. "Sin embargo, absit omen!"

Of course, after the state of siege was taken off it was only to be expected that we should hear all kinds of rumours; but it is a little early to talk of revolutions. Still this ominous word "revolution" has been before the public daily during the past week with very slight foundation, only that of a purchase of cartridges by a "joven desconocido," who drove up to a cambalache in a hansom and took a stock away with him. This got to the ears of the Chief of Police, and hence all over the town, and into the papers, and so furnished the latter with something to talk about since the Rosales disaster, which bid fair to fill the papers with lists of donations ranging from \$20,000 to 10 cents, the latter being as religiously recorded as the former.

One good thing the state of siege did was to clear the streets and shop windows of those obscene productions which in this country go under the name of caricatures. These have again reappeared, and are if anything more obscene than ever. What a difference there is between the north and south of Europe in what constitutes wit!

Whilst on the subject of caricatures, we once saw a boy in the street selling Mackern's Guia, and shouting at the top of his voice: "La guia de Makena con caricaturas, y el extracto de todos los ferro-carriles."

There is nothing really new about the loss of the Rosales. All hopes of the rescue of her poor sailors are now practically abandoned, and although the foreign papers here universally condemn the conduct of the officials, the native ones unfortunately deem it truer patriotism to consign their conduct only to the inevitable sumario.

The Scotch Church have lost the Rev. Mr Porteous, but have in his successor, Mr Wilson, a gentleman who appears as if he were in the right place.

We had the pleasure of meeting him a few days ago, and hope that he will be able to continue the work of his predecessor amongst the younger members of his congregation and the English Literary Society. A few clergymen like the Rev. Canon Pinchard are sadly needed, who combine the virtues incident to their calling with a thorough human nature.

The Buenos Aires police appear to have got hold of the gang who have been robbing the Banks so ingeniously recently, by means of forged cheques issued out of books obtained by them from the Banks on the strength of letters

bearing the real signatures of their customers, but whose subject matter had been taken out by chemical means and the request for a cheque book introduced in its place. The authors of these "estafas" appear to hail from the sunny shores of Spain, and to have had regular branches and correspondents in various camp towns.

An attempt is being made to establish in Buenos Aires an Athenæum for the benefit of the literary, scientific, and artistic section of the community. The object is certainly a very laudable one and will probably meet with the success it deserves.

The telegrams received during the week announcing the probable massacre of Sir Ewan Smith and his family by the Sultan of Morocco, in which country Sir Ewan Smith was the British representative, have excited great interest, as the consequences of such an event would have been most serious. Fortunately, later telegrams have come to hand announcing the safety of all the party. Really, the sensational character of the telegrams received make us suspicious of the news of the victory of the "Grand Old Man."

The Nuevo Banco Ingles del Río de la Plata opened its doors to a willing public on Saturday last. We can only say that we wish it a good mount, a good race, but no finish, as such institutions should be eternal.

The Montevideo branch of the old bank seems doomed to linger over the process of death, as the financial doctors of that city have given it a further moratorium for six months.

At last the hideous barren waste surrounding the far famed grotto in plaza Constitution is being put in order and will blossom out shortly into a thing of beauty, like the portion in front of the Great Southern station. Meanwhile the approaches to the plaza are defended by the "trincheras" of paving stone, which remind one of Plaza Lavalle during the last revolution.

On the first of August the new English newspaper "The Times of Argentina" will make its appearance or as the "Standard" would say "will enter the Editorial Bts." There is no doubt that the long expected new daily will have a good reception and it will only depend on the conductors to make it a real representation of British sentiments in this country.

On Sunday afternoon the Radicals "demonstrated." The excuse for the demonstration was to visit the monument of the slain in the Revolution of July 1890 and lay crowns and tributes there. The real object however was undoubtedly to show that the Radical party is not dead but only "scotched" by the recent state of siege. We saw the demonstration on the Plaza Mayo at two o'clock and various remnants afterward promenading with the usual "vivas" and "mueras." There can be no doubt but that the boyhood of the city was represented fairly well; but boys are neither voters nor revolutionists, and have plenty of time to change their minds before they are old enough to be either.

A proposition has been made to hold a banquet of English liberal residents to celebrate the result of the elections in England. Any excuse for a banquet is good and we cordially endorse the proposition.

At last there seems to be a prospect of reducing the quantity of what is certainly the very filthiest of "filthy lucre" namely Argentine paper money. A proposal has been drawn up by Mr. Hansen to coin nickel pieces to replace the issue of small notes. These notes, besides being foul, dirty, and evil smelling, are undoubted conveyors of disease; and we only hope that this new coinage, which by the way has been talked of before, will really be an accomplished fact.

General Mitre is about to publish a drama entitled Pola (we hope the printers will not mistake this for Polo), the plot of which will be founded upon events of the period of the revolution in 1811. We understand that this drama was first conceived by General Mitre when twenty years of age. If, like good wine it has improved with keeping, it ought to be a first rate drama.

