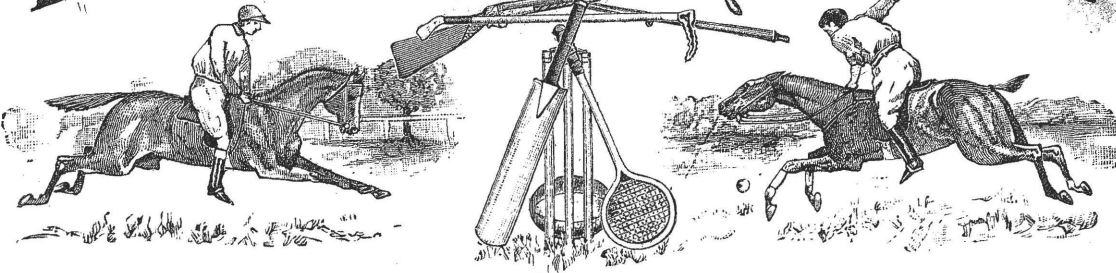


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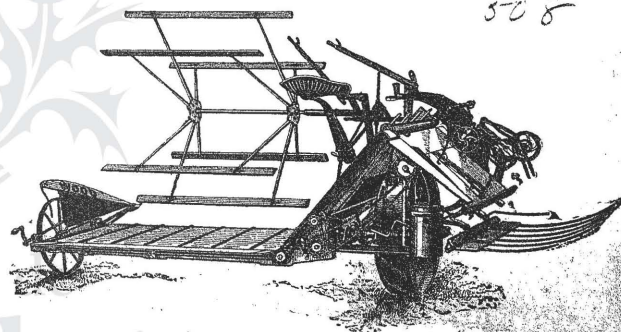
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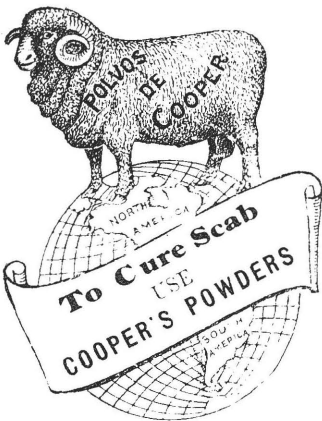
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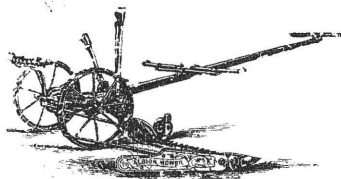
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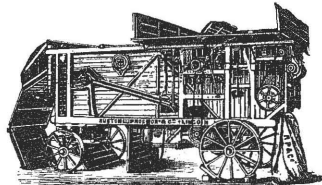
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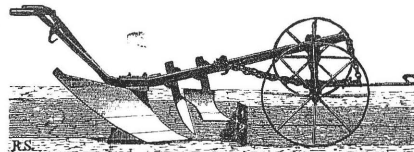
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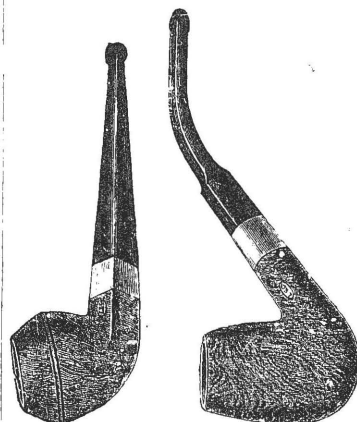
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RACING

MANCHESTER NOVEMBER MEETING—Nov. 25.

Manchester November Handicap of 1500 sovs; second received 100 out of the plate; 1 mile 6 furlongs.

Sir J. Thursby's b c Paddy, by Skylark—Mavourneen, 3 yrs, 6st 9lb. Gough 1
Mr W. 1 Anson's Newcourt, 4 yrs, 7st. Allsopp 2
Mr S. Platt's Portland, 3 yrs, 7st (near 7st 2lb) Findlay 3

Mr A. Kilsyth's Helen Ware, 3 yrs, 6st 2lb H. Toome 1
Lord Rosslyn's Buccaneer, 4 yrs, 9st 5lb. G. Barrett 1
Mr J. T. Davies's Chesterfield, 4 yrs, 8st 10lb C. Loates 0

Duke of Beaufort's Ragimunde, 4 yrs 8st 4lb M. Cannon 0
Mr P. Buchanan's Shanerotha, 4 yrs, 8st (in 10lb extra) Colling 0
Mr T. Holmes's Lauriscope, 3 yrs 7st 12lb S. Chandley 0

Mr J. H. Houldsworth's Alloway, 5 yrs 7st 10lb F. Pratt 0
Sir R. Jardine's Enniskillen, 4 yrs 7st 10lb Rawlinson 0
Mr W. R. Marshall's The Hudson, 4 yrs 7st 4lb Mullen 0

Mr M. A. Maher's Detonator, 3 yrs 6st 12lb (inc. 5lb extra) Fawdon 0
Mr J. Charlton's Madame Neruda II, 4 yrs, 6st 10lb Wall 0
Mr J. M. Hanbury's Ben Wyvis, 3 yrs 6st 4lb (car. 6st 8lb) O. Madden 0

Mr W. Gardner's Kingsclere, 3 yrs 6st 4lb. Bradford 0
Mr Haughton's The Heir, 3 yrs 6st 2lb. Huxtable 0
Mr Harding Cox's Andante, 3 yrs 6st (near 6st 1lb) Carter 0

Betting: 3 to 1 agst Newcourt, 5 to 1 agst Ragimunde, 6 to 1 agst Hudson, 100 to 12 agst Enniskillen, 100 to 8 agst Portland, 100 to 7 each agst Paddy and Kingsclere, 15 to 1 agst Buccaneer, 20 to 1 agst Chesterfield, 22 to 1 agst Madame Neruda II, 25 to 1 agst Alloway, 40 to 1 agst Lauriscope, 50 to 1 each agst Detonator and Helen Ware, 66 to 1 each agst Ben Wyvis and The Heir, 100 to 1 agst Shanerotha, and 200 to 1 agst Andante. Won easily by half a length, a bad third.

KEMPTON PARK NOVEMBER MEETING—Nov. 29.

Kempton Park December Hurdle Handicap of 200 sovs; 2 miles.

Mr E. J. Percy's b m Mimram, by Cardinal York—Verniew, 6 yrs 10st. Driscoll 1
Mr W. B. Purefoy's Wise Chief, 5 yrs 11st Shanahan 2
Mr A. G. Kemp's College Boy, 4 yrs 10st 4lb S. Woodland 3

Mr W. Low's Alceus, aged, 11st 10lb. Sensier 0
Mr H. Hall's Melibeus, 5 yrs 11st 3lb. A. Crawford 0
Mr W. Jackson's Serenity, 4 yrs 11st 1lb. W. Taylor 0
Mr H. Heasman's Innisheen, 5 yrs 10st 12lb G. Williamson 0

Capt. Whitaker's The Tyke, aged, 10st 11lb Capt. Bewicke 0
Mr Escott's Quintus, 4 yrs 10st 10lb. Owner 0
Mr H. W. Lancashire's Brunswick, aged, 10st 10lb. Pitton 0
Mr D. J. Jardine's King James, 6 yrs 10st 6lb W. Daniels 0

Mr G. Masterman's Devilfish, 5 yrs 10st 6lb A. Nightingall 0
Mr J. G. Hodgson's Junius, 4 yrs 10st 3lb R. Mitchell 0

Betting: 5 to 2 agst Quintus, 7 to 2 agst King James 5 to 1 agst Alceus, 8 to 1 agst Wise Chief, 100 to 8 agst

Devilfish, 100 to 6 agst College Boy and Mimram. Won by five lengths, six lengths divided second and third.

November 30.

Sunbury Maiden Hurdle Race of 100 sovs; 2 miles.

Mr J. Stoddart's ch c Red Rube, by Esterling—Pixie, 3 yrs 10st. Mr E. Teague 1
Lord Molyneux's Little Demon, 3 yrs 10st. Owner 2
Mr Heasman's Tartan Banner, 3 yrs 10st G. Williamson 3

Mr H. Clifford's Engaddi, 6 yrs 11st 11lb. C. Cooper 0
Col. North's Royal Star, 6 yrs 11st 11lb Mr C. Thompson 0

Mr Gubbins' Annual, 4 yrs 11st 4lb. D. Poole 0
Mr W. T. Robinson's Bransdale, 4 yrs 11st 4lb Owner 0

Mr C. Duff's Theodosia II, 3 yrs 10st 7lb. Dollery 0
Mr H. T. Barclay's Athlumney, 3 yrs 10st A. Nightingall 0

Mr C. P. Cunliffe's Santa Rosa, 3 yrs 10st. Sherrard 0
Mr H. M. Dyas's Orange Bud, 3 yrs 10st. Bailey 0
Mr E. Hobson's St. Isidore, 3 yrs 10st. Halsey 0

Mr Reading's Merry Boy, 3 yrs 10st. L. Bland 0
Mr E. A. Wigan's Student, 3 yrs 10st. G. Morris 0

Betting: 7 to 4 agst Tartan Banner, 6 to 1 agst Theodosia II, 7 to 1 each agst Annual and Bransdale, and 10 to 1 each agst Red Rube, Little Demon, and any other. Won by three lengths, half a length separated second and third.

SANDOWN PARK DECEMBER MEETING—Dec. 1st.

Prince of Wales's Steeplechase (Handicap) of 200 sovs; 2 miles.

Mr H. E. Linde's br h Mercury, by Hominy—Princess, 6 yrs, 10st 4lb. Hoysted 1
Mr B. H. McCorkell's Mariner, 4 yrs, 10st 5lb J. Walsh 2

Mr C. Duff's Edward, aged, 10st 5lb. Dollery 3
Mr F. Swan's Bay Comus, aged, 11st 12lb A. Nightingall 0

Capt. Ethelston's Blanchardstown, 6 yrs 11st 5lb Harper 0

Betting: Evens on Mercury, 9 to 2 agst Bay Comus, 6 to 1 agst Mariner, 7 to 1 agst Edward, and 10 to 1 agst Blanchardstown. Won by a length and a half.

December 2.

Grand Annual Hurdle Race (Handicap) of 300 sovs; 2 miles.

Lord Alington's ch g Stop, by Peter Dot, 4 yrs 11st 3lb. Sensier 1
Mr R. A. Ward's Shortbread, 5 yrs, 10st 4lb R. Adams 2

Mr D. J. Jardine's King James, 6 yrs, 10st 8lb Daniels 3
Mr Estace Loder's Origen, 5 yrs 4st 4lb. Mawson 0

Capt. Bewicke's Cameronian, aged, 11st 3lb. Owner 0
Mr G. C. Wilson's Father O'Flynn, aged, 11st 1lb. Mr G. B. Milne 0

Col. Gorth's Royal Star, 6 yrs 10st 13lb Mr C. Thompson 0
Mr M. A. Maher's Tornado, aged, 10st 12lb. Cull 0

Col. North's Sir Frederick Roberts, 4 yrs, 10st 9lb. A. Adams 0
Mr H. M. Dyas's Gillstown, 5 yrs, 10st 8lb. Bailey 0

Lord Bradford's Moss Trooper, 4 yrs 10st 4lb Mitchell 0
Mr A. G. Kemp's College Boy, 4 yrs 10st 2lb R. Woodland 0

Mr Abington's Royal Red, 3 yrs 10st 2lb A. Nightingall 0
Mr W. M. Hutchinson's Boy Middleton, 5 yrs, 10st. Stanton 0

Mr W. Jackson's The Matador, 4 yrs, 10st. Taylor 0

Betting: 3 to 1 agst Stop, 5 to 1 agst King James, 6 to 1 agst Royal Red, 8 to 1 each agst Shortbread and Tornado, 10 to 1 agst Origen, 100 to 9 agst Gillstown, and 100 to 8 agst Moss Trooper. Won by four lengths, two lengths between second and third.

Great Sandown Steeplechase (Handicap) of 300 sovs, second received 20 sovs, and the third 10 sovs; about 3 miles.

Mr H. Gore's b m Greek Girl, dam by Xenophon, aged, 11st Mr H. Beasley 1
Mr Abington's Jason, aged, 10st 9lb. Mawson 2
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Mr G. C. Wilson's Tom Brown, 6 yrs, 10st Guy 0

Betting—11 to 8 on Greek Girl, 5 to 1 agst Jason, 8 to 1 agst Joan of Arc, 10 to 1 agst Harlow, 100 to 8 agst Roman Oak, and 20 to 1 agst any other. Won by three lengths, a bad third.

FOOTBALL.

Nearly all the football matches played on December 3rd suffered from the bad weather. Grounds were already wet and it rained persistently during the progress of most of the important games.

London did not meet the Oxford and Cambridge Universities, under Association rules, with its best team at the Queen's Club on Nov. 26, when the latter won a game, which was a bad one on account of the state of the turf, by four goals to three. Of eight matches played the Universities have won six, the others having been drawn.

In the Association League Series Nottinghamshire County defeated Sunderland at Nottingham by three goals to one, and were beaten by Sheffield Wednesday by two goals to none. In the latter match the Sheffield men were confidently expected to win and their defeat came as a great surprise.

Several Rugby football matches between the counties of the various groups were played during the week ending December 3rd. In the South Eastern groups of counties Surrey beat Kent at Blackheath by six points to five; an attendance of over 14,000 persons witnessed the contest between Lancashire and Yorkshire which resulted in a tie of one try each, Yorkshire however having the best of the game.

An immense amount of interest was taken in the Middlesex v. Midland Counties match which took place at Richmond on December 1st, and resulted in a victory for Middlesex by fifteen points to five.

At the Association game Berks and Bucks were beaten by Hampshire by four goals to none.

After an interesting game Huntingdonshire were victorious over Cambridgeshire by two goals to one, and the Crusaders beat Old Catharians by two goals to one.

In spite of rain a crowd of some two or three thousand persons are said to have witnessed the Rugby match at Richmond between Blackheath and Richmond, and though the game was never one for the spectators it was to a certain extent exciting, Blackheath eventually retiring winners by a penalty goal to nothing. On the ground of the same club, and whilst the game just mentioned was going on, Cambridge University met London Scottish, when the elements prevented the match from being a reliable test of the respective strengths of the two teams. Cambridge had far the best of the game in the first half but time was called with the Scotchmen leading by nine points to nothing.

Wet weather in many parts of the United Kingdom also interfered greatly with football during the week ended on Dec. 10th. In Scotland there were several important fixtures which were to have been decided on Dec. 3rd, but match playing was found impracticable.

From the respective form shown by the Oxford and Cambridge Rugby fifteens, there seems to be no doubt that Cambridge had the best chance on paper for the annual fixture which was to have been played on Dec. 14th.

Croydon offered but a feeble opposition to Oxford on Dec. 3rd, and the game was very one-sided, the most noticeable feature being Oxford's wretched place kicking, as they only converted 3 out of ten tries obtained. The University, however, four days later, wound up the term's Rugby fixtures with a brilliant victory over St. Thomas's Hospital, although they were not at their full strength. Oxford, after a fine game, scored a win by a goal and two tries to nothing.

