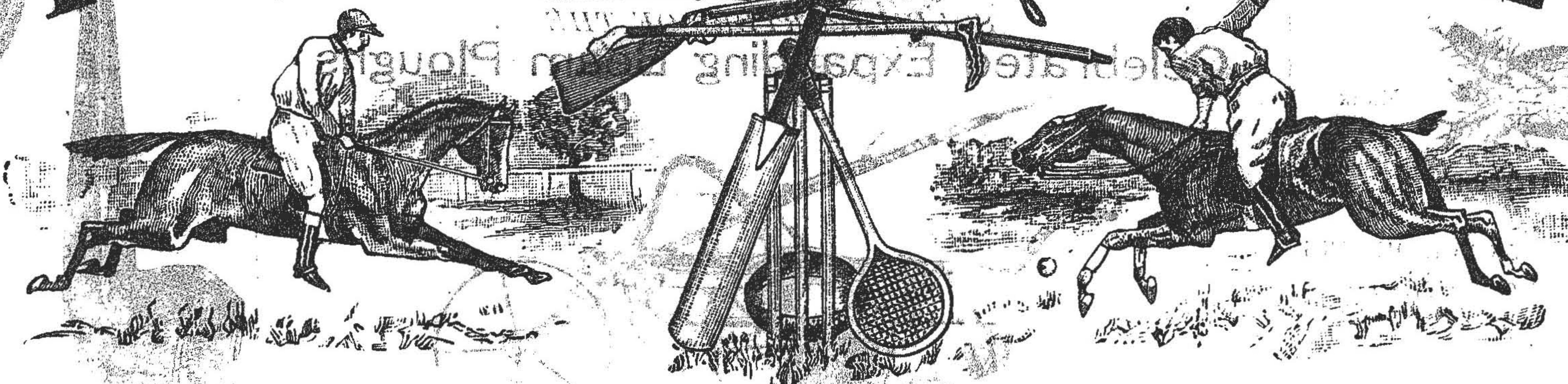


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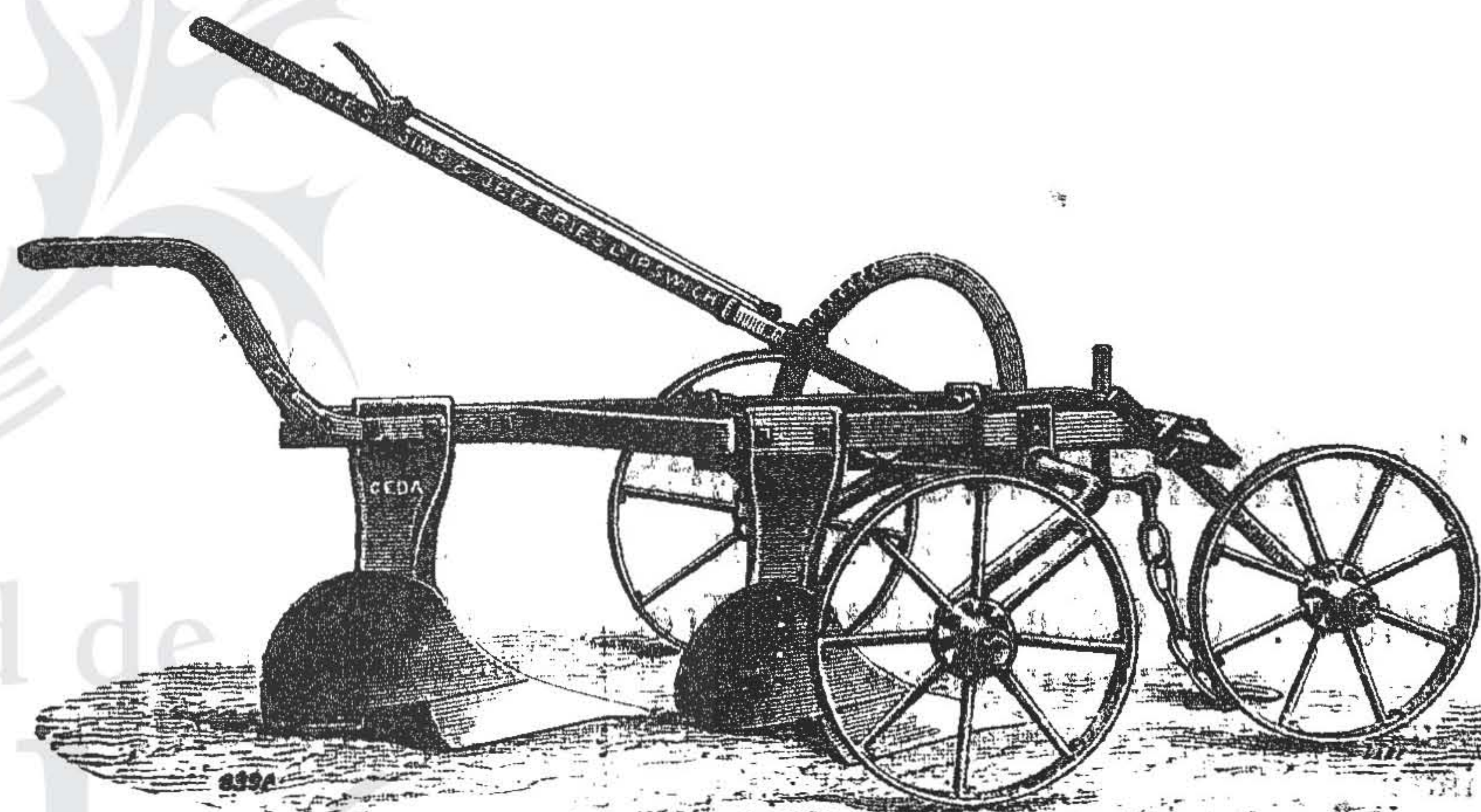
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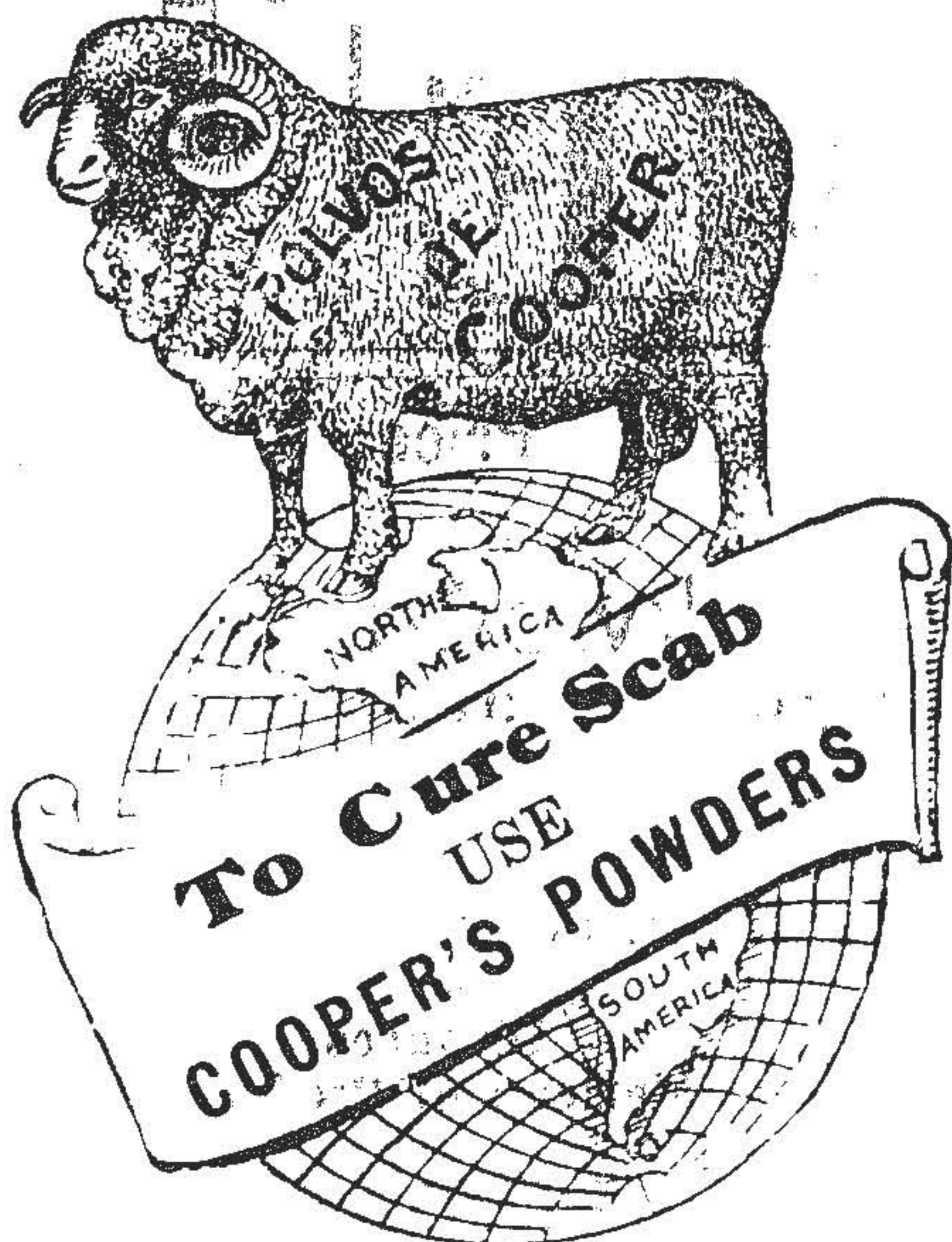
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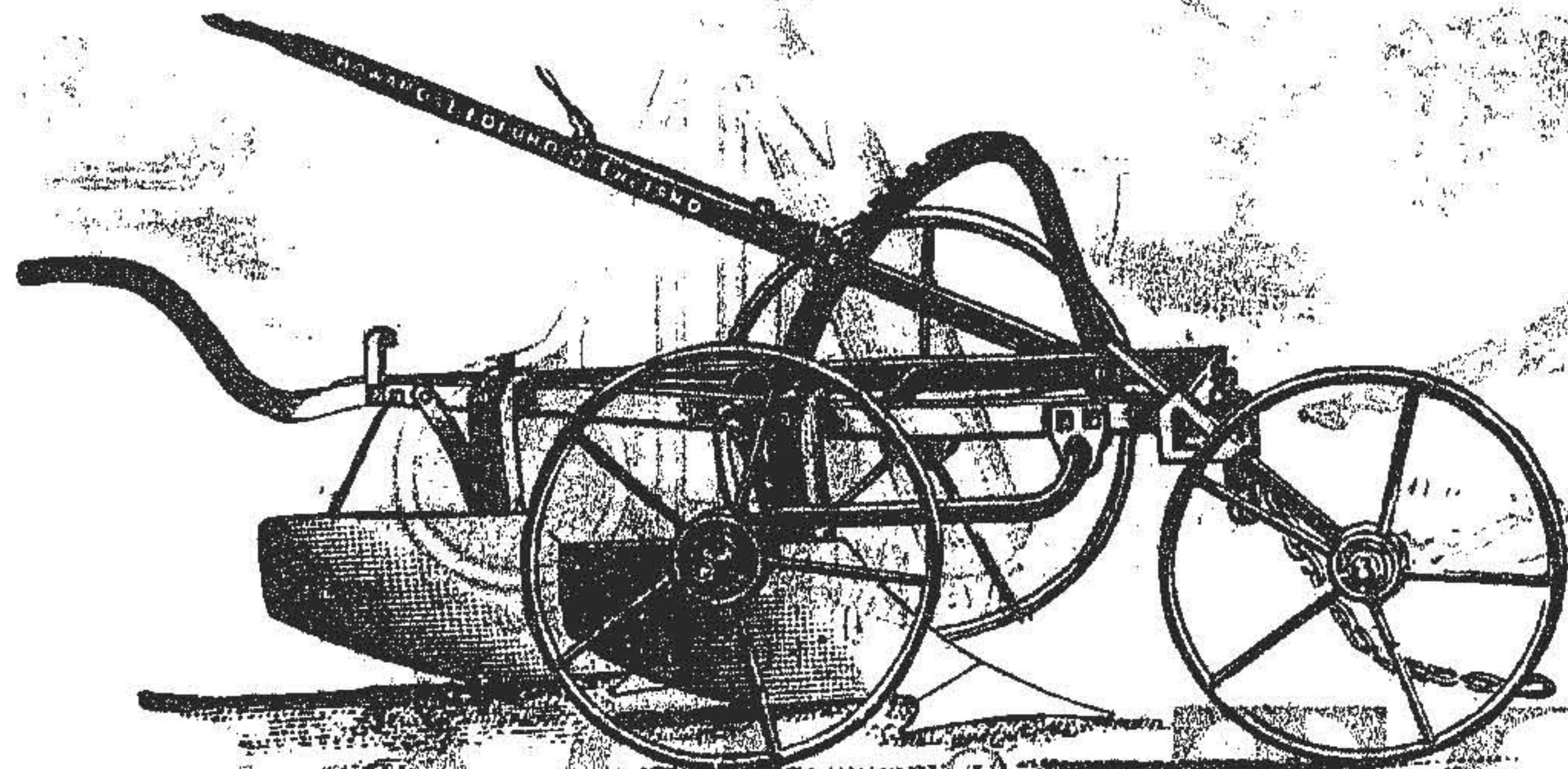
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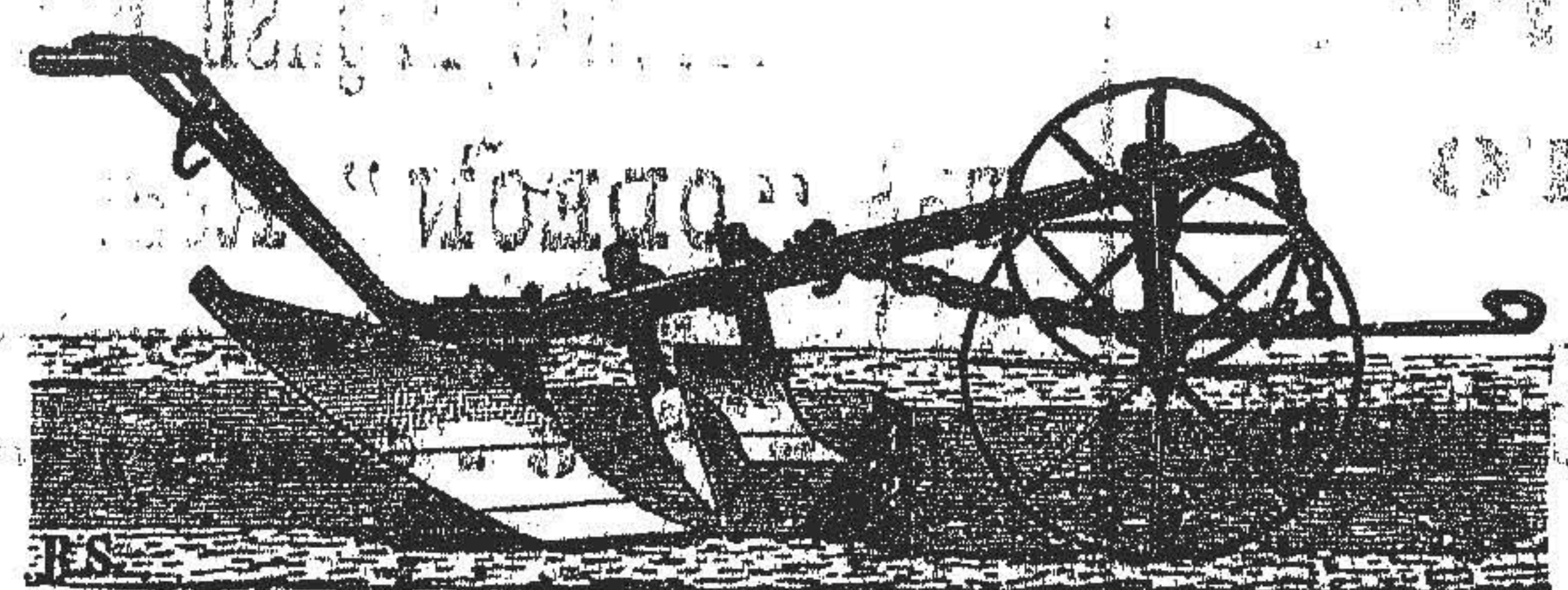
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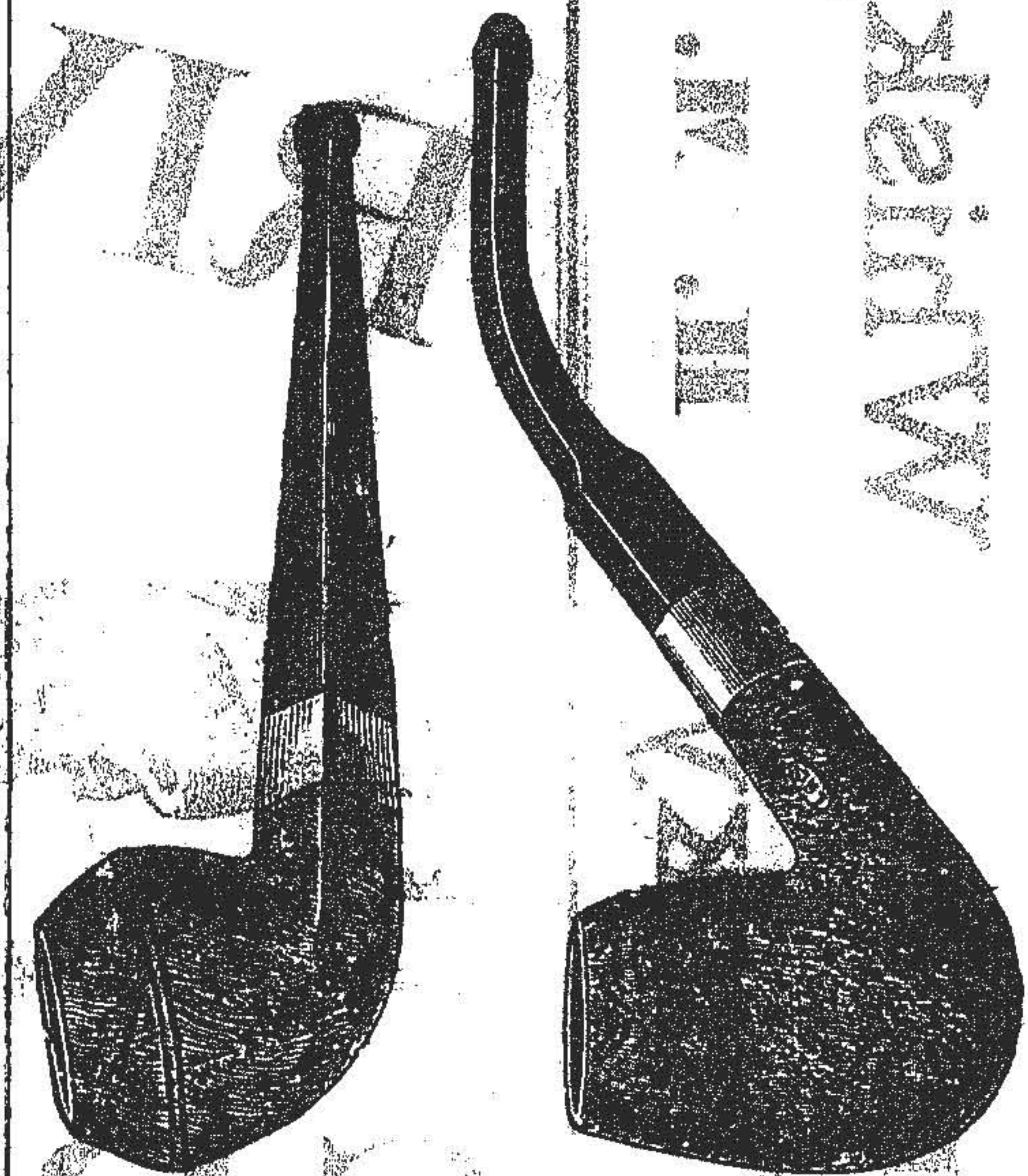
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HOME NEWS

