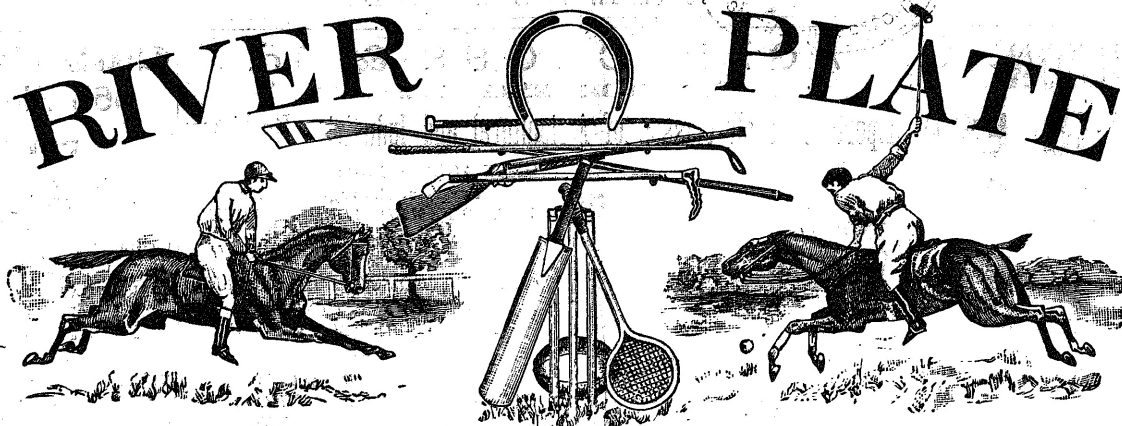


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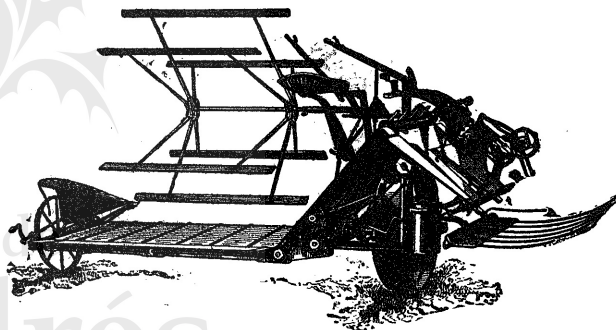
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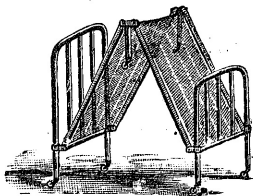
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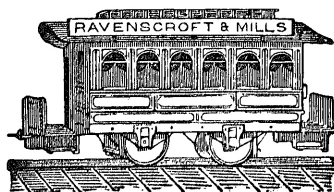


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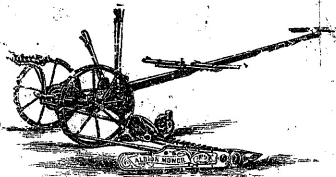


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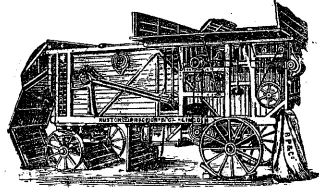
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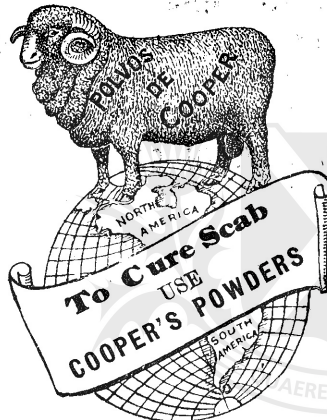


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## HOME NEWS

### GREAT LONG DISTANCE HORSE RACE.

The greatest interest has been excited in Vienna sporting and military circles by a Great International Horse Race, open to officers in the Austrian and German armies. The event took place in the beginning of this month, the course being from Vienna to Berlin, or from Berlin (as the riders themselves chose) to Vienna. According to the conditions of the race there was no weight handicap, and, moreover, there was no limitation as regards the breed of horses. The rider who accomplished the distance, which is close upon 400 miles, in the shortest time received £1000, the second £500, and in addition many other prizes ranging from £300 downwards were awarded. The Emperor Francis Joseph signified his intention of presenting a special award to the winning rider of the German Army, while the successful Austrian officer received a similar compliment at the hands of the Emperor William. Although the competitors were not compelled to follow any definite route, there is little doubt that the majority took the road passing successively through Zuaim, Iglan, Kolin, and Dresden to Berlin (supposing that Vienna was the starting point). Each of the riders, who were started during the morning of October 4th, were to notify the committee in Berlin or Vienna, as the case may be, as soon as he got within ten or twelve miles of the winning point, in order that arrangements be made to take his exact time. The competitors who elected to start from Vienna were sent off just outside the city, at a point where the road to the town of Korneuburg crosses the railway, while the starting place for those who determined to ride from Berlin to Vienna was the southern gate of the barracks of the Dragoon Guards, situated in the Alliance Strasse, German capital. Some 180 Austrian officers sent in their names to the committee. Special prizes were given for the horses that were brought in in the best condition.

On Thursday last, the 6th, a telegram was received here stating that the Austrians won the race, but that the difference in time taken by the first and second to complete the distance was very trifling.

Lieutenant Mielos, an Austrian officer, arrived first in Berlin, having completed the journey in twenty-four hours twenty minutes, which means that he travelled at the rate of sixteen and a half miles an hour. Prince Frederick Leopold was the first to reach Vienna, with Baron Reitzenstein second.

Fetes in honour of the German competitors have been organized in Vienna, and they will be much feted by the authorities and Austrian military. They will be invited to a banquet and other entertainments.

## RACING

Doncaster—September 6.

The Fitzwilliam Stakes.

Mr A. Kilsyth's Sprightly (G. Brown), 1 (started at 20 to 1); Ellerton, 2; Bullion, 3; Juvenal, 4. 13 ran.

The Clumber Plate

Mr W. M. Redfern's Philanthropist (Bradford), 1 (started at 4 to 1); Newmarket, 2; Wrinkles, 3; St. Reine, 4. 5 ran.

The Champagne Stakes

Duke of Portland's The Prize (J. Watts), 1 (started at 3 to 1); Silence, 2; Peregrine, 3; Queen's Pardon, 4. 7 ran.

The Glasgow Plate

Sir J. Blundell Maple's Gangway (J. Woodburn), 1 (started at 4 to 1); Soul, 2; Mrs Butterwick, 3; Primrose Knight, 4. 14 ran.

The Great Yorkshire Handicap Plate

Mr J. Houldsworth's Springtime (F. Pratt), 1 (started at 10 to 1); Petard, 2; Tanzmeister, 3; Madame Neruda II., 4. 14 ran.

## The Stand Plate

Sir C. Hartop's Gloss (M. Cannon), 1 (started at 4 to 1); Glasgow Herald, 2; Coelus, 3. 9 ran.

The Doncaster and Welter Plate

Colonel North's Iddesleigh (M. Cannon), 1 (started at 5 to 4); Chesterfield, 2; The Task, 3. 14 ran.

The Filly Stakes.

Mr John Charlton's Lady Bob (C. Loates), w.o.

SEPTEMBER 7.

The Rufford Abbey Plate.

Colonel North's Iddesleigh (M. Cannon), 1 (started at 15 to 8 on; Sea View, 2; Cannie Lad, 3; Catharine, 4. 5 ran.

The Milton Stakes

Mr W. G. Steven's Mamosa (M. Cannon), 1 (started at 7 to 2); Dulverton, 2; Castelar, 3. 11 ran.

The St. Leger Stakes

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 Baron de Hirsch's br c Watercress . . . . . J. Osborne 3  
 Mr John Charlton's ch c May Duke . . . . . C. Loates 4  
 Duke of Westminster's b c Orme . . . . . G. Barrett 5  
 Mr H. Milner's b c Certosa . . . . . B. Chaloner 0  
 Sir R. Jardine's ch c Llantony . . . . . E. Rickaby 0  
 Mr W. Cooper's ch c The Lover . . . . . Liddiard 0  
 Prince Soltykoff's br c Curio . . . . . F. Webb 0  
 Mr J. H. Houldsworth's b c Dunure . . . . . J. Woodburn 0  
 Colonel North's b c El Diablo . . . . . M. Cannon 0

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Betting at Starting.—11 to 10 on Orme, 7 to 2 agst La Flèche, 10 to 1 agst Sir Hugo, 100 to 7 agst May Duke, 20 to 1 each agst Watercress and Dunure, 33 to 1 agst The Lover, 1000 to 15 each agst El Diablo and Curio, 100 to 1 agst Llantony, and 200 to 1 agst Certosa.

The Race.—After a brief delay and three slight failures, Certosa was the quickest to break the line, but in a few strides La Flèche drew out, followed by El Diablo, Sir Hugo, and May Duke, then came Llantony and Orme, the last two being Watercress and Dunure. On settling down, Sir Hugo took up the running, followed by Llantony and May Duke, with La Flèche and Orme next, then came Curio, The Lover, and El Diablo, in front of Watercress with Certosa now last. As they ascended the hill, Sir Hugo was steadied, and Orme drew to the front, followed by Llantony and May Duke, Certosa drawing up fourth. So they disappeared from view, but on reappearing Orme was leading followed by Llantony and May Duke then came La Flèche in front of Certosa, Dunure, and Watercress, with Curio next just clear of Sir Hugo, The Lover and El Diablo being the last pair. As they swept past the rifle butts, Llantony raced up to Orme, and the pair went on side by side from May Duke, La Flèche, and Certosa, with Dunure and Watercress at their heels, and Curio and El Diablo the whipper-in. On rounding the bend for home, May Duke joined Orme, and slightly headed him, but when fairly in the straight La Flèche assumed the command, followed by Watercress and Sir Hugo. Inside the distance Sir Hugo became second, but failed to reach La Flèche, who won easily by two lengths; separated the three lengths second and third; two lengths off May Duke was placed fourth by the judge.

The Cleveland Handicap Plate

Mr A. Taylor's Exhalation (Gough), 1 (started at 100 to 8); Chater, 2; Cuttlestone, 3. 13 ran.

The Tattersall Sale Stakes

Mr C. J. Merry's Stirrup Cup (Liddiard), 1 (started at 4 to 1); Concrete, 2; Fealar, 3. 7 ran.

The Bradgate Park Plate

Mr Sneyd's Anteros (J. Woodburn), 1 (started at 7 to 4); Lady Morgan, 2; Galeopsis, 3. 3 ran.

## CRICKET.

Considerable regret was expressed that the match between the Gentlemen and Players, the second in the Scarborough festival, had no definite result. On the last day the Players commenced play with 129 runs to the good, with nine wickets to fall. Rain stopped play twice. When the Players had carried their score to 161 for nine wickets, they declared their innings closed, leaving the Gentlemen 230 runs to get to win with only an hour and fifty minutes to play. Two of the Gentlemen's wickets had fallen for 27 runs when a storm broke over the ground, and after waiting some time stumps were drawn and the match abandoned as a draw.

Scores:  
 Players: Abel 3—5, Chatterton 12—32, Gunn 11—31, M. Read 66—34, Lockwood 0—1, Barnes 16—16, Wainwright 32—4, Peel 27—10, Lohmann 5—6, Attewell 36—11, Wood 14, extras 16—11, totals 238—161.  
 Gentlemen: J. J. Ferris not out 62, C. E. De Trafford 9, A. G. Stoddart 9, W. W. Read 1, W. L. Murdoch 9, E. Smith 12, F. S. Jackson 11, T. C. O'Brien 19, F. E. Lacey 22, G. McGregor 6, F. R. Spofforth 2, Extras 8, Totals 170.

The match between Sussex and Somerset was utterly spoilt by rain and had to be abandoned as a draw. On the first day there was thirty-five minutes actual cricket, during which Somerset scored 50 for the loss of one wicket, Mr Hewett scoring 38. There was no playing at all on the second day, and on the last only five minutes cricket was possible. In this time the Somerset

set total was increased to 62 without any other wicket falling; Mr Hewett's 50 not out left him with an aggregate for his county of 1047 runs, he being the only first-class cricketer who has scored over a thousand runs in purely county matches.

## THE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

With the drawn game between Sussex and Somerset at Brighton, the competition for the County Championship came to an end. The first two places were decided, and the last few matches, being all drawn through rain, did not affect the other positions. With better weather Somerset might reasonably have expected to finish with a score of six points.

	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	Points.
Surrey	16	13	2	1	11
Notts	16	10	2	4	8
Somersetshire	16	8	5	3	3
Lancashire	16	7	5	4	2
Middlesex	16	7	6	3	1
Yorkshire	16	5	5	6	0
Kent	16	2	9	5	—7
Gloucestershire	16	1	8	7	—7
Sussex	16	1	12	3	—11

Losses are deducted from wins, and drawn games are ignored.

## FOOTBALL.

Football is, or rather was at the beginning of last month, in full swing at home. Considerable progress was made on September 3rd in the Football League Competition, the match which attracted most attention being the one between Accrington and Sunderland, a very large number of people turning out to see the champions. Sunderland won by six goals to nil. Other games in the first division resulted as follows: Blackburn Rovers beat Warton Heath (4—3); Everton drew with Notts Forest (2 each); Preston North End beat Bolton Wanderers (2—1); Sheffield Wednesday beat Notts County (1—0); and Wolverhampton Wanderers beat Burnley (1—0).

In the second division Ardwick beat Bootle (7—0); Burton Swifts beat Crewe Alexandra (7—1); Darwen beat Walsall Swifts (2—1); Grimsby beat Northwick Victoria (2—1); Snefield United beat Lincoln City (4—2); and Small Heath beat Burslem Port Vale (5—1).

No less than seventy-eight clubs were drawn in Scotland for the first round of the Scottish Challenge Cup, which was played on Saturday, September 3rd, when four matches in the Scottish League Competition were also decided.

The most important Rugby match to be recorded was one between Leeds and Hull. The game was played on the Leeds Club's ground at Headingley, and resulted in a win for Leeds with two goals and a try (12 points) to Hull's one goal and two tries (nine points).

## HORSE SALES

### THE LAS ROSAS STUD.

Mr Kemmis' sale attracted a larger attendance than any of the previous ones, but buyers were very cold and money evidently scarce. For what reason it is impossible to say, as the horses presented for sale were not only brothers and sisters of some of the best horses on the Argentine turf, but they also were one of the best-looking lots ever sent down from Las Rosas. Probably the sale of Gay Hermit's two-year-olds the week before had made money scarce amongst racing men, as the prices they fetched were exceptionally high, the seventeen selling for nearly as much as Mr Kemmis' forty, but then there were no mestizos.

Malakoff, by Whipper In—Vera, was the first colt put up. He was certainly one of the best of the lot for looks, and well merited the top price of \$13,500 for which he was bought by Sr Zubiaurre. Arran, by Whipper In—Marie Seton, a big bay colt of very racing like shape and a beautiful mover, went dirt cheap for \$5000 and from this colt to the last one sold all, with few exceptions, made just about half their value. San Martin's winning the Premio de Honor last week in such good style should have ensured a higher price for his own brother, General Las Heras, but he only fetched \$8000, the same price for which Thebis, the own sister of Thalia, was sold. Thebis is a very different, and much better furnished, filly than either Thalia or Niobe were when sold as two-year-olds, so we cannot understand her not selling better. A sand crack on her off fore, which has evidently been taken in time, should not have frightened intending purchasers.