Coventry paid their annual visit to Cambridge University on Dec. 3rd, and were defeated after a very fair game by a goal and four tries to nothing.

The following teams were selected to represent the Universities on Dec. 14th:

Cambridge University: E. Field (Trinity, back), J. Gowans (Clare), W. Neilson (Clare), D. B. Robertson (Christ's) (three-quarter backs), C. M. Wells (Trinity), T. L. Jackson (St. John's) (half backs), C. B. Nicholl (Queen's, captain), T. W. P. Storey (Trinity Hall), B. E. Robinson (Jesus), J. C. A. Rigby (Clare), W. E. Tucker (Clare), W. E. Nelson (Clare), J. J. Robinson (St. John's), H. D. Rendall (Trinity), D. B. Hill (Jesus) (forwards).

Oxford University: L. C. Humfrey (Keble, back), A. Latter (Trinity), J. Conway-Rees (Jesus), L. Mortimer (Exeter) (three-quarter backs), H. M. Taberer (Keble), W. P. Donaldson (Brasenose) (half backs), G. H. F. Cookson (Lincoln), G. M. Carey (Exeter), F. O. Poole (Keble), A. H. Grant (Balliol), A. Colville (Merton), A. C. Elwes (St. John's), J. A. Smith (Trinity), W. B. Stewart (Magdalen), and another (forwards). Old Blues.

The return match in the Association League's series between Notts Forest and Sunderland took place at Nottingham on Dec. 3rd. On the previous Saturday Sunderland were defeated by Notts County as recorded above, but in this match they were successful in gaining a victory over Notts Forest by five to none, having been victorious in their first game by one goal to none.

Another return match in the League series was played on Dec. 8th between Notts County and Burnley. Both sides were fully represented, and so a hard and fast contest was witnessed, Notts eventually winning by three goals to one.

Sheffield Wednesday and Aston Villa played their first league match on Dec. 3rd, and as both sides had done well this season the game excited great interest. Aston Villa's defeat of the renowned Preston North End eleven, and the League champions, Sunderland, caused a good game to be expected and realised. After a very stern struggle, in which both teams exhibited fine football, the Sheffield men won by five goals to three.

A meeting between West Bromwich Albion and the celebrated Royal Arsenal team, gave victory to the former by four goals to two, a score which the winners might easily have increased had they been so disposed.

Of Rugby County fixtures there are several to be noticed for the week. Surrey beat Hampshire at Worthing on Dec. 1st by seven points to five, Durham were successful against Cheshire by eleven points to nothing on Dec. 3rd at South Shields, and by their win over Westmoreland on the same day Cumberland are

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Preston North End	15	11	1	3	23	33	17
Sunderland	13	10	1	2	21	49	14
Sheffield Wednesday	15	9	1	5	19	33	28
Aston Villa	17	9	0	8	18	38	39
Bolton Wanderers	16	7	3	6	17	34	28
Stoke	16	7	3	6	17	32	29
W. Br'mwich Albion	14	7	2	5	16	28	34
Notts.	14	6	3	5	15	32	25
Wh'mpton W'nd'ris	14	6	3	5	15	28	32
Everton	14	4	4	6	12	30	36
Blackburn Rovers	14	4	3	7	12	25	31
Burnley	15	4	3	8	11	16	23
Notts Forest	17	3	5	9	11	23	35
Derby County	13	3	4	6	10	24	32
Accrington	14	2	6	6	10	27	41
Newton Heath	15	2	5	8	9	31	39

ATHLETICS

We read in "The Field" that an event of unique character was decided at the ground of the London Athletic Club, Stamford Bridge, on Nov. 28th. It was a handicap race for veterans above fifty years of age, and it served to attract large numbers—many doubtless being induced to make the journey just to obtain a view of the manner of man of whose performances they had heard so much. Those on such an errand could not in one sense have been disappointed for either amongst the competitors or lookers-on were to be seen many a famous "old-timer," including, besides those whose names are given below, Jack White ("Gateshead Clipper,") who is the holder of the best running record for five, six, and seven miles; Bill Lang ("Crowcatcher,") whose downhill mile of 4min. 2sec. still makes him famous; and Jackson, the "American Deer;" but the pleasure of such a visit with such a purpose could not, we think, have been unalloyed, for some of the heroes of a past day could not have come up to fancy's portrait. The race promoted by Sir John Astley served the good purpose for which it was intended, though he failed to provide anything like an interesting contest. The distance was ten miles, and for each year over fifty that number of yards was allowed. Ages ranged from a few days over fifty to seventy three, but no competitor who had reached the "allotted span" secured a prize. From the first the chance of James ("Choppy") Warburton, whose certificate of birth showed him to have been born at Haslingden, Lancashire, on Nov. 13, 1842, was considered second to none and so it proved. He took the lead in the fourth mile and won easily, covering the distance in 61min 39.1-5sec, beating the second man by nearly six minutes. The order in which the first seven finished was as follows: James ("Choppy") Warburton (Liverpool,) age 50, scratch, 1; W. Shipley (Sheep's-eye,) (Leeds,) 50, scratch, 2; R. Bullivant (Nottingham,) 54, 200 yds, 3; Toddy Ray (Billingsgate,) 61, 700 yds, 4; C. Waite (Kingsland,) 50, scratch, 5; James Hicks (Stepney,) 65, 750 yds, 6; J. C. A. Brown (Whitechapel,) 50, scratch, 7. The sum distributed in prizes amounted to £182; of this Warburton received £50, Shipley £20 and Bullivant £10. To each of the first six men a gold medal was also given. At the time when James Gibb and Walter Slade were at their best, Warburton, the winner of the above race, was competing with great success as an amateur and in 1879, the year of the rupture between the London Athletic Club and the A. A. C., who then conducted the championships, he won the four miles amateur championship, covering the distance in 20min 41.3-5sec. Warburton's time for twenty miles (1h 56min 38sec) is still the best ever made in England by a professional, and dates back to May 29, 1880.

Since the race troubles arose in connection with the handicap, and "Choppy" Warburton, who finished first, was disqualified, and an objection lodged against the second man, Shipley, on account of incorrect entry. The handicap was for professionals over fifty years of age, and reference to the birth register at Somerset has revealed the fact that Warburton was born in the year 1845, and not 1842 as stated. Warburton asserts that he conscientiously believed he had completed fifty years, and it is not a little singular that he is said to have been thirty-seven when, on May 24, 1880, he made the professional record for twenty miles.

CRICKET.

On Dec. 6th the annual meeting was held at Lord's cricket ground to arrange the fixtures for the forthcoming season, and a very representative gathering made its appearance. The Australians intend sending over a team for 1893, so as all the nine leading counties intend playing out and home matches against each other the inclusion of a long Australian list makes the first class programme for the season one of the most formidable ever known.

Four matches are to be played under the title of England v. Australia, and the Australians will oppose the Players of England, the Gentlemen, the M.C.C., the North of England, and the South of England. Yorkshire have arranged for three matches with the Australians, and Surrey and Kent two each.

NATURAL HISTORY NOTES.

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MICROSCOPIC LIFE

In England the study of microscopic life is very much wider spread than in Argentina. At home every town has its microscopical society, many of them containing large numbers of enthusiastic members. One reason is that at home a fairly good microscope may be bought for three guineas or even less, whereas here the cost is very much more than even the paper equivalent of that sum. Another reason is that in England there is an abundance of material for study always obtainable and of an attractive character, whereas here some of the most attractive sources of study such as ponds and ditches are to a great extent non-existent. Here, where there are long periods of drought which dry up every small pond and ditch, there is not that wealth of microscopic pond life which is so interesting to the amateur naturalist at home. And yet here there is plenty to interest and to amuse, and an object in writing this paper is to recommend our readers to invest in one of the instruments referred to and enter upon a course of study of the minute world around us.

The reagents required for ordinary simple work are not many. With a small microscope, some 3 by 1 in. glass slips, and cover glasses and some Canada balsam, turpentine, chloroform, glycerine, alcohol, and a few aniline stains, there can be prepared an infinite number of objects of interest to the observer which do not require an amount of previous knowledge to understand.

Let us suppose for a moment that an estanciero desires to examine a few specimens of scab. Let us see for a moment what is necessary. As the body of the mite contains a large amount of fat, it is necessary to get rid of this so as to leave the body transparent. To accomplish this object the mite should be steeped in a 25 per cent solution of caustic potash. After all the fat has been removed the mite should be placed in water so as to get rid of the potash. Then as water will not amalgamate with the mounting media the mite should be placed in alcohol of gradually increasing strength. By this means all the water is exhausted. Then comes the question of mounting. Canada balsam is the best medium to use for mounting objects of this character and as, to use it undiluted, although quite customary, is a very sticky job, it is best to dilute it with chloroform, benzole or xylol. It should be diluted so that it will drop readily from the end of a glass rod. Before mounting the mites they should be rinsed for a few moments in some of the pure chloroform, etc., which has been used to dilute the balsam. From this the insect is to be taken and placed in the middle of the 3 by 1 slide, and a drop or two of the diluted balsam dropped in it. A cover glass should then be gently placed on it, and a small weight, such as a piece of lead, not too heavy, should be left on it to press it down until set. The balsam soon loses by evaporation all the liquid used to dissolve it, and the mount then remains perfectly hard and yet absolutely transparent and permanent.

A collection of slides so prepared, showing the adult male, female, and the intermediate stages, is both valuable and interesting, and the work of preparing the slides is really only a pleasant occupation for a winter evening or for any spare moments.

Dust from the wings of butterflies, pollen from plants, parts of insects, and various other things can all be prepared in much the same way, but some small text book is necessary to enable a beginner to know the best way to mount objects so as to obtain good results.

But the microscope is not an object merely for the dilettante, it may be of great use to the practical business man. The texture of wool, the adulteration of various articles, the quality of milk, and various other similar instances, show the application to which it may be put by any one who wishes to have a practical result from his studies, and it is by no means impossible to obtain sufficient power of manipulation to detect such diseases as gramo malo.

It is a well known fact, in England at all events, that the most competent microscopists not necessarily professional men.

I remember one man, who was an ordinary working man earning about 25s. per week, who was as competent a worker with the microscope and with micro-photographic apparatus, as many professional men who devoted a great part of their lives to scientific study.

Microscopy may be said to be a part of all sciences, and as it depends very largely upon purely

manipulative ability it often happens that a man who is not, for example, a doctor may know a great deal more about disease germs and similar things than a medical man. I do not mean of course about the disease, but I refer to the life history, structure, and detection of the germs, etc., which cause them. It is on this account that we have microscopical societies from the Royal downwards, as the microscope as an instrument, although instructive and amusing in the hands of the tyro, is a most powerful means of investigation in the hands of the specialist.

I should be glad to see the study of the microscope extended here, and would willingly do all in my power to aid in such extension, as unlike many sciences microscopy can be carried on in one's room, and does not necessitate turning out in all kinds of weather and journeying to all sorts of places in search of matter to study.

DRAMATIC AND MUSICAL NOTES

A new opera company, Italian, have opened at the Odeon Theatre, their first bow to the public being made on Saturday last with *La Mascotte*. I have not yet heard them but am told they are far from bad, however I hope to let you know all about them next week.

The weather, and not the show, must be held responsible for the very poor attendance at the Politeama on Monday.

Many new attractions have been added to the Marian programme, but none of them can compare with Mme Lelia Darque in her statuesque poses, which are simply perfect, every aid which art can give to heighten the illusion has been brought into requisition, with the result that one cannot but think that they are looking upon an old masterpiece, especially is this so in her representations of Mercury, Justice, the Roman Gladiator, and others. *La Noche*, which is after a picture of Gouper's, is one of the prettiest things I have yet seen. The pose we have all seen on the somewhat un-Mc-Dougalesque poster which is before one on every hoarding in the city, there it is coarse, but in reality the production is a work of art.

I looked in at the Folies Forlet late on Monday night to see what sort of a house Mlle Jane Darras would have for her benefit, and found that despite the weather it was large and the tartan plaid dresses more in evidence than ever. A good programme had been arranged for this smart little woman, but owing to the repeated encores which she had to give, it had to be curtailed.

The duet, *Los Paraguas*, as usual 'fetched the house', stupid this may be, but the more often one hears it the more one laughs. A well staged ballet, *La Boule Noire*, was not the worst thing on the programme.

The summer is not the most suitable season for smoking concerts, and despite the attractive programme offered by the Barracas English Institute, I fear that the attendance on Wednesday night next will not be great.

I see that Fred Leslie has paid his debt to nature.

His loss will be keenly felt by the profession, not only for his capabilities, but as a genial and good all round companion.

Fred Leslie has given many "S. and P." readers a pleasant evening in the old days of the Gaiety, his inimitable humour exciting one's risible faculties in a manner which Chevalier so well expresses in the words, "Larf!! why I thort I should 'ave died."

Those who saw him in *Rip Van Winkle* and *Little Jack Sheppard* saw him at his best.

Charles Hayden Coffin, of "Queen of my heart" fame is, presumably, going to reform his ways, and as a preliminary step has taken unto himself a wife. The ceremony came off at Cincinnati, U.S.A.

Amongst other items of home news I hear that Evelyn Rayne (Mrs. Briscoe Ray) is going to return to the boards.

The Columbia Elite Skating Rink is now, at least for the time being, no more, a benefit for the courteous proprietor, Mr. Harris, on Sunday night, winding up what has been a successful season.

The natives have certainly caught on, and since the opening night have been enthusiastic followers of the rollers.

Thanks to the tact of the management, the demi-monde have been carefully kept out, and many of the somewhat (what shall I call them?) massive members of the "high life" fair sex have thus been enabled to take their daily quantum of anti-fat in a more agreeable form than out of a minimum measure.

It was not only the fact that it was the last night and Mr. Harris' benefit that drew me, nor was it the band (which is a good one), but a race, bicycle v. skates, and which resulted in an easy win for skates, the safety rider being utterly unable to negotiate the sharp corners when riding at a fair pace.

I have received a letter anent the Sunday Observance movement, which, for reasons—the ingenious will surmise what reasons—I do not publish. I give place, however, to one extract:

They, the clergy, would do well to remember that we are not living in 1792, but in 1892, and if people like music (and with the increasing cultivation of the masses there must be an increase in the love of or pleasure in music), and an orchestral band or a full choral service will bring them to church, why not give it them?

The Sunday question in its musical aspect is not a topic inappropriate for this column. Its theological side I thankfully resign to the ink-slinging and occasionally discourteous correspondents of a contemporary. I won't "put out to sea" when the polemical air is stormy with the conflicting elements of Sunday attractions, and the Tigre, the Hippodrome and the Theatre vie with the "Sunday at Home" and the service, with the pulpit and the altar. The religious principles which may be involved I will demurely leave to the expositions of the clergy.

But there is a musical side to the question, as my correspondent pertinently points out. The experiment has been tried in many of our home churches and cathedrals, and imposing musical services have been proved to be a successful means of inducing people to go to church. In Buenos Aires the material is at hand; all that is wanted is for the powers that be to interest themselves in the movement, and they will soon learn that a church may become famous and popular through its music, as by other factors of success, and attract lovers of music from all parts of this metropolis. It is out of my province to discuss the worthiness of such a motive for church going, but I don't doubt but that preachers could and would improve the occasion, and some who "had come to *hear*" would remain to pray.