RACING

The last mail has brought us none of our sporting exchanges, so under this heading we have very little home news this week. The principal interest attached to the racing during the week ending on Feb. 18th was in the doings of the National horses; the easy win of The Primate in the Prince of Wales' Steeplechase at Sandown, which we give below, made him equal favourite for the big Liverpool event with Cloister and the Midshipmite.

The death is announced of Chippendale, who won the Cesarewitch in 1879, and many other important races.

We give below the two most important races run at Sandown on Feb. 17th, and also the latest betting on the Waterloo Cup, for which it is said Fullerton will again compete, the Lincolnshire Handicap, Grand National, Two Thousand, and Derby.

SANDOWN PARK FIRST SPRING MEETING—February 17th. The Prince of Wales' Steeplechase (handicap) of 200 sovs; second received 10 sovs. About three miles.

- Mr F. Bald's The Primate, aged, 12st 7lb
- Mr F. E. Lawrence's Paul Pry, aged, 11st 9lb
- Captain H. T. Fenwick's Joan of Arc, aged, 11st 2lb
- Baron C. de Tuyl's Marienbad, 5 yrs, 11st 8lb
- Colonel North's Old Coin, 6 yrs, 11st 7lb
- Mr H. L. Powell's Ulysses, aged, 11st 2lb

Betting—5 to 2 each agst Marienbad and the Primate, 3 to 1 agst Joan of Arc, 100 to 12 agst Ulysses and 100 to 9 each agst others (offered). Won by six lengths. Coin and Marienbad fell.

The St. James' Steeplechase of 200 sovs; second received 10 sovs. Two miles.

- Mr Tom Cannon's Solykoff, 4 yrs, 10st 10lb
- Mr Swan's Bay Comus, aged, 12st 3lb
- Mr J. Wallace's Springbank, 5 yrs, 11st 10lb
- Mr Firbank's Old Sam, aged, 12st 3lb
- Mr W. Grazebrook's Harlow, aged, 12st 3lb
- Mr T. R. Irving's Mazzard, aged, 12st 3lb
- Mr Thompson's Sandown, 6 yrs, 12st 3lb

Betting—5 to 1 agst Bay Comus, 7 to 2 agst Solykoff, 4 to 1 agst Springbank and 10 to 1 each agst others (offered). Won by a head, a neck divided second and third.

LATEST LONDON BETTING

Below will be found the quotations of the betting on the Waterloo Cup, Lincolnshire Handicap, Grand National Steeplechase, Two Thousand Guineas, and the Derby:

Waterloo Cup

Run Wednesday, February 22

- 5 to 1 agst Col. North's nomination (t).
- 100 to 7 " Mr Fawcett's " (t).
- 100 to 6 " Mr Fletcher's " (t).

Lincolnshire Handicap

Run	Tuesday, March 21st.	Distance, one mile.
Age	st.	lb.
Pensioner	4	7 8
Acrobat	4	7 11
Wolf's Crag	3	6 7
Marcion	3	6 12
Orontes	4	6 13
Sabra	5	7 4
Middleham	4	7 1
Prince Hampton	5	8 8
Gangway	3	6 6
King Charles	4	6 12
Ionian	4	6 9
Kentigern	5	6 10
Macready	4	7 2
Arise	4	7 2
Lottery	5	7 1
Tanzmeister	4	8 0
Link Boy	a	6 12
Wrinkles	6	7 10
Triar John	4	6 13
Elorrie	4	7 3
Bill	4	7 1
Kilkenny	4	6 8
Stuart	4	7 3

Grand National Steeplechase

Run Friday, March 24th. Distance, about four miles and 856 yards

Run	Age	st.	lb.
Cloister	a	12	7
The Midshipmite	a	12	3
Primate	a	11	3
Sarsfield	a	10	10
Why Not	a	11	12
Carrollstown	6	11	0
Royal Buck	6	10	10
Lady Helen	5	10	11
Faust	a	10	6
Father O'Flynn	a	11	11
White Cockade	a	11	9
Aesop	a	10	4
Harlequin	a	10	4
Kedar	6	10	8
Barbatello	5	10	11
Innisfail	a	11	5
Pan	a	10	0

Two Thousand Guineas

Run Wednesday, May 3rd. Rowley Mile

2 to 1 agst Isinglass (t).
The Derby
Run May 31st. Distance, one mile and a half
4 to 1 agst Isinglass (t).
6 to 1 " Meddler (t).
100 to 12 " Raeburn (t).
100 to 8 " Ravensbury (t).
100 to 6 " Le Nicham (t).
25 to 1 " Glenwood (t).
25 to 1 " Childwick (t).
25 to 1 " Fealar (t).
33 to 1 " Joyful (t).
40 to 1 " e by Bend Or—Illuminata (t).
66 to 1 " Quickly Wise (t).
66 to 1 " Haut Brian (t).
100 to 1 " Studley Royal (t).

FOOTBALL.

ENGLAND V. FRANCE.

A match between an English team and the French team of football players which visited England last month was played at Richmond, the Englishmen winning in the end by one goal only. The Frenchmen played with great judgment and care, so much so that the Englishmen were unable to register a more decisive victory; they scored altogether two goals but the second was disputed and disallowed. The game, of which we hope to publish a full report next week, was watched by a very large number of distinguished and interested spectators.

CYCLING

AMATEURS OR PROFESSIONALS

At a critical period in the history of amateur athletics, says the Graphic, rescue came from a quarter whence it was the least expected, namely, the Universities. To the action of some Oxford athletes, the Amateur Athletic Association owes what may be termed its constitution and its charters. A saviour of Amateur cycling has long been looked for; and the present year opens with a valiant attempt of Oxford cyclists to improve matters. The captain and honorary secretary of the Oxford University Bicycle Club have issued a circular in which they call upon all past and present University men to unite themselves in an association, so that they may earn a right to have many voices on the Board of the National Cyclists' Union. There is, unfortunately, no contesting the opening statement of the circular to the effect "that the present state of amateur cycling leaves much to be desired," nor is there much doubt of the correctness of the statement that is made further on to the effect "that the existing evil arises from the toleration that is accorded the existence of the makers' amateur. The existence of this considerable body of riders and the

powerful trade representation on the National Cyclist Union is rightly described as "opposed to the most elementary principles of amateurism." As is pointed out, the Amateur Rowing Association declines to accept as amateurs those who are employed "in or about boats," and, in all reason, a similar law should obtain in connection with cycling. But the University riders very correctly divine that, so long as the makers have so strong a voice in the management of affairs, so long will everything be made subservient to their interests. There is another factor in the propagation of so much that is objectionable. This is the aversion of the cycling papers to fall foul of the makers, upon whose goodwill they depend for their very existence.

AN ADEQUATE REASON.