Another ridiculously cheap horse was Woodnymph, one of the nicest fillies we have yet seen sold this season. Sr Hoewel got a bargain in her for three thousand dollars. Lady Seton, a beautiful filly by Phoenix, was secured by Colonel Goldsmid for only \$3600. We liked this mare as well as any. Glenforth, by Whipper In—Glenfern, a very smart filly, was one of the cheapest sold. She was shedding her teeth, and was very seedy and feverish, so was sold conditionally, Sr Hoewel getting her for \$6000.

Altogether the sale must have been an unsatisfactory one, and considering the way Phoenix and Whipper In have this last season carried everything before them much better prices were deserved. The thoroughbreds averaged \$4066 and the mestizos \$1969, the total amount of the sale being \$137,300.

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Table listing horse names, breeders, and prices. Includes entries like 'Arran, by Whipper In—Marie Seton... Sr Segue \$ 5000' and 'Thebis (31-32) by Whipper In—Mnemosyne Sr. Hoewel 8000'.

After the sale Messrs Bullrich offered a chestnut stallion of good shape, Cinnamon by Button Park out of Dame Golden, two-years-old, but though he was described as having won prizes at shows in England, he did not sell.

RACING

BELGRANO—OCT. 9.

The Belgrano meeting last Sunday was quite eventful. The amount of rain which had fallen on the night before led us to suppose that there would be little chance of racing in the afternoon, but a ride down to the course, where the flags were flying early, put all doubts at rest, and as the sun came out about midday and as a fresh breeze sprang up for a short time the going though heavy was not nearly so bad as was expected.

As is usual on such occasions the unexpected happened in every race and the favourites went down before outsiders in a most disastrous manner for backers.

There were no less than three dead heats for first place and two for third place. We have often called attention to the number of dead heats run on the race courses here but Sunday's racing put all other meetings in this respect most thoroughly in the shade. A rank outsider in Halcon, a light weight of course, won the first event and paid his backers a most remunerative dividend.

The Premio Venus resulted in the first dead heat of the day between Whitethorn and Liana. The judges decision in this case called forth a good deal of opposition, as the general opinion was that Liana had won by a good head. The owners of the mare lodged an objection but the "comision" would not alter the judges decision as might be imagined. Both horses paid a good dividend so there was not very much to grumble about on the part of the public. We ourselves were not in a sufficiently good position

to be able to hazard an opinion. The owners agreed to run the dead heat off after the last race on the programme.

The race of the day was the Premio Primavera, a free handicap of two thousand metres. During the week the public fancy pointed to Mr Manton's pair Golondrina and Valiente to supply the winner, but on such a day the lighter weights looked much better investments and we were quite prepared to see anything win. Fifteen went to the post where a most regrettable accident happened to the jockey of Mio. It appears that San Carlos, who has not by any means an angel's temper, kicked out badly at Mio, and caught the lad on the leg injuring him so severely that he had to be taken to the hospital, where however it was found no bones were broken. The stewards at once met, and decided to delay the start till another jockey was procured for Mio and sent to the post. The field was dispatched eventually to a good start with the exception that San Carlos, for his sins was left at the post. Valiente made most of the running, Mio going to the front about six hundred metres from home, and in spite of a dangerous looking rush at the finish on the part of Athos, winning by half a length.

The Premio Marte was won by the curiously coloured Siva after making all the running.

The Premio Jupiter had an exciting finish, as Prometeo and Nelly after a grand race home ran a dead heat, in front of Calandria and Puygaveau whom the judges were also unable to separate, making a finish such as few on the course could have ever witnessed before.

Cabula and Wolff, a couple of outsiders ran another dead heat for the Premio Saturno, and paid respectively \$24 and \$36 per ticket. Iva won the last race pretty easily from Artichaut, and then came the match between Whitethorn and Liana. Whitethorn soon had the race in hand and won easily by a couple of lengths, paying a dividend of \$3.06.

Details:

Table listing race results and dividends. Includes entries like 'PREMIO MERCURIO, a handicap for horses four-year-old and upwards; \$1600 to the 1st, 200 to the 2nd; 1600 metres.' and 'Stud San Juan's b h Halcon, by Zanoni—Volunmia, 5 yrs, 40 k. A. Saavedra 1'.

Pertoldi led the first five hundred metres, when Junio took up the running and kept in front to the paddock, where he was done with. Here Halcon went to the head of affairs and won easily by three lengths; a length between second and third.

Tickets—Halcon with 249 win and 313 place, Holland 691 and 1142, Blackfriar 1616 and 1591, Junio 832 and 1155, High Life 267 and 416, Breton 60 and 100, Simpleton 480 and 693, Email 361 and 680, Pertoldi 188 and 213, Fleurette 47 and 110. Totals, 4339 win and 6417 place.

Dividends—Halcon \$43.33 win and 10.85 place, Blackfriar 3.18 place.

PREMIO VENUS, a handicap for three-year-olds that have not won more than \$4000, \$1600 to the 1st, 200 to the 2nd; 1100 metres.

Table listing race results for Premio Venus. Includes entries like 'Captain Lopez' ch h Whitethorn, by Whipper In—May Blossom, 53 k. P. Aguilera †' and 'Sr J. M. Villanueva's b f Liana, by Keir—Madre Selva, 48 k. I. Cardoso †'.

Enchantress made the running at a merry pace to the last turn, when Whitethorn took the lead and came down the straight looking a winner all over, when Liana came with a capital effort and appeared to just get in front of her, but the judges gave it a dead heat. The owners agreed not to divide, and the pair ran the distance again after the last race of the day.

Tickets—Whitethorn with 691 win and 828 place, Liana 805 and 689, Iva 641 and 580, Enchantress 798 and 811, Luisant 1530 and 1366, Sensacion 211 and 258, Ellen Terry 231 and 280, Atalanta 973 and 1340. Totals 5880 and 6052.

Dividends—Whitethorn \$7.49 win and 6.74 place, Liana 6.71 win and 7.70 place.

PREMIO PRIMAVERA, a free handicap for horses which have won in 1892, \$4000 to the 1st, 700 to the 2nd, 300 to the 3rd.

Table listing race results for Premio Primavera. Includes entries like 'Ecurie Chantilly's ch h Mio by Jolly Friar—Trot, 6 yrs, 47 k. S. Peñalba 1' and 'Stud Entre Rios' Athos, 8 yrs, 64 k. J. Garri 2'.

Table listing race results for various events. Includes entries like 'Mr Manton's Golondrina, 5 yrs, 59 k. J. Olmos 0' and 'Mr Manton's Valiente, 5 yrs, 52 k. J. Cruz 0'.

After several attempts the field was despatched to a good start. Valiente at once took up the running at a good pace and kept in front for about two thirds of the distance when Mio took the lead. Coming down the straight Mio was still in front, but at the stands Athos came away and quickly drawing up to the leader looked dangerous for a moment but he could not quite get home and Mio won eventually by half a length; The MacGowan and Calandria ran a dead heat for third place.

Tickets—Mio 174 win and 703 place, Athos 1315 and 1241, The MacGowan 523 and 497, Calandria 299 and 1042, Golondrina and Valiente 1353 and 1872, Puri 702 and 1257, North of Warwick 582 and 320, San Carlos 235 and 285, Nedgate 894 and 144, Sobremonite 133 and 404, Mondaine and Sombra 948 and 1297, Robert le Diable 574 and 663, Manon Lescaut 485 and 827. Totals 8217 and 10,502.

Dividends—Mio \$28.28 win and 7.01 place, Athos 5.16 place, Calandria 3.88 place, The MacGowan 5.95 place.

PREMIO JUPITER, a handicap for winners, \$2500 to the 1st, 200 to the 2nd; 1600 metres.

Table listing race results for Premio Jupiter. Includes entries like 'Ecurie Montevideo's b m Nelly, by Privateer—Sincerity, 8 yrs, 45 k. R. Bastiani †' and 'Stud La Prensa's b c Prometeo, by Star—Printaniere, 3 yrs, 47 k. J. Olmos 1†'.

Prometeo led to within five hundred metres from home, when he was joined by Nelly, a fine race home resulting in a dead heat; another capital finish between Calandria and Puygaveau also resulted in a dead heat for third place, they being a length behind the first pair.

Tickets—Nelly 1098 win and 994 place, Prometeo 1757 and 1678, Calandria and Disoluta 932 and 924, Danton 1196 and 1090, Puygaveau 1436 and 1155, Nubifer 1171 and 688.

Dividends—Nelly \$5.62 win and 5.22 place, Prometeo 4.28 and 3.97.

PREMIO MARTE, a handicap; \$2000 to the 1st, 200 to the 2nd; 1200 metres.

Table listing race results for Premio Marte. Includes entries like 'Stud Whipper In's d m Siva, by Earl Clifden—Rosita, 4 yrs, 43 k. R. Bastiani 1' and 'Capitan Lopez' Zampa, 5 yrs, 50 k. T. Lopez 2'.

Siva at once took the lead, was never headed, and won easily by two lengths, a length separated second and third.

Tickets—Siva 190 win and 274 place, Zampa 1062 and 1619, Salaam 1037 and 1222, Santa Fe 23 and 44, Sataneila 179 and 266, Termination 1849 and 1762, Lugano 431 and 482, Cabula 1298 and 1354, Monk 247 and 403, Pluton 353 and 579, Putu 85 and 159, Lancero 457 and 359. Totals—7211 and 8523.

Dividends—Siva \$68.31 win and 13.08 place, Zampa 3.87 place, Salaam 4.48 place.

PREMIO SATURNO, a handicap for horses which have run have not won more than \$800 in 1892, \$1800 to the 1st, 200 to the 2nd; 1400 metres.

Table listing race results for Premio Saturno. Includes entries like 'Ecurie Titan's ch h Cabula by Phoenix—Aurioline, 5 yrs, 50 k. P. Torres †' and 'General Paz' b h Wolf by Leonidas—Midge, 4 yrs, 44 k. L. Gonzalez †'.

Cabula jumped off in front and made most of the running, Wolf coming up to him in the straight an exciting finish between the pair resulted in a dead heat, a length behind was Clarion third.

Tickets—Cabula 901 win and 790 place, Wolf 385 and 649, Clarion 840 and 1456, Salaam 683 and 920, Frobisher 787 and 952, Zampa 805 and 1151, Blackfriar 711 and 522, Sirince 1764 and 1197, Hierofant 710 and 487, Egbert 624 and 769.

Dividends—Cabula \$10.51 win and 6.30 place, Wolf 11.70 and 7.24, Clarion 4.33 place.

PREMIO URANO, a handicap for three-year-olds; \$2000 to the 1st, 900 to the 2nd; 1900 metres. Stud Argentine's ch f Iva by Noe—Testo-tum, 47 k. C. Bueno 1 Stud Las Ortigas Artichaut, 51 k. P. Torres 2 Stud San Jorge's Remigia, 57 k. G. Palacios 3 Capitan Lopez Hirondele, 53 k. Aguilera 0 Artichaut held a slight lead of Iva, with the other pair lying close up behind till well into the straight, when the latter went to the front and won by more than three lengths; a length separated second and third. Tickets: Iva 2017, Artichaut 3027, Remigia 3666, Hirondele 881. Dividend: Iva \$8.55.

The dead heat between Whitethorn and Liana was run off after the last race. Whitethorn was ridden by P. Aguilera and had 2326 tickets invested on her and I. Cardoso rode Liana, on whom 1632 tickets were sold. Whitethorn led all the way, and won easily by two lengths. Dividend, \$3.06.

**SPORT PORTEÑO DERBY CLUB**

SPORT PORTEÑO		DERBY CLUB	
WIN	PLACE	WIN	PLACE
<b>Premio Mercurio—</b>			
Halcon	\$58.10	\$13.10	\$25.90
Holland		4.15	3.30
Blackfriar		3.95	5.25
<b>Premio Venus—</b>			
Whitethorn	8.05	3.85	8.80
Liana	10.10	4.65	9.95
Iva		5.80	5.90
<b>Premio Primavera—</b>			
Mio	14.70	5.95	18.60
Athos		4.60	5.25
Calandria		3.10	2.85
The McGowan		3.80	2.95
<b>Premio Marte—</b>			
Siva	43.55	8.15	24.10
Zampa		5.65	4.55
Salaam		2.70	4.10
<b>Premio Jupiter—</b>			
Nelly	7.05	3.35	8.00
Prometeo	5.95	2.55	3.80
Calandria		11.15	10.90
Puygaveau		15.55	10.90
<b>Premio Saturno—</b>			
Woolf	36.50	31.60	8.00
Cabula	24.35	63.35	8.00
Clairon		2.65	3.00
<b>Premio Urano—</b>			
Iva	21.70	6.00	21.70
Artichaut		2.00	3.25
Remigia		2.00	2.50

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**VENADO TUERTO.**

OCTOBER 9TH.

Heavy rain at Venado Tuerto necessitated the postponement of the race meeting organised by the Strangers Polo and Racing Club, from Saturday, the 8th, to the following day. The weather was lovely, and in consequence there was a capital attendance, though perhaps not so large as it might have been had the meeting been held on the day originally fixed for it.

The course had been carefully laid out, but the fences were ridiculously easy and weak, and the place for leaving the inner track to come into the straight to finish was badly defined and caused more than one mistake during the day.

Details:

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. Baron Peers' Ramadan ..... Owner 1 Mr G. Bell's Remolina ..... Mr E. Dormer 2 Mr A. Macdonald's Bide-a-wee ..... Mr W. Smyth 0 Mr A. Macdonald's Cam-awa-ben ..... Mr R. Smyth 0 Mr G. Lepontre's Sané ..... Owner 0 Mr C. Hinchcliffe's The Bounder ..... Owner 0 Mr H. W. Davison's Black Prince ..... Mr J. Ford 0 Mr R. Pakenham's Old Joe ..... Owner 0 Dividend—Ramadan \$7.20.

2. FLAT RACE, 1800 metres. For Criollo horses; 75 kilos. Baron Peers' Reluisant ..... Owner 1 Mr W. J. Christie's Atorrante ..... Mr J. Anderson 2 Mr H. H. Ewen's Rama Negra ..... Owner 3 Mr A. Macdonald's Peppercorn ..... Mr W. Smyth 0 Mr A. de Brouckere's Zut ..... Mr R. Smyth 0 Mr G. H. Isaac's Chiche ..... Mr E. Dormer 0 A capital race between first and second; a bad third. Dividend—Reluisant \$13.30.

3. STEEPLECHASE, 1800 metres. For Criollo horses; catch weights; 75 kilos limit.

Baron Peers' Gil Blas ..... Owner 1 Mr G. H. Isaac's Pampero ..... Mr E. Dormer 2 Mr H. H. Ewen's Rama Negra ..... Owner 3 Mr G. Lepontre's Refaloso ..... Mr J. Ford disq Mr R. McSmyth's Guttapercha ..... Owner 0 Mr T. Bridger's Fidget ..... Mr G. Davison disq Fidget finished first and Refaloso second, but both were disqualified for having gone the wrong course. Dividend—Gil Blas \$5.70.

4. VENADO TUERTO DERBY, 3500 metres. For any horse, thoroughbreds excepted, the property or nominated by a member of the Club. Catch weights; 75 kilos limit.