The charge brought against the singing of Responses and Anthems is that it is uncongregational, and this is held to be a fatal objection, especially as to anthems. The objection is only one more proof of how much the English have still to learn concerning the function of music. There is a grace of hearing as well as a grace of singing; in every congregation there must be some who cannot join even in the simplest tune. In every church where an anthem is sung, the majority of the congregation seems to belong to one of two classes—those who look upon the anthem as an unwarrantable interloper, and those who regard it simply as a show-off for the choir. Need I observe that neither of these two views is the correct one.

Musically speaking, there is as yet nothing in the Reformed Churches approaching the grandeur of the great Roman Catholic masses, where we have a mind like that of Mozart or Beethoven steadily working out, in strains of incomparable depth and pathos, a great connected series of thought, embodying all the varied phases of religious emotion. Indeed, the notion that a religious service may be wrought out with the force and majesty of a great work of art, having its various parts welded into a powerful and satisfactory unity by the agency of music, is a conception which has evidently not yet taken its place in the English rationale of Divine Service.

As well might the dumb object to any singing as the "unmusical" object to the complexity and elaboration of music of the highest type. Each are the victims of a lack of the complete development of the powers of man. Their refuge lies in patience not in fractiousness. With them as with the congregation below a dull preacher—

God takes a text, and preaches patience.

But are the English, after all, so very unmusical? Sir Herbert Oakley, no mean authority, says No. English people for the most part don't learn or try to learn. Where in our pews among the richly bound bibles, prayer-books and hymn-books, are musical editions of the hymns, pointed editions of the psalter, the words and music of the anthems? If the congregation possessed themselves of these easily obtained "aids to devotion" we should hear less about the uncongregational character of music.

In the strength of a full congregational share in the service, in the contagious unity of "a mass of a master mind," the service would become popular and the audience large. We must leave the rest to the Pulpit.

THE MAN IN THE STALLS.

RACE RIDING

Some time ago, when we wrote a few notes on race riding on the flat, we promised to write a few more on riding over fences, but we must confess, with no meetings for amateurs on the cards, that we had entirely forgotten our promise until we had two reminders sent in simultaneously by subscribers in the camp, and the publication of a programme for a meeting to be held at Hurlingham next month once more turned our thoughts to jockeyship.

Nearly all the remarks on flat race riding in our previous article apply equally well to steeple-chasing or hurdle racing, and with the addition of a few hints on riding over jumps, may perhaps be found of some use to the amateur jockey in steering his mount with success. As nearly every horse has his own way of fencing, and requires to be ridden differently, more or less, to any other over a country, no rules can be laid down as to how his jockey is to handle him, as this should be found out previous to the race on the schooling ground. Some horses, and would there were more here, jump faultlessly, and if they make a mistake it is probably owing to their riders pulling at their mouths or jolting them with the spurs when they may be getting themselves together for taking a fence. With such horses it is simply necessary for the rider to sit still and leave his mount alone, except to regulate his pace. Many horses, and especially ponies, are fearfully impetuous when racing, on account of having been spoiled by bad riding, and a duffer on one of these not only runs the risk of breaking his own neck, but also of doing damage to others in the race with him. With such a horse it is better to do without spurs, as a touch of them, given perhaps involuntarily before or at the start, may upset him entirely: sit as still as possible, give and take with the hands, speak soothingly to him and try in every way to quiet him. With an impetuous horse, as indeed with most animals, it is better to steady him some thirty or forty yards before coming to a fence and then let him take it at his own pace, never, however, letting your horse's head loose. If a horse is lazy and liable to chance his fences, that is to say not jump big enough at them, it is as well to catch hold of his head and wake him up with the spurs and voice. It is better not to use the whip when the horse is about to jump, as, unless the jockey is a thoroughly experienced one, he is more likely to take his attention away from what he has to do than to stimulate him to greater effort.

Riding refusers is a most trying task, and unless the rider's temper be well under control and his heart in the right place, it is better to leave them to experienced horsemen. A horse or pony reined only on the neck is very difficult to deal with when he means running out at a fence, and the whip must be used almost more than the reins in trying to prevent him doing so by carrying it in the hand on whichever side he generally goes for; in most cases the near side. For this reason it is as well, whenever possible, to ride a refuser alongside another horse, keeping on the side from which he generally refuses. Never ride a few feet behind another horse when coming up to a fence, as by so doing your horse is very apt to take off the moment the one in front of you rises and consequently to jump too soon, and besides, the jockey in front may rush you at the fence, and so bring you down, a very common trick practised by old hands at the expense of younger ones.

When the ground is very dusty, as it often is here, it is better to get away in front so that your horse may get a clear view of his fences. Most horses here seem to race better in front than when kept in the rear. Waiting in front, however, which we described in our last notes, re-

quires a good judgment of pace which those for whom these hints are intended will probably not possess, so it is better not to absolutely make the running unless you are very sure of your mount, although you may do so nearly always over the first two hurdles or fences which are, or ought to be (Hurlingham executive please note), easy ones, pulling back afterwards and settling down to ride as you think best.

Stirrups, as a rule, should be a hole or two shorter for riding a steeplechase or hurdle race than on the flat, and of course the jockey should stand in them between the fences to give his horse greater freedom of movement, sitting down in the saddle a few strides from the jumps, so as to get the weight more on his hind legs and off his forelegs. It is better to go slow at high fences and fast at water, but many amateurs think that when they come to the latter jump they should let their mount's head go, spur him and whip him, and even shout at him, with the result that their horse overjumps himself, sprawls on landing, and loses lengths of valuable ground at what is really the easiest fence on the course.

Always ride with a fairly long rein to prevent being pulled on to your horse's neck when he lands over a fence, and when clearing an obstacle lean back and draw the feet back, so that the shock of landing may be borne by the thighs and not by the feet in the stirrups as it is by bad riders. It is impossible to lean too far back, provided the feet are drawn back, also, in crossing a fence, and the hands held just in front of the pommel will regulate the position of the body. Provided a man has a fair idea of riding on the flat and draws his feet well back and keeps his eyes fixed on the sky when jumping an obstacle I believe he cannot fall off however loose his seat may be. This, however, *en passant*, as it hardly applies to race riding, although I may mention that I know a man who has ridden more than one winner over a country and who invariably closes his eyes when jumping a fence, the effect no doubt being the same as looking up, in that the instinct to grip with the legs only remains.

BUENOS AIRES FROM DAY TO DAY

The Congress has been definitely closed during the week, and the hard working Senators and Deputies have gone home without looking up and settling the question of procedure and recrimination which one would have thought of more vital interests than anything else.

The truth about the cannon balls in the tower of San Domingo has at last been told. They are of wood and painted; so the legend about their being relics of the English invasion appears, like so many others, to be unfounded.

We hear that a new machine for issuing tram tickets is to be soon introduced, which will relieve us from the perpetual nuisance of the inspection and having to retain in one's hand the flimsiest bit of paper conceivable. We have burnt ours twice in lighting cigarettes.

The "Standard" supplement of New Year's Day was a mistake. We really do not see why our contemporaries should tear their hair over it. It is patent to everybody that it was intended for Innocents' Day but did not get delivered in time from the printers. It is a pity that Innocents' Day and New Year's Day are so close together. We congratulate the "Standard" on the biggest "sell" of the season.

That it was New Year's Day on Sunday was clearly made manifest to all who went to purchase their "Prensa" or "Nacion," as instead of a newspaper they came away with a library. The annual summaries of both papers were excellent, but the question very naturally arises, "Are they read by anyone?" We suppose their perusal is amongst the good intentions of the New Year with which the road to a hotter place even than Buenos Aires at present is paved.

The revolution in Corrientes still hangs on, both sides having large bodies of men under arms. An interventor in sheep's clothing has gone out to see if he can make peace "amistosamente," if not he will show his wolf's teeth and tear both sides equally. This mode of putting down a revolution reminds one of the ancient mode of converting the heathen immortalised by Longfellow in the "Saga of King Olaf."

We thought that the River Plate had lost one of its most distinguishing features as for a long time past we have had no "pamperos," and people who have only lived in the country twelve months were beginning to smile as older inhabitants described the sudden darkness, wind, dust, thunder, and lightning so much associated with the health-giving pampero; but on Monday evening we had a renewal of our intercourse with the welcome purifier of the air, and had to shut our door and windows with the celerity of old times.

People who die suddenly will in future be post-mortemed by the "medico de muertos." This title, "dead man's doctor," is racy of the soil, and ought to be conferred upon the doctor who can produce the largest death roll amongst his patients for any given year.

The news of the Montevideo lottery, or rather the prize numbers, were sent on Sunday by carrier pigeon. They were loosed from Montevideo at 5 a.m., and began to arrive in this city at 1 o'clock. Of 33 birds sent off 29 arrived. A similar system is adopted in England in connection with one of the football papers, which, issued late on Saturday afternoon, publishes accounts of matches brought up to the moment of publication, by carrier pigeons.

The state of affairs in the province of La Plata is very bad indeed, and every one is talking of the coming revolution. It is said to be in readiness for this that so many troops are kept at Sta. Catalina. Governor Costa has sent a New Year's telegram to all his brother governors, wishing them a happy new year and no revolution. He seems to deprecate revolutions very much.

Mr. John Russell has not only shown that he can make good beer but that he commands the esteem of those employed under him in the Bieckert Brewery. A handsome presentation to Mr. and Mrs. Russell on New Year's Day was made by the chief employees to mark their appreciation of his services.

There has been another slight revolutionary scare, and it is said that the Minister of War was at the Departamento de Policia until the small hours of the morning. The chief officials interested state that the only revolution under discussion was the chess board, as they were only drinking tea and playing chess.

We can recommend a visit to the Preliminary Exhibition for Chicago, as if not absolutely a good representation of what this country is and has, it is a very pretty and interesting sight, and will repay an hour spent there.

The Christmas-tree for the children of Lomas Sunday School was lit up and its fruit distributed on Innocent's Day, the 28th ult. It was a pretty sight, and the number of youngsters present was appalling.

It may not be generally known that amongst the Latin races Innocent's Day is the equivalent of the 1st of April at home, and is the season for making innocents of unsuspecting persons.

The "Arrow," the monthly illustrated paper which we have mentioned before in these columns, was delivered to subscribers on Saturday last. Its contents speak for themselves. The prototype of Buenos Aires from the river is the very thing to send home to one's friends, so that they may see that the great city is not altogether a dreary waste peopled with naked savages.

ESTANCIA AND COLONY.

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

We have heard of such wonderful feats performed by Australian sheep-shearers that they seemed to us quite impossible until we learnt the other day that on the runs where the shearers clipped such enormous numbers of sheep in the day the best part of the wool, or mother fleece, only was clipped, the bellies and legs being left. It is not surprising to read, therefore, in the "Brisbane Courier" that on Barcalidne Down Station fifty-one men using Wolseley machines recently sheared 190,924 sheep in six and a-half weeks, the best day's tally being 7700 sheep shorn by fifty men in eight and a-half hours, or an average of 164 sheep per man, the "ringer" (Jack Howe) on this day doing 286 sheep. Again, at Northampton

Downs, near Blackall, by the aid of 62 machines over 280,000 sheep were shorn in eight weeks, the best week's tally being 40,737, while two shearers (J. Power and A. Norman) in 30 consecutive days, including Saturdays, sheared 5698 and 5252 respectively.

There are few machines used in this country at present but no doubt in a few years the majority of our flocks will be shorn by machinery. The cost of fuel for the engine necessary for their driving power is now the great drawback but, if straw burners are found to be practicable or the difficulty of motive power got over successfully, there seems to be no reason why their use should not be general throughout the country. Opinions are divided as to whether the wool grower benefits by using machines for shearing or no. Some say that although an ounce or two more wool may be obtained from the sheep the first time it is shorn by machinery, on the following season there is a corresponding decrease in the weight of the fleece.

Mr Herbert Gibson is, we understand, writing a book on the Sheep Industry of the Argentine Republic for the Chicago Exhibition. The book will also be published in Buenos Aires by Messrs Ravencroft and Mills early in this year. There is no man in this country more competent to deal with the subject than Mr H. Gibson, and his book will not only be read with interest by old sheep breeders here, but also by intending settlers in the country who will find in it everything they may wish to know about the sheep industry in Argentina. The book will be illustrated with photographs taken at our most important sheep breeding establishments, as well as with various maps and plans.

Messrs Kirkham, of Biscathorpe Lincoln have, it is believed, during this year shipped the largest number of pure bred Lincoln sheep ever sent out by one breeder making a total of 415 exported to South America and the colonies. Each sheep exported by Messrs Kirkham had its own special ear number and a full pedigree was given with each animal. There is now an increasing demand for the best longwool Lincoln rams and ewes in the colonies of Australia and New Zealand with which countries breeders at home are looking forward to a brisk trade next year.

Some important sales of cattle are to be recorded as having been effected at the various saladeros during the past few days. Sr J. D. Repetto has bought for his establishment at Estenada five hundred novillos, four years old and almost pure bred, from Sr Aguirre's estancia, El Cajon, at a price in the neighbourhood of 100 m.n. per head. Many other sales ranging from \$35 to \$70 per head are reported.

Two thousand sheep from Brandzen were bought by Messrs Nelson and Co. for freezing at the high price of \$8.10 each. The sheep were in good condition and cross Lincolns.

We are sorry to hear anything but favourable accounts of the Jews as colonists. The men as a rule are weak and not physically able to do much work, and in consequence will never be able to compete successfully with other nationalities settled here. Although everything is being done by the Jewish Colonisation Society for their colonists, and much money is being spent, we are afraid Baron Hirsch's scheme will never meet with any great success in proportion to that which it undoubtedly deserves.

The Paris Society for the Protection of Animals is organising, for April or May next, an exhibition and competition of all the systems of shoeing in France or abroad, in order to establish which are the shoes to recommend to the public as the best and most proper to ensure the horse's motion without injuring itself.

The relative averages of the live weights of the respective classes of steers not exceeding two, and not exceeding three-years-old at the Smithfield Club Show are given below, and are of some interest.

STEERS NOT EXCEEDING TWO YEARS OLD.		
		Cwt. qr. lb.
9 Cross-bred,	averaged	12 3 17
11 Sussex	"	12 3 5
8 Shorthorns	"	12 1 13
9 Heretords	"	12 0 3
13 Aberdeen-Angus	"	11 3 22
13 Devons	"	9 3 13
STEERS NOT EXCEEDING THREE YEARS OLD.		
		Cwt. qr. lb.
10 Herefords	"	16 2 21
4 Sussex	"	15 3 25
13 Cross-breds	"	15 3 7
8 Shorthorns	"	15 3 2
9 Aberdeen-Angus	"	15 1 2
3 Devons	"	14 3 18

From Rosario we hear that the quality of the wheat crop will not come up to expectations; frost and blight have done damage and the grain from virgin soils contains a good deal of smut. The quantity however is all that could be desired and as much as twenty quintals the square has been obtained in some districts. Prices range from \$6.70 to 7 the hundred kilos placed in Rosario. Linsed has turned out well and there is abundance of seed; prices range from \$11.20 to 11.40

per hundred kilos placed in Rosario. The maize crop of Santa Fé is said to be in a bad state owing to the scarcity of rain and the depredations of the locusts.