He was rather a tall young man, and sufficiently athletic. His face was well finished, and had a certain air of self-possession which some people called self-conceit, and resented accordingly. He appeared to have seen some thirty and odd years—and those who knew him best said his temper was not of the most Christian; but of this latter assertion I am not competent to judge. His name was George Carew, and at the time of which I write he was a passenger on board the Royal Mail steamer Cobra, on her homeward voyage from Buenos Aires to Southampton. It was late in the year, and the passengers were comparatively few.

I cannot with truth say that Carew was a general favourite on board. He was taciturn as a rule; and when he was not taciturn he was apt to be dogmatic. Among the male passengers he was usually spoken of as "a decent fellow enough, but queer." The feminine portion of the community thought him—or said they thought him—uninteresting. As he had never displayed any desire to flirt with any of them, this, perhaps, was natural. Among their number, however, was a tall, pretty blonde, who had gradually pierced the armour of his reserve, and in whose company he had even been seen to smile. They became very good friends—so much so, indeed, as to draw down upon the young lady's head various maternal lectures on the folly of encouraging young men who were nobodies. But as Carew, of course, did not hear these lectures, and as Miss Ida Lennox was a self-willed young person, their friendship suffered no interruption.

There was a certain Mrs Bouverie on board, an extremely handsome widow, in whom Carew, for some unknown reason, had aroused a violent dislike. She was clever as well as handsome, but was possessed of a passionate and somewhat uncertain temper—which last, however, in virtue of her many counterbalancing good qualities, was universally condoned.

One evening at dinner—by the way, the passengers being few, as I have said, only the middle table was in use at meal-times. Well, one evening at dinner, Mrs Bouverie was expatiating to those nearest to her on the value and antiquity of a very curious and lovely ring she wore, which she had picked up in a tour through Italy, and affirmed to be at least three hundred years old. It was a broad gold band, chased richly and with marvellous delicacy, and set all round at regular intervals with large diamonds of exquisite brilliancy. Inside were two capital letters, N. C.—each letter formed of tiny seed pearls sunk into the gold. Mrs Bouverie (who was of a somewhat romantic turn) was of opinion that it had been an ancient betrothal ring. There was a half-effaced date inside, which the widow's right-hand neighbour, a pale, consumptive-looking clergyman, was in vain trying to decipher through a small magnifying-glass. Presently a lady opposite begged to be allowed to examine the ring, and from her it was passed from hand to hand pretty well up and down the length of the table.

But, strange to say, it did not come back to his owner. It had apparently disappeared. Everyone declared it had passed safely out of his or her hands. Where was it, then?

There was a great commotion, of course. Everybody rose, and a thorough search was made, on and under the table, and from one end to the other of the long saloon. The ring, however, was not forthcoming. Its owner had by this time become somewhat excited; and a rather disagreeable scene ensued. In point of fact, Mrs Bouverie insinuated that some one had appropriated her ring. Upon this, some of the male passengers angrily suggested that if Mrs Bouverie entertained suspicions of that nature, all present had better turn out their pockets. To this proposition there was a general indignant acquiescence. All resumed their seats, and there was a hurried disembodying of keys, letters, pocket-handkerchiefs, etc.—but no ring.

Carew, to the surprise of all, quietly refused to exhibit the contents of his pockets.

"But merely as a matter of form, Mr Carew," expostulated the captain.

The young man, however, repeated his refusal—courteously, but more inflexibly, if anything, than before.

There was an awkward silence. Carew remained leaning back in his chair, looking pale and annoyed. Some of the passengers smiled meaningly. Others raised their eyebrows.

Then Mrs Bouverie forgot herself, rather.

"May I ask, sir," she said, addressing Carew in an excited tone, "why you refuse to do as all your fellow-passengers have done?"

"You may, madam," was the brief and haughty answer.

"Well, sir—and why not?"

"Because I have a very special reason for not doing so," he answered, in a carefully repressed voice.

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"And that reason?"

"I fear I must decline to give it," he answered quietly, but with an ominous flash in his grey eyes.

"Then are you aware of the imputation your refusal casts upon your character?" inquired the lady scornfully.

"That is a matter of the utmost indifference to me," was the icy answer. But the speaker's hand, as it lay on the table, opened and shut in a quick, nervous fashion that showed he was less unmoved than he looked.

Whereupon Mrs Bouverie waxed more and more indiscreet and all but accused Carew of having the ring in his possession.

"Mrs Bouverie—Mrs Bouverie"—remonstrated the captain—"This is really not quite fair."

Here Carew, who had been growing whiter every moment, rose from his seat.

"I regret that you should have an opinion of me as your words imply, Mrs Bouverie," he said, in a queer, uncertain voice. "May I suggest that you drop the subject for the present? My temper is not all it might be; and I should be sorry to be guilty of discourtesy to a lady."

Then he left the saloon and went on deck.

After this day, however, Carew observed a gradual but marked difference in his fellow-passenger's demeanour towards him. His greetings were received coldly, though with scrupulous politeness; groups began to melt insensibly away at his approach, or his advent was the signal for a dead silence. The young women were frigid to him; the old ones were more so. The elderly men passed him with a cool nod; the younger men systematically cut him dead, and were heard on more than one occasion to enunciate the opinion that they "had always thought there was something deucedly queer about Carew." It was apparently a matter of congratulation to them that their impression was now confirmed.

If this general boycotting effected the object of it, he did not show it, but simply withdrew into himself, and avoided other people as deliberately as they avoided him. To only one person did he make any advances—and he only made them once—in this way:

Early one morning he was standing looking moodily to leeward when he suddenly became aware that Miss Lennox had come on deck and was leaning against one of the doors of the covered stairway. Their eyes met. She blushed deeply, made a half-hesitating movement of her head—which might have meant a morning salutation, or might not—and turned away.

But Carew took a few steps towards her.

"One moment, Miss Lennox," he said, in an odd voice. "Will you tell me why you have avoided me so persistently during the last few days?"

"Avoided you?" she stammered, awkwardly enough.

"Oh—I really—not at all. But—but—"

Carew smiled slowly. But his lips were pale.

"I beg your pardon," he said quietly. Then he lifted his cap and walked away.

As he did so, he saw one of the younger male passengers grinning from behind an abnormally large cigar. He did not pitch the youth overboard. But he could have done so with pleasure.

After this little episode Carew was, if possible, more ostracised than ever. Only the captain treated him with comparative *bonhomie*. But as the days went on he too became less cordial—especially after one afternoon when he opened to Carew the matter in hand. The young man cut him short at once.

"I don't care to discuss the thing," he said. "You can believe what your passengers seem to believe—or you can let it alone. It is nothing to me."

Captain North shrugged his shoulders and walked aft. Carew laughed. His laugh was short, though—and bitter.

If this suspected young man had been anybody in particular, it is possible they might not have been so hard upon him. But as he was simply George Carew, with no ring beyond an averagely good-looking face and well set-up figure to recommend him—and as moreover, his clothes had a look of having seen better days, and were by no means of the latest cut—he was clearly not an acquaintance to be regretted.

At dinner that night a slight surprise awaited him. Hitherto, his left-hand neighbour at table had been an elderly maiden of many summers, to whose old world bridlings and coquetries the silent young man beside her had responded but faintly. Of late, however, she had ignored him completely. Which, to be sure, affected him but little.

To-night he found that she had changed her seat for one at the extreme end of the table—possibly fearing contamination in the moral atmosphere of the socially banned. This change necessitated everyone on that side moving up one place, and Carew thus found himself next a small grey-clad woman with a pale, serious face, and a smooth bird-like head of dark brown hair. She had also, as he absently noted, exquisitely-shaped hands. He had never entered into conversation with this little woman; indeed, he had hardly been aware of her existence beyond hearing the captain address her once or twice as Miss Neville.

As he took his seat beside her to-night, however, she said in a low clear voice.

"Good evening, Mr Carew."

It was so many days since any of the lady passengers had addressed him at all that he actually started.

"I beg your pardon?" he said.

"I only said 'good evening,'" the girl in grey made answer, looking up at him with a little smile.

Then he noticed that her teeth were very pretty, and her eyes very satisfactory indeed. Before he had time to speak she went on.

"The captain says that in a few days we shall be in

the Bay of Biscay. I have not crossed it since I was a little child. I suppose it will be frightfully rough?"

"I think it is more than likely," he answered, gazing steadily at his plate.

Whereupon they drifted into a subdued friendly conversation, which lasted until the end of the meal.

Carew was not a particularly soft-hearted fellow, but it touched him strangely, this unlooked-for partisanship. It gave him a queer, unwonted lump in his throat, and made him feel womanish—which annoyed him.

Next morning he saw the grey girl on deck. She was standing quite still, watching the screaming sea-birds that flew and dipped astern. Her pale, serious little face already seemed to him like the face of a friend. As he passed her with a slight bow, she turned, held out her hand, and bade him a cheery good-morning, supplementing it by some trifling remark regarding the weather. He stopped, answered her, and stood beside her for a minute or two. Then he flung away his cigar and leaned his arms on the railing. His companion scanned his face swiftly and covertly. She thought he looked pale and dispirited, and she felt for him, for she was a tender-hearted little woman.

They talked on indifferent subjects until luncheon, and repeated the process between that meal and dinner. Also in the evening.

And so it came to pass that Carew began to look upon this small grey-clad creature as his one friend in all his present world. He learned a good deal about her from her half-unconscious confidences—among other things that her Christian name was Joyce, that she was an orphan, and that she had known trouble. But she learned little or nothing about him.

The Cobra touched at Corunna, where one or two Englishmen came on board. Then came the redoubtable Bay of Biscay.

On the night after they left Corunna there was a glorious moon, under whose rays Miss Neville and Carew were walking up and down the deck. The steamer was rolling a good deal, and he had offered her his arm, which she had accepted. She treated him in a frank, unembarrassed fashion—almost as a sister might have done. And he? Well, men are susceptible, you know, and I am bound to say his feelings to her were not altogether those of a brother.

When they had taken a few turns in silence, she said suddenly, "Mr Carew, we seem to have become such good friends by this time that I should like to say something to you which otherwise I should not have presumed to say."

She looked up at him as she spoke, and he looked down at her.

"You know you may say anything you please to me," he said, with a curious lingering tenderness in his voice.

"You won't think it a liberty, will you?" she went on.

"I shall assuredly not think it a liberty," was the brief answer. (Certainly her eyes were lovely. They thrilled him through and through.)

"I want to ask you, then," she said somewhat nervously, "why you allow those people to believe—what they do believe—about you?"

She felt him wince slightly. There was a silence. The monotonous throbbing of the engines amidships mingled with floating scraps of half-heard talk and laughter.

Then Carew said in a hard, bitter voice.

"Unfortunately I am not responsible for their beliefs, Miss Neville. Besides—what they believe of me may be true. I am—pardon me—an utter stranger to you. You have no reason to believe in my innocence."

"I do believe in your innocence, though," she murmured, an excited thrill running through her voice.

"May I ask why?" He spoke coldly, but she felt his arm tremble under her hand.

For one swift moment, she looked up at him, and her eyes were full of tears. But he did not see them, for he was gazing straight before him.

"Why?" she repeated, with a curious sobbing little laugh. "Because I—know!"

A minute later she was gone, and he was watching the last flutter of her gown disappearing in the direction of the stairway.

Late that night Carew sat in his cabin, leaning his elbows on his knees; and staring earnestly at something he held between his fingers—something that twinkled and sparkled as the light of the electric lamp fell upon it.

It was a broad gold gipsy ring, richly chased, and set at intervals with large diamonds. Inside were two Roman letters, formed of tiny seed pearls.

For two days after that it blew a pretty fair gale. It rained a good deal, too, at intervals; and such of the passengers as were not violently sea-sick in their berths kept to the saloon or the music-room, with the exception of one or two hardy males, of whom Carew was one.

As he passed the door of the stairway towards the evening of the second day he saw Miss Neville, who had just struggled so far, and was clinging to the door to windward. She was looking white and ill, he thought. But when he told her so she only laughed.

"Do you care to come for a turn?" he said. "It doesn't rain now. I will take care you don't fall," he added.

She assented. But the steamer was pitching so heavily that after a few turns Miss Neville said she would rather sit down. So Carew provided her with a sheltered seat, brought a warm rug to wrap about her feet, and seated himself beside her. It was now almost dark; a few stars shone here and there in the stormy sky. The wind shrieked and whistled drearily. The deck was deserted.

For quite a long time both were silent. Then Carew said, in a half-whisper:

"You are trembling. You are not afraid of the storm, are you? It is nothing for the Bay, I assure you."

"No—I am not afraid."

"You feel quite safe here with me?" he went on, sinking his voice lower yet.

"Yes," she answered, somewhat tremulously.

After a pause he laid his hand on hers as it rested on her knee, and said in an odd, deliberate kind of way.

"Will you let me take care of you always? I mean—as my wife. I have grown to love you very dearly, and I think I could make you happy."

For perhaps a minute there was utter silence.

Then Carew withdrew his hand, saying hastily, and in an undefinably changed voice:

"Ah! you do not care for me. Perhaps it is as well. And perhaps I had no right to ask you to do so. I forgot for the moment that I am a man under a cloud—that in all probability will never be lifted; for I tell you honestly I have no means of righting myself. Forget what I have said."

The words and tone were hardly loverlike; but there was a slight almost imperceptible quiver in the deep voice.

A small hand stole softly into his.

"I do care for you," said a happy little voice, "and I would take your words against all the world."

Another silence. Carew did not even press the hand he held.