Mr W. H. Thompson's Felisa ..... Mr H. C. Thompson 1 Baron Peers' Regent ..... Mr Ford 2 Mr E. Dormer noms. Mr R. Moncrieff's Poroto ..... Owner 3 Baron Peers' Noble ..... Owner 0 Mr C. Hinchcliffe's The Flirt ..... Mr Lepontre 0 Mr F. Bridger's The Friar ..... Owner 0 Mr R. Smyth's Prince ..... Owner 0 Mr R. Smyth noms. Mr W. J. Christie's Fandango ..... Mr J. Anderson 0 Prince made the running at first at a good pace, with Felisa and Regent lying close up, Poroto some lengths off till going along the back stretch the last time round; here Fandango, who had been laying very much out of his ground, began to close up, but too late, as coming into the straight Felisa drew away and won easily by three lengths; Poroto close up third. Dividend—Felisa \$6.20.

5. POLO PONY STEEPLECHASE, 1800 metres. Catch weights; 75 kilos limit.

Baron Peers' Passe Partout ..... Owner 1 Mr C. Hinchcliffe's Rainbow ..... Owner 2 Mr R. McSmyth's Norah ..... Owner 3 Mr E. Burrows' Nightcap ..... Mr W. Smyth 0 Rainbow came up very fast in the straight, and from the stand appeared to have won, but the judge gave it against him by a neck; a bad third. Dividend—Passe Partout \$4.50.

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.

Mr O. Gerlach's Don Limon ..... Owner 1 Mr A. Macdonald's Scots Grey ..... Mr R. Smyth 2 Mr C. Hinchcliffe's Gamecock ..... Owner 3 Mr G. Isaac's Cielon ..... Mr W. Smyth 0 A good race, won by three parts of a length, with the others close up. Dividend—Don Limon \$6.00.

7. POLO PONY RACE, 1000 metres. Catch weights; 75 kilos limit.

Mr A. Pain's T'Other Joker ..... Owner 1 Mr A. Macdonald's Evileye ..... Mr R. Moncrieff 0 Mr C. Hinchcliffe's Lamplighter ..... Mr H. C. Thompson 0 Mr C. Hinchcliffe's The Buck ..... Owner 0 Mr H. W. Davison's Black Prince ..... Mr Ford 0 Mr J. Brett's Impromptu ..... Owner 0 Won easily by four lengths. Dividend—T'Other Joker \$17.28.

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.

Mr G. Isaac's The Murphy ..... Mr E. Dormer 1 Baron Peers' Par Hasard ..... Owner 2 Mr T. C. Fair's Tit Bits ..... Mr J. R. Kirkham disq Tit Bits, who was jumping very freely, was winning by several hundred yards, but unfortunately his jockey thought he had another round of the course to go and instead of coming into the straight kept in the steeplechase course. The Murphy finished a long way in front of Par Hasard. Dividend—The Murphy \$17.50.

CONSOLATION FLAT RACE.

Baron Peers' Par Hasard ..... Owner 1 Mr Christie's Atorrante ..... Mr J. Anderson 2 Mr Macdonald's Scots Grey ..... Mr R. Smyth 3 Mr G. Isaac's Pampero ..... Mr H. Ewen 0 Mr Macdonald's Came-awa-ben ..... Mr W. Smyth 0 Mr C. Hinchcliffe's The Bounder ..... Mr H. C. Thompson 0 Won by half a length; two lengths separated second and third.

CONSOLATION STEEPLECHASE.

Mr Lepontre's Refaloso ..... Mr Ford 1 Mr R. Moncrieff's Cropper ..... Owner 2 Mr C. Hinchcliffe's Rainbow ..... Owner 3 Mr Borrower's Nightcap ..... Mr W. Smyth 0 Mr Bell's Remolino ..... Mr H. C. Thompson 0 Mr R. Smyth's Foggy Ball ..... Owner 0 Won easily; a bad third. There was no betting on the last two events.

WINTER SEASON.—"The English," in Calle Cangallo 594, have received their Winter Stock direct from the Manufacturers, amongst which there is a splendid lot of Socks, 600 dozens, bought at a discount of 33 1/2 % off cost, clearing price \$7.25 half dozen (worth \$11.50). Winter Pyjamas a speciality.

**ESTANCIA AND COLONY.**

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

From Messrs Erausquin's fortnightly circular we learn that from the beginning of the year to the end of September, 257,310 head of cattle have been slaughtered at the corrales, 24,920 head have been sold to the saladeros and 91,363 for "invernada."

During the last fortnight in September some capita troops of mestizo cattle have been set in fetching from \$40 to 65 "carne y sebo," and from \$80 to 100 for exportation. Calves, both small and big, have fallen considerably of late in price. Sheep suitable for exportation have been making from \$8 to 10; others, according to size and condition from 3.50 to 7. Prices for ordinary cattle are expected to remain firm, but owing to the expected heat the demand for exceptionally large animals will probably decrease.

A hundred Lincoln sheep were sold in South Barracas on Friday for \$12 each, 600 more at 10.20, and other six hundred at 8.80 each. The two last sales were for freezing and the first for exportation alive.

Owing to the large supply of sheep in the market prices have not been too good of late, so these sales are all the more remarkable.

Mr Buchanan, chief of the Department of Agriculture, in connection with the Columbian Exposition at Chicago, states that the interest that has been evinced among the manufacturers of the United States in the proposed exhibit of foreign-grown wools and other animal fibres to be made in the agricultural building is remarkable. He has assigned adequate space, and is figuring on designs for suitable cabinets for a display of the fleeces of all lanigerous animals, and in this connection he invites attention to the importance of impressing the Commissioners of foreign nations from which animal fibres are exported to the United States with the great commercial advantages certain to result from the fullest possible display of their exportable fleeces. The countries most prominent in contributing to the supply of foreign wools are Australia, including New Zealand; Argentina, Uruguay and Paraguay, in South America; Cape Colony and Natal, in Africa; Russia, England, Scotland, France, Germany, and Turkey, in Europe; Asia Minor, Arabia, and adjoining Eastern countries. Recently, importations of wools from China and East India have largely developed, and met with ready sales among manufacturers of carpets and coarse fabrics. It is highly important that the Commissioners from each of the countries above named should be made aware of the importance attached to the proposed display of animal fibres, and that they be urged to take immediate steps to do themselves justice. Provisions made in that part of the live stock exhibit of the Exposition devoted to sheep and goats contemplates the presence of various unenumerated types of lanigerous animals possessing commercial and historical interest. This feature, Mr Buchanan says, will depend for its success upon the interest shown by foreign countries taking part in the Exposition, as no premiums are to be paid for such animals.

The rain which has fallen in the last few days has brought relief to estancieros all over the country. We have heard of thousands of animals that have been sent for slaughter for no other reason than that their owners had nothing for them to eat or drink. The wheat fields look well everywhere, but where the locusts have not already been they are expected and dreaded by the colonists.

New wool during the past week has been selling at from \$8 to \$10. Old wool is selling at from \$7.80 to \$8.60. Lincoln lamb's wool is fetching \$5.50, 5.60, and up to \$8.00.

The sale at Dr Irigoyen's estancia on the 2nd inst. realised altogether \$79,000. Buyers were numerous and prices remunerative. Pure Durham bulls fetched from \$600 to \$1500; thirty-six mestizo oxen fetched \$1440; some pure bred cows made \$200 each, and others as high as \$1000 each. Lincoln sheep sold at good prices, borregas fetched from \$50 to \$75, and mestizos \$17 each, and some black faced borregas made \$41 each, and rams \$76 each. Lincoln rams were sold at \$125 and \$150 each. The thoroughbred sire Private was sold for \$1050, mestizo potros fetched \$72 each, and mares \$25 each. A Trakenen stallion fetched \$700.

Last week we mentioned that Messrs Barros, Teixeira, and Co. had entered into a contract with the Municipality of Rio Janeiro for the supply of 10,000 head of cattle monthly. On Saturday last the first consignment arrived at La Plata for shipment. Messrs Teixeira and Co. have lately purchased very largely at twelve cents per kilo, live weight, delivered in La Plata. Several breeders have been visiting the port with the object of seeing for themselves the class of animals required for this new trade, and also to witness the embarkation of the cattle.

The export of hay from Bahia Blanca is becoming quite a large business. Ten thousand trusses were shipped the other day together with cattle and pigs for Rio Janeiro, to which port most of the hay is sent at

present. The increase in the shipment of grain from Bahia Blanca is noteworthy. Last year 400,000 kilos only left the port, while this year 17,000,000 kilos have been shipped to date.

The total sales at the Tandil fair amounted to \$32,520. Complaints were made that the accommodation for stock was very insufficient, otherwise the sales would have been very much greater. Lincoln borregas sold at \$35, rams at \$125 and \$150, and Rambouillet rams at \$190. Stallions fetched a good price, \$750 and \$800 being given for heavy horses.

The grain merchants of Santa Fé are still struggling against the export tax on wheat and linseed, and demand that \$92,687 already collected shall be refunded. In a statement submitted to the Attorney-General they point out that the Constitution of the Republic directly states "that the circulation of produce or any objects of native manufacture is free from all imports in the Interior of the Republic." As all the wheat grown in Córdoba, San Luis, etc., which enters Santa Fé is taxed likewise the illegality of the tax must be patent to all, leaving on one side the gross stupidity of strangling instead of encouraging agriculture.

Between six and seven hundred thousand sheep are said to have died from lomberies along the Southern line. That this is no exaggeration the enormous number of sheepskins arriving every day seems to prove. Tres Arroyos partido contributes about one-fourth of this loss; and, coming nearer north, many of the small puesteros have only six to eight hundred left out of two thousand sheep.

Horse-breeding in the south-eastern portion of the Province of Buenos Aires was not altogether a success last year owing to the very large number of mares slipping their foals; this season, however, the results so far are eminently satisfactory. One large estancia near Tandil, which suffered greatly last year, has not lost a single youngster this year, although more than half their mares have already foaled.

For the purpose of putting a stop to the frequent robberies of stock in the Bragado district the estancieros of that partido are forming a society to protect their property, and \$20,000 have been promised for this purpose. In other parts of the world where cattle are reared in sparsely-inhabited districts it is customary for a few owners to issue placards and advertisements offering between them a substantial reward to anyone giving information that will lead to the punishment of cattle lifters, and at the same time the registered brands of these owners are published. This premium on the heads of criminals has usually effected its purpose, and should be tried here.

In North America a great number of experiments are being made with various breeds of sheep. One of the most curious of these results in crossing is the effect of putting a Shropshire tup to pure Merino ewes. This is at variance with the popular theory that the sire imparts the external characteristics and the dam the internal. "The fleece of the first cross is of wonderful evenness and density: having at all stages an appearance of having been carefully trimmed." It is said that there is not much difference in the weight of the pure Merino fleece, and that of the first cross by the Shropshire rams; yet the latter had rather the heavier fleeces, and a rather larger proportion of each of these fleeces came out of the wash-tub, and the latter wool fetched rather the higher price per pound in the market.

We have to report a further purchase in England of first class stock destined for this republic. They consist of a dozen Aberdeen-Angus bulls purchased by Messrs Robert and William Wright, Norton Heath, Lincoln. They include Rover Again 9601 and Rover's Heir 9604, from Mr William White, Spott, Kirriemuir; Cork 9050 and Venture 9705, from Mr T. R. Casswell, The Grange, Little Limber, Brooklesby, Lincolnshire; Great Scott (dam Scots Lassie 4391), from Mr Adam Todd, Nether Mills of Drum, Crathes, Aberdeen. Pearl Diver 9589, from Mr Clement Stephenson, Newcastle-on-Tyne; Ronald of Leadhill 9592, from Mr T. Dixon, junr., Leadhill, Stocksfield-on-Tyne; Easterby 9195, from Mr Wallis, of Bradley Hall, Wylam-on-Tyne; and Sydney of Pitglassie 9667, from Mr John Spence, Blackhillock, Duftown. Two bulls have been acquired from Mr Wm. Robertson, Linkwood, Elgin, and one from Mr James Mackessack, Earnside, Forres. These bulls, which are to be used for crossing with Shorthorn cows, are a good, level lot, several of them being prize-winners.

The Balcarce stock fair which took place recently was considered satisfactory although only \$13,000 changed hands; still other and larger transactions have since been arranged by visitors who attended the show. A good display of agricultural instruments from the chief Buenos Aires houses was an attractive feature.

Although the bill before Congress for encouraging the beet sugar industry has not become law, many chacrereros are determined to give the crop a trial, and a considerable area in Vila colony has been planted with that object.

The sugar industry round about Tucuman is not looking very bright just now, in addition to the prolonged drought an unknown insect is attacking the cane plants.

## ATHLETIC TRAINING

(Continued.)

There are some people of the present day who have attempted to show that intellectual qualities of a high order cannot coexist with a taste for athletics. Some men go so far as to characterise in the most sweeping manner the whole class of athletes as one utterly devoid of education and all gentle and civilised emotions, and here I might easily be led to refute such a doctrine by giving many brilliant examples to the contrary, but as I do not propose to enter into a controversy I will not diverge into matters unconnected with the above title. We all know how the majority of the Argentines look upon any of our exercises and how we are called the "Ingleses locos," but in spite of the natives our sports flourish. Racing with some man is undoubtedly inborn: but with others it must be fostered and cultivated by the help of experience and advice; and with this latter object in view, I propose to offer certain suggestions which observations and practice have shown to be useful.

Professionals frequently say that a race should be run as if half the distance were the actual course; leaving the excitement and courage which competition will create to carry the athlete over the remaining half. It may be presumption for me to endeavour to upset the maxims of men who make a business of running; but after the most careful observations and repeated practical trials, I come to a conclusion utterly adverse to such a practice. Presuming that the principal object of athletic training is to strengthen the body for the complete enjoyment of perfect health I cannot believe in any good resulting from such an overstraining of the bodily powers, and that this is capable of giving rise to contain ill effects, and warrants the complaints of some who call out about these.

I do not wish to imply that a sudden stop should be made in a desperate struggle, on the thought arising that the system was suffering injury. In ninety-nine cases out of a hundred, it would be impossible to decide the existence of such an injury, and considerations of any kind are very slight at such a moment.

But it is most important that the expenditure of strength should be so apportioned, that there should be a reserve of energy and stamina for the final struggle usually the most exhausting part of the race. A first rate runner will generally be observed, whatever the distance, to be completely run out upon reaching the tape, and this because he has so calculated his strength as to use his powers to the very best advantage. It is simply a matter of mind and strength being exhausted, one before the other: either the latter carries the body along after the former is spent or vice versa. Both qualities must be retained in an equal degree, in order to continue the exertion without harm.

In every description of race, even when a waiting one is contemplated obtain, a good start if possible. It does no harm to dash off the first fifty yards at the highest speed, and then settle down into a steadier pace. It frequently surprises an opponent (especially a novice) and sometimes even a superior one, as to almost paralise his efforts, so that he is unable to regain his lost ground.

The inside position should be immediately taken, and no deviation made from it during the race, except for the purpose of passing an adversary or under circumstances I will mention presently. Attention to this is of greater consequence than is generally imagined. When a course is taken a yard from the inside line the extra distance traversed in a lap of 600 yards is fully six, and when we consider how much this amounts to in races of 1, 2, and 3 miles, the necessity of avoiding such a practice will be seen.