Below will be found a table showing the number of animals killed in the saladeros of the River Plate up to Dec. 21st compared with the three previous years. From the table it will be seen that although the Buenos Aires saladeros have killed a smaller number of animals than previously, those of Montevideo have slaughtered a much larger number.

	1892-93	1891-92	1890-91	1889-90
Buenos Aires	29,000	35,000	61,200	59,000
Argentine Rivers				
3500 and Uruguay				
yan Rivers 10,200	13,700	15,800	20,000	30,160
Montevideo	72,900	48,700	23,000	54,420
Rio Grande	17,000	30,000	8,000	—
	131,000	189,500	112,200	143,580

Maize is now at a ruinous price for horse keepers in Buenos Aires it is selling at some cents over seven dollars at the market. Wheat of the new crop ranged from \$7.20 to 7.60 at the markets yesterday.

The Government of Santa Fé have altered the tax on cereals as follows:

Article I.—All wheat and linseed produced by the present harvest will be taxed to the extent of ten cents the hundred kilos.

Article II.—The tax to be paid by the grower, and falling him, by the possessor of the grain.

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Buenos Aires, Jan. 3.

To the Editor *River Plate Sport and Pastime*.

Dear Sir, — Will you kindly permit me to correct a few erroneous statements made in "Boots" in the Sporting Notes of your issue, 28th ult., with regard to Sr. Calsetta's establishment on the Carapachay.

On Sunday last a friend and I went up the river, and not having sufficient time to go to that "bear garden," the Almacen del Toro, called to mind "Boots" paragraph, and paddled off to Calsetta's against wind and tide. We found it such hard work paddling that we were strongly tempted to stop at the Recreo de las Familias, an establishment which has of late been enlarged, and where you can get a very good meal; but remembering the "great improvements" at Calsetta's struggled on. At length we arrived, made fast our canoes to the pre-historic ladder, and after a perilous ascent reached terra-firma. After calling once or twice we succeeded in unearthing Mr. Calsetta, who, in his turn, unearthed a boy and gave him orders to set a table for us on the verandah. This he did after some little trouble was experienced in getting the table to stand up straight, as it showed a tendency to fall outwards, which was rather awkward seeing that the railing of the verandah was broken away. While the boy went to see what there was for lunch we went in search of chairs, but found that the only three the dining-room possessed were occupied, and so had to put up with two filthy wooden stools. On the boy's return he informed us that there was "sopa, guiso, puchero y costillas." We tried the "sopa" first, but it was vile, so asked for "salsa," Inglesa or otherwise. After some little time the boy came back with some yellowish-grey paste in a cup, saying that there was no "salsa," but that he brought us "mustaza Inglesa." We sighed, sent away the soup and ordered guiso and costillas, neither of which were eatable, so we asked for sardines and tinned fruit, but neither was to be had. However Mr. Calsetti very kindly offered to send to the Tigre Packing Co.'s place for some "doubtful tins" of peaches which had not yet been delivered, adding that of course if a tin turned out bad when opened we need not pay for it; we thanked him and declined, wending our way homewards hungry and wiser men.

It is close on six years since I paid my first visit to Mr. Calsetta's establishment, during the whole of which period it has been going from bad to worse, and to me it seems a pity to waste valuable newspaper space on a man with so little enterprise as Mr. Calsetta;

The only explanation of "Boots" paragraph is that he mistook the Recreo de las Familias for Calsetta's.

Hoping you will find room for this rather lengthy epistle.—Yours truly,

PUFFS WHERE PUFFS ARE DUE.

(The information I received regarding Calsetta's establishment makes it difficult to understand the treatment "Puffs where Puffs are Due" and Puffs' friend received there, but, not lately having been to the island myself, I must leave my informant to answer for my note of last week.—Boots).

To Sportsmen true we give a toast:
 "Though Whig or Tory rule the roast,
 May England perish never;
 A HAPPY NEW YEAR, and a well-filled purse,
 Everyone better, and nobody worse,
 The Queen and 'THE ENGLISH' for ever!"
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SPORTING NOTES

The Buenos Aires Lawn Tennis Tournament was brought to a finish last Thursday afternoon. Mr B. Verschoye won the Gentlemen's Singles, Mrs Boardle the Ladies' Singles, and Messrs Findlay and Verschoye the Gentlemen's Doubles.

The result of the Montevideo lottery on Saturday last was sent over early next day to Buenos Aires by means of thirty-three carrier pigeons, twenty-nine of which arrived safely in Buenos Aires. The birds took a long time to make the journey, as the first bird to arrive had been nearly eight hours on the road.

On Friday the International of Montevideo will be decided. Both here and in Montevideo Athos is a strong favourite though the Latino Stud's Express is being well backed in a quiet way by his stable. Besides Athos, both Camors and Sucre have been sent over the river to take part in the great race.

Unless it be Camors, I do not see what is to beat Athos at Montevideo. In previous years Athos has only been sent over a day or two before the race, but this year he has been quartered in Montevideo for nearly three weeks before running and should therefore have a much better chance than here before. Should Mr Brett, however, have got Camors fit, it will not be at all a surprise to see him repeat last year's performance and carry off the rich prize.

I am sorry to hear of the death of Enchantress, the little three-year-old belonging to the Stud Ortigas, by Star out of Embuche. Though small Enchantress possessed a fine turn of speed, and with a light weight up showed she could win races.

During the past season the Jockey Club held thirty-four race meetings at Palermo giving \$512,625 in prizes for the 217 races run. The Hipodromo Nacional had twenty-two meetings at Belgrano and at these 144 races were decided and a sum of \$369,550 was presented by the club in prizes.

It is estimated that the total turn over of money caused by the racing here amounts to some 14 millions of dollars, of which three millions are said to have passed through the various betting shops in the city. Next season, when these betting shops will all remain closed within the municipal bounds, these figures should be pretty considerably reduced.

The feeling against A. Diaz, the Argentine jockey, seems to be pretty strong at Rio. The Jockey Club has suspended him for three months for disobedience at the post, and he was also fined the other day to the extent of \$25 for omitting to weigh in, both of which punishments are said to have been undeserved. By the way, I see that Maipu won his first race at Rio de Janeiro in fairly easy fashion.

The match between Hurlingham and Lanus had unfortunately to be put off on the 1st, as

Hurlingham were unable to get up a team to travel down to Lanus. Being New-Year's Day doubtless had a good deal to do with the difficulty in raising the necessary number of men.

A novel cricket match will be played at Quilmes on Friday between two elevens representing respectively the cricker and polo playing members of the Quilmes Club. Both sides will be well represented, but as they are not quite complete I cannot give the names of the teams. The game will commence at one o'clock sharp.

There seems to be an idea that the next championship meeting under the auspices of the Amateur Athletic Association will be held on a Buenos Aires ground. This of course will not be the case, as the Athletic Association change the venue of their championship meetings every year and as last year the meeting was held at Hurlingham, this year it will take place at either Rosario or Montevideo.

It has been pointed out to me by a Rosario man that Rosario should have first claim, for the very good reason that the R. A. C. has "by far and away the best track in this country, and one on which the best performances have been made. Another point in favour of Rosario is that an audience of from three to four thousand people can be safely guaranteed."

With yesterday's "Campo y Sport" was published a prototype of Ormonde, and the edition also contained illustrations of various horses and cattle. I must object however to a couple of woodcuts which appeared in our contemporary of a Hereford bull and a Berkshire pig, both of which animals, according to the pictures, are impossible and should only exist on the advertisement sheets of Stock journals.

In spite of all that the Duke of Westminster has written against Ormonde and the danger of breeding from him I see that it is owing to Orme that the Duke holds so high a place on the list of winning owners with £14,000. Had the Duke of Westminster not run Orme his winnings would have only amounted to some £1600.

Baron Hirsch heads the list of winning owners with £33,383 the greater part of which has been won by La Fleche. Sir Blundell Maple comes second with almost half the Baron's total viz £17,000 odd, and Colonel North comes third with about £15,500. The Duke of Westminster stands fourth with £14,000 nearly all won by Orme, and Mr Rose is fifth with a little over £12,000.

It is interesting to note that whilst Baron Hirsch won his amount in twenty-two races only, Sir Blundell Maple collected his in forty-two wins. Mrs. Langtrev, otherwise Mr. "Jersey," has over £7000 to her credit, all won by her smart two-year-old Milford.

Mornington Cannon heads the list of winning jockeys with a total of 182 wins, or twenty-eight more than George Barrett. Watts comes third on the list with 106 winning rides, but his weight keeps him out of the saddle very often. Little Bradford has sprung up into sixth place behind Loates and G. Chaloner, and is said to be "the best boy that has been seen since Archer came out."

As will be seen in another column the racing committee of the Hurlingham Club have drawn up a very interesting programme for the 2nd of February which should attract plenty of entries. It is very probable, I hear, that a match will be made with the "Baby", whose owner issued a challenge in this paper a fortnight ago, and if it comes off will be run on the day of the meeting.

A race meeting has been arranged by the Executive of the Hipodromo de San Fernando for next Sunday. The programme includes four races; the first for horses which have not won more than \$4000, the second for ponies of 58 in. or under, the third for three-year-olds which have never run, and the fourth for horses which have not won a race this season. The pony race is called the Premio Hipodromo de Hurlingham, is weight for inches, ponies of 58 in. to carry 70 kilos, for 800 metres, \$20 entrance and \$150 prize. Hurlingham certificates of height will be accepted.

Outside London I suppose it is quite impossible to get a lady's safety habit made by any tailor, but in reading an account of a practical lecture on side saddle riding given by Mrs Hayes in London, I find a most clever and at the same time simple device for ensuring perfect safety when wearing the ordinary old fashioned skirt. Mrs Hayes does this by sewing two flat buttons on the side of the breeches (right leg), with two corresponding button holes of cloth sewn inside the skirt on the projecting part that fits on the pommel, so that the skirt is fastened firmly to the thigh and thus obviating the possibility of a fold which, in case of a fall, can ruck over the pommel and hang up the rider.

Nothing could be more simple than the device of Mrs Hayes, and as it can be applied by any lady to her own habit herself I should recommend all ladies who do not own a safety habit, to adopt it. There are no fences to cross in this country, so the chances of a fall are not so great as at home, but every camp lady knows that her horse sometimes puts his foot in a hole and some day he might come down, and with an ordinary habit, his rider might be hung up, so it is better to be on the safe side. Only the other day a lady in one of the southern camps was nearly killed by her horse falling, and, her habit being caught on the pommel of her saddle, dragging her a considerable distance until the cloth tore and set her free.

Boots.

CRICKET

FIXTURES.

JANUARY

Fri. 6. United Railways v. Hurlingham, at Hurlingham.
Sun. 8. Lomas A.C. v. Flores A. C., at Lomas.
Sun. 8. London Bank v. Quilmes, at Quilmes.
Sun. 8. Western Ry. v. B. A. and R. Ry., at Belgrano.
Sun. 15. Flores A.C. v. B. A. and R. Ry. A.C., at Flores.
Sun. 15. B. A. C. v. Quilmes, at Palermo.
Sun. 15. Lanus v. Western Ry., at Lanus.
Sun. 22. Flores A.C. v. Western Ry. C.C., at Flores.
Sun. 22. London Bank v. Hurlingham, at Hurlingham.
Sun. 22. Quilmes v. B. A. and R. Ry., at Quilmes.
Sun. 29. Hurlingham v. Quilmes, at Hurlingham.
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. v. Lomas, at Lomas.
Sun. 5. Western Ry. v. Hurlingham, at Hurlingham.
Sun. 5. Lanus v. B. A. and R. Ry., at Belgrano.
Sun. 8. Quilmes A.C. v. Flores A.C., at Quilmes.
Sun. 12. Lanus v. Western Railway, at Tolosa.
Sun. 12. B. A. and R. Ry. v. Lomas A.C., 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. Lanus A.C. v. Flores A.C., at Flores.
Sun. 19. B. A. C. C. v. London Bank, at Palermo.
Sun. 26. Lomas A.C. v. Flores A. C., at Flores.
Sun. 26. London Bank v. Quilmes, at Hurlingham.

MARCH

Sun. 5. Lomas v. Western Ry., at Lomas.
Sun. 5. B. A. C. C. v. Hurlingham, at Palermo.
Sun. 12. Flores A.C. v. London Bank C.C., at Flores.
Sun. 12. Hurlingham v. B. A. and R. Ry., at Hurlingham.
Sun. 12. B. A. C. C. v. Western Ry., at Tolosa.
Sun. 12. Lomas v. Quilmes, at Lomas.
Sun. 19. Lanus A.C. v. Flores A.C., at Lanus.
Sun. 19. Lomas v. Hurlingham, at Lomas.
Sat. 25. Sun. 26. Lanus v. Lomas, 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.

BUENOS AIRES C.C. v. THE SOUTH OF THE RIACHUELO.

For some reason we are unable to account for, little interest, at least on the Buenos Aires side, appeared to be taken in the fixture for New Year's Day between the premier club and a team representing the South of the Riachuelo.

The morning of Sunday last was very dull and threatening, but the afternoon turned out beautifully fine, and the wicked played none the worse for the rain of the previous night.

With the exception of the Messrs. Gifford, none of Buenos Aires eleven made a stand against the bowling of Rath, who was in fine form with the ball, and captured seven wickets for 22 runs only.

The Buenos Aires team was anything but a strong one, and it was further weakened through two of its members failing to put in an appearance, leaving only nine men to bat.

The South of the Riachuelo beat the Buenos Aires total with only two of their wickets down, and before they were all disposed of had won the match by 66 runs. As will be seen from the following scores, Messrs. Rath, Dore and Cornwall scored most runs,

whilst Mr G. A. Thompson and Messrs J. and E. R. Gifford did best with the ball.

Scores:

B. A. C. C.	1st Inn	South of Riachuelo	1st Inn
J. Dillon, b Rath	10	R. E. Anderson, b J. Gifford	9
C. W. Thompson, c and b Rath	9	P. M. Rath, c Manders, b G. A. Thompson	30
G. A. Thompson, b Rath	19	F. Dore, c Manders, b E. R. Gifford	25
J. Gifford, b Rath	19	H. Cornwall, b G. A. Thompson	27
E. R. Gifford, c Dore, b Rath	19	A. Anderson, run out	12
T. E. Preston, b Rath	0	F. H. Jacobs, b E. R. Gifford	0
A. Manders, b Rath	0	G. A. Thompson	0
H. Ricketts, c and b Cornwall	0	P. Bridger, c Croll, b E. R. Gifford	1
S. Croll, not out	6	R. W. Anderson l-b-w, b J. Gifford	18
R. Sutherland	absent	G. Anderson l-b-w, b G. A. Thompson	1
L. Rumbold	absent	F. D. Frost, not out	0
Byes	1	Byes 5, l-b 2	7
Total	64	Total	130

LAWN TENNIS

BUENOS AIRES LAWN TENNIS CLUB.

The finals of the Buenos Aires Club's Tournament was played off last Thursday, the 29th, on the Club's courts at Cinco Esquinas. The afternoon was oppressively hot, which possibly accounted for the rather small attendance.