The National Government have rented from the Province of La Plata the buildings and grounds of Santa Catalina near Lomas in order

to lodge the military there. The soldiers should have gone there last week: but the marching orders were countermanded at the last moment. We do not wish to say a word against the moral character of the brave Argentine soldier; but the fact remains that the people living in the neighbourhood of Santa Catalina are selling off all their poultry pigs and removeable stocks in view of the peaceable invasion of the brave protectors of their country.

We thought we had no need to say more about the Rosales, but the following, in Monday's "Prensa," is really too rich to be passed over. The "Prensa" correspondent says that with respect to the question of responsibilities he has heard from the lips of one of the Argentine officers that "it is a piece of good fortune for our navy that Rear-Admiral Solier had so well foreseen everything except this sad loss. If the Rosales has been lost it has been because it was really impossible that any other thing should happen. Nevertheless, it is a misfortune that will make us reflect." Really, we think this "lleva el bollo."

The most interesting charitable movement on foot is the gigantic "kermesse," to be held in Plaza San Martin in September next for the benefit of the orphans and other charitable objects of the community.

Nothing less is contemplated than to enclose the plaza with a wooden erection, and so to have a gigantic fancy fair with all its concomitant festivities. The latest idea in connection with this movement is to make the fancy fair an annual one, and holding it on the 21st September, at the commencement of spring, to dedicate it to the Primavera and call it Fiesta de la Primavera.

A few days ago a notice went the round of the papers that Dr. Koch, the celebrated German bacteriologist, had forsaken science for love and run off with an actress or dancer. As we understand that Dr. Koch, according to recent telegrams, is going to Russia to study the cholera, we may safely assume the report named to have been false, especially as the name Koch is common in Germany. We could wish that the person who started the report were handed over to Dr. Koch to be experimented upon in his laboratory.

From the 1st of August next there will be established in the Post-offices of this country an improvement in the service which has long been wanted. Up to the present time, a letter posted either without stamps or insufficiently stamped has been detained at the office where it was posted. In future this will not be done, the letters so posted will be sent to the district of the intended recipient who will be notified of the letter, and will be able to call at the office for it, and obtain it on payment of the short postage.

We call the attention of our readers to the changes in the time-tables of the Rosario, the Southern, and the Pacific Railways.

The other day the "Prensa" in its shipping news announced the arrival of a ship bearing a cargo of coals from Hell. In the face of this we suppose importations from Newcastle and Cardiff will cease, as neither place can compete in fuel from that "other and hotter world" referred to.

CORRESPONDENCE

Buenos Aires, July 25.

To the Editor *River Plate Sport and Pastime*.

Dear Sir,—

Would your usually serene and placid amiability be ruffled by a culinary question? How do they make that beefsteak pie we had for lunch on Sunday at Hurlingham? I want to get some made like it for our coming games. Thanking you in advance.—Yours truly,

JOHN ROBERTSON.

We were not at Hurlingham on Sunday, we are sorry to say, neither are we what could strictly be called a "cordon bleu," but a tame cook has given us the following instructions, which seem all right.—Ed.]

BEEF STEAK PIE.
Ingredients.

2 lbs. of Beef.
8 Tablespoonsful of Flour.
4 Teaspoonsful of Salt.
1 Do of Pepper.

FOR THE PASTE.

1 lb. Flour.
6 ozs. Dripping.
2 Teaspoonsful of Baking Powder.

Divide the Meat into pieces about two inches long and 1½ inches wide, mix the Flour, the Pepper, and Salt together on a Sancer, dip each piece of Meat into the seasoned Flour, and roll them up, putting a small piece of Fat into each roll. Put the Pieces into a suitable sized Pie-dish, rather more than half fill the Dish with Water, and put it aside until the Paste is made.

Put the 1 lb. of Flour into a Bowl, add the Baking Powder, and 2 ozs. only of the Dripping, rubbing it in lightly with the fingers, then add enough cold Water to make it into a stiff paste, using a knife for mixing. Put it up on a floured board, roll it out until it is about ¼ an inch thick, then put the remainder of the Dripping on one end, not too near the edges, fold the Paste over, press lightly upon it with the Rolling Pin, and roll it out carefully, fold it in three, turn the rough edges towards you, and again roll it out, and do this until you have folded and rolled the Paste out 5 times, when it is ready. Cut strips of Paste and line the edges of the Pie-dish, which should first be wet, then cover the Pie with the rest of the Paste, trim it round neatly, make a hole in the centre to let out the Steam, and bake in rather a quick oven for 1 hour.

SEATS AND SADDLES

San Martin, Vicente Casares, July 25, 1892.
To the Editor *River Plate Sport and Pastime*.

Dear Sir,—
With your kind permission I should like to make a few remarks on an article from "The Field," entitled "Seats and Saddles," which appeared in your issue of last week.

I do not for one moment wish to class myself as an authority on such matters, but having spent my life amongst horses, I fancy that my ideas as to equitation may not be wholly devoid of reason. Anyhow, they may have the effect of calling forth those of others far more competent than myself.