I can only instance two cases in which this rule may not be observed. First, when a waiting race is to be made with an obstinate and tough opponent, whom it is advisable to intimidate as soon as possible; and secondly, in the event of the running path being so cut up from previous competition, or from other causes, as to render it desirable to obtain a better footing on a part of the course less used. When the former tactics are necessary, the left shoulder (supposing the race to be run to the left) should be kept close in rear of the other competitor, and this position exactly maintained until the proper moment for passing arrives. This should be done with the utmost celerity, when the antagonist exhibits a tendency to hang back and shows signs of weariness. The greater speed with which he is passed induces him the more to believe his opponent capable of winning the race.

For the benefit, however, of the man thus pas-

sed, I must reiterate the old maxim that a race is never lost till it is won. No relaxation to his efforts should take place at such a moment, and though his opponent may seem to have the race apparently in his hands, there is every probability of another change in their respective places occurring before long. The efforts of the latter should never cease for a moment, for it is impossible to calculate upon the leading man not tiring or giving way. In the straight run home, or in the last lap, all this careful watching is of infinite importance; during a final struggle avoid every chance of a collision, and with every sinew and muscle braced together run to the tape at top speed.

(To be continued.)

## A Kennel Club for Buenos Aires

Belgrano, October 10, 1892.

To the Editor *River Plate Sport and Pastime*.

Dear Sir,—

Although just at present I am not the happy owner of any dog at all likely to win a prize, or even to get commended at a dog show, I am exceedingly glad to see that the idea of starting a kennel club here has found its way into your columns. I have lately spoken to one or two Argentine and German friends on the subject and they are delighted with the idea, in fact I think that it will be from these rather than the English that most support to a club of this kind will be received. For this reason I am of opinion that the club, should one be formed, should have its rules and regulations in Spanish; it should have as cosmopolitan a working committee as possible, and if possible or practicable be under the auspices of the Rural Society.

I am not very familiar with the exact objects of the Rural Society, and perhaps dogs would hardly come within their province, but at the same time the breeding of dogs is no less an industry in some senses than the breeding of horses, and as you say the Society have arrangements for showing dogs at their exhibition ground at Palermo, they evidently intend to recognise them at shows.

It seems to me that the only way to start the Kennel Club will be to call a meeting at some convenient place of all those interested in such a club, and should you care to take the initiative and advertise the meeting in the Argentine, French, German, Italian, and English papers, the thanks of all true lovers of dogs would be due to you, and I am sure that you would meet with a sufficiently encouraging amount of support for your trouble.

I believe that there is to be a dog show at Plaza San Martin, at the Kermesse to be opened to-morrow, and I am especially anxious to see what stamp of dogs will be exhibited in the various classes, though I expect that there will be no classes but that dogs will simply be shown promiscuously, and I expect some will be very good and others, though probably their owners will not think so, very bad. There is a kennel of dogs here, all of which are pointed out to visitors by the proud lady who has charge of them as "puros," but I am afraid there are few amongst them which merit such distinction. However, to set these things right, and establish the different breeds, the Kennel Club will no doubt soon be able to do. You may rely on me to do all I can to help in the foundation of the club, and when it is formed to do all in my power to make it a success.—Yours etc.,

H. B. FERGUS.

## WINNING OWNERS

The following is a list of the winning studs, showing the amount each has won this season to date:

STUD	RACE	\$	STUD	RACE	\$
Stud B. Aires	13	54139	Ec. Montevideo	3	6140
Las Ortigas	20	42600	St. Whipper-In	4	6000
Capitan Lopez	22	42000	Stud Boqueron	3	5900
Petite Ecurie	15	36963	St. Nino Dorado	4	5300
Stud La Prensa			Sgo. Clavario	3	4500
(the Gold Cup and 600 argentininos)	16	33250	Stud El Plata	2	4100
St. Entre-Rios	10	28150	St. Principiante	2	3500
Ec. Prisionero	13	26600	Stud San Juan	2	3400
Mr Manton	15	25450	Ec. Avant-Garde	3	3200
Stud Painé	5	25218	St. José Maria	2	2900
E. Casal	9	21900	Ec. General Paz	2	2500
Ecurie Indécis	11	20550	St. 2° Argentino	1	2300
J. B. Zubiarre	6	20200	Stud Tandil	1	2200
Ecurie Cérés	7	17580	Stud Nuevo	1	2000
J. M. Villanueva	9	16700	Stud La Noria	1	2000
F. C. Malbrán	8	15050	Stud Montfí	1	2000
Ec. Argentino	8	13600	Stud Norte	1	1900
Ecurie Titan	8	13550	Stud Floresta	1	1700
Ecurie Bolívar	4	13100	Ec. Acebal	1	1700
Ec. Talisman	7	12900	Ecurie Azur	1	1600
G. Kemmis	7	12650	Stud Jefferson	1	1500
J. E. Coronado	6	10300	I. Churry	1	1500
Stud Pari	6	10150	C. G. Palacios	1	1500
St. Terminacion	5	9600	Stud Esparanza	1	1050
Stud San Jorge	5	9600	St. Montegrande	1	1050
Stud Nacional	7	9400	Stud Phoenix	1	600
Stud Camors	3	8700	Ecurie Celery	1	500
Stud Carupá	3	8500	St. Mathiason	1	400
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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1892.

**SPORTING NOTES**

To-day the Belgrano and Flores Clubs play a  
match at Flores on the new ground of the latter  
club. The Belgrano team will consist of Messrs  
R. England, J. M. Mullaly, F. J. Balfour and  
J. K. Cassels, and for Flores the probable team  
will be Messrs H. Robson, E. Robson, A. Brodie  
and H. de B. Stafford.

The teams which will represent Quilmes and  
Lomas to-day at Lomas will be as follows:  
Quilmes—J. Bennett (back), F. J. Bennett 2, F.  
Pettigrew 3, and A. M. Hudson 1. Lomas—H.  
Bell (back), A. Bell 2, G. Anderson 3, H. Ander-  
son 1. The match will commence at 2.30 p.m.

The Polo Tournament arranged by the Bel-  
grano Polo Club, to take place on their ground  
on 11th, 12th and 13th November next, is to be a  
handicap, the handicapping to be arranged by  
the Committee formed of the Captains of various  
teams competing. I am told that the Club will  
take charge of all ponies coming from outside  
and that the members will be glad to put up any  
of the men who desire it, thus hoping to induce  
those to come who would otherwise find the ex-  
penses too heavy.

On the night of the 10th the club will give a  
dramatic entertainment followed by a dance.

**PROGRAMME.****"A HUSBAND IN CLOVER."**

Horace..... Mr R. H. Morgan  
Lydia..... Miss F. J. Webster

**"WHO'S TO WIN HIM?"**

Cyril Dashwood..... Mr F. M. Still  
Primrose Prattleton..... Mr F. J. Tebbutt  
Squire Brushleigh..... Mr J. K. Cassels  
Sylvia..... Mrs Tebbutt  
Musedora..... Miss M. Moores  
Minuetta..... Miss N. Glover  
Arabella..... Miss Foster  
Rose..... Miss Troutbeck.

10 p.m. Dancing.

The opening day of the tennis season of the  
Quilmes Club was last Wednesday, on the tennis  
court in Quilmes. The ladies mustered in great  
force and several capital sets were played. Not  
since the formation of the tennis club some  
years ago have there been so many people pre-  
sent at the courts, and it is to be hoped that the  
ladies' day will always be as well attended. Mrs.  
Brougham very kindly provided tea.

The Montevideo Polo Club have arranged to  
hold a race meeting on Tuesday November 1st,  
when the programme will be of the gymkhana  
order. The following is the new committee of  
the M. P. C. elected at the annual general meet-  
ing held on the 6th:—Messrs F. Henderson, L.  
Owen, R. Arteaga, J. Leared, E. Jones, F.  
Guilleimard, and A. Davie.

The rain at the end of last week had a most  
beneficial effect on the cricket and polo grounds  
of Buenos Aires for play on Sunday. Polo  
grounds especially played better than they have  
done for a long time, and the ponies seemed to  
travel much better on the softer turf than on the  
hard baked earth they have lately had to  
gallop on.

Only a fortnight ago a correspondent of this  
paper complained of the low scoring in cricket  
matches here last season, saying that not a single  
century had been made by a batsman.

Although the season has just commenced a  
most practical denial has already been given to  
the insinuation that our cricketers are not so good  
as they might be by Mr J. Gifford and Mr G. A.  
Thomson. The former gentleman it will be  
remembered scored 105 not out in the first match  
of his club, and the latter has played in three  
matches scoring 122, 103, and 15 without being  
once out—what is his average?

From an English paper I gather that Mr  
Maclachlan, our champion sprinters' only  
brother, must be as good an athlete as his  
brother here. In his college sports he won the mile  
championship, the 100 yards, and the sack race.  
The former race he has now won twice, so if he  
wins again next year will keep the Challenge  
Cup. In the sack race Mr Maclachlan claims a  
record as he has won it eleven times!

The Buenos Aires Rowing Club will be re-  
presented in the International at the Tigre on  
November 11th by Messrs R. W. Anderson (bow),  
M. F. Gilderdale (2), L. Corry Smith (3), R. E.  
H. Anderson (stroke) and J. Lee (cox). The  
crew will have its first row on Sunday next from  
which date it will go into strict training. The  
German Club has a strong crew to represent  
them which has been already in training for  
some time.

Montevideo is sending up two crews, one of  
Orientales and the other of Englishmen. The  
Buenos Aires Rowing Club held a meeting last  
night to receive the last of the entries for the  
Regatta; so the crews, next week, will be pub-  
lished in full.

The Australians can boast of perhaps the  
greatest steeplechase wonder in the world, a  
horse called Redleap. After winning the V.R.C.  
Grand National Steeplechase in July, when he  
carried 13st. 3lb., Redleap was pulled out for the  
V.A.T.C. Grand National Steeplechase, of four  
miles, and this time the gelding successfully  
carried the phenomenal handicap of 13st. 10lb.  
home. There is some talk of Redleap being sent  
to England for next winter's steeplechase season.

It is not perhaps generally known that The  
Lamb, who won two Grand Nationals, ran for  
the first time at a little country meeting in the  
North of Ireland where he won a couple of races  
on the same day for which the prizes were a  
saddle and bridle and a plough and set of  
harrows!!

I hear from a South American friend at home  
that as a representative show of gauchos, and  
gaucho work Buffalo Bill's "wild west" gauchos  
are not worth seeing. The men themselves hate  
the whole business seeing that it is a farce and  
complain of the "utter rot" of the things they  
are made to do. Firstly they are made to wear  
a Spanish toreador's cap which is of course un-  
known amongst themselves. The only object  
they have to "bolear" is a stick like a flag staff  
round which, as often as not, the "bolas" refuse  
to tie themselves. Then in a half spirited way  
they lasso each other (!) but without "cerrar  
el laso," and with a few old camp yells the thing  
is over.

My friend suggested to them that they should  
"paletear" one of the buffalos, and "bolear" a  
horse or two, but the reply was "that they heard  
that here in London the animals were protected  
by law, against rough usage, and that it wouldn't  
do."

The gauchos are just as much at home in  
London as in Chivilcoy, and they express no  
surprise at the mighty city. This is on a par  
with a story told me of a rich Argentine who  
visited England. On his return to the Plate, an  
English estanciero, his neighbour and friend,  
thought to himself "now that this man has seen  
my country, its vastness, its culture, resources  
and wealth, he will respect me." But upon the  
Englishman meeting him and saying, "Aha, que  
tal, que le parece Londres, eh?" his only reply  
was "Es un pueblo muy original." And so it  
is also with these uneducated sons of the  
Pampas, there was no surprise whatever. London  
seemed to them only "un pueblo lindo."

The four solitary thoroughbred two-year-olds  
possessed by the Haras Nacional will not be sold  
by auction as they have been disposed of private-  
ly at reserved prices. Orbit doc, not seem to be  
any use at the stud at all.

It appears that Maipú, who was shipped on  
Thursday last for Rio Janeiro, has been rather  
badly hurt through breaking out of the box in  
which he stood on board. Another box was  
fixed up and he was placed in it with great diffi-  
culty. Some of the fillies by Star on board the  
same vessel are also said to have met with in-  
juries more or less serious.

The race of the day next Sunday will be the  
Premio Palermo, a handicap for four-year-olds of  
3000 metres. It does not promise to be particu-  
larly interesting with the International in the  
near future. The weights of the latter race will  
be found in another column.

The idea mooted in these columns last week of  
forming a Kennel Club has been most favourably  
commented on by "doggy" men who one and  
all hope that such a club will be soon established.  
To prove that there is a considerable interest  
already taken in breeding really first rate dogs,  
I hear that a dog show will form one of the  
attractions at the fete opened to-day in the San  
Martin Plaza.

An Athletic and Social Club is being formed in  
Cañada de Gomez on a proper basis, and judging  
by the success its promoters are meeting with,  
promises to be one of the best camp clubs in this  
country. The Cañada polo ground is well known  
to be the very best, when in proper playing  
order.

Paysandú by Thuringian Prince out of Miss  
Skelton is said by an Argentine contemporary to  
have been served by Ormonde for the enormous  
fee of two hundred and fifty depreciated paper  
dollars. I should think this must be a misprint  
for 250 sovereigns.

A sporting bet has been made by the breeders  
of Frenela and Cannoneer, by Gay Hermit and  
Saumur respectively, to the tune of \$10,000, to go  
to the breeder of the horse which passes the post  
before the other in the Gran Premio Nacional of  
1893. If one of their horses does not start, no  
matter for what reason, his breeder will pay  
\$1000 forfeit.

The writer of the "On 'Change'" article in the  
"Standard" when reviewing Mr Kemmis' sale of  
two-year-olds, says that the business of breeding  
thoroughbred or racing stock, though no doubt  
attended with very heavy expenses, must bring  
in enormous gains, and asks what the breeders of  
all these horses do with all the money which  
their auctions have realized.

This question I don't think the breeders would  
have much difficulty in answering. If stallions  
could be purchased for say five hundred pounds,  
if they got thirty or forty foals every year for  
say fifteen years, if mares never died and never  
missed, and if every foal born always arrived at  
the sale yard sound and well as a two-year-old,  
and lastly if good thoroughbred stock imported  
itself into the country without having to be  
hunted up in England, race horse breeding in  
South America might be the splendid thing it is  
now generally supposed and the feather bed  
occupation the uninitiated always imagine it  
to be.

How can it pay to sell a two-year-old by a  
stallion worth some thousands of pounds and out  
of a mare costing several hundreds for say a  
thousand paper dollars, or about sixty pounds;  
and many of the two-year-olds just sold, some of



them certainly out of mares of perhaps no great value, were sold for a good deal less.

The Curamalan "mestizos" for instance only averaged \$375 or about eighteen sovereigns, which would hardly cover their keep for two years, groom's wages, train into town and the expenses, much less interest on capital, depreciation, and the many other items to be considered before profit can be thought of.

The concert being organised by Miss Lumb in aid of the St John's Church Organ Fund, promises to be the success this lady, who has always shown herself so ready in matters of this kind, deserves. Madame Roquette is to play a solo on the violin, Madame Dunant and Miss Nicholson are also on the programme. Miss Lumb and Madame Dunant are to sing the duet from Aida with Ismael's orchestra. This will be followed by a series of six tableaux, which are being got up with eastern splendour. The costumes, we hear, are to be entirely new and original.