As we stated last week the illness of Mr. F. M. Still unfortunately forced him and his partner Mr. Ker Seymour to scratch, and Messrs. B. Verschoyle and M. de Findlay were left to fight out the final with Messrs. A. Boyd and J. F. Macadam. The game between these pairs was a good one, Messrs. Verschoyle and Findlay proving the stronger and winning both the first two sets. The final for the gentlemen's singles between Messrs. Verschoyle and Gardom was a very steady game. Mr. Verschoyle had to give his partner 15 and won each set by a game only. Mrs. Boadle played well in the ladies' singles against Miss Thomson, and won the prize by two sets to love; both ladies had the same handicap so played on even terms. Mrs. Boadle was also successful in the mixed doubles, with Mr. Boadle, over Miss Gilling Lax and Mr. J. Weinberg.

Mrs. Watson, who gave away the prizes, and Miss Moores, who presided over the tea-table, both contributed greatly to the success of the afternoon.

George was in evidence as usual to the satisfaction of members and guests.

Results:

- Gentlemen's Doubles—
B. Verschoyle and M. de C. Findlay (—15) beat A. Boyd and J. F. Macadam (+ 1/2 15) 6-1, 6-2.
- Gentlemen's Singles—
B. Verschoyle (—15) beat B. W. Gardom (scratch) 6-5, 6-5.
- Ladies Singles—
Mrs Boadle (+ 1/2 15) beat Miss Thompson (+ 1/2 15) 6-2, 6-2.
- Mixed Doubles—
Mrs Boadle and T. S. Boadle (scratch) beat Miss Gilling Lax and J. Weinberg (+ 1/2 15) 6-1, 6-3.

MONTEVIDEO TENNIS CLUB.

The following are the drawings for the first round of the Montevideo Lawn Tennis Club's Tournament:—

Gentlemen's Singles—

- J. Harvey (— 1/2 40) v. A. Tring (+ 1/2 30).
- O. Scoones (—30) v. F. Brooker (+ 30).
- E. M. Stanham (— 1/2 40) v. G. E. Lawson (+ 15).
- R. Gloag (— 1/2 15) v. R. K. Theobald (scratch).
- H. Bonner (+ 1/2 15) v. H. P. Gamon (+ 1/2 30).
- R. E. Hunt (scratch) v. H. C. Alexander (+ 1/2 15).
- H. D. McMaster (+ 1/2 30) v. J. Adams (+30).
- C. H. Fuller (—15) v. H. H. Leng (+30).

Ladies' Singles—

- Miss Leeson (scratch) v. Miss Anderson (scratch).
- Miss Vignoles (—30) v. Mrs Brooker (+ 1/2 15).
- Mrs Crocker (—15) and Mrs J. Towers (—15) byes.

Gentlemen's Doubles—

- P. Vignoles and R. Gloag (scratch) v. F. W. Brooker and H. Bonner (+15).
- E. M. Stanham and A. J. Penreath (— 1/2 30) v. H. D. McMaster and H. P. Wright (+15).
- J. Harvey and J. R. Theobald (—30) v. H. P. Gamon and A. D. Dunbar (+ 1/2 15).
- H. H. Leng and O. Scoones (— 1/2 15) v. H. C. Alexander and J. Hogg (+15).

Mixed Doubles—

- O. Scoones and Mrs J. Towers (scratch) v. A. D. Dunbar and Mrs. Brooker (+15).
- J. Harvey and Miss Leeson (—15) v. P. Vignoles and Miss Vignoles (scratch).

This round will have to be finished by January 23rd.

For the Championship the following gentlemen have entered:—Messrs. J. Harvey, R. K. Theobald, R. Gloag, R. E. Hunt, C. H. Fuller, and O. Scoones. Each of them will have to play the other, the winner of most games having to meet last year's winner, Mr E. M. Stanham.

POLO

The new formed La Merced Polo Club played their first match against the Lezama Polo Club, and only just suffered defeat, after extra time had been played to decide the match, by four goals to three.

The teams competing were:

La Merced	Lezama
1. T. Killian	1. F. T. Craig
2. E. Killian	2. T. D. Fair
3. M. Killian	3. Reid
P. H. Cawardine (back)	G. C. Paton (back)

The goals for the winners were hit by Messrs Reid, Craig, and Fair (2), and Messrs Cawardine, E. Killian, and T. Killian scored one each for the losers.

The ground, though hard from the dry weather, was in capital condition but required rain badly. The game was most pleasantly contested and thoroughly enjoyed by both sides. The refreshment department, under the able charge of Messrs Ricketts and Forbes, was in great demand owing to the heat of the day.

Considering how short a time the Merced team have played their performance was most praiseworthy. The fine dashing horsemanship of the Messrs Killian, combined with excellent judgment, will soon be the means of placing them in the front rank of polo players. Mr Cawardine is to be congratulated on having such a useful team.

On the day following this match and again on Monday there were capital practice games at La Merced, so that both players and ponies had had a fairly good doing.

Christmas was kept in a right sporting way at La Merced as, besides polo, there were cricket matches, tennis, pigeon shooting, and almost every other kind of sport and pastime in full swing all day.

As the harvest at Venado Tuerto fell rather late the Venado Tuerto and Casuals Polo Clubs were unable to send teams to Media Luna as arranged for Christmas.

A return match between La Merced and Lezama was played on the 31st at Lezama, and resulted in a win for the home team by six goals to three.

THE RIVER PLATE GUYED

The ignorance of the English at home concerning the Argentine Republic is lamentable, and considering the information sent home by new arrivals, is not to be wondered at. We know a youth who, when he had been in Buenos Aires for three months, thought he naturally and thoroughly understood the men and things of this immense country. Before coming out here a revered uncle of his, the rector of a village in the midlands and a great traveller—he had been to Dieppe twice, Boulogne, the Isle of Man, Jersey, and once indeed to Bordeaux on an excursion steamer of the General Steam Navigation Company—gave him full information as to the Paris of Western Africa, as he called Buenos Aires. Since the youth's arrival in this city he found that his uncle had read the wrong geography and had been misinformed as to various facts. To put him in the right path his nephew wrote him the following letter, for which he has since received his uncle's warmest thanks, and the information that he intends to read it before the Royal Geographical Society.

My dear Uncle,—

Pardon me, but you were not quite right in your bearings when you described Buenos Aires as the Paris of Western Africa. As a matter of fact it is in South America. Now to give you a full description of the place and its surroundings.

First of all, love to my Aunt, it may be for the last time, as this is such a large country, and the booms are of such frequent occurrence, that the description of it, and the counting out of my fortunes may take so long that I may in the ordinary course of things die before even this letter is completed. *Pero, vamos.*

Buenos Aires, a large and flourishing town of 3562 inhabitants, is situated on a spur of the Andes, close to the River Amazon, a tributary of the River Plate. It is the capital of Uruguay, one of the 61 provinces of the Argentine Republic. It is bounded on the north by the Falkland Islands, on the south by Brazil and Mexico, on the east by Chile, and on the west by the Atlantic Ocean. The City of Buenos Aires consists of one long street, in which are to be found some good shops, amongst them a chemist's and a stationer's. There are also two butchers and fourteen bakers, which may seem a strange proportion to one who is ignorant of the fact that the natives never touch meat, this being consumed solely by the European community numbering 84, viz. 50 men, 30 women, 3 little girls and a boy.

They are made up of the following nationalities: English, French, Russians, Esquimaux (attracted hither by the great whale fisheries off

the coast of Catamarca), and Italians, of which the latter are in a great minority, there being only 2 men and 1 woman this year, though last year there were I believe 5 or 6.

Of course in Europe it is known that Buenos Aires is now a Republic, as you will have seen in the newspapers that there was a revolution here twelve months ago when we expelled our last Emperor, Dom Pedro. Since then we have had several Presidents; it is useless for me to give the name of the present gentleman, for by the time this meets your eye he will probably have been succeeded by 4 or 5 others of equal capacities.

The Presidential elections take place once a month and are always conducted in the most orderly and peaceful manner, revolutions being practically unknown in this prosperous country. The Senate House is about half way down the street (or "calle," as it is called in Castijiano, the language of the country), and is a fine wooden building with a corrugated iron roof. On the facade are statues of past and present great and good Argentines, notably Juarez Celman, who placed the banking system on a firm basis, and Ta Ta Dios, the philanthropist of Tandil. The tomb, or "horca," of the latter is well worth seeing; the former powerful financier still lives.

The Bull Ring is just outside the city, in the picturesque suburb of Trenque Lauquen, where are to be seen many wigwams inhabited by the Buenos Mozos Indians. They are forbidden to enter the city walls on account of their uncouth manners; formerly they would congregate round the door of the chief restaurant, and excited by multitudinous refrescos (a very strong drink extracted from raspberries) would make insulting remarks to the passer-by, especially to ladies. This, of course, the Argentine gentlemen could not allow, and consequently the savages were expelled from the city.

The plains which stretch for several miles around the city, from the spur of the Andes on which it is situated as far as Bahia Blanca on the north and Tucuman on the south, possess no special features of interest. Near Buenos Aires are to be seen flocks of native sheep, or "pampas" as they are called here, attended by their "pauperos," or shepherds, who are armed for the most part with the navaja, a species of blunderbuss, with which to repel the attacks of lions, tigers, and also wild indians, who are very aggressive, especially in the autumn, when they lie in wait for the bullock waggons conveying the silver from the Potosi mines down to Mar del Plata for shipment to Europe.

The inhabitants of Lomas render great assistance in keeping off the wild beasts with their fine pack of hounds.

Ten or twelve miles from the city the sportsman can have a fine day's shooting, by permission of the Mayor, or "Adobe," amongst the herds of quaggas, giraffes, and blesboks, which roam at will in their thousands. Occasionally he might bag an elephant, but not often, as they are getting scarce, being rarely found south of Naposta. Should Diana prove unkind and the day be unfavourable to sport, the hunter, if he be of an intelligent and enquiring mind, cannot fail to be struck by the extreme beauty of the scenery, especially in a romantic district called the Boca, which nestles under a hill covered with magnificent palm trees, under the shadow of which float lazily from flower to flower, the splendid butterflies, termed mestizos. In this district are a few monkeys but no offensive insects. Yet with all its natural beauties, the Boca is hardly a place for European settlers, for there it is difficult to grow either corn, sugar, or tobacco. Moreover, the aborigines are inclined to be hostile, and a detachment of the Cape Horn Mounted Police is always on the spot.

The customs of those who dwell on the plains are most interesting. They are all fearless horsemen, however, and begin riding from their earliest years; indeed, it is no uncommon sight to see a child of from three and a half to four years' old, lasso in hand, pursuing a herd of wild bulls at full gallop. This seems to prove that the children here must be somewhat stronger than those of most other countries. When the boys arrive at the age of 16 they assume the bombacho, a garment corresponding to our trousers. This is a long and tedious process, and requires the aid of several friends to arrange the voluminous folds. Once on they never come off.

This Republic is notable for the excellence of its roads throughout the length and breadth of the land. They are chiefly constructed of wood pavement, and the best of them are called "pantanos."

News from Europe is scarce, as few boats touch at Mar del Plata and Valparaiso, the two ports

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of Buenos Aires, and on the return of a traveller from that continent there is great excitement and eagerness to know the latest from the Old World. After having formally been "welcomed on 'Change'" and "enveloped in friends," he is supposed to give an account of the position of affairs in Europe, the opinions of prominent English Army and Navy officers on the finances of this country, &c., and even his private doings are listened to with keenness; as, for instance, should he relate how he visited the Crystal Palace, saw the marvels of Madame Tussaud's, dined with Mr. Chirgwin, or the stokers of the Royal yacht; nothing comes amiss to the British community, who, like the Athenians, are ever pleased with a new thing. Reporters seize upon his words with avidity and hasten to get them published in the newspapers. In fact, a returned traveller is a great boon to editors in filling up their journals in a country where news of importance from Europe is scarce.

Now, my dear Uncle, I must conclude, for as luck would have it, a chance full of friendly Indians, the Pucheros, has just made its appearance at the door of my riverside dwelling, my Poncho, and as they have kindly offered to take any correspondence I may have to Corrientes to catch the Pacific Mail steamer I must bid you a fond farewell. Perhaps at some future time, between revolutions, I may be able to send you a few more facts about this wonderfully civilized place.

Your affectionate nephew,
F. J. T.

The Fastest Times of the Season 1892

The fastest times over the various courses between 1000 and 3500 metres inclusive were made by the following horses:

- 1000 metres—Le Torpilleur 1 min.; Riflero 1 min. and 1 min. 1-5 sec.; Zampa 1 min.; Huracan 1 min. Niobe 1 min. and 1 min. 1-2 sec.
- 1100 metres—Lugano 1 min. 7 sec.; Enchantress 1 min. 7 1-2 sec.; Terminacion 1 min. 7 1-2 sec.
- 1200 metres—Satanella 1 min. 13 4-5 sec.; Esperanza 1 min. 14 sec.; Brandy Snap 1 min. 14 sec.; Soldado 1 min. 14 sec.
- 1300 metres—Riflero 1 min. 20 3-5 sec.; Scipion 1 min. 21 sec.; Golondrina 1 min. 21 1-2 sec.; Santa Lucia 1 min. 22 sec.; Eridan 1 min. 21 sec.; Brandy Snap 1 min. 21 1-2 sec.
- 1400 metres—Lego 1 min. 27 sec.; Nubifer 1 min. 27 1-2 sec.; Tala 1 min. 27 sec.; Golondrina 1 min. 27 sec.; Regina 1 min. 27 2-5 sec.
- 1500 metres—Apolo 1 min. 35 sec.; Fergus 1 min. 35 sec.
- 1600 metres—Eridan 1 min. 39 4-5 sec.; Golondrina 1 min. 40 sec.; Nubifer 1 min. 40 1-2 sec.; Blackfriar 1 min. 41 sec.; Vendetta 1 min. 40 sec.; Brandy Snap 1 min. 40 1-2 sec. and 1 min. 41 sec.; Apolo 1 min. 41 sec.
- 1750 metres—Eridan 1 min. 50 1-2 sec.; Finance 1 min. 51 1-5 sec.; Stone Cross 1 min. 57 2-5 sec.; Esperanza 1 min. 51 sec.
- 1900 metres—Paygaveau 2 min. 1-5 sec.; San Carlos 2 min. 1-2 5 sec.; Alerta 2 min. 1 3-5 sec.; Amazon 2 min. 1-2 sec.; Puri 2 min. 2 1-5 sec.
- 2000 metres—Esperanza 2 min. 5 3-5 sec.; Satanella 2 min. 7 2-5 sec.; Athos 2 min. 7 3-5 sec.
- 2100 metres—Asteroide 2 min. 15 sec.; Sargeato 2 min. 15 sec.
- 2200 metres—Satanella 2 min. 20 sec.; Sargento 2 min. 21 sec.; Puri 2 min. 20 sec.
- 2400 metres—Athos 2 min. 38 sec.
- 2500 metres—Esperanza 2 min. 39 4-5 sec.; Athos 2 min. 40 3-5 sec.; Sargento 2 min. 41 sec.; Niobe 2 min. 41 1-2 sec.
- 3000 metres—Ituzaingo 3 min. 15 sec.; Athos 3 min. 16 sec.
- 3500 metres—San Martin 3 min. 52 sec.