First, with regard to seat. I think there can be no doubt that Major Dwyer is perfectly right, man and saddle cannot be too central on a horse. At the same time, with regard to grip, I think there is just as little doubt that it should comprise every part of the leg, that is to say in case of any emergency, such as jumping, plunging, bucking, or kicking.

To me, it seems that to possess a firm seat under all circumstances, a man must use his calf, whether riding barebacked or in an ordinary saddle. Of course, for hacking or manning young horses, the leg cannot be too loose below the knee, as every man knows, who is worthy of the name of a horseman, that the leg, properly used, plays almost, if not quite, as important a part in the management of a horse as the hand. Still, when an emergency does occur, what horseman does not close his legs and sit down resolutely in his saddle?

Doubtless military Equitation is good in its way, but put a soldier taught in the manege, up in a Steeplechase and how does he shape? To me it appears that in military riding the length of stirrup and consequent straightness of leg, must reduce the power which one should have over his horse in order to be able to steady and collect him at large places. I do not believe in short stirrups, but I do think that the knee should be bent, and even, especially, when riding "rough" rather forward. This position would naturally be brought about by riding with central bars, and I must say that I consider a saddle so constructed is not only best for the horse, but also most comfortable for the rider. My first experience of a plain flap over a country was in a saddle of this kind, and I do not think I ever enjoyed a ride more.

Of course for riding rough ones the deeper the seat and the more padded the flaps the better, in fact I think there are few if any who could ride a real buck jumper in a plain flapped stright seated hunting sadele.—Yours truly,

DONALD HUSSEY.

MAN v. HORSE.

Whether the horse can walk faster than a man walks, says the "Live Stock Journal," is a frequent point of discussion, and it is almost as frequent an occurrence to hear an argument as to which of the two can keep up a walking pace the longer. In October, 1879, for a wager, a prolonged trial was carried out. For six days men walked against horses for the same number of hours: and had the same period of rest and refreshment. At the end of the week the horse was altogether the conqueror. The longest distance covered by a horse was 559 miles in 6 days, or above ninety-two miles a day—a very good performance. The longest distance covered by a man was 375 miles, or 62½ miles a day—another fine record. It is not stated in the despatch from San Francisco, whence these figures are taken, how many hours went to the working day: nor what was the stature of men or horses: nor how often they had a bait and drink. In fact—beyond the point that the horse is, without any real competition, the speedier conveyance for a brief expedition—nothing seems to have been determined by the San Francisco trial. The name of the best horse is given as Pinafore: and Nellie was not far behind with 536 miles. The first man is called Guerrero: and the second Brodie, with 262 miles.

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Cows (ordinary)	15.00—24.00
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Sheep	4.00—12.00

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Wool	6.00—3.00

MONTEVIDEO

At the Corrales:

Cows	\$10.00—13.00
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Cows	\$6.50—9.00
Novillos	7.00—10.00

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Hair, per quintal	14.00—15.00
Ostrich Feathers, per kilo	1.20—1.80

Wheat (superior), per 100 kilos	4.30—4.40
" (regular), per 100 kilos	4.00—4.10
Maize, new, dry (curantino), per fanega	2.60—2.70
" (morochó and yellow), per fanega	2.25—
Alfalfa (superior), from Paysandu, per qq	0.95—

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RACING

Thursday, July 23—Hipódromo Argentino, Palermo.
Sunday, July 31—Hipódromo Argentino, Palermo.
Saturday, October 8—Spring Meeting at Venado Tuerto.
Sunday, October 9—Gymkhana at Venado Tuerto.

FOOTBALL.

RUGBY

Sunday, July 31—Buenos Aires F.C. v. Lomas Academy A.C., at Lomas.

ASSOCIATION

Sunday, July 31—Scotland and Wales v. England and Ireland, at Quilmes.

ATHLETICS

Monday, Aug. 15—Buenos Aires Cricket Club's Athletic Meeting, at Palermo.
Tuesday, Aug. 30—Rosario Athletic Club's Meeting, at Rosario.

POLO

Tuesday, Aug. 30—Quilmes Athletic Club Gymkhana, at Quilmes.

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Buenos Aires Lawn Tennis Club**A TOURNAMENT
OPEN TO MEMBERS OF THE CLUB**

WILL BE HELD ON
Tuesday, August 30, 1892
To Commence at 9.30 a.m.

Prizes will be offered for the following Events:
LADIES' and GENTLEMEN'S DOUBLES (Handicap);
entrance \$2.50 each.
GENTLEMEN'S SINGLES (Handicap); entrance \$3.

Members wishing to enter will please send their names
and entrance fees to the Hon. Treasurer, T. S. Boardie,
Reconquista 449, not later than August 20.