BOOTS.

CRICKET

FIXTURES.

OCTOBER

- Wed. 12, Lomas v. B. A. and R. Ry., at Lomas.
- Sun. 16, B. A. C. C. v. Western Ry., at Palermo.
- Sun. 16, Lomas v. Quilmes, at Quilmes.
- Sun. 23, B. A. C. C. v. Hurlingham, at Hurlingham.
- Sun. 23, Western Ry., v. B. A. and R. Ry., at Tolosa.
- Sun. 30, Western Ry. v. Lomas, at Tolosa.
- Sun. 30, London Bank v. Hurlingham, at Hurlingham.
- Sun. 30, Lanus v. B. A. and R. Ry., at Lanus.

NOVEMBER

- Tues. 1, B. A. C. C. v. United Railways, at Palermo.
- Sun. 6, B. A. C. C. v. London Bank, at Palermo.
- Sun. 6, Lomas v. B. A. and R. Ry., at Belgrano.
- Sun. 6, Western Ry. v. Hurlingham, at Hurlingham.
- Fri. 11, Lomas v. Lanus, at Lomas.
- Fri. 11, Sat. 12, B. A. C. C. v. Rosario, at Rosario.
- Sun. 13, B. A. C. C. v. Lanus, at Palermo.
- Sun. 13, Western Ry. v. Quilmes, at Tolosa.
- Sun. 20, B. A. C. C. v. Lomas, at Palermo.
- Sun. 27, B. A. C. C. v. Hurlingham, at Palermo.
- Sun. 27, Quilmes v. B. A. and R. Ry., at Belgrano.
- Sun. 27, Western Railway v. Flores.

DECEMBER

- Sun. 4, Lomas v. London Bank, at Hurlingham.
- Sun. 4, Lanus v. Quilmes, at Quilmes.
- Wed. 7, Thurs. 8, North v. South, at Palermo.
- Sat. 10, Sun. 11, North v. Hurlingham, at Hurlingham.
- Sun. 18, B. A. C. C. v. B. A. and R. Ry., at Belgrano.
- Sun. 18, Western Ry. v. Quilmes, at Quilmes.

JANUARY

- Sun. 1, B. A. C. C. v. South of Riachuelo, at Palermo.
- Sun. 1, Lanus v. Hurlingham, at Lanus.
- Fri. 6, United Railways v. Hurlingham, at Hurlingham.
- Sun. 8, London Bank v. Quilmes, at Quilmes.
- Sun. 8, Western Ry. v. B. A. and R. Ry., at Belgrano.
- Sun. 15, B. A. C. C. v. Quilmes, at Palermo.
- Sun. 15, Lanus v. Western Ry., at Lanus.
- Sun. 22, London Bank v. Hurlingham, at Hurlingham.
- Sun. 22, Quilmes v. B. A. and R. Ry., at Quilmes.
- Sun. 29, Lomas v. Lanus, at Lanus.
- Sun. 29, London Bank v. B. A. and R. Ry., at Belgrano.

FEBRUARY

- Thurs. 2, London Bank v. Lomas, at Lomas.
- Sun. 5, B. A. C. C. v. Lomas, at Lomas.
- Sun. 5, Western Ry. v. Hurlingham, at Hurlingham.
- Sun. 5, Lanus v. B. A. and R. Ry., at Belgrano.
- Mon. 13, Tues. 14 (Carnival), B. A. C. C. v. Montevideo, at Montevideo.
- Mon. 13, Tues. 14 (Carnival), Lomas v. Rosario, at Lomas.
- Sun. 19, B. A. C. C. v. London Bank, at Palermo.
- Sun. 26, London Bank v. Quilmes, at Hurlingham.

MARCH

- Sun. 5, Lomas v. Western Ry., at Lomas.
- Sun. 12, B. A. C. C. v. Western Ry., at Tolosa.
- Sun. 12, Lomas v. Quilmes, at Lomas.
- Sun. 19, Lomas v. Hurlingham, at Lomas.
- Sat. 25, Sun. 26, B. A. C. C. v. Rosario, at Palermo.
- Thurs. 30, Fri. 31, Sat. April 1 (Holy Week), B. A. C. C. v. Montevideo, at Palermo.
- Thurs. 30, Fri. 31, Sat. April 1, Lomas v. Rosario at Rosario.

ROLDAN ATHLETIC CLUB v. CORDOBA AND ROSARIO RAILWAY

The opening match of the former club, which was witnessed by a good number of spectators, including a fair sprinkling of ladies, took place on their ground on Sunday, 2nd inst., and resulted in an easy victory for the home team.

For Roldan, the batting of Messrs Pumfrett, Francis and Wigley was very good, seeing that they have as yet had very little practice. Francis also bowled very well, as his analysis shows.

For the losers, the only men who reached double figures were Messrs Porcher and Bowling, the former hitting very hard for his 26 not out. The innings closing for 61 runs necessitated a follow on, and at their second attempt the Railway lost three wickets for 18 runs, Mr Porcher being unluckily run out for a well-earned 18.

Roldan A. Club		1st inn
J. M. Ellery, c	Bowling, b Henderson	7
F. Francis, b Jackson		45
J. Lee, run out		0
G. Pumfrett, c	Jackson, b Henderson	46
J. D. Pryce, b Jackson		1
J. M. Wigley, c	Jackson, b Hughes	17
B. Wilkinson, b Bowling		7
C. Holloway, not out		10
H. Lawrence, not out		7
J. Wilson		
B. Holloway	Innings declared closed, did not bat	—
Extras		10
Total		150

BOWLING ANALYSIS		R	W	O	M
Watson	40	—	—	8	1
Henderson	50	2	—	17	2
Jackson	32	2	—	12	4
Bowling	8	1	—	7	3
Hughes	10	1	—	6	1
Henderson bowled 1 wide, Jackson bowled 2 wides.					

F. C. C. y R.		1st inn	2nd ind	
Henderson, c	Holloway, b			
Francis	3	b Francis	1	
Lugg, b Francis	6			
Jackson, b Francis	0	not out	2	
Bowling, b Ellery	12	b B. Holloway	2	
Richardson, c and b Ellery	2			
Hughes, b Francis	0			
Boxal, b Francis	0			
Poulton, b Francis	0			
Porcher, not out	26	run out	13	
Lamb, b Francis	3			
Watson, b C. Holloway	3			
Extras	6	Extras	0	
Total		61	Total	18

BOWLING ANALYSIS		First Innings		Second Innings	
	O	M	R	W	
Wilkinson	9	0	5	2	
Francis	24	7	13	2	
Ellery	13	2	7	2	
C. Holloway	9	1	3	—	
Second Innings					
B. Holloway	11	1	3	1	
Francis	7	1	3	—	

B. A. C. C. v. QUILMES C.

This match was played on the 9th, on the ground of the Quilmes Club. Not having been able to make a good turf pitch this season the Quilmes Club have made an artificial pitch of matting, and this was the first match played on it. On the whole it played well, though the ball rose once or twice in a rather nasty way, Mr W. H. Masters, who was wicket keeping for Buenos Aires, getting a nasty cut over his eye from one of these high ones.

Buenos Aires went in first—Messrs B. J. Dillon and J. Gifford going to the wickets, the former scored a useful 30 before he was caught off Mr R. W. Anderson's bowling, and the latter played very good cricket for his 81. Mr A. Boyd commenced hitting hard and promised to make a big score when he was well caught by Mr A. Anderson in the long field. Messrs G. A. Thompson and R. Sutherland were together at the wickets with the total at 165 when the innings was declared closed.

The bowling of Messrs J. Gifford and G. A. Thompson was too much for the Quilmes batsmen, who were all out for 59 only. Buenos Aires, therefore, won the match by 106 runs. Scores:

B. A. C. C.		1st inn	Quilmes C.	1st inn	
B. J. Dillon, c	Thursby	30	A. Anderson, c	Boyd	
r	B. W. Anderson	81	b	Gifford	
J. Gifford, c	Pembroke	10	C. R. Thursby, c	Dillon	
Jones b Cornwall	81	b	G. A. Thomson	8	
A. Boyd, c	A. Anderson	10	C. Parry, b	J. Gifford	
r	B. W. Anderson	10	R. W. Anderson, b	J. Gifford	
G. A. Thomson, not out	15	6	H. Cornwall, c	J. Gifford	
R. Sutherland, not out	6	10	ford b	G. A. Thomson	
E. R. Gifford	did not bat	inn.	H. Anderson, b	G. A. Thomson	
W. H. Marters	bat inn.	—	Dr. White, b	G. A. Thomson	
W. E. Coubrough	declared closed	—			
E. L. Bridger	absent	—			
C. W. Thompson	absent	—			
J. C. Walshe		—			
Extras	23				
Total		165	Total		59

BOWLING ANALYSIS		B. A. C. C.'s Inn.		Quilmes C.'s Inn.	
	O	M	R	W	
R. W. Anderson	19	6	40	2	
H. B. Anderson	9	4	17	—	
F. J. Bennett	12	2	26	—	
A. Anderson	9	2	23	—	
W. C. Parry	7	2	24	—	
H. Cornwall	3	0	12	1	
F. J. Bennett bowled 1 no ball.					
Total		35		4	
J. Gifford	12	2	35	4	
G. A. Thomson	12	3	21	6	

LANUS C. C. v. WESTERN RAILWAY C. C.

The cricket match at Tolosa on Sunday last between the Buenos Aires Western Railway and Lanus Cricket Club resulted in a signal victory, for the Railway team. The Lanus went first to the wickets represented by Robson and Moffatt; the former lost his wicket when the score was 9. Harris now joined Moffatt but was soon bowled and Tupholme now joined Moffatt and a stand was made, but after Tupholme had scored 10 he was well caught. Barnes came next and put on 9 when he was clean bowled. Dodds took his stand with Moffatt and after putting on two was given out leg before wicket. Barker came next but was bowled after putting on 2, Sturgeon 3 and Hey brought up the rear but was got rid of without adding to the score, being bowled first ball. The innings closing for 85 runs. Lanus playing one man short.

The Railway team sent in Parkes and Huxtable to the bowling of Tupholme and Dodds. They made a long stand until Barnes took the ball from Dodds, Parkes got caught in the slips in Barnes' fourth over. Gates took his place, and after some fine batting by both batsmen, Gates was well caught by Robson. Dore joined Huxtable, when runs came very fast. After putting on 40 runs Huxtable was bowled, when Baker joined Dore, and both batsmen showed very good form and quickly put 50 runs on, when Dore got run out. The captain decided to close the innings of the railway team, the score being 121 for 4 wickets.

Moffatt, who went in first and carried his bat for Lanus, deserves great praise for a fine batting performance. The bowling, fielding, and batting of F. Dore was exceedingly good for the railway team.

Owing to the weather play was not commenced until after lunch (1 p.m.). During the afternoon a band of music played some very charming music under Florimond Detry, the conductor of the Tolosa Central Musical Society. The weather was perfect after lunch, being neither too hot for the players nor too cold for the visitors, who turned up in considerable numbers and watched the game with appreciative interest.

LANUS C.C.		1st inn	Western Ry. C.C.	1st inn	
E. Robson, c	Foster	b	F. T. Parkes, c	Dodds	
P. Norman	3	Barnes	3	3	
E. Moffatt, not out	36	J. T. Huxtable, b	Tu-	pholme	
W. Harris, b	F. Dore	7	7	40	
D. Duncan, b	F. Dore	6	C. P. Gates, c	Robson	
C. Tupholme, c	F. Dore	10	Tupholme	25	
b	W. Schoppe	10	F. F. Dore, run out	25	
J. Barnes, b	F. Dore	9	D. J. Baker, not out	24	
H. Dodds	1-b-w, b	F. Dore	2		
F. Dore	3	W. Sturgeon, b	F. Dore	3	
E. Hey, b	F. Dore	0	Extras	4	
Extras	6	Extras	4		
Total		85	Total		121

The eleven which will represent the Western Railway v. Buenos Aires C.C. on Sunday next is as follows: F. Foster, F. Dore, J. Clarke, P. Norman, A. W. Bannatyne, J. F. Huxtable, E. D. Moffatt, W. Harris, C. P. Gates, M. P. F. Schoppe, B. J. Baker (captain), F. F. Parkes (umpire).

ATHLETICS

CORDOBA ATHLETIC MEETING

The 30th September was an ideal Spring day and the large crowd who witnessed the annual sports of the Cordoba Athletic Club were well pleased at the various events and their exciting finishes, the result of excellent handicapping on the part of the Amateur Athletic Association of the River Plate.

The seating arrangements were perfect and everything passed off very satisfactorily. The prizes were numerous and choice, and were gracefully presented to the winning athletes by Mrs. J. M. Thome.

Too much praise cannot be given to the committee, whose incessant working brought about such a successful meeting, and also to the hon. secretary of the A.A.A. for valuable assistance.

PROGRAMME.

1. Running High Jump:  
A tie between Tucker (owes 3 in) and Hume (owes 7 in), at 4 ft 11 in and 5 ft 3 in respectively; J. A. Winter (scratch) 0.
2. 100 Yards Handicap, Club members:  
S. Haynes (4 yds) 1, A. H. Mayne (4 yds) 2, W. Boxall (3 yds), J. A. Winter (4 yds), J. A. Percy (6 yds), J. H. Lynch (5 yds).  
Won by half a yard in 11 2/3 secs, a foot between second and third.
3. Kicking the Football (Club Members only):  
Won by A. H. Mayne (140 ft), J. Hynes, S. Banfield.
4. Hurdle Race (Open Handicap), 10 hurdles 3 ft 6 in:  
B. C. Hume (owes 6 yds) 1, R. H. Tucker (owes 2 yds) 2.  
A very interesting race, won by a yard, being another evidence of fine handicapping. Time, 19 secs.
5. Basket and Potatoe Race (Club Members only):  
W. Boxall 1, A. H. Mayne 2, J. H. Lynch, J. Hynes, J. Percy.  
This race greatly amused the many Argentines, causing much laughter, as some of the competitors put their potatoes in the wrong baskets.

6. Boys' Race (Handicap), 12 years or under: McGill Drennan 1, B. Shaw 2, J. Chervetti 3. One of the prettiest races of the day.
7. 440 Yards Flat, Handicap (Club Members only). A. H. Mayne (15 yds) 1, R. H. Tucker (25 yds) 2, W. Boxall (15 yds). Mayne caught Tucker about 20 yards from the tape, beating him by 1 yard for first place.
8. 100 Yards Handicap (Open to all Amateurs): J. Hynes (12 yds) 1, J. A. Winter (9 yds) 2, B. C. Hume (6 yds), J. H. Lynch (9 yds), A. H. Mayne (9 yds), W. Boxall (3 yds), J. A. Percy (12 yds). Won by a yard in 11 secs, a foot between second and third.
9. Egg and Spoon Race, Open. J. Hynes 1, N. Boxall 2, J. H. Lynch, B. C. Hume, J. A. Percy. An excellent race all through, won by a foot.
10. Animal Race (Club members only). J. A. Winter (with a deer) 1, J. H. Lynch (with a turkey) 2. Also ran, ostrich, chicken, rat, and charatta. This race, as usual, was much applauded by our Argentine visitors.
11. One Mile, Handicap (Open to all Amateurs). A. H. Mayne (70 yds), 1; E. E. Wharton (scratch), 2; B. C. Hume (70 yds), 3; J. A. Percy (105 yds), J. H. Lynch (70 yds), W. Boxall (60 yds). Won by 2 yards, 4 yards between second and third. Time, 5 min. 10 secs. This was the finest race of the day, which perhaps would have been won by Wharton had he not spurred too soon, as it was, it resulted in a magnificent struggle down the finish and Mayne, who ran with excellent judgment, reached the tape 2 yards in front of his plucky competitor. Wharton's running was much admired.
12. 100 Yards Consolation Race. J. A. Percy 1; w.o.
13. Tug of War. Won by the F.C.C. Cordoba, who easily out-pulled their opponents composed of employees of F.C.C. Argentino and F.C. Cruz del Eje. As the great crowd of Argentines had never before seen a contest of this character it proved highly amusing, as shown by the generous applause accorded the victors.
- PETE.