WINNING HORSES

Since we published the list of winning horses last October their order has been considerably changed. Niobe having won the principal two and three-year-old races then headed the list, but in the latter part of the season Athos, with the help of the International of twenty thousand dollars, and the Premios Revancha and Capital, became an easy first at the close of the year. This caused Araucano and Golondrina to move one down also. Ituzaingo has made the biggest move of any during the last two months, as from his position of fourth on the list he now has worked his way up, with the help of one or two rich prizes, to a position between Amazon and Finance. The amounts won by Finance, Esperanza and Destructor remain unaltered, as all three were unseen at the last few meetings. Clairon and Santa Lucia have each doubled their totals, and Carpintero and Cantiniere made their appearance on the winning list. Sucre's five winning races in the last two months of the year have placed him in a good position, Apolo with one win more just heading him. The latter's four wins in two following meetings will be remembered for some time. Holland and Blackfriar have each won a couple of races in the last few weeks, and are accordingly placed on the list.

Junio has been an unlucky brute, as he has been placed second a sufficient number of times to have earned over two thousand dollars without once winning.

It is with pleasure we note that the English trainers—Mr. Frazer and Mr. J. Brett—have topped the list this season. The former's stable has only just missed winning the largest amount of money by some four or five thousand dollars, and Mr. Brett's lot come close behind third. Mr. Brett deserves a great deal of credit for the successful way he has managed his horses this season, as with a few exceptions they were handed over to him by native trainers who could do little with them, and came to his stables lame. Mr. Brett has won thirty races during the season and Mr. Frazer twenty-six.

RACE	\$	RACE	\$
Athos	8 51451	Guerrillero	2 3800
Niobe	7 39902	Fergus	2 3700
Araucano	4 25655	Artichaut	2 3700
Golondrina	12 21800	Frobisher	2 3650
Amazon	7 21681	Whitethorn	2 3600
Ituzaingo	4 19492	Paysandu	2 3600
Finance	7 16550	Egbert	2 3600
Satanella	6 15000	Iva	2 3500
Esperanza	4 14000	Marionette	2 3500
Clairon	7 13100	Mondaine	2 3400
Destructor	4 12700	Phoebus	2 3300
San Martin the Gold Cup and	5 12700	Lumineux	2 3300
Danton	4 11963	Fortacho	2 3300
Sargento	4 11800	Creta	2 3300
Nubifer	6 11600	Caotiere	2 3200
Apolo	6 11600	Manantial	1 3100
Sucre	5 11100	Melpomenes	1 3000
Manon Lescaut	4 10980	Cantivo	1 3000
Remigia	6 10900	Regina	2 2900
Rivadavia	3 10850	Anacoreta	1 2900
Santa Lucia	4 10600	Polaina	2 2900
Brandy Snap	7 10250	Colon	2 2800
Valiente	6 9950	Smiling Lass	2 2700
Riflero	5 9900	Salvacion	2 2700
Eridan	3 9000	Tala	2 2650
Stone Cross	3 8900	Pillo	2 2550
Soldado	4 7900	Lucifer	2 2550
Cabula	4 7400	Gettatore	1 2500
Maipu	4 7300	Don Carlos	1 2500
Prometeo	4 7300	Pluton	1 2500
Federal	2 7200	Monk	2 2500
Vendetta	3 7100	Salaam	1 2400
Clairin	5 7050	Barata	2 2350
Clovis	3 7000	Nedgate	1 2300
The McGowan	4 6950	Almirante	1 2200
Ceres	3 6600	Silex	1 2200
Asteroide	3 6500	Liana	1 2200
Mio	2 6500	Araucaria	1 2000
Thalia	2 6500	Noel	1 2000
Huracan	4 6400	Remolacha	1 2000
Alerta	3 6400	Firmu	1 2000
Soleil	2 6200	Fraise au Kirsch	1 2000
Le Torpilleur	4 6100	Fanon	1 1900
Nelly	3 6050	N. of Warwick	2 1900
India Muerta	4 5800	Belgrave	1 1900
Zangano	2 5800	Princesa	1 1800
Mariscal	3 5800	Gloria	1 1800
Sirius	3 5500	Ilusion	1 1800
Polie	2 5450	Astoque	1 1700
Rob. le Diable	3 5400	Estoune	1 1700
Carnaval	3 5350	San Carlos	1 1700
Lego	3 5350	Corresponsal	1 1700
Veterano	3 5300	Lainers	1 1700
Terminacion	3 5300	Nautilus	1 1700
Puri	3 5200	Luisant	1 1700
Chilliarch	3 5100	Jefferson	1 1700
Siva	3 5100	Lucia	1 1600
Midi	2 5000	Hardo	1 1600
Blackfriar	2 5000	Dufflife	1 1600
Myosotis	2 5000	Esmeralda	1 1600
Florida	3 5000	Halcon	1 1600
Edelweiss	2 4900	Divina	1 1550
Woolf	4 4900	Misterio	1 1500
Carpintero	3 4800	Samuel	1 1500
Farandol	1 4700	La Mora	1 1500
Sobremonte	3 4600	Escarola	1 1500
Calandria	2 4450	Centella	1 1500
Holland	2 4400	Forester	1 1500
Cantiniere	2 4300	Cham	1 1500
Infernal	2 4150	Irene	1 1400
Buridan	2 4100	Linfa	1 1300
Zampa	2 4100	Pirata	1 1300
Diamond	2 4000	Gerente	1 1300
Lugano	2 4000	Hilda	1 1150
Mudo	2 3950	Corsario	1 950
Huron	2 3900	Severac	1 950
Enchantress	2 3800	Ambush	1 850
Sombra	1 3800	Scipion	1 850
		Pharaon	1 750

Horses Placed

Horses Placed	\$	Horses Placed	\$
Junio	2400	Nogoya	200
Falucho	900	Anibal	200
Erato	700	Osiris	200
Patria	600	Thain	200
Arazá	600	Pertoldi	200
Espoir	500	Spree	200
Palas	500	Putu	200
Lumen	500	Sensacion	200
Demos	500	Financiera	200
Pampa	500	Liana	200
Bouchon	400	Balcarce	200
Porvenir	400	Tambor	200
Gualicho	400	Albor	200
Peter	400	Sardetti	200
Andarin	400	Simpleton	200
Reina	300	Vlagna	100
Cotopaxi	200	Muchacho	100
Charlemagne	200	Hierofant	100

Under the auspices of the Amateur Athletic Association, which was definitely formed on the 14th March last, athletics have greatly improved in the River Plate, and it has also been the means of resuscitating two old meetings and instituting new ones; men who thought they could not run a yard have been brought out, and good men some of them have proved.

The first championship meeting ever held in the River Plate, came off at Hurlingham on May 25th, and the names of all the crack athletes of the River Plate figured on the card, but unfortunately at the last moment Messrs. Maclachlan, Rowland and Harry Anderson, were reported hors-de-combat, the former not even putting in an appearance, whereas the two latter did appear on the path, although suffering from recent illness; the performances, with perhaps the exception of the hurdle race were below the average, and with this exception every record established on that day has since been broken. The new men who figured on the list, and came out of the fray well, were Messrs. W. C. Graham and F. W. Fothergill, the former winning the 100 yards championship in 10 3 5 by a foot from the latter, whilst Fothergill won the 120 yards open from the five yards mark in 12 secs, and the open quarter from the 20 yards mark; in the open 120 he won by half a yard from Balfour, whose first appearance it also was in Buenos Aires, and who in the August meeting of the Buenos Aires C.C. carried off the open 120 yards handicap.

Neither the mile or 1 1/2 mile championships were won, the scratch men failing to accomplish the distance in the standard time.

At this meeting the following records were established 100 yards—Fothergill 10 2 5, but lowered by Maclachlan at the Rosario sports to 10 1 5.

Quarter mile E. P. Rowland 58 1 5 lowered by himself at the Rosario sports to 55 secs.

Hundred and twenty yards hurdles E. Danvers 17 1 5, not yet lowered.

High jump, E. Danvers 5ft 1 2in lowered by Hume at Rosario sports to 5ft 2 1 2in.

Long jump, J. Ravenscroft 18ft 0 1 2, lowered at Palermo by W. E. Coubroft to 18ft. 7.

Throwing the hammer, Alexander 63ft 10 and lowered by himself at Montevideo to 66ft. 5.

Putting the shot, H. Cornwall 33ft 7 1 2 since lowered by Alexander at Palermo with a put of 34ft 8 1 2.

Pole jump, H. Alexander 8ft 00 since lowered by himself at Montevideo with a jump of 8ft 9.

The next meeting was that of the Buenos Aires Cricket Club at Palermo on August 15, when the heavy condition of the ground prevented good times being done. Maclachlan put in an appearance but could not finish the 100 yards under the eleven seconds. This meeting brought out H. Cornwall, who had managed to escape the Handicappers eye, and won both the half and one mile, and gave promise of being a good runner. F. Kruls' plucky finish in the quarter mile race classifies him amongst "coming athletes" and he should be heard of during 1893.

This meeting was followed by that at Rosario on August 30th, and on account of a fine day and a fast path, some good performances were witnessed.

Maclachlan was in grand fettle on that occasion, and his time in the 100 and 220 yds of 10 1 5 and 23 2 5 secs will long remain as River Plate records.

A. Stewart, made a good put with the shot, as did Cornwall, both men putting over 34ft.

B. C. Hume's performance in the high jump was most creditable, he being without doubt the best high jumper in the Plate; having as he has, a previous performance of 5ft 6. Francis with a jump of 5ft 3 was only an inch behind Hume, and if we include Hunt of Montevideo, we have as good a jumping trio as could be found in most countries, all three young men, and so should improve.

In the flat racing, amongst the most prominent of the new men we find F. Boardman and C. Davis. The former should become a good man from 220 to the half whilst Davis, who won the m'e championship, will take some beating. Rowland just managed to take the half mile championship and made a good win in the quarter.

The Cordoba sports call for no special mention, with the exception perhaps, of the close finishes that took place in every race.

An evening 120 yards handicap at Hurlingham was the next event, but cannot be said to have been a success as so few men turned out; and a second one arranged for Belgrano did not fill.

The Cordoba Club however had a successful evening meeting in December, a good field turning out.

The Montevideo sports in December brought the season to a close. At this meeting no good times were done on account of a heavy slope in the field but some creditable performances took place.

Hill proved himself to be a good quarter and half miler, and P. Vignoles showed up creditably at distances from 100 yards to a quarter mile.

Wright should develop into a good miler and and Ponce de Leon, if properly trained, will be dangerous at any distance up to a quarter. Hunt jumped well and Alexander cleared 8ft 9 with the Pole.

No good performances in long jump have taken place during the year, and we can only attribute this to want of practise on part of the men. D. Owen of Rosario is credited with being able to get close upon 20ft but at the sports he could not reach 18, we hope however to see an improvement in this branch of athletics in the coming season.

We will now proceed to classify the men at their respective races; starting with sprinters we have: 9. Maclachlan, W. Graham, H. Anderson, F. W. Fothergill, E. P. Rowland, J. Beaumont, J. Ravenscroft, P. Vignoles, F. Balfour and C. Cox.

Quarter Mile E. P. Rowland, J. R. Hill, H. Anderson, P. Vignoles, F. W. Fothergill, F. Kruls, L. Ponce de Leon, A. Maclachlan, H. Cornwall, and G. C. Kennard.

Half Mile E. P. Rowland, J. R. Hill, H. Cornwall, T. E. Wharton, H. C. J. Linsdell, J. M. Lees, H. P. Wright, F. Boardman.

One Mile F. E. Wharton, C. Davis, E. P. Rowland, H. Cornwall, H. P. Wright, H. Linsdell, G. Thomson, F. Barnes.

High Jump B. C. Hume, R. E. Hunt, F. Francis, C. E. Baines, H. C. Alexander, E. Danvers, H. Cornwall and C. Cox.

Long Jump D. Owen, H. Alexander, E. P. Rowland, J. Ravenscroft, L. Corry Smith and E. Danvers. As Coubrough has left the Plate he is not classified.

Hurdles. E. Danvers, there being nobody running last season who was able to come within 10 yards of him from scratch.

Pole Jump. H. Alexander is a long way ahead of every body in this art, perhaps A. Davie being nearest to him.

Throwing the Hammer, Alexander is again ahead of every body, in this followed by M. Adams, J. H. Clark and J. Ravenscroft.

Putting the Shot, H. Alexander, A. Stewart, H. Cornwall, E. A. Short, F. E. Jones, W. H. Meiggs, F. X. Carter, J. H. Clark.

We have reason for believing that several clubs in Buenos Aires that hitherto have not held athletic meetings intend doing so this season, and we can only hope that the coming season will be as successful as the last.

PRIZE COMPETITION

"Missing Word" competitions have become so popular at home in some of the weekly papers that we have decided, in the interests of our readers, to start one ourselves.

The conditions of the competition are as follows:—Every week we will publish a sentence, or paragraph, in which a missing word has to be supplied; those who wish to enter the competition must cut out the accompanying coupon and attach it to a slip of paper on which the missing word must be clearly written, and send it with one dollar so as to reach us by the first post on the Monday morning after date of issue.

The whole of the money received in entrance fees will be divided amongst those competitors who fill in the missing word correctly.

The missing word will be known only to the Editor, sealed by him in an envelope, which will remain unopened until the day when the awards are made.

The names and addresses of the successful competitors will not be published unless desired, but may be seen at our offices on the Wednesday following.

THIS WEEK

The sentence to which the missing word is to be supplied is as follows:

"The rules most point out what should be done under the circumstances."

COUPON

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THE "MISSING WORD" CRAZE.

Side by side with those periodical fits of morality which Macaulay describes in a brilliant and scornful passage, the British public indulges in periodical crazes to which the Anglo-Saxon mind seems to be peculiarly prone. It would seem that, every now and again, we compensate ourselves for our ordinary level-headedness by little follies which people in other countries would never think of committing. It is impossible to imagine a French spelling-bee or an Italian "greenery-valley" fever, or a German "Missing Word" craze. We have had all three in the course of a few years, and the last of them is indeed only just reaching the fulness of its virulence. The people you meet in the street, in the morning train to the City, or in drawing-room, no longer ask for condolece because they could not spell inchthyrasaurus or Cryptoconchoidsyphonostomata; no longer do your friends tell you that they are "living up" to a lone and lovely lily in a sage-green pot. No; the whisper that runs through all companies now is "What do you think is the Word?" Young men who would formerly have provided the young ladies of their acquaintance with the newest dictionaries, or would have kept dados on the sly had they thought they would thereby have been advantaged in the eyes of the fair, now rack their brains for synonyms. Clerks in mercantile houses and assistants in great shops form syndicates to send in thirty or forty suggestions for the "missing word," in the hope that one or other of the alternatives may be correct and command the sometimes considerable reward which falls to the lucky guesser. People of all classes and all ages try their luck or their skill (whichever it may be), fascinated by the possibility of a handsome windfall of pocket money. Like most brilliant ideas, that of the "missing word" is exceedingly simple. One of those popular weeklies which count their circulation by hundreds of thousands prints a paragraph from which the last word is omitted, and you are invited to write upon a coupon what you think the word should be, and to send it in with a postal order for a shilling, the aggregate shillings being divided among those who hit upon the right word. Some of the papers allow two tries for the shilling. How enormously popular the craze has become is indicated by over 137,000 people having last week sent in their shillings to the paper which originated these competitions. Of these 871 won, and received nearly £8 apiece. The week before there were only forty-three winners out of over 60,000 competitors, and each of the lucky ones received a cheque for more than £70. Such was the result of these tempting prizes that the number of competitors more than doubled in a week, and it is understood this week the figures have reached proportions even larger.