Then he said, harshly, "But—suppose I cannot give you my word? Suppose I tell you that I am—what our fellow-passengers think I am?"

"I should not believe you," was the confident answer.

"But—if I tell you that you *must* believe me?" His face, as he looked down at her, was very pale, and wore an expression she could hardly fathom.

She uttered a half-suppressed little cry. But she did not take her hand away—only nestled it further into his.

He grasped it almost painfully, then let it go.

"Foolish, trusting little woman," he said, in a strange voice, "must I give you proof that your trust is—misplaced?"

He held out his other hand to her. In its palm lay the ring.

Even in the dim light she recognised it at once.

There was a curious, breathless pause, during which Carew never took his eyes from the girl's face.

"Well?" he said quietly at last.

He felt her little fingers close tightly on his.

"I can't help it!" she whispered brokenly. "I love you—I love you!"

"And—you will be my wife?"

She could not see his face, but his voice shook.

"Yes," she whispered, hiding her face in both hands.

But the hands were gently drawn down. In the semi-darkness she felt his arm come about her, and his moustache brush her lips.

"Darling!" he murmured passionately, "you shall never regret it—I swear."

And in his eyes glittered something that looked like tears.

Next morning one of the Englishmen who had come on board at Corunna, and who had been rather ill ever since, ventured on deck. As it happened, the first person he saw was Carew. They greeted each other cordially, and after the fashion of old friends. This Englishman, by the way, was a well-known statesman, and a very good fellow besides.

In the smoking room that afternoon someone kindly put him on his guard as to Carew, and supplied the details. "I thought I'd mention it, you know," appended the man who had spoken; "I saw you speaking to him a while ago."

"Thank you," was the dry answer, "I've known George Carew for a good many years. I think I have a pretty fair idea of his idiosyncrasies. But I don't think annexing other people's property is one of them. By the way, you may not have heard that he has come into the title, and is now Lord Evandale. I thought I'd mention it, you know," he added with a somewhat grim smile.

In the silence that followed the speaker lit a fresh cigar, rose, and went out.

I blush to have to relate that during the remainder of that day a good many of the Cobra's passengers became suddenly imbued with the conviction of Carew's—or rather Lord Evandale's—innocence, and evinced as much. How their overtures were received, perhaps I need not say.

Joyce Neville was a little shy with her lover when she knew. But in the course of a star-lit walk on deck, he made that all right. She, it seemed, had had the idea that he was rather obscure and hard-up than otherwise. At which confession he was a good deal touched.

I think it was on the evening before the Cobra got into Southampton, that the head steward made a startling discovery. Mrs Bouverie's ring was found in a distant corner of the saloon, where it had been effectually concealed by an up-standing corner of the carpet.

Captain North publicly restored the ring to its owner that night after dinner. There was a very uncomfortable silence for a few minutes. Every one had an awkward kind of feeling that some sort of an apology should be made to the haughty-looking young man who was at present helping Miss Neville to claret. And everyone had an equally awkward conviction that any apology or any explanation whatsoever would be worse than impossible. The subject of their thoughts himself, however, forestalled anything of the kind.

There was something rather fine in his appearance just then; as he leaned back in his chair and threw a keen glance first up and then down the table. Miss Lennox mentally likened him to a Greek god (a titled Greek god, I presume), and flashed a melting look at him from under her long eyelashes. But he was not looking at her.

"As Mrs Bouverie is now, I hope, satisfied that I did not steal her ring," he said in a cold, clear voice that penetrated to every corner of the long saloon, "I will explain my reason for refusing to turn out my pockets when the rest of you did so. I possess a ring which is the exact fac-simile of that possessed by Mrs Bouverie, and as I had my ring in my pocket on the evening in question, I naturally objected to its being mistaken for any one else's property. You are all at liberty to examine it if Miss Neville chooses." As he spoke he turned, and slipped the "double" of Mrs Bouverie's ring on the third finger of Joyce Neville's left hand. The look which accompanied the action spoke volumes.

There was a pause of intense astonishment; then a babel of excited and wondering exclamations, in the midst of which Lord Evandale rose and went on deck.

The rings were identical. With one exception. In one the initials were N. C. In the other C. N.

Mrs Bouverie looked crushed and unhappy. For of all things she dearly loved a lord. There was weeping and gnashing of teeth, too, in the cabin of the Lennoxes.

ESTANCIA AND COLONY.

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

Sr José M. Gabys has sold three leagues of his camp in Nueve de Julio to Messrs Langley for \$200,000. A piece of land in Trenque Lauquen, measuring 6600 hectares, was sold last week by Messrs Collet and Llambi, at \$6.70 the hectarea.

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The following figures show the number of persons which came into the country, and also of those who left during last month:

	Arrived	Left
Passengers from abroad.....	219	258
" via Montevideo.....	1768	879
Emigrants from abroad.....	2969	1618
" via Montevideo.....	3717	1527

From the above it will be seen that during the month 4391 more persons came into the country than left it.

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From the report of the Sansinena Frozen Meat Company, we hear that during the eighteen months the Company has been working, it has exported to England, France, and Rio de Janeiro, 651,520 sheep, and 4331 head of cattle. The exportation of frozen meat to England is giving splendid results. That to France, however, on account of the heavy protection taxes levied by the Government of that country, is doing so badly as to necessitate its abandonment. A recent experiment has served to prove that Brazil will soon become an excellent market for frozen meat of all kinds.

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Messrs Raedts and Poels have lately purchased from Mr. J. A. Brown's estancia, La Marion, in the partido of General Villegas, for exportation to France, 550 Lincoln, Shropshire, and Romney Marsh "capones," of 65 kilos weight and upwards. Some of these sheep weigh as much as 88½ kilos, they are camp fed, and were sold at \$3.50 gold on the estancia. The broker in the sale was Mr John Lean.

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It is strange how partially the rain fell on Sunday, the 12th.

In Lujan, it was very heavy; in Mercedes, light; in Chacabuco there was none to speak of; in Pergamino it rained heavily; whilst five leagues off on the Colon side, and to within three leagues of Rojas, there was no rain whatever, yet in all the Rojas district it rained in torrents.

The estancieros in the last-named district are in great spirits, as the prospect for the winter was beginning to look serious before the rain came. The colonists from Mercedes to Trenque Lauquen have been fortunate, as the locusts did not make their appearance until about three weeks ago, consequently, they have got a splendid crop of maize which will obtain high prices, owing to the crop having been pretty generally destroyed elsewhere. We heard of \$10 per 100 kilos having been offered.

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There are few travellers in the camp, if any, who can say that they were ever refused a night's board and lodging when asked for at an estancia, but they beat us hollow in hospitality in Australia. Station hospitality is extended to every one who claims it. How large the numbers are who profit by the custom may be judged by the subjoined lists (taken, by the way, in both instances from the books of "managed" stations) of rations distributed to "sundowners" during the early part of the present year. The rations consist usually of meat, flour, tea, and sugar, but any one who is in need of soap, tobacco, or currants does not hesitate to ask for them. The recipient camps out of doors, makes a fire, and cooks for himself. On one station the total for five months is given in money value as: Persons applying, 1094; rations supplied, £109 8s. On the other station the total given is in the quantities of food distributed

during four months. As showing what is considered to be a reasonable ration for each person, it is worth copying:—

1892	Persons applying	Lbs. of meat	Lbs. of flour	Lbs. of sugar	Lbs. of tea
April.....	239	1164	702	352	27 5-8
May.....	490	2026	1310	583	61 7-8
June.....	284	1442	562	284	36
July.....	192	976	322	151	20 1-2
Total.....	1205	5607	2896	1370	146

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Cañada de Gomez,
March 16, 1893.

To the Editor *River Plate Sport and Pastime.*

Dear Sir,—

In reply to Mr James. No one having a knowledge of that gentleman's experience, could doubt for one moment that his opinion was entitled to the highest respect, nor did I gainsay it. I simply asked what he had to say about the opinion of another man, and I am glad that I asked it, as the request has brought forth a most interesting letter from a high authority.

After my visit to Carcaraña I most certainly did not carry away the impression that Mr James had said that the Jersey was "the most prolific milker in the world," nor did I say so in my article on the Creamery. I knew Mr James' predilection for Jerseys, and I put my question simply to elicit the reply which he made and which you have printed.

I should not venture to put my opinion against that of Mr James, or against that of the mayordomo of an estancia, but I think the subject well worth writing upon.—Yours faithfully,

C. W. W.

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Last week Messrs Bullrich sold nine Lincoln rams, bred on the estancia Siempre Amigos, belonging to Sr R. Peña, at an average price of \$460 each, one of the rams selling as high as \$850. All the rams are registered in the English Flock Book, which had doubtless a good deal to do with the high prices they fetched.

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Mr James Church, of San Antonio, Azul, has sold a lot of 9100 sheep at the average price of \$6.92 per head. The following prices in the same district may also be of interest: a lot of cows by the cut \$14.50, another lot \$23.80; a lot of mestiza Lincoln sheep \$5.50 each.

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The sale of the stock on the La Primera estancia, Lincoln, at Messrs Collet and Llambi's yard last Friday was well attended. The following were some of the most important prices realised:—

A pedigree bull \$1200; 19 pure Durham cows, with 3 calves, \$180 each; 70 tame cows \$75 each; an imported bull \$200; a pure bred bull from the Escurria cabaña \$220; 15 cows, three-quarter bred Durham, by the cut, \$35 each; 40 tame bullocks \$40 each; 10 Durham bulls from the Lagos cabaña \$120 each; 630 heifers and calves, half bred Durhams, \$14.20 each; 17 Durham bulls \$29 each; 1450 mestiza Durham cows, by the cut, \$6.90 each; 800 cows \$7 each; 600 mestiza steers, of two and up to three years, \$17.25 each; 15 bullocks \$40 each.

An imported Lincoln ram \$460; 10 pure Lincoln ewes \$22.50; a pure Lincoln ram \$95; 125 Rambouillet ewes \$6 each; 720 mestiza Lincoln ewes \$5.30 each; 1500 Rambouillet ewes at \$3.30, 930 others at \$3, 850 at \$3.05, and 710 at \$3.

1 chestnut thoroughbred stallion \$1350; 30 mestiza mares \$40 each; 45 mares, by the cut, \$22 each; 37 mares, by the cut, \$15 each; 70 horses \$20 each; and 36 colts \$20 each. Altogether the stock realised \$84,305.

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The Anglo Argentine Live Stock Agency have just shipped to England a lot of bullocks which are acknowledged on all sides, to be amongst the finest that ever left the country. We feel sure that these bullocks, which numbered nearly 120, would be difficult to beat on any estancia, they averaged over 800 kilos weight, and were just the right size for the London market. During the time the bullocks were in the deposit at the docks they attracted a good deal of attention, and were visited by a large number of people. They came originally from Sr Ramos Mejia's estancia in this province, and were bought by the agency at \$120 each.

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It is a fact worthy of note, and one saying a great deal for the management and care in shipment of cattle taken by the Anglo Argentine Live Stock Agency, that since December the 26th to date, during which time the agency have shipped some 1500 head of cattle to England, that they have only lost one animal on the voyage.

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We drove down at the invitation of Mr D. Kingsland to see the bullocks which he is shipping by the Tasso for England, and on our way to the deposit where the animals are awaiting the completion of the fittings for shipment, we were caught in one of the usual blocks caused by a cart getting across the tram lines, and stopping the way all the line of trams was about half a mile long. We might have been annoyed considerably by the delay, but the third occupant of our carriage called our attention to a strange sight which absorbed all our interest, and made the time slip by quickly. One of the tramway horses, which, as everyone knows, are driven without a pole, was turned across the road and facing us. His off fore foot was cracked from the toe

to the coronet, and the crack was wide enough to admit the finger. With a view of preventing the crack widening, a neat square brass plate had been placed across the crack in the front of the hoof, and screwed into the hoof with four good screws, supplemented with half a dozen nails driven in haphazard.

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We have often seen cracked hoofs here, and various methods of preventing their parting, such as a strap tightly buckled round, well-tarred string tightly laced round, but we never saw a brass plate rivetted on like this was, and though it may have prevented the crack widening, it looked as if it would also prevent its closing up from the top, even if the point were stopped by the common expedient of boring a round hole where it started.

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With regard to the shipments of alfalfa from this country to England there is no doubt at all but that a good return can be secured if due care is taken in the selection of the hay and its condition for the voyage. We are told that some hay, which was recently shipped to England, sold by sample freely at £5 10s. per ton. The hay is much liked by omnibus and tramway managers, job masters, and even dairymen, but it is discredited on account of the bad condition in which it arrives, and its inferiority to sample. One parcel we saw had been baled straight from the cock without being stacked, and was evidently not sufficiently dried. On the outside of the small and tightly-pressed bales, the hay seemed sweet and dry, but the moment it was opened up the inside proved to be musty and burned up. The hay should be matured in stack or under a roof, and not baled till thoroughly dry and sweet. This method would be a guarantee of the bulk being equal to the sample, as on cutting into the stack any mustiness would at once be detected. The hay should of course be leafy, but we are told that at home the stalky hay is found very nourishing, and cuts up very well into chaff.