## ROWING

### TIGRE BOAT CLUB.

This club purposes holding the first of a series of Club races on Sunday, the 16th inst. The races are to commence at 12 o'clock, and will take place on the Lujan, the events being as follows:

Half-outrigged double sculls.  
Half-outrigged pair oar.  
Inrigged fours.

If the first attempt is successful, the Committee will endeavour to arrange for monthly races through the present season, and hope by this means to increase the interest taken in the club.

## FLORES ATHLETIC CLUB

A general meeting of the Flores Athletic Club was held on Saturday last, the 8th inst., for the purpose of submitting the rules and regulations, which were, with a very few slight alterations, unanimously approved; and also to elect a permanent committee and sub-committees for the various games. The following office bearers were elected:

- President—J. F. Roberts.  
Vice-President—A. E. Bowen.  
Committee—P. Agar, F. Wilmot, A. Boyd, F. Lucas Woolley, F. Carlisle, H. S. Robson, J. Macadam, C. R. C. Miller, L. Graeven and B. G. Henderson.  
Suplentes—A. M. Challinor, H. Tudor and A. J. Y. Avery.
- Sub-Committees:
- For Cricket—Dr. D. B. Dillon and J. Huxtable.  
For Football—Rugby: R. W. S. Baikie and A. M. Challinor. Association: B. B. Syer and B. Guy.  
Lawn Tennis—H. Tudor and C. S. Holland.  
Polo—A. M. Challinor and W. G. Methven.  
Captains:  
Cricket—A. Boyd.  
Football—Association: M. Macadam. Rugby: T. Jones.  
Tennis—J. Macadam.  
Polo—H. Scot Robson.

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## DRAMATIC AND MUSICAL NOTES

Despite the vile weather on Saturday night there was a fairly large and tremendously enthusiastic audience at the San Martin to welcome Sra. Tetrizini who after innumerable postponements and disappointments made her debut. The Tomba troupe have to be congratulated on their latest addition, she has youth and beauty to begin with, her voice is perfect in quality and her method wholly free from the defects only too frequently associated with Italian opera bouffe artists. Her choice of appearing as Annette in "Crispino e la Comare" was a happy one, for had the part been written for her it could not have suited her better.

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From a scene in Venice, about the year 1756, in which "Crispino e la Comare" is laid, the change to Egypt in the time of the Pharaohs centuries before Christ is indeed enormous. Over the story of the unfortunate loves of Aida, the slave, and Radames the captain of the King's guards, a pitiless fate hovers. It is not a mere vulgar story of jealousy and revenge. The passions are much mightier, there is no room for villainy, everything appears ordered by Fate, and the victims suffer without protest. Radames takes his honours, as when he returns in triumph from victory over the Ethiopians, and death, when consigned to a living tomb for accidental treachery, with equal equanimity. Only love at the end when Aida hides in the tomb, shows itself superior to the pangs of death. Perhaps what strikes one most after witnessing the representation of the opera is the weird impressiveness of the priests, apparently they have lost all the passions of men, and merely act as the impassive ministers of fate. They sing songs of triumph when Radames returns victorious and they chant the same refrain when he is dying in the vaults of the Temple. But the glorious love song of the hero and Aida rises superior in the end to their prayers to Vulcan.

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Aida, as produced at the Politeama, is magnificently sung and staged. It is a questionable point whether the series of beautiful stage pictures do not attract the public as much as the music. Sra. Caligaris, who made her debut in the title role last Thursday, is simply a grand singer, and she brought down the house with her rendering of the romance in the first act and the duet with Amneris. Sra. Steimbach, is a magnificent specimen of ripe womanhood, and she looked the part of the king's daughter as well as she sang it. There was one weak point with this company when they were at the National, and that was the chorus, and I am glad to see that it has somewhat improved, though it is still far from perfection.

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By to-day's paper I see that a performance is being given in Lomas in aid of the Church funds. The management have not favoured me with the usual ticket; possibly the accommodation of the hall being so small and the price of the tickets, \$5, so high, they are unable to do so; nevertheless, it is the first time since these notes appeared that this usual courtesy has not been extended to the staff of this paper.

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There must have been gross mismanagement in the arranging of the dance and concert given by the Quilmes Athletic Club, I am informed that after all expenses were paid only some two hundred dollars remained, and yet the Rovers' Polo Club handed some six hundred dollars odd over to the church funds as the result of their concert, and which took place on a particularly wet and windy night.

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The English Literary Society were in the fore on Thursday last, a crowded hall being the result of a well advertised good programme. The concert which formed the first half produced nothing of any great interest, with the exception of Clay's lovely ballad, "She wandered down the mountain side," which was really well sung by Mrs. Showler. It is a pity that, owing to nervousness, this lady so rarely appears in public, but after the warm reception she received at her last appearance it is to be hoped that she may get over this defect and be heard more frequently and to greater advantage. Mr. Showler was in good form, and sang "The Ferryman," Pinsati, better than I have ever heard him sing. Mr. Harry Scott received an encore "For love of thee."

The second part was Byron's "Rosebud of Stinging-nettle Farm; or, the Villianous Squire and the Virtuous Villager." This melodrama has been noticed in these columns before, sufficient it is to say that it went well and several new jokes and topical songs were introduced.

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Mr McKean as the squire deserves a word of praise, it is not every one who rather than disappoint an audience, will go on with a hand so badly cut that it had to be sewn up some two hours previous to the performance, this he did and acted as well as the first night this show was given.

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I hear this same quartette of amateurs are arranging another show which will quite eclipse their present performance, I hope such is the case, for coming from such hands it should be good, "eh, Gaffer?"

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A grand concert—por parenthesis why are all concerts grand—is to be given at Quilmes on Thursday next in aid of the British Cemetery, I have looked at the programme and it promises well and much so, that if it is any way possible I shall go down to sample, especially as there will be a special train back to town at the conclusion of the performance

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"'Tis not for mortals to command success" but a very big bid is being made for it, and if the performance for the organ fund of St. John's, which comes off at the Odeon on the 19th is not, it will be a surprise; the programme is not yet published, but will be a surprise when it is; a good concert and six tableaux vivants, I will say no more except, don't miss it.

THE MAN IN THE STALLS.

## Mr J. Brett's Training Stables, Belgrano.

I spent a very enjoyable hour the other morning looking over Mr Brett's horses in his new stables at Belgrano. Until this season Mr Brett, who trains in strict English fashion, has never had horses under his charge with which he could do his employers much credit, but prejudice against English trainers is undoubtedly becoming less and less every day and at the present moment the two Englishmen now training here have perhaps the best two studs in training. Of Frazer's stable I hope to have something to say next week, as Niobe has been photographed for "Sport and Pastime," and if possible her phototype will be published then. Amongst Brett's patrons are Mr Manton, Mr Mathason, Mr Unzué, Mr G. B. Shaw, Mr Fernandez, and Mr Acosta, who will at once be recognised as amongst the foremost owners of race horses.

Taking the known horses first, the first shown me was Camors. Without wishing to cast aspersions on the late trainer of the Camors Stud I must say that only pure and simple neglect can have been the cause of both Camors and Vendetta, who are now in Brett's hands, being in such wretched condition. Camors though looking well, was a bag of bones and though he has only a few days in his new quarters I am told he is a very much improved horse already, so what he looked like when he came is hard to imagine. Camors is too well known to need description, he headed the list of winners last year with nearly forty thousand dollars including the gold cup, but this season he has not had a chance for obvious reasons, but now he is under Brett's charge he will probably return to his old form. He is a beautiful horse, this son of Edward the Confessor, perhaps a little straight at the knee, but otherwise difficult to find fault with, and the "proof of the pudding is in the eating thereof."

In the next box to Camors was Liniers who has been leased for a period by the Stud Forester. This horse is by Philamon out of Katerfeltta, breeding which makes him valuable; he is a horse which should certainly find a place between the flags; up to any weight, with an unusual amount of bone and muscle, it is a pity he is not a steeplechaser; for getting hunters he should be invaluable.

Lugano came next. He is a bay by Mourle and cost £2000 when imported; he is a useful horse and a winner of several good races. In the next box to this horse stands Golondrina. This mare was sent to Brett last year as of not much account; she then was receiving weight from such horses as Pertoldi, and coming in behind them; she is now among the top weights, and this year has won nearly a dozen races. This speaks for itself. The mare at present is in the

very pink of condition, and as fit as hands can make her. Mr. Mathiason's Carpiñero came next to Golondrina, who at present may be considered the crack of the stable, and very well the old horse looks; he has won a lot of races in the past and will no doubt win a lot more in the future. Eneas by Muncaster was next shown us. He has only joined Brett's string in the last few days; he broke down some time ago and was fired but will probably do something yet under his new trainer. The Argentine may do all very well with sound horses to work with but he gets all at sea with lame ones. I never saw a horse improve so much in a few months as has Holland, and no one would know him to be the same horse that was sold at the Las Ortigas sale last December for a thousand dollars. Standing in his box when I saw him, he looked the image of his sire Phoenix, and like his sire he is an exceptionally fast horse, to judge by the time of the race on the 2nd, in which he ran Zampa to a neck in one minute dead, equalling the best time ever done in the Republic. Like Golondrina, Valiente has come on wonderfully of late; he won a capital race on the 2nd and another on the 18th of last month, and has a longer list of seconds to show than most horses in training; however, his luck seems to have turned at last: this horse is by Valour. Without doubt the gentleman of the stable is Tedworth by Touchet; in fact he is one of the best looking horses now in training. He has only been a short time in the country, but ran a good horse in England. He is a very fast horse, but unfortunately belongs to the band. Vendetta is even poorer than Camors; her neck is as thin as a wire, and her belly shrunk up to nothing; no wonder she has not been seen in front this season. However she is picking up fast in her new home, and as she is a very racing like looking mare, will probably soon earn her corn. A neat looking horse, Peter by General Harding, and Adjutant by Hyder Ali, bring us to the end of the horses in work.

Of youngsters, Brett has several in his boxes and some more waiting to come, whilst stabling is being prepared for them. The pick of the basket is Rienzi by Zanoni out of Woodbine, bred at Curamalan and sold for \$5500 at the Company's recent sale at Messrs. Bullrich's. Had there then been an opportunity of seeing this colt move as I saw him in Brett's yard, I don't think he would have been sold for so low a figure. He is a very smart colt and shows any amount of quality from the tip of his small pointed ears to the root of his well set on tail. He has no great amount of bone, but then he has nothing to carry, so why should he have? Alhambra, by Star out of Allumette, is a rare filly, with quarters good enough to send her along as fast as any of them, and Hada by Hanover out of La Beliere, is a big one which should make a race horse in time. Minstrel, by Gay Hermit out of Agwine, which was sold at the Las Ortigas Stud's sale, is in Brett's hands, and looks a remarkably promising colt and one of the nicest movers I have seen. A perfect little wonder in the way of make and shape was shown me in a colt out of a rare stamp of mare imported from North America, and now in foal to Carnaval. This colt is a chestnut and for bone and muscle, or what will some day be muscle, I never saw his equal. He has rare shoulders and a wonderfully good back, his arms and second thighs are enormous, and he is as well ribbed up as he can be.

Altogether Mr. Brett has a very useful lot of horses under his charge, horses which will be sure to do him credit. It is, perhaps, rather a sweeping assertion to make, but the success obtained by both Frazer and Brett and their undoubted superiority over the Argentine trainers in training a difficult horse will, I believe, one day be the cause of most of the best studs here being in the hands of Englishmen.

### BUENOS AIRES FROM DAY TO DAY

The honourable sport and pastime of duelling has during the week produced an unoward accident in the death of Sr. Valentini, the editor of the "Patria Italiana." It is to be regretted that these accidents do take place, as it spoils what would otherwise be a cheap though silly amusement. One señor pushed another at a ball, thence resulted a challenge and the usual appeal to a court of honour, etc. At last the poor editor of the paper is brought in, and vents his feelings in an editorial which produces two more challenges. On the principle of "first come, first served," the editor met Sr. Torre and at his hands received his death. The last named gentleman burst into tears on viewing the result of his handiwork.

All this is very silly. In what possible way is honour satisfied, Valentini is dead, a useful life snuffed out like a candle, and his opponent is "non est inventus" for the time being. The seconds and doctors were arrested, and then released because it was not proved clearly that the duel took place in Argentine territory. It is said to have occurred in the Banda Oriental.

We should have thought that the dead body being here it was for the accused to prove that the duel took place elsewhere,—of course, as Marc Antony said of Brutus, "They are all honourable men," but it would be satisfactory if the following queries were answered: "In what vessels did the respective duellists proceed to the field of honour, as it would be contrary to etiquette for them to go together? Did each charter a separate boat, and if so what were the names of the boats? In what boat did the survivor return with the corpse? How came it that a corpse was allowed to leave Oriental territory without due authority?" The general belief is that had the duel not had a fatal result the actas would have been drawn up at a quinta in the neighbourhood of Buenos Aires. But of course duelling has its own code of honour.

Since writing the foregoing we read that after great difficulties the police authorities have discovered the exact locus in quo of the duel, which was, as we supposed above, in a galun of Sr. Mariano Espina in Belgrano. The seconds and doctors have been re-arrested. What can now be thought of the honour of duelling, which compels four men of standing to sign a lie and stand by it in a court of justice? What could be the idea held by the four men named of the intelligence of the authorities and public which they thought to hoodwink by such a barefaced lie?

With respect to the Rosales enquiry we have to notice three events as of importance during the week. The arrest of Capt. Funes at the request of the Fiscal, the more than broad hints in some of the evening papers that the sailor imprisoned is being slowly done to death to get rid of his evidence, and the fact proved by the "Nacion" that the "Hue and Cry" of this country describes the missing La Plata sailor as a "marinero" and "foguista." This being the authoritative description of the man it would appear that his statements were not so mystical as was tried to be represented.

The whole business looks uglier every day.

The Santa Catalina conspiracy seems to be about to result in the birth of another "ridiculus mus." It certainly gave birth the other day to the wildest canard ever issued by the "Standard," in describing Lomas de Zamora as in a state of chronic alarm. Nothing further from the fact can well be imagined, and the article named, published at the beginning of the period when houses in that locality are looked for as summer residences, might, unintentionally perhaps, do harm.

In the window of Peuser's libreria, in Calle San Martin, is a picture drawn by a prisoner in the Penitentiary and offered for sale at \$25, which will be applied to the relief of the artist. We see the artist bears the name of René. The facts mentioned are detailed in a printed card laid beside the picture.