A CHAT WITH THE INVENTOR

The sums passing through the hands of the proprietors of these journals have become so large, and without careful safeguards it would seem so easy to appropriate a portion of them, that the matter is one of legitimate public concern, in which some hundreds of thousands of people are personally interested. It will therefore be useful to give an account of a conversation with Mr. C. Arthur Pearson, the editor of "Pearson's Weekly," which has just distributed £6894 received in shillings in a single week. Mr. Pearson is the inventor of the "missing word" competitions, which have sent up the circulation of a journal established little more than two years ago to considerably over half a million a week. Mr. Pearson explained that the "Missing Word" idea occurred to him when he was seeking for a popular competition not open to the objections which may be fairly brought against the "counting" competitions which were once in high favour. "The thing began very humbly. The sixth week we received only £4, and it was not until about two months ago when the idea had been running some nine or ten months, that it began to be really popular. About that time other papers adopted the notion, and at once the figures began to mount. One week we received £500, the next £900, the next £1300; then we jumped to £2500, and you know with what rapidity the craze has grown since then."

Mr. Pearson was here asked to describe the *modus operandi* of the competitions. How, for instance, was the Word fixed upon?

"Every week I personally write the competition paragraph. I select some interesting little fact and embody it in the few lines I write, leaving the last word blank. I then prepare a list of words, any one of which would suitably fill the blank, and I ask a few of my most trusted assistants in the office to do the same. I then finally select a word, sometimes from one of these lists, but more frequently from my own. I write that word upon a slip of paper, and place it in a stout envelope, which I seal with my own ring and hand to the Chartered Accountant whose certificate appears in the paper every week. No one knows the word but myself until the competition is over; and then the accountant opens the envelope in my presence, and the word is given to a staff of clerks, who go through the coupons and put on one side all that are correct."

HOW THE LETTERS ARE DEALT WITH.

In reply to my question (writes our representative) as to how the scores of thousands of letters coming in every week were dealt with, Mr. Pearson took me into an adjoining room, which contains the letter-box of the paper. The doorway from the corridor outside has been boarded up, with a great gaping slit in the middle of the woodwork and a huge cupboard—technically a "letter-box"—constructed on the inner side, reaching to the ceiling and projecting a couple of feet into the room. This receptacle has been cleared two or three hours before; but when Mr. Pearson unlocked the door

(he keeps one key himself, while a trusted assistant has charge of another) we found it a quarter full of letters—not dropped in singly but tied up in big bundles, and great numbers of them registered. And this was a mere subsidiary afternoon delivery! In a morning the number of letters is much larger; while on Monday mornings, when the competitions close, the post arrives in mail-bags carried in a procession of cabs from the General Post Office. When the letters are taken out of the letter-box they are put into great baskets nearly as tall as a man, each of which contains seven or eight thousand. They are then conveyed to the sorting-room—an enormous apartment capable of holding close upon 200 people seated; and we cannot do better than follow these mountains of letters to the quarters where they will be slit open, *centrés*, and the envelopes cast away to join the colossal and ever-growing mounds of the refuse of London.

IN THE SORTING-ROOM.

Imagine this great room, filled with ranges of long broad tables made for the purpose. Around the tables sit rank after rank of young women working with steady persistency—a hundred and fifty of them in all. One tableful of ladies is solely occupied in cutting open the envelopes. A waste-paper basket full of letters is emptied on the table before each one. She takes one of those long slender metal envelope-openers which have lately made their appearance in the shops, deftly slits the envelope and pushes it aside.

When she has finished her heap it is pushed along the table to one of the great baskets already described. From this basket the sorting-tables are supplied, a heap of letters with the envelopes ready slit being placed before each sorter. With astonishing rapidity, the product of a few hours' experience, she takes out the contents, throws the envelope on the floor, and arranges the coupons in one heap in front of her, and the postal orders in other heaps according to their value and to whether they are crossed or open. During the whole of Monday, from nine in the morning until seven or eight in the evening, this busy scene lasted; the sight of table after table heaped and piled with postal orders being very curious and striking. The atmosphere was, indeed, one of money and waste-paper; for wherever you trod you were ankle deep in envelopes, while envelopes under the tables were piled up knee high. Each table is under the charge of a lady superintendent, who is always a member of the permanent staff; and it is important to observe that the young women are all of a superior class, the larger proportion of them being obviously ladies. They are all provided by Young Women's Christian Associations and similar organizations, and are paid 6s. a day and 9d. an hour for overtime.

BY WORD AND SPELL, DEADLY TO HEAR AND DEADLY TO TELL.

Let us now mount a story higher to a smaller room where some dozen or fifteen ladies, with a few male clerks intermixed, are hard at work winnowing out the winning word. At a quarter to nine on Monday morning the "missing word" was disclosed to this roomful; each person being put upon her honour not to divulge it until Wednesday. These demure looking young persons each hold a secret which two hundred thousand people, twelve hours before, would have given a great deal to know. Carefully yet rapidly, they run through heaps of coupons, tied up in bundles; and when, rather rarely, they come across a winning ticket they place it tenderly in a large envelope. When a bundle is finished it is tied up and handed to another searcher, who again goes through it to make sure that a winner has not been overlooked. When she has finished the bundle goes to a third searcher, and there is a reward of half a crown for the searcher who discovers an overlooked winner.

CARPETED WITH POSTAL ORDERS.

In a third room takes place the most important and responsible of all the operations—the manipulation of the money. Six or eight clerks, male or female, sit round a table counting and sorting out piles of postal orders a foot high. The rapidity with which this operation is performed is marvellous. One young lady, who has been a post office clerk, shares with one of the male cashiers the distinction of being able to count, with only two or three mistakes, 14,000 postal orders in an hour. As they are counted they are tied up in £10 bundles and heaped up in a corner of the floor. At two o'clock on Monday afternoon that interesting little corner contained postal orders to the value of £5000 or more. Next day, twenty clerks would be busily occupied from nine o'clock until the Bank of England closed in crossing the orders with indiarubber stamps. It need hardly be said that only responsible permanent members of the staff are allowed to assist in this part of the work. This busy scene is repeated, with modifications, every day in the week. On Mondays the staff is more than doubled, and the cost of all this opening, sorting, and counting amounts to £151 a week in wages alone.

KEEPING THE SECRET.

I closely questioned Mr. Pearson as to the possibility of the word becoming known. His reply was that it was impossible for any one to know it. "Nobody could see into the sealed envelope, and he told the word to nobody. He admitted that people tried hard to get at the word. Two persons had, for instance, written to him inquiring how much a week he would require to impart the word to them; while many others who were in difficulties had made piteous appeals to be told the word, in strict secrecy, as the only conceivable means of being delivered from their embarrassments. As to the result of the competitions upon the circulation of the paper, Mr. Pearson said they had increased it by more than 200,000 a week. Questioned as to their legality, he replied that he had taken the opinions of two distinguished counsel, each of which was favourable, on

the ground that they involved skill and not guessing. He combated the common opinion that the person who sends in all the synonyms he can think of or find in the dictionary is mathematically certain to win. He had had the point tested and found that it was not so. In his experience, those who sent in a single coupon were quite as likely to win as those who sent in a score or two. —St. James' Dec. 2.

A DANGEROUS MOUNT

A letter has just reached me from the northernmost parts of the Transvaal, written by an old friend and hunting companion. Among the items of interest to be picked from out the somewhat mazy lines, is an adventure which, I must own, requires a largish swallowing capacity. Nevertheless, I feel constrained to believe, recounted as it is by one whose veracity, even as a hunter, I have never had reason to impeach.

He writes:—"We were camped rather more than ten days' track, in a north-easterly direction, from the Zantspansberg range, and had enjoyed some splendid sport among the different varieties of antelope to be found in that district. It is not often sport of any kind falls upon me, but on this occasion I certainly was suffering from a surfeit of it. Altogether tired and lazy, I lay in my hammock swung between two mopani trees, reading a two months' old issue of 'The Sporting and Dramatic News,' a paper which—I vouch for it—finds especial favour in the far-off regions of Central South Africa, where so many of our *jeunesse dorée* are to be found expiating their sins of profligacy. Among our number was a young Dutch farmer, who had joined us as a guide and conductor, one Adrian Van Renen, a young Hercules. Tall and robust of physique, his muscles would have done credit to some of your London Samsons. He was a grand shot, and, though not a graceful rider, a very safe one. I mention Van Renen's qualities in order that you may better digest the veracity of what I am about to recount.

"Van Renen came up to me and announced that the veidt was swarming with guinea-towl. Would I join him in a shoot?

"No, Van Renen, I won't. I'm dog-weary, and, though I like a guinea-towl for breakfast as well as you do, I must positively decline."

"Then I go alone. None of the other men will come; but I shall have *moi* sport."

"Van Renen went. I remained behind. The next view I had of Van was a sight to remember. He was riding—*riding a lion*.

"I fancy I hear your remark. Something to the effect—that 'the marines' might, but you will not."

"I saw it, I tell you—and, after all, seeing is close to believing. Yes, he was riding a lion, fairly and squarely astride on the brute's back, with his long legs crossed under its belly, and his arms wound round the animal's neck. This is how the situation arose.

"Van failed in finding the guinea-towl, and had spent the best part of his time sleeping under the shade of some rocks. When he awoke he found the sun dipping fast, and he at once set his face campwards. He had not proceeded far when he came upon the spoor of a small buck, leading in the direction he was making. He followed it for over a mile, and finally discovered his quarry standing in the open, some four hundred yards ahead of him. Between him and the buck was a *donga*, into which he slid, crossed its shingly bed, and clambered up the opposite side, dragging his breechloader after him. He had just reached the level ground, and was about to commence his stalk after the buck, when he heard a rustling noise behind him. Turning round he found himself, at a distance of a dozen yards, face to face with a lion, and, as he said, a *hungry* lion too.

"He took no thought as to what to do. His action was instantaneous. Raising his gun he let go both barrels full into the face of the beast. With a terrific roar the lion sprang forward towards him, striking in cat-like fashion with both arms. Van's gun received the force of the blow. The weapon was dashed to the ground where it fell, the barrels bent to an angle of forty-five degrees. Like a flash, Van took this fact in, and with a spring flung himself on the lion's back, swung his legs under and crossed them, and leaning forward, passed his arms round the brute's throat.

"From his description of what followed, he must have had a lively time. Buffalo Bill's bucking mustangs and bronchos might have been taught a lesson. Said Van, 'The "thing" rolled and kicked, and clawed, but to no purpose.' A few scratches, ugly, but not dangerous, from the hind claws, were all the injuries Van received, but he was very scared. Presently as the lion began to weaken, the terrific roaring ceased, and then Van set up a series of shoutings, which finally attracted the attention of a native herd we had with us. He discovered Van's plight, and flew back to camp with the purpose of acquainting the whole party. We received the news with incredulity, but the native insisted that his statement was true. We thereupon hastened to get our rifles, and with the native for a guide, proceeded at our best speed to the spot where Van Renen was last seen.

"Rather more than half a mile may have been covered, when we had disclosed to us perhaps the most remarkable sight any man ever beheld. There was Van astride one of the finest lions the country could produce. The lion was in a comparatively quiet condition. Throwing its head from side to side, pawing the air, first with one arm then the other. Running up quite close, we were saluted by Van's resonant voice, asking,

"Have any of you fellows a knife? If you have, just leave the thing to me."

"Mison, our crack rifle shot, wanted to shoot, but Van's life might have been endangered, so he drew a keen-bladed hunting knife, and getting to rearward of

the lion, he pitched the knife to Van, who deftly caught it with one hand, and taking a grip of the lion's mane with the other, did what probably has never been done before—"pitched" the brute.

"We were too much astonished to say much but we thought a great deal; and listened in wonderment at Van's account of the incident.

"It turned out that Van's double discharge had completely demolished the front of the lion, the eyes being undistinguishable amid the mass of clotted blood that covered the face of the poor brute.

"Dutchmen, as you know, do not go in for curios, or *souvenirs* of the chase, but Van cherishes the skin of that lion, even as the 'apple of his eye.' It has been well braved, head and claws perfect. I have longed to secure it for myself, but at present Van Renen scouts the notion of parting with it.

"I fancy I hear you say 'Pass the salt, if you please.'"
—S. and D. News. F. E.

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" small	4.20—7.00
Sheep	4.00—5.50
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Maize morocho, 100 kilos	7.00—7.30
" amarillo, 100 kilos	6.80—6.90
Wheat barleta, 100 kilos	7.30—7.80
" French, 100 kilos	7.00—7.35
" Saldome	7.50—7.80
Novillo Hides	8.50—11.40
Cow Hides	5.50—6.20
Sheepskins	0.65—0.75
Wool	6.00—9.00

FIXTURES

RACING

Friday, Jan. 6—Hipodromo de San Fernando, at San Fernando.

Friday, Feb. 2—Hurlingham Club.

CRICKET

Friday, Jan. 6—United Railways v. Hurlingham, at Hurlingham.

Friday, Jan. 6—Polo v. Cricket, at Quilmes.

Sunday, Jan. 8—Lomas A.C. v. Flores A.C., at Lomas.

Sunday, Jan. 8—London Bank C.C. v. Quilmes A.C., at Quilmes.

Sunday, Jan. 8—Western Ry. v. B. A. and R. Ry., at Belgrano.

ROWING

Friday, Jan. 6—Tigre Boat Club's Second Series of Races.

LAWN TENNIS

Friday, Jan. 6—Finals of the L.A.C. Lawn Tennis Tournament, at Lomas.

We have had in Europe a Long Distance Ride and a Long Distance March; but, as usual, it was reserved for America to outdo everything of this sort by a contest for the "champion long-endurance piano-player of the world." The final round came off in New York recently, between a lady and gentleman, so that there was an added interest in seeing whether the championship might not go to a female performer. Strength, however, if not technical ability, carried the day; and the gentleman after seventeen hours' continuous playing was proclaimed the victor, the lady having succumbed eight minutes earlier. The performers both bore signs of their exertions in swollen hands and wrists, blistered finger-tips, and, moreover, sleepiness and hunger. A curious feature of the "demonstration" from the lady's point of view was that while she was playing she received five proposals of marriage. This may be expected to encourage the long-endurance pianoforte-playing young lady.

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PREMIO HIPODROMO ARGENTINO, for Horses which have never won or run in 1892; weight 57 kilos, mares allowed 2 kilos; \$700 to the 1st; 1500 metres.

The meeting will be held under the rules of the Jockey Club and under the direction of the Committee of the Hipodromo de San Fernando, whose decisions will be final.

HURLINGHAM CLUB

Programme of a Meeting

TO BE HELD AT

Hurlingham on Friday, February 2, 1893

Under the Rules of the Hurlingham Club.