HURLINGHAM MEETING

TO BE HELD ON
Wednesday, September 8

THE HURLINGHAM ST. LEGER STAKES, \$50
each, added to Silver Cup value £50; for Ponies
or Galloways 58 in. or under, the property of or
nominated by Members of the Club; weight for
inches, Galloways of 58 in. to carry 70 kilos; 2400
metres. The Cup to be won twice by the same
owner or nominator before becoming his absolute
property.

THE AYRSHIRE CUP, value \$1000, added to a Sweep-
stakes of \$50 each, a Steeplechase for any Horse;
four-year-olds to carry 72 kilos, five 75 kilos, and
six or more 78 kilos; Criollo horses allowed 3 kilos,
horses that have never won a race 2 kilos, and those
that have never run 3 kilos; 3200 metres. Three
horses, the property of separate owners, must start
or the Cup will not be given, and the Cup must be
won twice by the same owner or nominator before
becoming his absolute property.

THE VAYO STAKES, of \$50 each (\$200 guaranteed to
the 1st), for Galloways or Ponies 58 in. or under;
weight for inches, Galloways of 58 in. to carry 70
kilos; winners once 2 kilos extra, twice or more
times 4 kilos extra; 500 metres.

The remainder of the programme will be published
next week.

Rosario Athletic Club**Programme of Athletic Meeting**

TO BE HELD ON
Tuesday, August 30, at Plaza Jewell, Rosario
UNDER THE
Rules of the River Plate Amateur Athletic Association

1. Putting the Shot, 16 lbs.
2. Kicking the Football.
3. Long Jump Running.
4. 100 Yards Flat Race.
5. High Jump (Handicap).
6. 220 Yards Flat Race (Members only).
7. Potato and Bucket Race, 6 Potatoes, 2 yards apart.
8. Half Mile (Handicap) Open Championship.
9. "The Jewell Bicycle Challenge Cup," 5 miles.
10. Quarter Mile Flat Race.
11. Boys' Race, under 12 years, 200 yards (Handicap).
12. Veterans' Race, for men over 35 years of age, 220
yards, handicapped by yards for years.
13. Mile Race, Open Championship.
14. Cosmopolitan Race, 440 yards (English and Anglo-
Argentines barred).
15. Hurdle Race (Handicap), 120 yards, 10 flights 3 feet
6 in.
16. 350 Yards Race (Handicap), (Members only).
17. Bicycle Race, 2 miles (Handicap).
18. Obstacle Race, 250 yards.
19. "All Fours" Race, 50 yards.
20. Consolation Race, 250 yards.

Entries close on August 15.
Entries for each event \$2; entry for all the events \$10.
Competitors must state the colours in which they in-
tend to run on their entry forms.

Entries to be sent in to the Hon. Sec.,
W. M. GRAHAM, F.C.C.A., Rosario.

Amateur Athletic Association

It has been decided to run off the Mile and Half Mile
Championships at the Rosario Sports, to be held on the
30th August.

The Mile, being a Scratch Race, no time is fixed for it
to be run in, but the Half Mile being a Handicap it must
be run from scratch in 2 min. 15 sec.

The Association will present Gold Medals to the
Champions.

By Order,
ERNEST DANVERS, Hon. Sec.

TESTIMONIALS.—"Venado. Tuerto.—Titan Soap is A 1
for washing clothes. Send me up at once eight arrobas
more." "Quilmes.—Send me more Titan Soap. My
servant says she can do twice as much work with it, and
it gives her no trouble whatever."

Quilmes Athletic Club**GYMKHANA RACES**

TO BE HELD ON THE
Ground of the Quilmes Athletic Club
ON
Tuesday, August 30, 1892

EVENTS

1. HACK RACE; 1600 metres; weight 75 kilos; for
bona-fide backs; entrance \$10.
2. POLO PONY RACE (Open); 500 metres; for Polo
Ponies 54 in. and under; weight 70 kilos, 3 kilos
per inch allowed; entrance \$5.
3. POLO PONY RACE (for Members of Club); 500
metres; for Polo Ponies 56 in. and under; weight
75 kilos, 3 kilos per inch allowed; entrance \$5.
4. VICTORIA CROSS RACE; for Polo Ponies; jump
two hurdles, pick up dummy and ride back; en-
trance \$5.
5. POLO PONY RACE (Open); for Ponies 56 in. and
under; 800 metres; weight 75 kilos, 3 kilos per inch
allowed; entrance \$5.
6. SHEET OF PAPER RACE (Open); for Polo Ponies;
to run through sheet of paper stretched across the
course; entrance \$5.
7. COSTUME RACE (Open); for Polo Ponies; to saddle
up, ride to table, put on costume, light cigar and
put up umbrella; entrance \$5.
8. POLO GAME RACE (Open); for Polo Ponies 56 in.
or under; run in two heats; entrance \$5.
9. OPEN JUMPING COMPETITION; for Polo Ponies
56 in. and under; entrance \$5.
10. CONSOLATION RACE; entrance \$5.

The meeting will be held under the auspices of the
River Plate Polo Association, and all Ponies competing
must be the property of and ridden by a member of an
affiliated Club.