At last the lyre of the chastest and most high-minded poet of the century, Alfred Tennyson, is mute. Last week Renan, this week Tennyson. Truly death smites emulatingly at times, but in both cases it may be said "their work was done."

Both have learned the dread secret that none may learn That walk in the ways of man.

Oh, if Tennyson could only return to add one more stanza to "In memoriam" from his present knowledge, what would the world not give to hear him.

A very unspiritual looking bullet from the mouth of an equally corporeal revolver lodged in the leg of the President of the Spiritualistic Society the other evening. The revolver happened to be in the hands of Sra. Gomez who strange to say does not lay the blame on the spiritual world. She had her brains very near her bonnet as the Spanish expression is and is being examined by two doctors to decide upon her responsibility. We should say this is a clear case of the affluence of the Brown Arnold doctrine.

The Chilians have been somewhat excited about a speech supposed to have been delivered by the Governor of Cordoba at a banquet a few nights ago. The governor however denies the speech and the poor reporter of the newspaper that published it a creditor with having evolved it from his inner consciousness. The ire of the Chilians will therefore be pacified.

Another case of Tennysonian "falling out." The Lord Mayor and the Council did not agree. The latter were divided in their views whether to rebuke or impeach his Lordship. The former views prevailed and The L. M. was rebuked accordingly. He accepted the rebuke with a good grace and gave in.

Judge Pizarro is indignant with the Commission of the Deputies recommending his impeachment. This is natural. He is defending himself in the "Prensa" and uses such vigorous language that it is said by the Commission that his object is to get himself kicked out for impudence and so avoid enquiry into the serious charges made against him.

The good people of Lomas are going to give a dramatic performance in aid of the Church and a charge of \$5 is to be made for admission. This has provided our contemporaries with a pile of correspondence from "poor Lomasites," "Angry Fathers" and others. Surely those who get up any entertainment can charge what they like for admission. Those who think it too high need not go, they can exercise the invaluable privilege of every free born son of Adam viz. do the other thing.

To-day is the date of the discovery of the New World by the immortal Christopher Columbus, and at 2 o'clock a telegraphic conference will take place between Jujuj in this republic, Pará in Brazil, and Valparaiso in Chili, across 8000 miles of wire. This will be the greatest distance at which up to date communications have passed by overhead lines.

About Columbus, General Roca replying to a request to write something about him, said that he could add nothing to what had been said repeatedly during 400 years. We shall not, therefore, add anything to General Roca's contribution.

Here the ceremonies of the commemoration will be overshadowed by the commencement of the New Era, and in the words of the great poet whose death we mourn, let us say:

Ring out a slowly dying cause,  
And ancient forms of party strife;  
Ring in the nobler modes of life  
With sweeter manners, purer laws.  
Ring out the old, ring in the new!  
The civic slander and the spite;  
Ring in the love of truth and right;  
Ring out the false, ring in the true.

There has been another caso sospechosa, this time in Belgrano. "Ajenjo" and not cholera seems to have been the name of the microbe responsible.

The Chilean Government have at length acceded to the request for the extradition of Mateo Mijaich, who fled to Chili from Argentine Tierra del Fuego, and according to Mr. Popper, the celebrated engineer and would-be duellist, with a quantity of gold belonging to the latter. We hope Mr. Popper will not feel offended at this paragraph, as we should never dream of accepting a challenge from a gentleman with such an ominous name.

From London papers to hand and carefully copied into the "Diario," it seems that the atorrantes of London are not satisfied with the board and lodging given them by the Salvation Army. They object to prayer and washing. We shall no doubt hear soon of a similar protest on the part of the Napolitanos and Atorrantes Ingleses sheltered by the Army in this country.

Really, some one acquainted with English customs should revise the telegrams received from London by some of our contemporaries. We read yesterday: "London, 8th.—Morley is getting rid of all the Tory Justices of the Peace and there will be none of them left in a couple of years." For utter nonsense we have not seen this equalled. Is there no real Englishman who will keep our contemporaries informed of how these things are managed at home.

THE NECESSITY FOR PASTIMES

(Sir H. Maxwell, in "Blackwood's Magazine.")

All men feel the necessity of beguiling the hours; the veriest sloth will soon fall out of his senses if he does nothing but count the ticks of the clock; so man has invented for his solace an infinite variety of deliberate pastimes—artificial work of head or hand—which lull his perception of the slipping sands as effectually as productive labour does that of the artisan.

To excel in billiards, in cricket, in golf, tennis, or any of the myriad games played with balls of various size and material, more time must be filched from serious business than can by any means be afforded by those who have to earn a living. To become proficient in the spot-stroke postulates an apprenticeship at least as severe and as prolonged as that of any skilled handicraft; and the extraordinary perfection attained by those classed as "gentlemen" cricketers, as distinguished from "players," implies that for them it is the business of life, and not mere relaxation.

Yet games are of such excellent use in themselves, not only as recreation from strain but as safety valves for the dangerous or mischievous forces in human nature, diverting the thoughts from unhealthy tendencies and chastening the frames unto symmetry and grace, that it were a pity if room were not kept for people who can never aspire to professional proficiency.

They are potent safeguards against two of the most deplorable deformities to which human nature is liable—dullness in the hard worked, and vanity in the idle; each of which brings many a man and woman into a tragic degree of ridicule. Some young people are so constituted as to feel no inclination to games, but very much the reverse; their minds are of such fibre as to retain elasticity without having recourse to systematic diversion. That they are not characters of small capacity which exhibit this trait may be shown by quoting two well-known instances of men highly distinguished in widely different careers.

It is a long descent from games which exercise mind or body to those of pure chance, yet these have as firm a hold upon human inclination as if they possessed merit in themselves. No more piteous impression can be made on a mind capable of reflection than is left by a visit to the tables at Monte Carlo. Hour after hour, day after day, year after year, the same crowds gather round them, blind to the beauty of sapphire sea and glorious sunshine, content to swelter and gamble and wrangle—for what? Well, they are under thrall of one of two motives—two deplorable motives; one, the lowest, the other, the saddest, that can be conceived.

For the first is avarice—of all lusts the most obscene, of all passions the most disastrous. Valour, self devotion, truth, humanity, may (so complex is human nature) coexist with much that is evil in a character; but avarice taints the whole being: unlike other desires, it is never satisfied, it is never at rest; nothing sweet can flow from the source which it has polluted. Let there be no mistake or palliation about this: avarice is the primary lure to the Casino. Take away the gold, and who would be so childish as to play for counters or sweetmeats? The other and subsidiary motive which collects a crowd round the tables is the desire of idle men to rid themselves of that most precious possession—time; which, once it is gone, can never be recalled, the loss of which is the cause of fruitless regret.

"Knowledge comes, but wisdom taries;" but here even knowledge seems to be set at contempt. Crowds of educated people, with ready access to all the stores of knowledge laid up through the laborious ages for present use, affirm the contemptible creed of luck. Never was there a god so false, never one before whom so many bowed the knee in profound and ignorant faith. It would be lost labour to combat the belief—almost universal and wholly ineradicable among gamblers—in an inscrutable influence upon human occasion, capable of being offended or propitiated. It differs in no respect from idolatry; for civilized, well-educated people behave just as the pagan does in regard to the

Great Spirit, the souls of his ancestor's, or the deified powers of Nature. It is, in fact, a kind of illogical animism: "Don't disappoint your luck!"—the gambler's cardinal precept—implies the same dread of offending a powerful being, impatient of slight, as still moves the inhabitants of Tinnevely, in Indo-China, to lay brandy and cheroots on the grave of a certain British officer whom they hated and feared on account of his tyrannical rule over them, believing that his spirit can only be kept from mischief by being plied with the same little luxuries he loved, when alive. "The Lord thy God is a jealous Lord" is dogma not peculiar to Jewish worship; it is the idea uppermost in all religion.

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CRICKET

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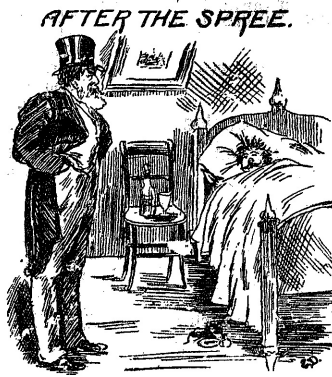
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### Programme of the Meeting

TO BE HELD ON  
**OCTOBER 30, 1892**

- 1st Race, THE ROSARIO TALA, for Criollo Horses; weight 63 kilos; \$300 to the 1st; 886 metres; entrance \$50.
- 2nd Race, THE GUALEGUAY, for Mestizo Horses; half bred to carry 60 kilos; \$500 to the 1st; 2660 metres; entrance \$90.
- 3rd Race, THE URUGUAY, for Criollo Horses; weight 63 kilos; \$400 to the 1st; 1500 metres; entrance \$70.
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- 7th Race, THE PARANA, a Trotting Race for Horses which are not more than half bred; weight 65 kilos; \$100 to the 1st; entrance \$20.
- 8th Race, THE CONSUELO, for Horses which have not won at the meeting; \$40 to the 1st, \$10 to the 2nd; 1773 metres.

Entries, which must be addressed to the President of the Jockey Club, Mr W. Milne, close on Sunday, Oct. 16. No notice will be taken of entries which are not accompanied by the necessary entrance fees.

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## Montevideo Athletic Association

### List of Open Events

TO BE HELD AT THE

### Annual Meeting, Thursday, December 8, 1892

- 100 Yards Flat Race.
- 100 Yards Flat Race, Handicap.
- Putting the Shot, Handicap.
- Throwing the Hammer, Handicap.
- High Jump, Handicap.
- Long Jump, Handicap.
- Pole Jump, Handicap.
- 120 Yards Hurdle Race, Handicap.
- Throwing the Cricket Ball.
- Quarter Mile Flat Race, Handicap.
- Half Mile Flat Race, Handicap.
- One Mile Flat Race, Handicap.
- Steeplechase 1000 Yards, Handicap.
- Tug of War, Eight Men a side.
- 100 Yards Flat Race (Married Men).
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Further details will be published shortly.

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## A Spanish Mule

To be left, with all the tickets of the party in your pockets, at a little Spanish railway station, in the days when the railroad had only just been constructed, and was looked upon, by all but the masses, as simply the evil one chained by magic and made to work as a slave, was not pleasant. The Spanish I know had been learnt in the North, and was very different from that spoken in Andalusia, still I was able to make myself understood.

"How many miles to Cordoba?" I asked.

"One hour and a half, señor."

Now a Spanish express travelled in those days about twenty miles an hour with stoppages. These latter there was no calculating upon, as I have known a train to stop whilst the engine-driver, the station-master and a friend have had a game of knuckle-bones. But an average speed of twenty odd miles an hour, would make Cordoba some three and thirty miles distant.

"When is there another train?"

"To-morrow. But there is a luggage train passes at midnight. The slow train has already 'gone on.'" Fancy a line with only two passenger trains a day, and it was scarcely mid-day when I made the inquiry.

"Can I have a carriage?"

"Certainly. In half an hour."

I telegraphed in French to Cordoba, explaining that I had the tickets of a family travelling by the express, and asking that they might be forwarded on to Seville. This done, I walked out to look about me and wait for the carriage.

A fine old walled town stood on an adjacent hill, looking much as it must have done three hundred years ago, whilst round the station a few cottages and a little inn had sprung up. A few women were at work in the fields.

Presently I heard the sound of bells, and in a few moments an old diligence, or coach, drawn by some eight mules, drew up before me. It was an imposing affair—three postillions, and two fellows armed with guns on the back seat. All this show frightened me, for in Spain show means expense, and I had only three gold pieces and a handful of pesetas with me.

"How much to Cordoba?" I asked.

"Three hundred pesetas"—about twelve pounds.

"Too much; I have not got it!"

They came down to two hundred pesetas, and drink-money—which always comes heavy—but at last I convinced them I had not got it, and they drove away swearing, with one of my gold pieces as a peace-offering.

My next question was "Could I have a horse?"

"No." But after much talking amongst themselves I was informed that I might have a mule and guide for thirty pesetas and a gratuity to the man. With this I closed, and went into the inn to get some breakfast whilst waiting for my steed.

There are few dishes to choose from in Spain—when away from the chief towns. So I thought myself lucky in getting a fowl and rice. Whilst they were selecting and killing the oldest bird about, I lit a cigar and wandered out, the room being insufferably hot. After taking a few turns and finding it better outside than in, I reached the inn and sat down in the room on the other side of the passage to that into which I had been first shown.

There was a window high up in the wall, which divided this room from the kitchen. I could hear the voices of two women, and having nothing better to do, I listened to what scraps of conversation came my way.

"Juan Gutierrez will make a good thing from the traveller."

"Eh! but will he be in time to stop him! Gaspar has far to go."

"Oh, Diego will not hurry with the mule, and the stranger does not know the way."

"Poor fellow! I hope they will not kill him. He is young."

"No! no! Juan must be paid for his trouble. He is an honest man, but poor; since the devil's machine—the railroad—trade has been poor for such as he."

"Well, the fowl is ready. I hope the young man will eat heartily, it may be his last meal."

This was a pleasant sort of conversation to overhear. I took the hint of the "Gallo" being ready and retired into the other room.

There seemed only two paths open. Either to stop in the town and appeal to the authorities for protection, or to push on before the brigand Juan could stop the way. In any country but Spain, the first would have been the most reasonable course to adopt. But I knew the police would have taken every penny I had, made any amount of promises, and then have left me to shift for myself. I determined to trust to Diego.

I found that individual calmly smoking a cigarette in front of a small clay-built stable.

"Start in five minutes," I said, "and this for yourself, now."

Luckily he was a sharp fellow. "You give it me now?" he queried. I nodded. He rushed into the stable and I went and paid for my breakfast.

In five minutes we were both ready, and a nice pair we must have looked. The mule was a small one, but she could go, as we afterwards proved.

He was a short man, dressed in shirt, and knee-breeches, but no stockings or boots. He had a gun slung across his shoulders.

"Mount, señor!" said he.

There were no stirrups, a couple of sacks and a surcingle taking the place of a saddle, whilst a halter served as a bridle. This latter he held in his hands. Luckily the riding-school of a calvary regiment had taught me to ride by balance. There was no difficulty in mounting. Diego sprang up behind, and away we went down the road at a trot, or rather amble.

When we had gone a mile or so, and were out of sight, I seized hold of the halter, pulled up, and dismounted. Diego looked perplexed, but I explained to him that I knew all about the little game of Juan Gutierrez, and that it would pay him much better to take me safe to Cordoba. I told him that although I had only a pound or two in my pocket—of which I gave him a little on account—that I could get at least three hundred pesetas lent on my watch and chain, and that this he should have directly we arrived.

"On the other hand," I said, "you will get into trouble, and Juan will cheat you for certain."

"I will try, señor—I will try, on the honour of an honest man. There is only one road, however, and we have lost precious time. Still I will bring you through, for I am no friend of Juan Gutierrez."

I was up in the saddle again in a moment, and now I found out how that mule could go. All along the flats she went at a quick ambling pace, which got over a lot of ground; but when we came to a hill she put down her head, gave a squeal when she felt our heels in her sides, and galloped up it like a steam-engine. It was a desert-looking country; a few hawks hovering overhead; a hundred or so of sheep trying to pick up a living on the scanty herbage; but in five miles we met only one traveller, and he on foot. A wayside posada tempted us to stay for a minute to have a drink out of the pigskin, served by a peasant in a sheepskin coat. We now approached some low hills on our right hand.