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A correspondent in Cañada de Gomez writes that on Friday last one might have seen on duty in the Station Yard, intent on collecting the wheat tax, a soldier! This animal was of a mahogany colour, dressed in a snuff-coloured billycock, with a black band, a red and white dirty handkerchief round his neck, a blouse, such as the peons wear, which had once been blue, a rag round his waist, to which an apology for a sword was attached, an old pair of trousers, of which it is an impossibility to describe the colour, and well-worn alpargatas. Drinking all day instead of doing a soldier's duty, or rather collecting duty, by 4 o'clock in the afternoon he was just as drunk as an Argentine soldier, or any other soldier, could be. To avoid giving offence to those from whom he had to collect, he went peacefully to sleep under a tree close to the gate of the Station Yard. Some wags took advantage of his alcoholic slumbers to denude him of hat and sword, and hang them on the tree above him. The poor fellow continued to watch the carts arrive with eyes closed as close as drink and sleep could keep them.

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We read that Nelson Bros., Limited, have published an interesting pamphlet about the New Zealand sheep: of which they were the chief introducers; and of which they distribute—from their new freezing storage wharf in Commercial Road, Lambeth—about 6,000 carcasses a day. They started at first by giving 2d per lb. for the carcass unfrozen; and the carriage costs 1d. per lb. and "primage." At first the idea was that cross-bred sheep—wethers and maiden ewes—weighing from 58 to 65 lb. should be classed as prime—anything above or under those weights being reckoned as second-rate. When the trade was started ten years ago the wethers were three or four years old: but now they are rarely shorn more than once, and are about one and a-half years old. Their average weight is 60 lb. The writer of the pamphlet affirms that the best cross is that with the Border Leicester. They put a Border Leicester sire to the Merino ewe: except the ewes be light in their wool, when a Lincoln ram is preferred. The Canterbury farmers prefer the Border Leicester, though the Lincolns and Downs have their advocates. In the North Island Lincolns and Romneys have been most in favour. The average prices obtained in London were 6¼d. in 1883; 5½d. in 1884; 5d. in 1885; 4¾d. in 1886; 4d. in 1887; 4½d. in 1888; 37/8d. in 1889; 45/8d. in 1890; 4½d. in 1891, and 4d. in 1892. Mutton is supplied all the year round; and New Zealand lamb from Christmas to June. The cold storage can accommodate and hold for market, as wanted, 120,000 carcasses.

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A report from New York says the "Live-Stock Journal" is to the effect that American exporters of cattle to Europe have suffered heavy losses during the past few months. For example, one recent shipment realised 10,000 dols. less than the cost of putting it on the market in London. Cattle suitable for export cost in New York, it is stated, from 5½ to 6 cents a pound, live weight, and the freight to London is 25s to 30s a head making the average cost of a steer landed in London about 90 dols. The average carcass weight is about 56 per cent. of the live weight, and there is some "shrinkage" before the animals are killed. The prices recently obtained have been from 9½ to 11 cents a pound, dead weight, and the average selling price of a steer costing 90 dols. in London has been about 80 dols., which shows a loss of 10 dols. a head without allowing for shrinkage. Altogether, the loss is put at 12 dols. a head. In order to prevent such losses for the future, if possible, a

movement has been started for forming a combination of shippers, with the idea of regulating the supplies.

Statistics have been prepared in England on official authority giving the number of live stock in the Argentine Republic and other countries compared in order of importance; and the result of such comparison epitomised is as follows:—Argentine Republic, 1887, 16,960,000 cattle, 71,616,000 sheep, 4,444,000 horses; per 1000 inhabitants, 5653 cattle and 23,872 sheep. Australia, 1874, 5,759,000 cattle, 58,052,000 sheep, 843,000 horses; per 1000 inhabitants, 1955 cattle and 19,702 sheep. Great Britain, 1874, 10,281,000 cattle, 34,837,000 sheep, 2,762,000 horses; per 1000 inhabitants, 325 cattle, 1101 sheep. United States, 1885, 45,510,000 cattle, 48,822,000 sheep, 12,077,000 horses; per 1000 inhabitants, 827 cattle and 878 sheep. France, 1886, 18,104,000 cattle, 22,616,000 sheep, 2,911,000 horses, per 1000 inhabitants 342 cattle, and 591 sheep. With regard to the statistics of horses in the Argentine Republic, it should be noted that there were 35,000 foreign horses, of which over 700 were racehorses.

Commenting on those statistics the "Live Stock Journal" says that the year 1890 was remarkable for the number of Argentine horses which were exported to Europe, the number being nearly five times as large as in the previous year. Argentine horses have, unfortunately and undeservedly, obtained a bad name in England from inferior animals having been sent over; and it is a pity such animals should have been sent, as subsequent importations have been branded with their predecessors' bad name. Several lots of horses from well-known exporters should sell well, and have sold well; they should be useful, also, for army purposes. The export trade of horses to England will probably increase in the future. Freights for horses, though high, are lower than they were. Insurance charges seem unnecessarily high. The importation of fine cattle and sheep into this Republic for breeding purposes has fallen off considerably in the last few years, cattle decreasing from 4527 in 1888 to 628 in 1889, and sheep from 19,479 to 1030 in the same period.

The Earl of Onslow has introduced a Bill into the House of Lords to amend the Merchandise Marks Act, and to extend its provisions to imported meat. The primary object of the measure is said to be to prevent the sale of inferior English or River Plate mutton as meat coming from New Zealand.

San Isidro, F.C.C.A.,
March 20, 1892.
To the Editor of *River Plate Sport and Pastime*.
Dear Sir,—

ENSILAGE.
No correspondence having taken place regarding the above interesting subject since the experiments at the Veterinary Institute in La Plata a short time ago, I should be very pleased if one of your knowing readers would kindly describe the exact process of making same, and say if green maize would answer, also barley and oats cut green, or anything else. Is it confined to making in summer only?—Yours truly,
R. S.

The Paraguayan Government has signed a contract with Mr Walker, the representative here of the New Australian Cooperative Land and Farming Society, for a hundred leagues of land in Paraguay. Our readers already know the object of the Society, which intends bringing over from Australia as many as 6000 settlers. We hope that the Australians will have better fortune in Paraguay than that experienced by other Englishmen and Europeans who have already settled there.

Next Saturday the annual sale of stock from the Estancia Los Jaguales, of Mr Richard Newton, Chascomus, will be held at the same place where the Chascomus fair was held. The sale list includes pure Durham cows and bulls, stallions of different breeds, colts, mares served by useful stallions, and Lincoln and Rambouillet sheep.

The following were the prices of wheat in Mark Lane on February 13:

	Per 50lb.	Per 496lb.
English, White	26s .. 34s	
" Red	25s .. 32s	
Dantzic and Konigsberg		32s .. 36s
St. Petersburg		29s .. 31s
Saxonka		29s .. 32s
Taganrog, Hard		30s .. 31s
South Russian		33s .. 34s
River Plate		30s .. 33s
Melbourne and Adelaide		33s .. 34s
California and Oregon		30s .. 31s
American No. 2 Red Winter, New		31s .. 34s
Duluth and Hard Spring		30s .. 33s
India, Calcutta, Bombay and Karachi		28s .. 30s
Persian Gulf		

New Zealand pastoralists are hoping to find a new market for their frozen mutton in India, and an expert has been despatched there to report on the possibility of opening up a meat trade between the colony and the Indian ports.

The Board of Trade returns of imports and exports during the month of January show that there was an enormous increase in the amount of Argentine wheat imported into England compared with the same month of 1892. This year 77,927 cwt. was landed, but in January, 1892, 1510 cwt. only were imported.

Sr. P. A. Freund, an engineer who has been prospecting lands in the Paraguayan Chaco, writes very favourably of part of the camp there. He says that he has come across high, virgin lands, well watered and wooded with valuable trees; in the Northern Chaco, the English Protestant Missionary Society, which is engaged there at present in civilising and teaching the Indians, is obtaining splendid results. These Indians, he says, are good neighbours and give no trouble; they make a living as best they can, working with their hatchets and spades, and fully understand that what little business they do with the Christians would be lost if they did not remain at peace with them.

With regard to the various "bichos," which make an animal's life in the tropics almost impossible, Sr. Freund says that, when an animal gets hurt either through fighting or through the bites of mosquitoes, maggots or other causes, they are not nearly so difficult to cure as is commonly believed, and if a man has no more cattle than he can properly attend to he can keep them all in good health with the simplest of remedies. The cattle of the Chaco, generally speaking, do well, especially those which can get plenty of salt in the various salt "arroyos" which cross certain districts. For a colonist who may start with 200 cows in the Chaco a double increase can be certainly promised within four years, and this with the necessary deduction for animals he may have to kill for consumption.

NATURAL HISTORY NOTES.

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

It is often a very difficult matter to believe that the smaller animals we see around us have the same life as ourselves, that in these as in us the phenomena of growth and reproduction are carried on upon more or less the same lines. We feel, as it were, that our human nature loses somewhat by being placed on a level with creatures so much more lowly than ourselves. It is really this false pride which lies at the root of the popular objections to all theories of evolution or development. Men have been so accustomed to consider themselves the lords of creation that any idea which even remotely appears to dislodge them from that position and place them in the same category as what we call the lower animals is repulsive, and must be rejected at all cost. But ever since the modern school of observers arose, there has been a gradual weakening of this feeling, and we are now more content than formerly to regard other animals as in some sense akin to ourselves, and to recognise in them the same life, the same anatomical and physiological conditions, the same emotions even as ourselves. Formerly, every action of an animal which could not be actually regarded as automatic was attributed to some occult power, known as instinct, which ultimately came to be credited with possibilities and endowments to which those even of reason itself were vastly inferior.

Modern Biological science has, however, changed all this, and we are able in consequence to learn from a study of the lower animals a great deal about ourselves. So much is this so, that in recent medical schools, preliminary to a study of the human frame, the student must dissect a series of lower forms of life, so as to be familiar long before he touches the "human form divine" with all that he will see there. He must begin with the lowest and most primitive forms, and then step by step through the various groups of invertebrates until he arrives at the back-boned animals; then he must dissect and study several forms of these, such as some form of fish, then some bird, then some mammal, as the rabbit. Only when he has studied these, does he proceed to the human structure, which he is now ready to understand in all its intricacy. This is the right and proper way to learn, and a student who follows up intelligently such a course as this, understands much not only of the "how," but also of the "why," of the subject of his more mature investigations.

The reason is very plain. Organs that in the human body, for example, are large, and in which the details are not apparent, are in lower animals seen in a much less intricate form, and yet a little observation shews that they are practically identical in structure. Such organs for instance, as the liver and kidneys, are exceedingly difficult to understand and investigate when seen as large compact masses in the human body;

but these same organs, seen in lower forms, reveal the details of their structure, and these details are found on carefully cutting, staining, and preparing sections from the human organs, and examining them under the microscope, to be reproduced in all their essentials in the larger form. The muscular structure, too, when viewed *en masse*, reveals nothing of the intricacy and detail shown under the microscope. The cells, fibres, and fibrillae of which flesh is composed, are lost to sight amidst the general mass, but take one of the lower forms, say, of insect life, and at a single observation we see how the muscles are built up, and how they are worked.

The same rule applies to embryological studies. No one who has not proved it, could for one moment believe how much can be learnt of human embryology by an examination of the development of the chick in the egg of the hen, and yet a study of the changes which take place in the latter during the early days and even hours of the hatching process, teach us what takes place in the human foetus during the early weeks of its existence. The investigations which have been made of late years into this most wonderful of all subjects are simply marvellous, and no one who has not read a record of recent observations could possibly believe how much is known to-day of a subject which until man's place in Nature was recognised, was deemed impossible of comprehension.

Experiments made upon lower animals have revealed to us so much of our own nature and structure that it is a figure of speech to say that by such investigations modern surgery and medicine have been revolutionised.

It is impossible for anyone to dissect a fly or a bee without knowing more of his own structure and nature as a result of such a study.

In a country like this, where there is so little incentive to mental exertion, it would be a grand thing if the masters of our schools would recognise the importance of encouraging the rising generation under their charge to use their eyes and their hands in investigating the works of Nature. A boy or a girl learns to read and to do a few rules of arithmetic, to draw a map, and to remember a few dates of history, and yet of the great world of natural life around him, he or she knows nothing.

He leaves school, and enters upon the dreary treadmill of earning his daily bread: but the voices of Nature are unheard by his untuned ear. The stars tell him no lessons, even if, which is unlikely, he knows the names of the constellation which night after night shine above his head. The trees and the flowers have no attractions for him, the whole natural world is to him as if not existent, and his existence is verily "rounded by a sleep." How different this would be if the boy or girl were taught to observe and study the natural objects around them: then, indeed, they would see new meanings in their lives, they would learn of Nature, from the pages of her own books, and would be happier and better for the knowledge they so gained: but no,

The world is too much with us: Late and soon
Getting and spending we lay waste our powers,
Nothing we see in Nature that is ours.

It is as a protest against this that these few lines are written, and knowing, as the writer knows, how widely these notes are read, and how much interest is taken in them, he has interrupted the monotony of merely descriptive papers to plead for a more extended study of Nature's works, and for a larger, amplier field of knowledge to be unfolded before the eyes of the rising generation.

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Buenos Aires, March. 16.
To the Editor *River Plate Sport and Pastime*,
Dear Sir,—

I observe in your issue of yesterday some very sensible remarks on the subject of carrying a joke too far. May I, as the original nephew, protect myself by saying that I have only written three letters to my uncle, the first of which appeared in "Sport and Pastime," the second in "The Times of Argentina," and the third, a very short one, in the same paper, in answer to the first reply from an uncle, and asking him to be good enough not to write on subjects that he did not understand. I hear that he has since written, but I have discovered that he is not my uncle, and if he has any nephews I am not related to them.—Yours truly,

F. J. T.

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SPORTING NOTES

The Buenos Aires C. C.'s match against Montevideo next week will be played on Thursday and Friday only and will not be a three day match as it has figured in "Cricket Fixtures."