Entrance fees—Hack Race \$10, remaining events \$5
each, or a general entrance fee of \$30.

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

Entries must reach the Secretary of the Club on or
before the 24th August, and must be accompanied by the
necessary fees.

The first race will be run at 1 o'clock, and every pony
competing must be presented for measurement on the
ground at 12 o'clock.

All disputes will be referred to the Polo Association,
by whom they will be settled.

FRED. W. ATKINSON, Hon. Sec.,
Piedad 655, Buenos Aires.

Buenos Aires Cricket Club Athletic Meeting

TO BE HELD AT
Palermo, on Monday, August 15,
(Under the auspices of the Amateur Athletic Association)

SUB-COMMITTEE:

R. Ramsay A. B. P. Boyd
C. R. C. Millar M. G. Fortine
Juan Drysdale, jun. V. Ker Seymour
R. W. Anderson

PROGRAMME

1. High Jump Running (Members only).
2. 100 Yards Flat Race (Members only).
3. Half Mile Handicap (Open to Members of Affiliated
Clubs).
4. Throwing the Cricket Ball (Members only).
5. 120 Yards Flat Handicap (Open to Members of Affil-
iated Clubs).
6. Putting the Shot (Open to Members of Affiliated
Clubs).
7. Quarter Mile Handicap (Open to Members of Affiliated
Clubs).
8. Three-Legged Race (Members only).
9. 120 Yards Hurdle Race (Open to Members of Affil-
iated Clubs).
10. One Mile Handicap (Open to Members of Affiliated
Clubs).
11. Long Jump Running (Members only).
12. 440 Yards Flat Race (Members only).
13. Animal Race (Members only).
14. Boys' Race, under 16 years, 200 yards (Open to all
recognised Schools).
15. 100 Yards Flat Race (Open to Members of Affiliated
Clubs).
16. 1000 Yards Steeplechase (Open to Members of Affil-
iated Clubs).
17. Consolation Race, 200 Yards (Open to all Competitors)

Entrance Fee, \$2 each event. General entry, \$15.
Boys, \$1.

Handicappers—Amateur Athletic Association.
Entry forms can be obtained from the Hon. Sec. No
entries will be accepted unless made on the proper forms,
and must be properly filled in and sent on or before the
2nd August to

R. W. ANDERSON, Hon. Sec. Sub-Committee,
Care of "Sport and Pastime," Piedad 559.

Strangers' Polo and Racing Club

VENADO TUERTO

PROGRAMME OF THE SPRING MEETING

TO BE HELD AT
VENADO TUERTO
On Saturday, 8th of October, 1892
(Under Hurlingham Club Racing Rules).

1. POLO PONY RACE, 500' metres. For Ponies 56
inches or under; ponies of 56 in. to carry 75 kilos;
allowance 3 kilos per inch. Entrance \$10.
2. FLAT RACE, 1800 metres. For Criollo horses; 75
kilos. Entrance \$20.
3. STEEPLECHASE, 1800 metres. For Criollo horses;
catch weights; 75 kilos limit. Entrance \$25.
4. VENADO TUERTO DERBY, 3500 metres. For any
horse, thoroughbreds excepted, the property or nomi-
nated by a member of the Club. Catch weights;
75 kilos limit. Entrance \$30. Prize \$100.
5. POLO PONY STEEPLECHASE, 1800 metres. Catch
weights; 75 kilos limit. Entrance \$10.
6. FLAT RACE, 800 metres. For Criollo horses; catch
weights; 75 kilos limit. Winner of Race No. 2, if
entered, to carry 3 kilos extra. Entrance \$20.
7. POLO PONY RACE, 1000 metres. Catch weights
75 kilos limit. Entrance \$10.
8. VENADO TUERTO GRAND NATIONAL, 3500
metres. Steeplechase. Catch weights; 75 kilos
limit. Prize, a piece of Plate, to be won three times
by same owner at the Spring Meeting. Entrance
\$25.

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 horses and colours
named, at time of entry.

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

All Races are Sweepstakes; 10 per cent. will be de-
ducted from the stakes to go to the funds of the Club.

Entries will close on the 24th of September. Forfeit,
if declared before October 1st, half the entrance fee will
be returned.

Ponies competing for Races Nos. 1, 5 and 7 have to be
played four games within two months of the Meeting,
and not less than two quarters each game.

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

Entries to be addressed to the Secretary, Correo, Ve-
nado Tuerto.

Strangers' Polo and Racing Club

VENADO TUERTO

Programme of the Venado Tuerto Gymkhana

TO BE HELD ON
Sunday, October 9, 1892

1. BENDING RACE, 6 posts, 10 metres apart, 20 metres
run in. Course to be up and down or 11 posts to
pass.
2. TANDEM RACE (Flat), 800 metres.
3. JUMPING COMPETITION, 2 hurdles and in and
out; second hurdle to be raised.
4. VICTORIA CROSS RACE: Jump hurdle, pick up
dummy, jump two hurdles and run in.
5. BUCKET AND POTATO RACE, 6 buckets, 10 metres
apart, 20 metres run in.
6. TILTING AT THE RING.