"We shall meet him here, if at all," said Diego.

I ought to have said that, except the gun and knife of the latter, we had no arms. He had hardly spoken when there came a shout from our right. Glancing that way we saw a man on a horse galloping towards us at right angles.

"It is he!" exclaimed Diego. "Now for it."

That mule could go; she laid back her ears and went down the road like a thorough-bred. We passed the point where the cross-path joined our road, about forty lengths in front of the bandit. It was now a tremendous race, for the longer stride of his horse began to tell inch by inch, and he commenced to creep up. Our mule was carrying double. In four or five minutes I glanced back.

He had come up to within twenty lengths of us. Diego was coolly unslinging his gun.

"Wait till he is quite close," I said, for I had little belief in hitting anything at the pace we were going at. In a moment I heard the crack of a pistol. Looking back, I noticed that our pursuer held one still smoking in his hand. Moreover he had not gained on us.

"Santos!" Signor. He is dismounting. Let me fire, or I shall be disgraced."

I glanced back once more. It was true. Juan had dismounted, and now on one knee, was taking sure aim at us.

"Fire! Diego," I cried, still looking back. Both shots resounded together. I could hear the hum of Juan's bullet, as it passed overhead. Diego's shot was a better one, as it struck the ground a few paces in front of Gutierrez, and covered him with dust and stones.

"I have shot him, Signor! Holy Saints be praised! pull up the mule, so I make sure of the reward."

But in another moment Diego's cup of joy was dashed from his lips, for the brigand recovered and got upon his legs; then shaking his fist at us, and doubtless swearing, he managed to mount his horse and ride away.

Just to show what that mule could do, an hour later on we approached Cordoba, a four-in-hand American wagon, with half a dozen gentlemen, evidently returning from shooting, raced us for a mile or two along a level stretch of road, and we beat them in a trot. To finish, I obtained the money I wanted from the landlord of the inn. So I made it right with Diego and also gave him a gold ring I wore as a memento. The rest of the party arrived safely at Seville.—*Sporting and Dramatic News.*

## NATURAL HISTORY NOTES.

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

### "THE NATURALIST IN LA PLATA."

The above work by Mr. W. H. Hudson, C.M.Z.S., has recently come into my hands, and as it treats to some extent of the subjects about which I have been writing for several months in these columns, I feel I should not be doing my duty to the readers of "S. and P." if I did not introduce the book to their notice. Let me make one remark before dealing with the book itself, and that is, that I see on the fly leaf a note that in Feb. last 1000 copies were printed and that in June last a further supply was called for and 750 additional copies were issued. I regret owing that to the conduct of the booksellers of this city in charging the exorbitant and prohibitive price of \$6 gold or \$20 paper, so few of this large issue have come into the hands of the Buenos Aires public, a large number of whom would have welcomed the Naturalist had the Bookseller been content with a reasonable profit.

To pass now to the book itself. It is impossible for a naturalist to feel anything but pleasure on reading a book of this description. To find the notes of any careful observer collected and presented in a light and readable manner is always a pleasure, but, when those notes deal with animals of such curious forms and habits as those which make up the fauna of Argentina, and when the work is well done, these facts form a very considerable addition to the pleasure referred to.

Mr. Hudson has already done good service to Science by his share in the production of the standard work on the Ornithology of this country, so often referred to by me in these columns, and although bird life receives considerable attention in the book we are now considering, it does not by any means crowd out of view other forms of animal life in the great Pampas. It is to the Pampa and its living inhabitants that the Naturalist leads us in his book, which does not profess to be a natural history of Argentina or a text book of the zoology of that country, but deals with that great stretch of land called the Pampas (from the Quintera word signifying 'open country'), extending on its eastern border from the River Paraná in lat. 32 deg. to the Patagonian formation on the River Colorado, and comprising about 200,000 sq. miles of humid, grassy country, and only occasionally does the writer ask us to accompany him beyond the borders of the Pampa and the Province of Buenos Aires of which La Plata is the capital.

A considerable portion of the matter contained in the volume has already been printed in various journals, and they are here collected and arranged and illustrated with a number of engravings, which add to the interest of the reading matter. The type and paper are excellent.

In the opening chapter, Mr. Hudson describes the Pampas, which he refers to as his "parish of Selborne," and after noting the limited horizon of a dweller on the Pampas as compared with that of a resident in the mountains, and stating his amazement at the vastness of the earth when for the first time he ascended one of the range of Sierras near Cape Corrientes, he details the various objects of interest to a naturalist in what

he names in the table to his first chapter, the "desert Pampas." We see a picture of green grass and blue sky across which dash a few Indians in search of stray horses, and then in rapid succession, the varied tenants of the "parish" pass in review. The Viscacha with its strange habits and burrows; the cuyu (miscalled nutria) swimming with her infant progeny on her back, the active little cuis or wild guinea pig, the two-toed (heard but rarely seen), the blood-thirsty jaguar and the man-loving puma, the universal fox and the pestiferous skunk, the deer, the strangely clad armadillos, the pouched opossums or comadrejas, all pass rapidly before us; and then we look upwards and find the air and the lagunas peopled with a rich fauna of birds, storks, ibises, herons, spoonbills, flamingoes, all fly over head or wade in the shallows of the laguna; ducks of varied plumage and swans, graceful and lovely, people the waters; many rail like birds creep amongst the reeds, snipe and plovers especially; the well-known tero-tero shriek around us; vultures and hawks fly over us, circling round and round some dead, dying or doomed prey; the burrowing owl blinks at us as we pass the burrow of the viscacha, and after a flight of smaller birds the "grand archaic ostrich of America," the rhea, runs past us with one wing raised vertically like a great sail, a "veritable ship of the wilderness"; and then our author looks mournfully forward to the time when the Pampas will be merely so many sheep and cattle farms and all these beautiful forms will exist only in museums and in books, and future generations longing in vain for the denizens of the plains and of the air, will describe ours as a race with the motto, "Let us slay all noble and beautiful things for to-morrow we die."

In the second chapter we find a sketch of the life history and habits of the puma or lion of the country. Mr. Hudson defends it from the oft preferred charge of cowardice, and says that it is a real friend of man, whom it will never attack, and against whom it will not even defend itself. He relates several incidents in proof of his statements, and we finish the chapter with the conviction that a puma would be the proper thing to have about the house as a pet, and would be as docile and faithful as a dog.

Mr. Hudson's third chapter, "A Wave of Life," is specially interesting when we bear in mind the invasion of voles in Scotland, and I have seen Mr. Hudson's observations quoted in English papers in reference to the latter subject. The wave of life referred to took place in 1872-3, when the mice became so abnormally numerous as to make it that "one could scarcely walk anywhere without treading on mice, while out of every hollow weed stalk dozens could be shaken. Of course, as they increased so did their enemies."

"These prolific little creatures were soon so abundant that the dogs subsisted almost exclusively on them; the fowls also, from incessantly pursuing and killing them, became quite rapacious in their manner; whilst the sulphur tyrant-birds (Bitangus) and the Guira cuckoos preyed on nothing but mice."

"The domestic cats, as they invariably do in such plentiful seasons, absented themselves from the house, assuming all the habits of their wild congeners, and slinking from the sight of man—even of a former fireside companion—with a shy secrecy in their motions, an apparent affectation of fear, almost ludicrous to see. Foxes, weasels, and opossums fared sumptuously. Even for the common armadillo (*Dasyptus villosus*) it was a season of affluence, for this creature is very adroit in capturing mice. This fact might seem surprising to anyone who marks the uncouth figure, toothless gums, and the motions—anything but light and graceful—of the armadillo; and perhaps fancying that to be a dexterous mouser, an animal should bear some resemblance in habits and structure to the felidae. But animals, like men, are compelled to adapt themselves to their surroundings; new habits are acquired, and the exact correlation between habit and structure is seldom maintained."

Whilst describing some curious animal weapons our author very ably says:

"Natural selection, like an angry man, can make a weapon of anything; and, using the word in this wide sense, the mucous secretions of the huanaco discharge into the face of an adversary, and the pestilential drops 'distilled' by the skunk, are weapons; and may be as effectual in defensive warfare as spines, fangs and tushes."

I must differ from Mr. Hudson in his view of the Escuerzo.

He refers to it as venemous, although he admits that its teeth are not formed to inject poison like serpents' teeth, but a few lines later he

says that they poison the blood by their glandular secretions. Afterwards he relates an instance of a gaucho who had his hand seized by one and was obliged to force the mouth of the Escuerzo open to free himself, he washed and bandaged the wound and no bad result followed, but, says Mr. Hudson, "when the toad cannot be shaken off the case is different."

Now, with respect to this, all the naturalists in this country, Dr. Burmeister, Dr. Berg, Dr. Weyenburgh, and others, are all most emphatic in asserting that the supposed venemous character of the Escuerzo is a myth. I myself have made careful dissections to see if the Escuerzo did present fangs or poison glands, and I could not find any. It may be that people have died after being bitten by an Escuerzo, and probably is true, but the same may be said of cats, rats, and many other animals. The bite of any infuriated animal is always dangerous, and there are men whose saliva is poisonous, and if injected into the system would produce death, but we cannot on this account say that cats, rats, and men are venemous animals. "Post hoc" is not always "propter hoc," and it is a pity to see a popular error maintained in a book which, though not professing to be a scientific treatise, records the observations of a naturalist.

The chapters on "Fear in birds" and "Parental and early instincts" are interesting contributions to the literature of inherited traits of animal life, the author's notes on the habits of the half wild criollo hens being specially noteworthy as showing a reversion to the original instincts of the ancestral Gallus bankiva. Our author is very much down on the skunk, whose effluvium is described as "being so bad that after it a crushed garlic is lavender. It is a torture to the olfactory nerves, and appears to pervade the whole system like a pestilent ether, nauseating one until sea sickness seems almost a pleasant sensation in comparison." The experience of one of the author's dogs on being introduced within saluting distance of a skunk excites one's sympathies for the poor, ill-used animal.

(To be continued)

## CAN MONKEYS TALK?

(By an Old Observer.)

Whether monkeys can talk I do not know; but they are certainly clever enough to do it. Monkeys are the knowing ones of creation, but they are idle cusses and won't work; nothing will induce a monkey or an ape to learn a useful thing. They will cheat and steal, and be taught vulgar antics, and they never will be serviceable to man. A monkey I knew stole a Prayer Book and tore out the leaves and swallowed them: this gave him liver-complaint, and he grew doleful.

The knowingest ape I ever heard of was a dog-faced baboon, whose master was an Arab merchant. This ape had learned to cook, and he would mind the pot in his master's absence. One day the Arab was in Cairo, and he spread his carpet in the quiet square of the citadel, and left his ape to guard his bales and to mind the pot while he went for an hour to the bazaar. There was a fowl in the pot, stewing with some rice and onions. The Sultan was looking out of the palace windows close by, and he saw with his own eyes what that artful baboon did. He took the lid off the pot, and stirred the contents. These smelt so savoury that the temptation was too strong. The baboon snatched a leg off the fowl, pulled it out of the pot, and as it cooled he ate it. This first taste being so nice, he quickly devoured the entire fowl. An awful remorse overcame him when he reflected upon his master's probable return, and he turned pale with horror. The kites are the plague of Egypt, and these birds were hovering round the pot, swooping down quite close, in the hope of carrying off the remnants of the ape's repast. Suddenly an idea struck him; he cheered up, and his face winked with cunning. Nature for some reasons of her own has conferred a vivid blush upon the hind-quarters of the baboon, which makes that portion of his person almost as rosy as raw beef. Our baboon suddenly rolled himself in the dust, and then stood on his head. Down came a kite to snatch at the supposed beef, but with great dexterity the baboon caught him and plunged him, feathers and all, into the pot, to replace the fowl which he had stolen.

The Sultan had witnessed this from the windows; he exclaimed, "Mashallah! God is great, and Mohammed is his prophet!" Why (he continued) is the ape superior to the human being? Why is the ape clever, while my Vizier is a fool? Having thus expressed his religious sentiments, the Sultan sent his chief eunuch to the baboon, and offered him the post of Grand Vizier, only lately vacant through the decapitation of that important official. The baboon was too wise to accept the honour of such an appointment.

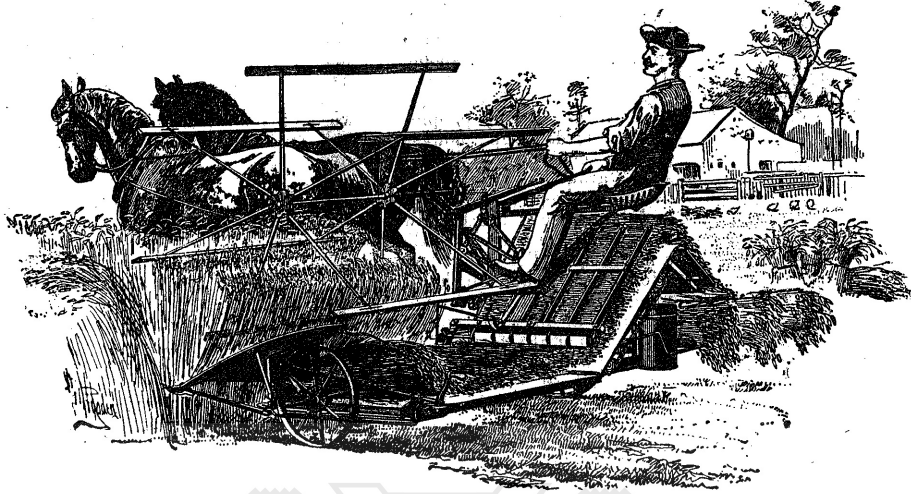
He grinned a courteous reply to the Sultan's messenger, which being interpreted literally, meant, "Not if I know it!" When the chief eunuch turned his back the baboon had applied the short thumb of his right hand to the tip of his nose.

Mr. Mansfield Parkyns, in his "Life in Abyssinia," tells a story almost the fellow of this; but no traveller has had sufficient Simian experience to answer the question, "Can Monkeys Talk?"

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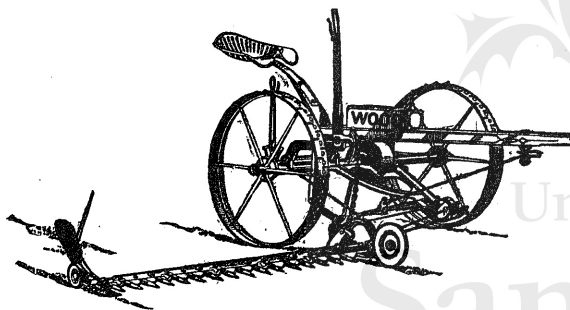
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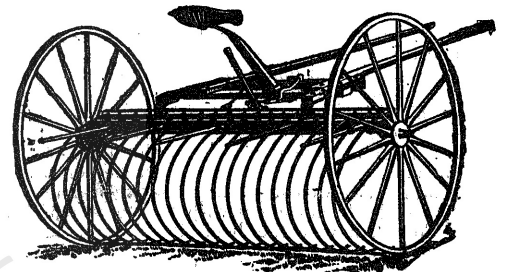
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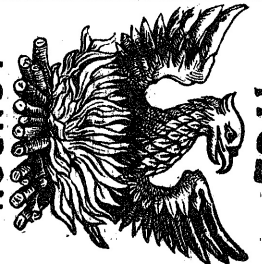
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