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I am asked to state that the Cricket score book of the Lomas Athletic Club has been lost now for some time. The secretary of the L. A. C. would be obliged, in case of it having been taken by mistake or left in the pavilion of any club after a match, if the book were returned to him.

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I am asked to mention that tickets of admission to the ground of the Buenos Aires Lawn Tennis Club available for the 30th and 31st of March and the 1st of April will be granted in exchange for visiting cards, endorsed by a member of the club or a competitor, to those wishing to witness the tournament on those days.

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The interest in the Buenos Aires Lawn Tennis Club's Tournament increases as the time draws near for the playing of the championship and the finals in the handicaps. Already a good many of the ties in the first and preliminary rounds of the gentlemen's singles have been played off. Mr F. M. Still continues to be the favourite for the championship; if he has had sufficient practice to enable him to return to his old form I expect he will win.

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The Quilmes Club is setting all polo clubs an example by sending two polo teams to the Hurlingham Championship tournament next week. One team I already named last week, the other will consist of Messrs. Hope, Bailey, Bethell and Hudson.

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The meeting to approve the programme and arrange the crews for the Buenos Aires Rowing Club's regatta, which was to have been held on Saturday next, the 25th, was held on Monday evening at the Scotch Church Schoolroom. The races have been postponed until Sunday, April 16th, and the entries close on the 6th, on which day the crews will be arranged. The programme will be the same as that published last week. The Teutonic Club will hold their regatta on Sunday, April the 9th.

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Congress has left the question of the three per cent tax levied by the Municipality in the hands of a committee of three members, consisting of Sres A. Demarchi, N. de Abelleira, and Dr Zapola, and in the mean time the tax is raised and racing will go on as before both on the Palermo and Belgrano courses, probably without interruption this season, as it will take the committee at least a year to come to a decision, unless they create a precedent in the River Plate and decide the matter at once.

"I have been asked to mention that in addition to the Bicycle Race which already figures in the programme of the Quilmes Gymkhana Races to be held on the 25th inst., it has been resolved to insert another between events Nos. 11 and 12; the distance of this last race will be 2500 metres. Both these events are handicaps. Intending visitors should bear in mind that the station for the races is Quilmes and not Bernal as in former years.

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The Argentine Association Football League will meet on Tuesday the 28th inst. at the English High School, Calle Santa Fe 3590 to make all necessary arrangements for the first matches in the League, for the registration of Players and other business.

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The long standing fixture between Rosario and the Buenos Aires Cricket Club at Palermo for next Saturday and Sunday has fallen through as, owing to the Rosario Athletic sports falling on Saturday, the Rosario Club cannot raise a team. It is only quite recently that the date of the sports was arranged, whereas the Cricket fixture has been on the cards since the beginning of the season, so it does not seem right that the cricket match should be abandoned, at any rate at such very short notice, for the sake of the Sports.

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The paragraph in the "Argentine Times" of yesterday giving a short account of the Lomas v. Hurlingham Cricket match is written in very bad taste. After winning such a match as they did, there is little wonder that the Lomas team and their friends were enthusiastic in their applause for the winners, and why it should be deemed discourteous to the visitors I fail to see. Every newspaper reporter cannot be a sportsman, the Times young man certainly is not one, but he can at least have common sense.

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In every polo club, whether camp or town, there is at present the same complaint about the scarcity of ponies, not first rate ponies, but ponies at all suitable to play. The English breeders are beginning to find breeding polo ponies better business than breeding many other classes of horses, and with the establishment of the Polo Pony Stud Book which is now an accomplished fact it perhaps will soon be found the most profitable, so I think that breeding good ponies should also be attended to here where mares of the right stamp are so plentiful. Prices for good polo ponies this year at home promise to be higher than ever, and even now they are making quite as much if not more money than hunters.

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The new Committee of the Hipodromo Nacional Club is as follows: President, Sr Emilio N. Casares; Vice-Presidents, J. Martinez and Mariano F. Maeneco; secretary, T. E. de Anchoarena; Pro-Secretary, C. S. Bollini; Treasurer, A. E. Casal; Pro-Treasurer, F. Storni; Members, C. Tompkinson, E. Farina, E. Berdic, J. M. Villanueva, J. Garrahan, R. Paz, S. Canale, P. Griffin, A. Etchegaray, J. Bazan, and L. U. de Woyse.

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The Jockey Club have granted I. Diaz his licence. He rode for the Stud Buenos Aires on Sunday last at Palermo.

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The "Prensa" had a most sensible article the other day on the most suitable horses for cavalry purposes, and after reviewing the different breeds and their various qualities, the writer finished up by saying that after all the criollo was hard to beat for a light cavalryman's mount. He pointed out, at the same time, what is becoming more evident every day, and that is the gradual extinction of the pure criollo horse. Unless the Argentines take care, the hardy little horse of the Pampas, which for a hundred and one purposes is impossible to beat, will soon be as extinct as the dodo.

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We publish elsewhere the entries and weights for the Hurlingham Gymkhana to be held on Saturday. The first event will be run at one o'clock and the last at half-past four in the afternoon, so that visitors will be able to return to town in good time.

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The Quilmes Club have obtained capital entries for their Gymkhana on Saturday but we regret we cannot publish them, as the committee of the club think it against their interests for us to do so.

The "Standard," or rather a correspondent of the "Standard," wants to know who is considered the best all round swimmer and diver in this republic, and calls on us to decide the question. In the absence of swimming races and diving matches, and as we have not had the pleasure of seeing every man in the republic swim, I am afraid we cannot do so.

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The Belgrano Polo Club propose to give a series of three entertainments similar to those of last year. i.e., short concerts or dramatic performances to be followed by a dance—light refreshments being supplied.

The number of tickets will be limited to 240, and the price of both gentlemen's and ladies' tickets being \$15 for the series.

The dates of the proposed entertainments will be as follows: 13th April, 23rd June, and 14th August.

Members can obtain tickets for their friends on application to the Committee.

CRICKET

FIXTURES.

MARCH

Sat. 25, Sun. 26, Lanus v. Lomas, at Lomas.

Thurs. 30, Fri. 31 (Holy Week), B. A. C. C. v. Montevideo, at Palermo.

Thurs. 30, Fri. 31, Sat. April 1, Lomas v. Rosario at Rosario.

ENGLISH HIGH SCHOOL v. Y. M. C. A.

Played on the High School Ground, Palermo, on Saturday, March 18. Scores:

High School	1st inn	Y. M. C. A.	1st inn
Mr Rudd, run out	6	Mr Hesselgrave, b H.	
H. Cowan, not out	29	Davies	1
H. Davies, c Mr Holder,		Mr Mitchel, c Potter, b	
b Mitchel	15	H. Davies	5
G. Minturn, c Hessel-		Mr Holder, b Rudd	10
grave, b Mitchel	8	Mr Howe, b Rudd	1
Mr Hutton, c Holder, b		Mr Chamberlain, b Da-	
Howe	1	vies	0
C. Mackechnie, c Hes-		Mr Hardcastle, b Davies	3
selgrave, b Mitchel	1	Mr Haslegrave, b Rudd	4
E. Davies, c Holder, b		Mr Mitchel, b Rudd	12
Howe	1	Mr Howe, b Minturn	5
W. Buchanan, st Holder,		Mr Holder, not out	9
b Mitchel	1	Mr Hardcastle, b Rudd	4
E. Potter, not out	8	Extras	8
James Lea) did not bat	—		
W. Jordan)	—		
Byes	4	Total	62

Total for eight wks. 73

BOWLING ANALYSIS

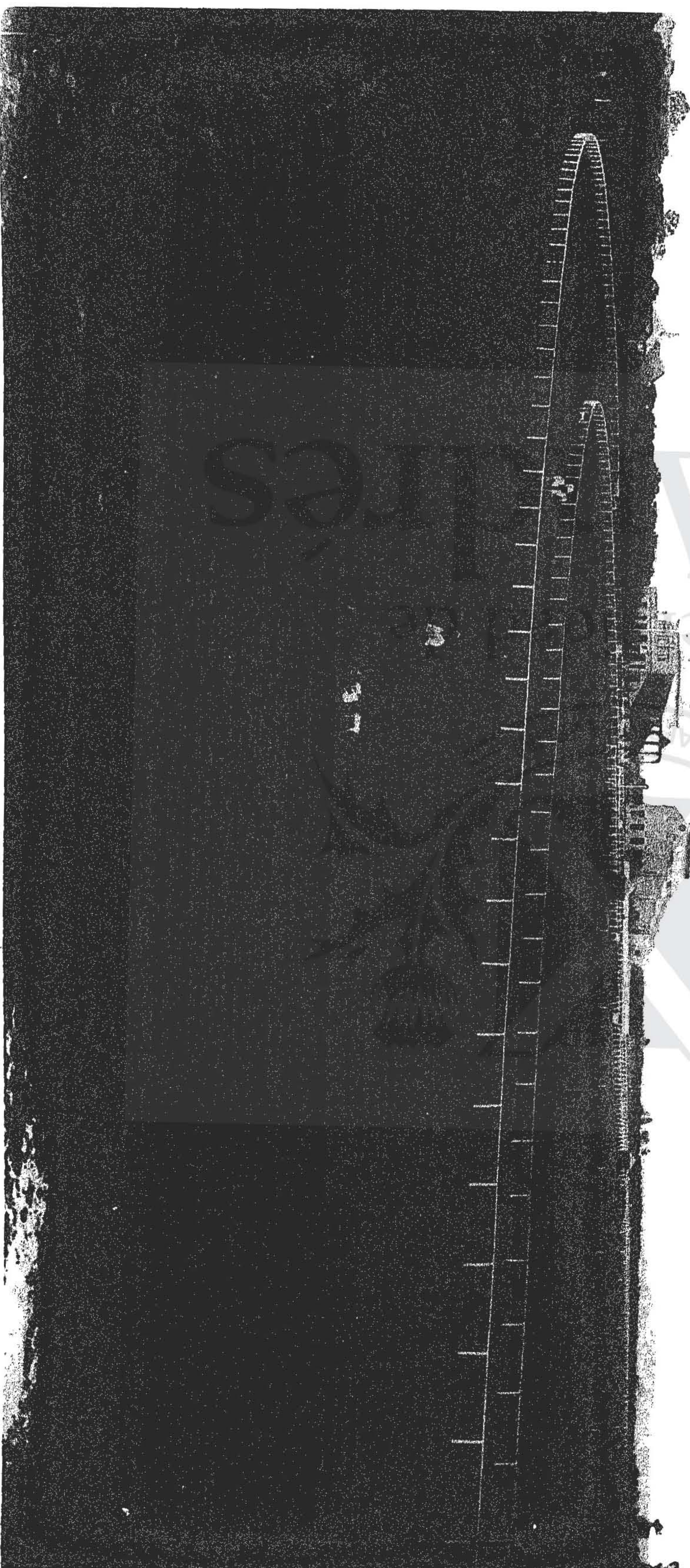
	High School				W
	O	M	R		
Mr Howe	14	1	27	1	1
Mr Hesselgrave	3	0	4	0	0
Mr Mitchel	10	1	30	4	0
Mr Holder	3	1	3	0	0
Y. M. C. A.					
Mr Rudd	12	2	25	5	
H. Davies	6	0	12	4	
G. Minturn	5	0	13	1	

LOMAS A. C. v. HURLINGHAM CLUB AND GROUND

This match was played on Sunday at Lomas in very hot weather, a fair number of spectators watching the game with great interest.

Hurlingham winning the toss sent in E. R. Gifford and Garrod to face Rath and G. Anderson. Both batsmen played steady and correct cricket, the first 7 overs only realising 9 runs; with the score at 23 Garrod played on to Anderson and retired for 9. C. W. Thomson followed and quickly made ten, when a very smart piece of fielding by H. Anderson was instrumental in running him out. Lacey and Gifford made things lively for a time, but Tabor going on to bowl got them both out l.b.w., E. R. Gifford having made 29 by remarkably good and steady cricket. The next stand was by J. Gifford and R. E. H. Anderson, who together took the score from 81 to 111, when Gifford was also given out l.b.w. for a capital 30, his off hitting being particularly fine. Wilson stopped a short time with Anderson, who was scoring very fast; the innings closed for 156, Anderson being not out for 38 after a good, if somewhat lucky, innings.

Lomas started with Rath and Jacobs, E. R. Gifford and Lacey sharing the attack. Runs came slowly, both batsmen playing carefully, and with 11 up Jacobs was bowled, letting in Frost. Runs now came freely, Rath hitting Lacey to the boundary three times in one over. At 67 Frost was bowled for 22, put together by capital cricket, and was followed by Cornwall. Rath was doing most of the hitting, and the two batsmen took the score to 101, when Cornwall was succeeded by A. Anderson. With 149 up on the board, Rath's long innings came to a close he having scored 82 by perfect cricket,



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the only chance given being when he had made 79; his hits included one 6, seven 4's, and seven 3's, and it was undoubtedly his innings that won the match for Lomas. A. Anderson left at 152, having played well for 28 at a critical point of the game. H. Anderson and Bridger took the score to 160 and passed the Hurlingham score with 5 wickets down, but it was agreed to play on, and at the end Lomas were only 20 runs to the good.