THE ENSAYO STAKES, of \$10 each, for Polo Ponies 56 in. or under, which have never won a race; to be ridden by Members of a Polo Club who have never ridden a winner; catch weights; 2000 metres. This race may be ridden in Polo Costume.

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PREMIO VERANO, a Handicap for Horses which have not won more than \$2000 in 1892; \$1000 to the 1st; 1200 metres; entrance fee \$50, half forfeit. Any qualified jockey may ride. Unless there are at least five entries there will be no race.

THE BELGRANO STAKES, of \$10 each, a Handicap for Polo Ponies of 56 in. or under; 1000 metres. To be ridden by a Member of a Polo Club.

THE VENADO TUERTO STAKES, of \$50 each, for Ponies of 58 in. or under; Ponies of 58 in. to carry 10 kilos, 3 kilos allowed per inch, winners to carry 3 kilos extra, twice 5 kilos, and three or more times 7 kilos extra; \$250 guaranteed to the 1st; 600 metres. Unless there are three subscribers there will be no race.

THE HURDLE STAKES, of \$10 each, a Handicap for Polo Ponies 56 in. or under; 2000 metres, over six flights of hurdles. To be ridden by a Member of a Polo Club.

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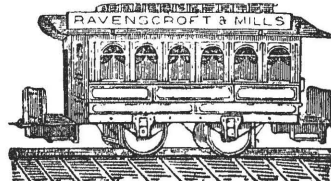


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THE CRUISE OF THE DART-ER, TO SAY NOTHING OF THE SUN

PART II.

No sooner were our Italian friends out of earshot than the bed of the river rose with a startling suddenness, and the gallant little Dart-er went aground again with a shock that made every tinctack in her hull rattle again. There was no help for it but for the expedition to dash once more into the foaming billows and make renewed efforts to get her off. The sun was giving unmistakable indications that he, like the river, was going down, and it was felt that every nerve would have to be strained in order to reach before night the distant shore, which was fully 300 yards away.

All worked hard for several seconds, when the Engineer went on strike, under the plea of a bad neuralgia, and climbed into the canoe, under orders from the captain, so as to be out of the way.

There sat the miserable Engineer till the boat was safely anchored, drifting from side to side as the canoe trailed slowly along in the wake of the Dart-er, with the water in the still leaky canoe washing to and fro over his elegant new pair of alpargatas specially bought for the cruise, so as to effect an appropriate and Columbus-like landing on the province of Entre Rios if ever it was discovered.

Matters soon reached a crisis, for the relations between the various members of the expedition were becoming strained, in consequence of the labours they had undergone.

The Crew mutinied and said he "wanted to go 'ome," but the spirit of insubordination was promptly quelled by the Captain with a boot.

General Utility grunted that next time he went on a voyage of exploration he'd go by train.

Pushing was continued in stony silence and in different directions, and at length the Dart-er came to her station for the night in an arroyo at the other side of the river. It is computed that the Dart-er had been pushed or shoved, as the nautical expression is, a distance of over 7 miles.

At last, safely tied up to the bank, it was felt that all danger was over for the moment, and preparations were made to pass as peaceful a night as the Mos Kitoes would allow of. These graceful little songsters in this part bore a strikingly picturesque appearance. Their bodies were bright red, and they possess a singular power of biting sarcasm.

The Captain having given orders to put things shipshape, or as he in his nautical language described it, to tidy up, everything was placed where it could not be found if wanted, and after some minutes of confusion all was reduced to a neat state of disorder. In the course of the excavations the following were brought to light:—

An immense number of small brown loaves
1 tin of condensed milk.

A *recherché* meal was made off these, and as no one had tasted bread or milk since the start, these delicacies were much appreciated.

Everybody slept, or tried to sleep on board, but the Mos Kitoes were too sociable to allow of much slumber, as they inaugurated a smoking concert, in which the expedition provided the smoke and slaps and blood (blood being the refresco most to the taste of these energetic denizens of the river banks), and the Mos Kitoes the singing part of the concert.

Several of the more influential members of the Mos Kitoes blunted their best proboscises (this is ungrammatical but euphonious) in a vain endeavour to penetrate the pachydermatous cuticle of the captain, but their efforts were fruitless, and they were perforce compelled to leave him dozing peacefully on the flukes of an anchor.

No such luck, however, attended the Engineer and General Utility. Alternately covering themselves up with blankets until the heat was unbearable, and then casting them off in order to admit fresh air and hungry Mos Kitoes, their wallings made night hideous, and the Engineer who, owing to a badly blistered back, was unable to sleep except whilst standing on his head, became delirious, and standing in this inverted position he declaimed with great dramatic force the following extraordinary poem, which he explained in the morning had no doubt been suggested by his having read a recent number of the "Field" containing notes on this country by one who had never been there:

THE GAUCHO'S LAMENT.

Sing hey for the bold alpargata
The lasso and gaucho combined.
Sing hey for the splendid puchero,
That is, if already you've dined.

Oh give me of finest alambre
Not more than a cuadro or two,
Oh, give me the chacra-fiambre
That grows up at Gualaguaychu.

I yearn for the poncho and maté,
I long for the Pampa's wild roar,
I've seen all this new kind of Spanish,
Writ down in the "Field" long before,

I love to see troops of asado
Gallop madly without sign of fear.
Each one with a loaded reado,
And some with their leche or spear.

At length, as is customary in these latitudes, the night came to an end: and morning broke, but without any serious fracture.

Steam having been got up and a hearty breakfast of condensed milk and brown loaves having been got down, the engines were with some difficulty goaded into moving, and we left the Mos Kitoes lamenting our departure.

All went merry as a funeral bell, but the spirits of the party had evaporated, and when General Utility announced his intention of resigning his post and going back to Buenos Aires, if possible that night, the only comment made was by the Captain, who said that there would be "lots more room in the boat."

During the day a visit was made to Lowe's Island, where the luxury of sitting on chairs was indulged in for a short space of time.

At about 4 p.m. a lonely almacen was reached, and as the other launch was found to be stopping there, it was decided to join them for the night, and General Utility arranged to go back with them in the morning.

After a bath, the first civilised meal of the cruise was partaken of, and on preparations being made for the night, the Señora of the almacen very kindly produced a mattress from a large bed.

This was laid on the floor, and as its width did not admit of three sleepers lengthways, General Utility, the Captain and the Engineer slept crossways on it, thus being half on the mattress and half on the floor. The order above given was the one adopted, and General Utility, by the strategic movement of tucking the top sheet under him and then rolling over, managed to accumulate all the sheet. Objections were of no avail, and thus the Captain and Engineer spent the night uncovered and clad but in the simplest garments.

In the morning the Captain, Engineer and Crew continued the cruise alone, General Utility standing on the bank and waving farewells to them, whilst the Engineer cast longing eyes behind him and apprehensive ones in front.

All that remains to be said about General Utility is that he reached the Tigre in the afternoon of the same day, the return journey only occupying 4 hours as against 3½ days whilst outward bound.

It has since transpired that General Utility used a safety razor that morning to shave himself, and caused intense astonishment among the natives, who at first took it for a telephone and then for a barrel organ, and on learning its real use were so delighted with it that they insisted on shaving first themselves and then the dogs and cats and the mooring posts, and roof and by the time he left there was not a single hair on the island.

For the Dart-er this day was very like the previous one,—only more so—an ordinary journey until the mouth of the Uruguay was reached, when, as usual, steam failed, and a stop was made in the middle to get some more. Then the sun set, and as in the semi-darkness it was impossible to reach the shore, and the anchor was cast in a spot where the Dart-er just floated.

As usual, of course, in the morning the water had gone down and left her firmly fixed in the mud, where, unable to turn, the sun beat down all day fiercely. In the afternoon the captain decided that the trip had better be given up, for as he said he had to receive cows or cats or some live stock somewhere, and he could not delay more. It is generally believed, however, that he was at last convinced that the propeller of the Dart-er was not adapted for making passages on land, or rather mud.

He therefore took the canoe and went in search of help, and after some two hours' anxious suspense a rescue party came and took the expedition in a sailing boat on shore, where they were fed and sent late at night to the nearest town "Nueva Palmeira," from which port the Crew and Engineer embarked next morning and arrived safely in Buenos Aires at noon.

The Engineer since then has moulted all the skin off his back and has had the old cuticle made into purses as recuerdos. The Captain sent samples of his skin, also moulted, to the Engineer, in a letter which was answered thus:—

Dear Sir,—

Yours duly to hand. We regret that we can, for the present, do nothing in this article, as the Engineer has glutted the market by disposing of a large bale of similar material. —We are, dear sir,

Yours truly,
PEEL & PULL.

The General Utility has been since afflicted with horrible nightmares in which he is chased round the bed of a river successively by a launch and a brown loaf.

The Captain and the Engineer have adopted the following mottoes:—

The Captain—"Tis better to have skinned and lost than never to have skinned at all.

The Engineer—"Be sure that you're on with the new skin, before you are off with the old.

The Dart-er, for all known to the contrary, is still high and dry where left. The Engineer's report on her is that with a new hull and engines she would probably be as good as new.

On the meeting of General Utility and the Engineer in Buenos Aires, both agreed that it would be a long time before they forgot the hardships and perils of their trip, probably not before the end of next March.

THE END

Cañada de Gomez

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

December 30.

Disappointment seems of late to have dogged my footsteps, and were it not for the knowledge that "the best laid schemes of mice and men will gang agley," I should be given up to despair.

The estancias of Santa Fé are not yet exhausted in their description, nor am I capable of exhausting them, as well by reason of distance and from inactivity. I venture to think there is no unwillingness on the part of proprietors to grant permission, nor is there unwillingness on my part to journey on quests which please me much, and in the description of which there is little harm, if little good. I have so far met with such consistent attention and kindness on my visits to different estancias, both from estancieros and their families, whom I am proud to be allowed to call my friends, and from others not so well known to me or I to them, that I shall look back upon the greater part of the year 1892 as the pleasantest time which I have spent in the country. One and all have shown that hospitable feeling and true bonhomie which characterises every good camp man. May 1893 at its commencement and at its close find them, and all your readers, happy and prosperous.

Had it not been for a diversion in the direction of industries of the country, certainly in a manner connected with but not of the camp, I should indeed have been hard up for subjects for which to write you.

I want to find more of these industries, and I think that I know of one or two still in the province. The Cremeria at Carcaraña I do not count in this case, solely because it is, ipso facto, an estancia, and though devoted mainly to one product it necessitates all the care and judgment in breeding of cattle which prevail on estates larger in extent, perhaps, but not more important in the development of the resources of Argentina. Nor can I honestly say that the few words which I have written on places of business connected with this tour were uncalled for. The "River Plate Sport and Pastime" is essentially a sportsman's paper, but it caters for all and sundry, and matters which do not appear of paramount interest to those who are au fait with things described, albeit they may not know the real extent of the possessions or the breeding of the stock of those whose names appear from time to time, still there are those (and may they speedily increase many hundred fold) in the old country who take the very keenest interest in every item which gives them an inkling of the state and condition of the country in which their friends and relatives have elected to live and have their being.

I wish still to visit several estancias within call, El Refango, La Hansa, La Germania, Cincuenta y una, Mr Christian's, and others, but when all estancieros are busy either cutting or threshing, there is little time to spare to act as cicerones.

The wheat at La Administracion is at least as good a crop as was obtained last year. The yield is said to be even greater per square, and the grain of the first quality. I hope to send you a sample in a day or two. This yield I believe is exceptional, although the crops round Sastre are good and heavy. Mr Robinson has much more land under cultivation this year than last, when he secured \$3.15 oro. Whether he will obtain as good a price this year is as yet an open question. The whole is not yet cut, but threshing is rapidly going on. Some of the stacks the other day narrowly escaped destruction by fire, arising from sparks from the engine, but happily many men were at hand, and what might have been a disastrous conflagration was averted, although at one time it was feared that at least four stacks must be consumed. Would it not be well to plough a certain distance round the stacks? No expense equivalent to the risk of loss could be incurred, the cost of ploughing so small a space is hardly entitled to consideration.

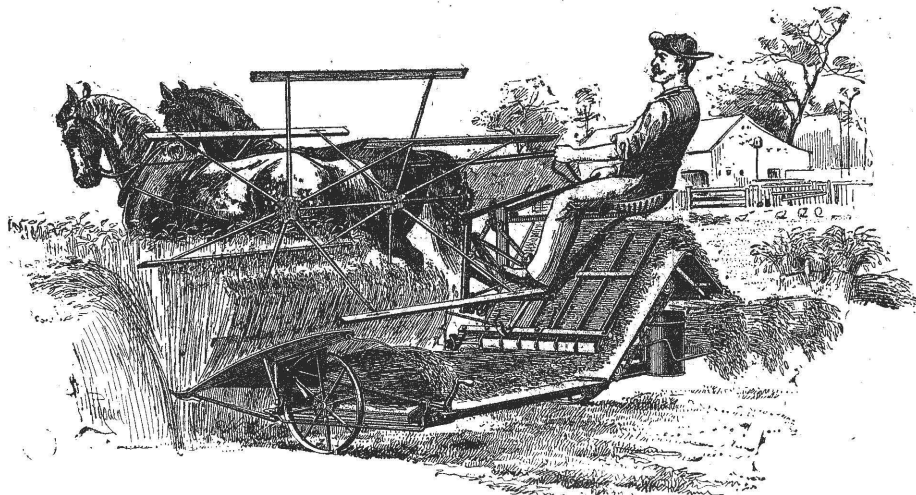
The weather is again as hot as weather can be, there is no pleasure either in work, play or sleep. To sit under the verandah in the evening with the inevitable pipe is the one and only source of enjoyment.

C. W. W.

It is estimated that the production of cereals this year will show an increase over last season of thirty per cent, and that at least six hundred thousand tons of wheat will be exported out of the Republic.

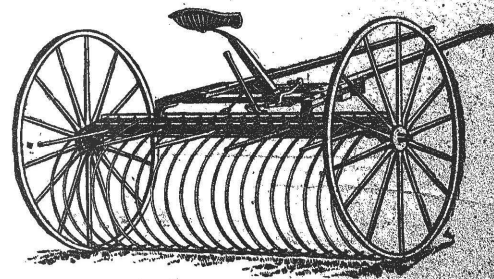
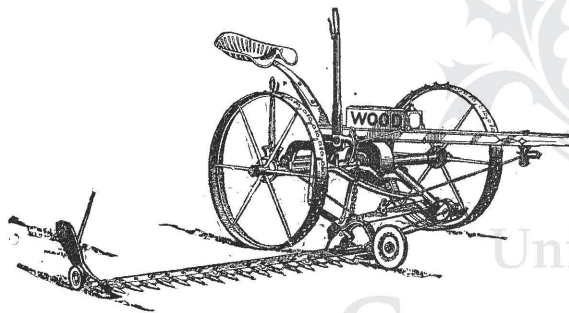
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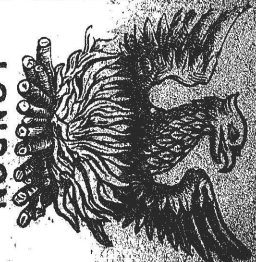
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