Entrances for each of above \$2.
Entries to be made on day of Meeting.

STEEPLECHASE MEETING**To be held at the Estancia "SAN JOSE"**

(Late Hennemstrosa)

ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1892

EVENTS:

1. STEEPLECHASE of 20 Squares over 8 Fences.
Weights (including saddle) not less than 75 kilos.
Entrance fee \$10 m/n
2. RIDING TANDEM RACE, 10 Squares. Entrance
fee \$10 m/n
3. FLAT RACE, 10 Squares. Entrance fee \$10 m/n
4. CIGAR RACE, 4 Squares, for Ponies not exceeding
14 hands. The rider must at the fall of the flag
light a Cigar, Saddle his Pony, and at finish hand
his Cigar lighted to the Judge. Entrance fee \$10
m/n

Any person entering for the whole four events can do
so on payment of \$20 m/n only.

Entries must be sent to Messrs Perch and Ogan, Calle
O'Higgins 22, Bahia Blanca, on or before September 1,
on which date the list closes.

All entries must be accompanied by the necessary fees.

NATURAL HISTORY NOTES.

By A. STUART PENNINGTON.
(Zoologist to the Sociedad Rural Argentina).

THE MARTINETA.

My attention has been called to the fact that I did not make it sufficiently clear in my paper last week but one, that the Martineta there described is not the bird popularly called by that name in this district. The name martineta is given by Hudson and Sclater to the "copetona," or crested martinette, and, as I have before stated, the names given by these writers will be the ones which will be used in all future works on Argentine natural history; I used it in the same manner in my article. I ought to have pointed out that the Perdiz grande is often called by the name of Martineta. The Perdiz grande or great Tinamou is the martineta so called. The true martineta is the bird popularly called "copetona."

LOCUSTS.

Are we going to have another visitation this year? We hear of them appearing in some of the provinces, and to-day one was handed to me alive, caught in a quinta at Lomas. It was a voladora. It would almost appear that the locusts, instead of invading, have settled in the various provinces of the Republic, and instead of being occasional visitants, they threaten to be permanent residents.

A STRANGE PLANT.

In my garden this week I have found two specimens of a very remarkable fungus, which, at first sight, would have been taken by anyone for a sea anemone. It is about three inches long, with a white tubular body covered internally with mucous and sand and partially buried in the soil. The body terminates below in a fibrous root, but above, the entrance to the opening of the tube is protected by eight long, fleshy, pinkish-coloured tentacles. Such a form for a plant, and especially one of such a low order, is, as far as I know, unknown, and I am looking forward with interest to the appearance of some more in order to study their life history, as, from the structure, I should not be surprised to find it insectivorous.

SHOWERS OF FROGS, &c.

I was asked the other day if I believed in the showers of frogs and other animals which we read of sometimes. There are very often enormous numbers of frogs, insects, and other creatures, which suddenly appear under circumstances which almost make it certain that they have dropped from the clouds, but except on the supposition that the contents of some pond or laguna have been whipped up into the air by a whirlwind and their contents carried away into another district and there deposited, such a state of things is impossible. I remember once at Banfield seeing quantities of frogs of small size, which suddenly made their appearance on all sides, but there was no doubt they had all come from the neighbouring bañada and ponds.

When we deal with insects our explanation is very easy. Insects, being aerial creatures, are carried by the winds and, as very often myriads complete their development on the same day in a given locality (for example, the mayflies or bichos de verano), we need not be surprised to find them showering down upon us.

DEATH FROM FLYBITE.

I read the other day of a death in England caused by the bite of the Hessian fly. In itself the bite of this fly would not and could not cause death, and the presumption was that the fly, a well known plague of cattle, had been previously on a diseased animal and had so conveyed morbid germs to the human sufferer, which caused blood poisoning and possible death. I name this here because I have recently heard of three cases of carbuncle or grano malo on one estancia, all in persons who had never touched the skins of dead animals or the animals themselves.

There had been several deaths among the cattle from carbuncle, and there is no doubt that flies had settled on the carcasses or on the sick animals and so conveyed the disease to the peones afterwards bitten by these flies, as all three men complained of fly bites.

This shows the necessity of the immediate destruction by burning of all carcasses of animals which have died from grano malo, in order to avoid not only reproduction of the disease germs, but also the spread of the disease by means of flies.

THE PLAGUE OF VOLES

The plague of voles in Scotland is very probably due to the wholesale persecutions of all birds of prey, hawks, owls, etc., not only by sportsmen, farmers, and others, but especially by the keepers in game preserves, under the idea, proved to be mistaken, that the birds referred to destroy the young game. The Commission sitting upon the matter has drawn attention to this amongst other matters, and the probability will be some legal enactment to compel keepers and every one else to respect the lives of nature's feathered police, which do more than all the commissioners in the world to keep within due bounds those small animals whose unchecked increase is of such serious consequence. Mr. Hudson, in his recent publication, records a similar plague of mice in the La Plata district, which was, however, put an end to by the severe cold of winter.