Tee fielding on both sides was magnificent, in fact it is scarcely too much to say that better fielding has not been seen in the country, H. Anderson and Tabor for Lomas and Sutherland and J. Gifford for Hurlingham being very conspicuous.

The applause was very impartial, each piece of good fielding, or good hit, being well cheered on both sides. If the cheering for the Lomas win was especially hearty, it was no discourtesy to the Hurlingham eleven (as stated by a daily paper), but merely expressed the pleasure of the spectators at the win for the Lomas team; this was only natural, and the same will be seen on any cricket field where there are a crowd of spectators looking on.

Scores:

Hurlingham	1st inn	Lomas A. C.	1st inn
C. W. Thompson, run out	10	P. M. Rath, st Anderson	82
E. R. Gifford, l-b-w, b		F. H. Jacobs, b Garrod	2
C. A. Tabor	29	J. D. Frost, b Lacey	22
J. R. Garrod, b G. Anderson	9	H. Cornwall, b Lacey	9
Lacey l-b-w, b Tabor	14	A. Anderson, b Garrod	28
J. Gifford l-b-w, b G. A. Anderson	30	P. L. G. Bridger, c and b Thomson	11
G. A. Thomson, run out	0	H. Anderson l-b-w, b Thomson	6
W. F. Clunie l-b-w, b Tabor	0	C. A. Tabor l-b-w, b Garrod	0
R. H. Anderson, not out	38	C. Reynolds, not out	1
R. Sutherland, run out	1	G. Anderson, b Thomson	0
E. L. Wilson, b H. Anderson	7	J. Kahl, b Garrod	0
E. Danvers, b Rath	2	B 13, l-b 1, w 1	15
B 14, l-b 1, w 1	16		
Total	156	Total	176

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Hurlingham

	O	M	R	W
P. M. Rath	19.3	2	45	1
G. Anderson	24	10	34	2
P. L. Bridger	16	1	35	—
C. A. Tabor	7	3	17	3
H. Anderson	4	1	9	1

Lomas A. C.

	O	M	R	W
E. R. Gifford	7	3	15	—
Lacey	14	3	44	2
J. R. Garrod	18	6	48	5
G. A. Thomson	13	2	45	3
J. Gifford	4	1	9	—

Garrod bowled 1 wide.

FLORES v. LANUS.

The above match, which should have been played at Lanus, was decided at Flores on Sunday last. Lanus were very weakly represented, turning up minus three of the original team; but thanks to the splendid fielding and batting of Brooking and C. D. Moffat, and the bowling of Tupholme and Barnes, they managed to win by 74 runs. Flores won the toss and sent Lanus in to bat. Brooking had a four off Walshe's first over, but that bowler in his second over got Rudd out l. b. w. Barnes joined Brooking, and runs came very fast until Barnes got clean bowled by Walshe. Brooking still kept up his wicket until the score had reached 76, when a ball from Walshe bowled him off his pads. Moffat after playing well for 21 runs was bowled by a splendid ball from Walshe. Lanus' total eventually closing for 110 runs.

After lunch Flores sent in Walshe and McAdam to face the bowling of Barnes and Tupholme. Walshe was run out in the third over, and after this wickets fell very quickly. The score eventually closed at 36, which necessitated a follow on. McAdam played well and was the only one in the Flores eleven who got double figures.

Scores:

Lanus	1st inn
R. W. Rudd, l-b-w, b Walshe	0
R. A. Brooking, b Walshe	36
J. Barnes, b Walshe	10
C. Tupholme, b Forrester	14
W. Brown, b Walshe	3
C. D. Moffat, b Walshe	21
P. Bridge, b Watson	4
F. Moffat, b Walshe	3
F. W. Fothergill, b Walshe	0
P. Howe, not out	13
A. Perkins, b Boyd	0
Extras	6
Total	110

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O	M	R	W
Walshe	21	4	53	7
Forrester	13	1	23	1
Shrewsbury	2	—	12	—
Watson	4	—	11	1
Boyd	2	—	5	1

Flores	1st inn	2nd inn	
J. C. Walshe, run out	5	run out	0
J. T. Macadam, c Fothergill	14	not out	32
b Tupholme			
A. Boyd, c Tupholme, b Barnes	9	b Bridge	34
G. P. Shrewsbury, c and b Barnes	0	c Howe, b Bridge	0
B. B. Syer, b Barnes	4	b Tupholme	8
G. V. Forrester, c Brown, b Tupholme	0	b Tupholme	2
F. Carlisle, b Barnes	0	not out	0
G. Stanham, b Tupholme	1	did not bat	—
F. Wilmot, b Barnes	2	did not bat	—
R. O. Watson, b Barnes	0	did not bat	—
L. Baugh, not out	0	did not bat	—
Extras	1	Extras	0
Total	36	Total	76

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O	M	R	W
Barnes	8.2	3	20	6
Tupholme	8	1	15	3

	O	M	R	W
Tupholme	6	1	20	2
Barnes	5	1	18	—
Bridge	5	—	12	2
Brown	3	1	2	—
Brooking	1	1	—	—
Howe	6	—	24	—

To the Editor *River Plate Sport and Pastime*.

Dear Sir,—
As your paper is the authority on sporting matters, would you mind correcting an impression that might be caused in the minds of anyone who was not on the Lomas field during the match last Sunday between the local club and Hurlingham, by the remark made by the cricket reporter of the "Times" with regard to the want of courtesy on the part of the Lomas folk exulting in their victory. The onlookers were very impartial in their praise of any piece of good play on either side, and Lomas is to be congratulated on having boys growing up who take sufficient interest in cricket to look on and enliven the game by their cheery applause. In years to come we hope they will show as good cricket as the eleven did on Sunday last, and always have as good an audience to cheer them when they win.—Yours truly,
ONE OF THE HURLINGHAM ELEVEN.

P O L O

CAÑADA DE GOMEZ v. 2nd SANTA FE.

If Cañada de Gomez does not support polo, where is there a camp town which does? On Sunday last, Mr M. Whish travelled down with a very strong team to do battle against the Ditch. He called his team "2nd Santa Fe," but it fell very little short of a 1st.

The teams were:—

C. de Gomez	Santa Fe
1. R. Leared	1. E. C. Hill
2. F. S. Robinson, Capt.	2. P. Talbot
3. R. England	3. R. Land
A. B. Dickson, Back	M. Whish, Back, Capt.

Cañada de Gomez wore their new colours (chosen as being more conspicuous than the black, and more easily discernible), red and yellow. The ground was in excellent condition, but the dust thrown up was a disadvantage to the players.

Immediately on the ball being thrown in, Hill got it, but it was taken from him, and a rare hustle between England and Whish ensued, and the ball went over the line. On return it was taken right up to the camp goal, but Hill playing splendidly, in spite of endeavours to ride him out, brought it right down, and hit a goal, which at the pace they were travelling, and from a right angle, seemed almost impossible. Robinson's play in this quarter was fine, but that despite the ball was constantly in C. de G. territory, and but for Dickson another disaster would have occurred. On running out across the line, close to the Arroyo, England's pony put his foot in a hole, and gave his rider a nasty spill, but luckily no damage was done. Cañada now seemed better up, and pushed their opponents hard, Leared all but scoring with an excellent shot. The quarter was fast and hard, England ridden out by Land, Dickson got the ball, but no goal resulted, Whish taking it back, and passing to Talbot, but again with no result.

In the second quarter, Cañada feeling that an effort more than ordinary was required of them, put forth their best efforts, and Robinson now on the far-famed "Benjamin" brought the ball down to the camp goal and passed well to England, but the shot was a trifle wide. A very pretty piece of riding between Robinson and Whish followed, then came a scrimmage. Leared taking hold narrowly missed scoring. Talbot was out from this, and the wood was in dangerous proximity to C. de G.'s goal, but Dickson was not very far off, and after a clever save it went out, but the play was from one side of the ground to the other for some minutes. When the pellet got down to the Camp end, Talbot, in really brilliant play, with a back hander, sent the ball back, but only to let Robinson have a chance. Whish, however, met him, and then England returning hit a beautiful goal. At once, out of the scrimmage, Robinson came like a flash, and secured the second goal for C. de G.

In the third, return and return was the order. Land was well to the fore here, and showed to great advantage. It was a hard riding fast quarter. Talbot got well on, but a good shot of his was returned on rebound by England.

In the fourth, with the light getting low, from a run by Land, Talbot got a back-handed stroke nearly fatal; but Cañada was not to be denied, and although Hill was playing a fine game too, England, and Leared made a great run down, the shot at goal, however, was only "subsidiary." The advent of ladies on the ground now seemed to put new spirit into the Camp men, but it was of no avail to them, Canada ladies had their eyes on Cañada men, as well as on Camp, and they knew it. There was a deperate run and a brilliant pass from Robinson to Leared, who scored, but Whish, claiming off side, and there being no umpire, Robinson gave way, although it was a clean score as far as I could see. A nice run and clever stroke by Whish resulted in a goal for camp, and then just before the call of time Robinson scored the winning goal for the Cañada. Score 3 goals to 2. A most interesting and well played match.

A CHAT ABOUT THE TOURNAMENT AT HURLINGHAM.

A correspondent writes to say that he has read our "apology" for the space always devoted to polo, but he notices that polo reports since then are few and far between and that ordinary games are not even attended to, although they are the final preparations for the championship. Our correspondent wants to know who are practising for Belgrano, Quilmes, Hurlingham and Flores; how the ponies are looking after their summer's rest, what players have new ones, and if the old well-known animals are still to the fore. He hears rumours of clubs not being represented in the tournament because most of their members "have not got any ponies;" he cannot believe this, and rightly adds that so long as a club can get four men together it should be represented at this the first Championship Tournament of the River Plate.

Taking the clubs in the order they are named. Belgrano will not be represented at the tournament. The club numbers a goodly array of playing members, but very few of them play and fewer still own a couple of decent ponies. We are told that even a practise game at Belgrano is an impossibility, and will be so until after the tournament. We hope so; Belgrano has a really capital ground, a fine pavilion, and plenty of members, so the polo club ought to flourish better than it does.

The Quilmes Club have been sporting enough to enter two teams. I think we are right in saying that Quilmes can count on more polo players amongst its members than any other club in the country. The two Quilmes teams will consist of (a) Messrs F. J. Bennett, J. Bennett, T. Murray and A. Yeomans, and (b) Messrs Hope, Bailey, Bethell and Hudson. The first team is well known individually, and we feel sure it will prove a most excellent combination. Both the Bennetts hit hard and ride hard and should make rare forwards, although we have been accustomed generally to see them playing either back or No. 3. Yeomans and Murray are both safe steady backs, who can hit the ball well up to their forwards and who seldom let it pass them. To give an idea of the strength of this team, three of their number—the Messrs Bennett and Yeomans—played all comers the other day and won the game by eight or nine goals to one. As regards the ponies, F. J. Bennett has the familiar roan, Rover, and a little wonder in the shape of Chico, who formerly belonged to Mr H. Anderson, and, for a small built one, is wonderfully fast and as handy as a lady. His brother has the curiously marked skewbald Compadrito, which formerly belonged to Mr Cassels; he has plenty of pace and in Mr Bennett's hands is fairly handy, his second strings consists of a bay pony with the same mark as Rover, who hails from Entre Rios, he is a good-looking pony under saddle and for a novice plays well. Mr Murray used always to be handicapped through playing very small ponies, which, although wonderful little animals in their way, were nowhere against bigger ones; he now owns two very smart ponies, well up to height, which both go a good pace, the dun pony especially. Mr Yeomans has Gaucho, a nice lively bay pony, and Mr Mackill's Tommy, a fast pony and one well up to his rider's weight.

Of the other Quilmes team we do not know very much as yet. Messrs Hudson and Bailey were both in the old Rover's first team, Mr Hope showed himself a player above the average in the late Belgrano tournament, and Mr Bethell is quite a model No. 1 and a well mounted No. 1 to boot. Of this team's ponies we do not know much either, though we know each man is well mounted.

Hurlingham had for a team Messrs H. S. Robson, J. Ravenscroft, J. K. Cassels, and F. J. Balfour, but we have heard that Mr Cassels will be unable to play, not being sufficiently recovered from a broken collar-bone, so a fourth man will have to be found. Both Messrs Robson and Ravenscroft seem quite out of form, and unless they improve and a useful fourth man is found for the team it will go very far short of repeating its success in the last Hurlingham tournament. None of the team have been playing during the summer, so want of practice may account for their bad form shown on the few occasions on which they have lately been practising at Hurlingham. On Sunday last for instance, with Mr R. Melver as their fourth man, they were easily held by a team consisting of Messrs Furber, F. M. Still, Ewen, and H. Clark, and showed anything but championship form. The Hurlingham ponies are all pretty well known. Mr Robson has Moloch and Peter

Flower; the former is rather out of condition but the latter is as fit as he can be. Mr Ravenscroft has the old grey, The Ghost, Espartillar, Tiddlywinks, with Dare Devil as a reserve. The Ghost is a good pony, but we don't like one which takes so much room to turn in as he does; Espartillar has hardly a fault as a player and Tiddlywinks is also a good pony with plenty of pace. Mr Ravenscroft will probably play Daimian in the tournament if he decides not to keep him in training any longer. Mr Balfour has Newty, Travieso, Old Tom, and Mr England's Tilbury Nogo. Newty and Old Tom make a good pair, they are both rather small, but nevertheless can go fast and know the game perfectly. Travieso is only being initiated into the noble game for the first time; his long list of wins on the racecourse prove him to be a wonderful pony for his size, which does not reach 52 inches, he is very handy and nippy and looks like making a rare good player. Tilbury Nogo, since he ran five years ago in the first steeplechase which ever took place in the republic, has become quite historical and has been played by his owner in every tournament since then.