The struggle for existence between the various forms of animal and vegetable life cannot be interfered with by man with impunity, and if universal war is raged by him against any section of the animal kingdom, especially one with so defined a sphere as the hawk tribe, he will, sooner or later, find out his mistake. I doubt whether the universal extinction of fleas by man would not be productive of some worse evil.

We do not always know what is best for us, and nature may be trusted both to protect and avenge herself.

STRANGE FRIENDSHIP.

We often read of strange friendships between animals of different species. As an instance of this let me record that between a hen and a cat recently witnessed by me. The hen, a solitary one, belonging to a little boy, got upon such friendly terms with the cat that when it was fed it would cluck for the cat, who would at once come over the wall and share in its food. At night the two were always together, the hen, instead of perching, "cuddling" close to the cat inside a box. This box was used by the cat for the purpose of bringing into the world a family of kittens, the process being watched by the hen with great interest, she standing by all the time. The cat never attempted to eat the eggs laid by the hen. This friendship continued for some months, when a change of residence removed the hen from the neighbourhood of its friend. Strange to say she has struck up a similar platonic friendship with another cat living near her new home, although, as yet, this cat is not admitted to the same familiarity as its predecessor.

Ormonde among the Philistines

And it came to pass that a certain man who was passing rich, even Dives, and who was also a Dook (which is one of the High Tophs of the Ooframites) went down to a place which was his by Chester, even at Eaton.

And he purchased many horses which were brood mares and stallions entire, and thus formed he a Stud wherewith to minister to his pleasure on the racecourses.

Now this High Toph was exceeding rich, for he had much land in the great cities and ground-rents from them that dwell in huge mansions, even as the merry miller on the banks of the River Dee did grind the corn which the husbandmen of Cheshire sold unto him.

But although he was sore smitten with the sport of Racing his heart went not out to them that sell strong drink; and when the leases of the drink-sellers who kept house on his state did fall in he said unto them, one after the other, "Get thee hence to some less salubrious spot. Behold, I will pull down this wine house and build on the site thereof a merry mansion, which shall contain flats where lodgers may duell together—even male and female—each after his or her kind."

And of new mansions he builded many and often, so that a mighty mass of money accumulated he, the daily income of which was many hundred golden shekels per day.

Now the mares belonging to this High Toph did bring forth young, which were in due time delivered into the hands of one cunning in the art of training, and who dwelt by the hills in Hampshire, in a certain secluded spot called Kingsclere.

And this good man was called Porter, and by the racing men of the Ooframites was known as Honest John, for he was a man of great caution, and in whom the Princes of the Land could place great trust.

And all the great races which are classic were in turn captured by the horses which bore the High Toph's racing raiment—a coat of yellow and a cap which was black.

But of all the mighty horses which the High Toph owned, and which waxed famous on the Racecourse, none was so famous as Ormonde, who did beat all that were pitted against him, even on all courses and over all distance.

Yet was he deemed a roarer, which is an equine piper whose throat gave out great sound and prevailed against his tarrying long at the gallop.

And the Dook, his owner, at the period when Ormonde had completed his fourth year, sold him into captivity to a stranger called Boco, who came from a distant land beyond the seas, even the Argentine. Thither was Ormonde shipped, but not before he had been put to use at the Eaton Stud, where he begot progeny, the which were of exceeding promise.

But when the people heard that Ormonde, the great and mighty racehorse of the century, was sold captive unto Boco, they lamented with a loud voice, saying, "What will it profit the fair Turf that our public idol shall be delivered into the hands of the stranger?"

Yet some among them were in opinion contrary, being assured that the horse was a roarer, and that he would in process of time impart this his failing to his children and to his children's children, even to the third and fourth generation.

And Boco handed to the Dook many thousands of golden shekels, and departed with Ormonde to the Argentine, where the sport of racing is an abomination and the racehorse is hard smitten throughout his races; while he is given to eat of rice, maize, and coarse-dried grass instead of the corn and hay which the Ooframites put in their mangers.

And it came to pass, after Ormonde had tarried a season in the Argentine, a man of the Ooframites rose up and made effort to deliver the mighty steed out of captivity, and sought to promote a Company of Speculators who should provide the wherewithal in shekels of gold for Ormonde's deliverance, so that he might return to the land of his birth, and there minister to the mares of his own country.

But there were those who spoke harshly of this undertaking, and wrote in adverse terms to the Chronicles of these Sporting Times, so that the minds of the would-be investors were much distraught with doubt, and in the end the plan was abandoned and Ormonde remained in the land beyond the seas.—"Sporting Bits."

HORSE-TAMING EXTRAORDINARY

The Crystal Palace Company, of London, have found a new and enticing form of Whitsuntide delight for their many clients. Professor Norton B. Smith—the greatest horseman in the world since Rarey—is to exhibit his methods, of which one is allowed to judge beforehand, from a descriptive, illustrated handbill.

We are penetrated with compassion for the "corpus vile" on which the experiments are to be made. We hope that the process is not as painful as it sounds; but we are harassed with doubts. There is, however, one way which we respectfully suggest for the Professor's consideration, by which these doubts may be set at rest. Let Professor Norton B. Smith (we are nothing if not precise) be judiciously "whirled" by his own assistants, let a contingent of the Salvation Army then sit upon his head and beat the merry drum, while "General" Booth expounds the scheme of Darkest England to a delighted band of Salvation Lassies armed with fire-crackers and triangles. Then the Professor himself will be able to resolve our doubts as to whether his process is one in which "care is taken not to inflict pain."

But here is the handbill to speak for itself, illustrated with what seems a series of most-distressing nightmares:

Figure 1, which, apparently, if unjustly, depicts three dreadful ruffians severally employed in beating, gouging, and cutting off the tail of a prostrate horse, is said to represent the professional "manner of breaking a halter-puller," whatever that may mean, and, as Mr Smith loudly professes humanity as well as horsebreaking, the final instructions run thus—"with umbrellas and drums do everything to frighten the colt, being careful not to inflict pain."

Now everybody knows that a horse, in addition to being perhaps the most nervous animal in creation, is naturally a fool, and as such terribly prone to agonies of terror on the smallest provocation; what he must suffer, therefore, when "everything is done to frighten him," even those who go to witness this edifying spectacle will hardly realise. And yet "care is taken not to inflict pain!"

More difficult is it to reconcile Figure 6 with the Professor's notions of kind treatment. It is called "Whirling a horse." There is no explanation why a horse should ever be whirled; but the letter-press says, "It is the habit of most trainers to tie a horse's head to his tail, and then to let him go"—a statement which we earnestly trust is untrue, otherwise the sooner horse-trainers give up this bad habit the better.

But here an evil-countenanced athlete is represented holding a horse by the nostrils and tail, and waltzing with him round the arena—a dance during which, let us hope, the animal treads on his partner's toes.

Figure 7, which is labelled "Breaking a wild and vicious kicker with a single rope," looks more like breaking a horse's jaw and foreleg by means of pulleys, but the artist ought to know best what he intended to draw.

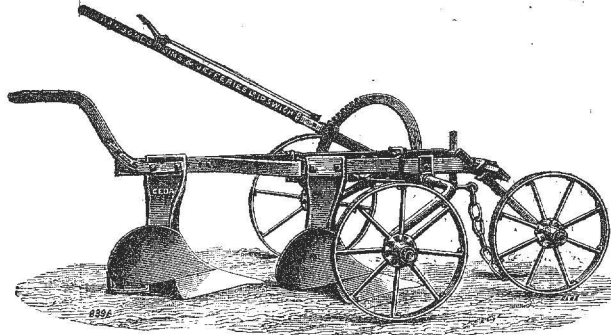
The only one of this remarkable series of illustrations which leaves no unpleasant impression or suspicion of cruelty is No. 4, wherein appears a charioteer holding a sort of crozier, and collecting Olympic dust in a match cart, while an amiable-looking pony is trying to kick him on the shins.

The Professor's performance is here judged solely from his written account of it, and the only part which would give us any satisfaction would be to see him carrying out his own method of throwing a horse,—namely, "by wrestling with him as two men would wrestle,"—though great would be our surprise and disappointment if the contest ended, as the horse-tamer anticipates, by the man "eventually laying the horse down naturally and with ease." That the horse would naturally lay the man down is likely enough; the ease of the process is more doubtful.

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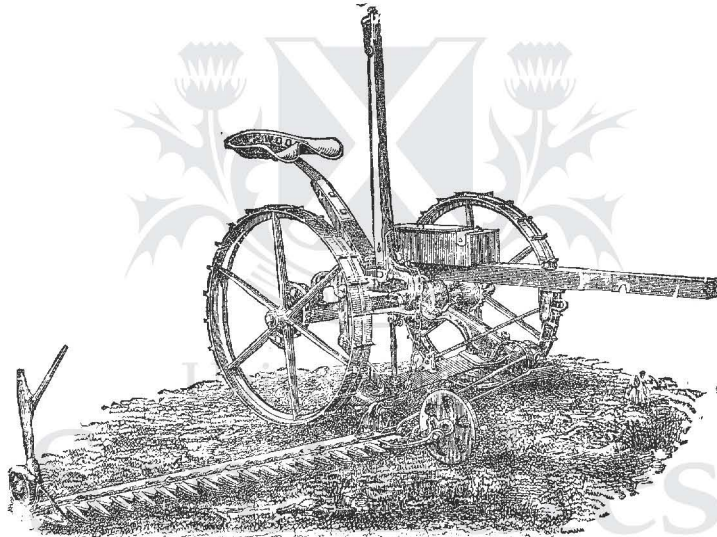
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