With regard to the teams from afar, Santa Fé, Tuyu, and Santiago del Estero, have only entered up to date, so we hope between this and Saturday a few more entries of teams will be sent in. The Santa Fé team will have quite a different look this time, Messrs Adamson and Benitz, who have helped their club to victory so often, are not playing, and their places taken by Messrs F. Robinson and F. Kinchant, who will not bring his native team.

Tuyu we hear is now a very strong team. Their No. 1, Mr Barry is, we hear, a very hard man, whilst the remaining three we know are good steady players; Mr Learmonth especially being a very hard hitter. Santiago del Estero with Messrs R. McC. Smyth, Follett Holt, Dr Newman Smith, and Mr C. J. Tetley, will take some beating. The team is captained by that best of sportsmen, "Johnny" Smyth, which alone will make them dangerous, and we hear they have got together the best lot of ponies they have ever brought down.

The teams which have entered officially so far are: Santa Fé—A. J. Dickinson, T. Parry, F. Robinson, and F. Kinchant. Quilmes—F. J. Bennett, J. Bennet, A. Yeomans, and T. Murray. Quilmes—C. Hope, W. D. Bailey, A. M. Hudson, and F. Bethell.

Hurlingham—H. S. Robson, J. Ravenscroft, F. J. Balfour, and another. Santiago del Estero—Dr Newman Smith, Follett Holt, C. J. Tetley, and R. McC. Smyth.

Tuyu—J. G. Barry, F. L. Mathew, W. L. Learmonth, and F. Furber. The tournament will commence on Thursday, the 30th inst., and the final will be played on the 2nd of April.

CAÑADA DE GOMEZ v. FISHERTON.

We have received three letters with regard to our correspondent Spurs' report of this match. A report of the match was also sent us by our regular correspondent, but as Spurs sent his with a special request for publication, we kept back the other in its favour. If there are any mistakes in it we are sure Spurs will regret them as much as we do ourselves.

ATHLETICS

A series of matches between Mr J. R. Hill and J. D. Lawrie were decided on the Montevideo Cricket Club ground on Wednesday last. The matches consisted of three races at distances of 300 yards, 440 yards, and 120 yards respectively. All three were won by Mr Hill.

A considerable amount of interest was taken in the contests, which were witnessed by quite a large number of people. The three hundred yards was won by Hill, by about 6 yards, in 35 seconds, time which establishes a record for that distance, as except in consolation races it has never been run over since the formation of the Amateur Athletic Association.

Mr Lawrie lost something at the start for the 440 yards which Hill won easily in 55 seconds. This equals the record established for the distance by Mr Rowland at the last Rosario sports. Hill was rather distressed after this race, and the start for the 120 yards was therefore somewhat delayed, it did not deter him from winning, however, though his time, 13 3-5 secs., was not so good as for the two preceding events. We cannot conclude this short notice of these matches without a word of praise for Mr Hill, who is a very smart runner, and an athlete who is sure to make his mark in the athletic history of the River Plate.

RACING

PALERMO—March 19th.

With the Municipal tax taken off them, for the time being at any rate, by Congress the Jockey Club held the meeting on Sunday last which should have taken place on the 12th.

The programme contained eight events, and with so many races to get through there is perhaps some excuse for the last race being run almost in the dark although it was not started very much after the appointed time. Most interest was undoubtedly attached to the Premio

Novedad as in it were seen the first two-year-olds of the season.

The winner turned up in Etoile, a filly by Phoenix—Dichosa which was sold at Mr Kemmis' sale for \$5,200 and she made a record in running the 1000 metres in 1 min. 1 sec, which has never been done by a horse before at the first time of asking. Etoile is a filly of whom we should hear more as the season goes on.

Niobe won the principal race of the day, the Premio Criadores in quite her old style, and as Diaz has received his license she had her familiar jockey up. San Martin had his revenge on Gattatore and won the Premio Petite Ecurie from her and Financiera who after racing together nearly the whole way could not be separated by the judges. None of the remaining events call for any special remark.

The day was exceedingly hot and so the attendance was not very large.

Details—

PREMIO ECURIE ACEBAL, a handicap for horses which have not won more than \$5000, \$1500 to the 1st, 200 to the 2nd, 1500 metres.

- Stud Terminacion's b h Nedgate, by Lord Marden —Antinoe, 5 yrs, 53 k. I. Cardoso 1 Stud Parana's La Capital, 4 yrs, 38 k. P. Aguilari 2 Stud Niño Dorado's Monk, 4 yrs, 54 k. P. Torres 3 Ecurie Avant Garde's Sobremonte, 4 yrs, 55 k I. Sanchez 3 Capitan Lopez' Melpomenes, 3 yrs, 49 k. P. Orona 0 Ecurie Sans Peur's Phoebus, 3 yrs, 48 k. R. Bastiani 0

Melpomenes jumped off with the lead but was caught and passed at the last turn by Nedgate, who eventually won easily from La Capital by half a length; Monk a length behind, third.

Tickets—Nedgate 803 win and 860 place. La Capital 128 and 168, Monk 262 and 357, Sobremonte 642 and 402, Melpomenes 252 and 365. Phoebus 1048 and 976.

Dividends—Nedgate \$7.02 win and 4.07 place, La Capital 12.63 place.

PREMIO LAS ORTIGAS, a handicap, \$1800 to the 1st, 200 to the 2nd, 1200 metres.

- Stud Camors' ch m Vendetta, by Beaudesert—Mishap, 5 yrs, 58 k. R. Garrido 1 Stud Winchester's Holland, 6 yrs, 56 k. L. Gonzalez 2 Sr J. B. Zubiaurre's Guerillero, 5 yrs, 50 k. P. Aguirre 3 Stud San Jorge's Blackfriar, 6 yrs, 56 k. G. Palacios 0 Stud Whipper In's Smiling Lass, 3 yrs, 47 k A. Casteani 0 Sr J. M. Villanueva's Manon Lescaut, 3 yrs, 47 k G. Ales 0 Ecurie Argentino's Ambush, 7 yrs, 44 k. C. Bueno 0

A close race. Vendetta ran slightly in advance of Holland the whole course, and finished a short head only in front of him. Guerillero, close up, third.

Tickets—Vendetta 1423 win and 1107 place. Holland 536 and 495, Guerillero 855 and 529, Blackfriar 1029 and 1090, Smiling Lass 401 and 353, Manon Lescaut 343 and 309, Ambush 820 and 753, Totals 5407 and 4636.

Dividends—Vendetta \$6.83 win and 4.32 place, Holland 7.19 place.

PREMIO CRIADORES, for three-year-old fillies, weight 55 kilos, winners of from \$5000 to 10000 3 kilos extra, of more than \$10000 5 kilos extra; \$2500 to the 1st, 500 to the 2nd; 1600 metres.

- Stud Buenos Aire's ch f Niobe, by Whipper In —Mnemosyne, 60 k. I. Diaz 1 Ecurie Indecis' Folie, 58 k. J. Balla 2 Ecurie Gladiateur's Mondaine, 55 k. E. Hernandez 3 Ecurie Radames' Sensacion, 55 k. P. Lara 0

When the flag was dropped Folie went to the front and made the running at top speed for the first thousand metres or more, a considerable distance in front of the others; she could not stay, however, and Niobe caught her in the straight, was in front at the paddock, and won at the finish by a good two lengths, a length separated second and third.

Tickets—Niobe with 5511, Folie 1159, Mondaine 1190, and Sensacion 286, Total 8146.

Dividend—Niobe \$2.66.

PREMIO NOVEDAD, for two-year-old mestizo colts and fillies, colts 52 kilos, fillies 50 kilos; \$2000 to the 1st, 500 to the 2nd; 1000 metres.

- Sr E. Acebal's ch f Etoile, by Whipper In—Dichosa, 50 k. P. Orona 1 Capitan Lopez' Hoche, by Hanover—Doña Sol, 52 k P. Aguilari 2 Stud Santa Rosa's Loadstone, by Phoenix—Blissful, 52 k. R. Garrido 3 Stud Buenos Aires' Gravity, 52 k. I. Diaz 0 Stud Niño Dorado's Zorro, 52 k. P. Aguirre 0 Stud José Maria's Revancha, 52 k. P. Torres 0 Ecurie Colon's Bumblybuss, 52 k. I. Gandolfi 0 Stud Whipper In's Ailimé, 52 k. J. Cruz 0 Mr W. Kemmis' Stanley, 52 k. L. Hess 0 Stud Winchester's Mr Gilmore, 52 k. L. Gonzalez 0 Stud Gitano's Chimpance, 52 k. A. Galimberti 0 Sr C. G. Palacios' Simoun, 52 k. P. Lara 0 Stud El Plata's Agripa, 50 k. J. Cardoso 0 Stud Cerrito's Salta, 50 k. N. Grigera 0

Etoile, immediately after the start, went to the front and never once being pressed won easily by four or five lengths in 1 min. 1-5 secs. A length separated Hoche and Loadstone, who finished strong.

Tickets—Etoile with 2046 win and 1837 place, Hoche 123 and 178, Loadstone 521 and 585, Gravity 573 and

985, Zorro 478 and 856, Revancha, 858 and 699, Bumblybuss 856 and 391, Ailimé 499 and 518, Stanley 291 and 440, Mr Gilmore 218 and 456, Chimpance 145 and 182, Simoun 153 and 208, Agripa, 112 and 201, Salta 169 and 191, Totals 6037 and 7706.

Dividends—Etoile \$5.31 win and 5.67 place, Hoche 18.23 place, Loadstone 6.94 place.

PREMIO CAPITAN LOPEZ, a handicap, \$2000 to the 1st, 200 to the 2nd; 1600 metres.

- Sr J. B. Zubiaurre's b h Guerillero, by Cylinder —Dancette, 5 yrs, 51 k. P. Aguirre 1 Stud San Jorge's Blackfriar, 6 yrs, 57 k. G. Palacios 2 Capitan Lopez' Brandy Snap, 4 yrs, 53 k. I. Diaz 3 Stud Whipper In's Siva, 4 yrs, 48 k. A. Venturini 0 Ecurie Argentino's Ambush, 7 yrs, 44 k. C. Bueno 0 Stud La Prensa's Falucho, 5 yrs, 42 k. A. Ruiz 0

Guerillero, after going a short distance, took the lead and won very easily from Blackfriar, who was a length in front of Brandy Snap.

Tickets—Guerillero 1142 win and 861 place, Blackfriar 2144 and 1485, Brandy Snap 2011 and 1654, Siva 737 and 649, Ambush 373 and 250, Falucho 315 and 295, Totals 6722 and 5194.

Dividends—Guerillero \$10.59 win and 4.70 place, Blackfriar 3.56 place.

PREMIO ECURIE INDECIS, a handicap for three-year-olds; \$2000 to the 1st, 200 to the 2nd; 1750 metres.

- Stud Las Ortigas' ch c Artichaut, by Star—Asperge, 40 k. R. Bastiani 1 Stud La Prensa's Prometeo, 56 k. I. Cardoso 2 Stud San Jorge's Remigia, 54 k. G. Palacios 3 Ecurie Argentino's Veterano, 49 k. C. Bueno 0 Ecurie Gladiateur's Silex, 40 k. R. Silva 0 Stud Buenos Aires' Clovis, 56 k. I. Diaz 0

The lot were despatched to a good start, Artichaut at once took the lead and, shaking off the challenge of Prometeo at the finish, won by a length, the same distance separated second and third.

Tickets—Artichaut with 1603 win and 1252 place, Prometeo 1595 and 1254, Remigia 1095 and 1072, Clovis 1524 and 1054, Veterano 409 and 240, Silex 433 and 202.

Dividends—Artichaut \$7.47 win and 3.64 place, Prometeo 3.64 place.

PREMIO PETITE ECURIE, a handicap; \$2000 to the 1st, 200 to the 2nd; 1900 metres.

- Stud Terminacion's b h San Martin, by Phoenix Falka, 5 yrs, 63 k. D. Ruiz 1 La Petite Ecurie's Gattatore, 6 yrs, 59 k. P. Torres 2 Sr P. Acebal's Financiera, 5 yrs, 52 k. P. Orona 2 Stud Camors' Zangano, 4 yrs, 51 k. P. Carabajal 0 Capitan Lopez' Don Carlos, 5 yrs, 49 k. P. Aguilari 0 Ecurie Argentino's Fergus, 5 yrs, 45 k. C. Bueno 0

Gattatore and Financiera raced together for the latter part of the distance, with San Martin lying third, but they could not stay, and San Martin came away and won easily by more than two lengths from the pair, who ran a dead heat for second place.

Tickets—San Martin with 2626 win and 1725 place, Gattatore 3612 and 1882, Financiera 1174 and 721, Zangano 146 and 128, Don Carlos 677 and 739, Fergus 312 and 227, Totals 8547 and 5472.

Dividends—San Martin \$5.85 win and 2.34 place, Gattatore 2.15 place, Financiera 2.41 place.

PREMIO ECURIE TITAN, for maiden three-year-olds, colts 54 kilos, fillies 52 kilos; \$1500 to the 1st, 200 to the 2nd; 1000 metres.

- Ecurie Montevideo's ch c Montevideo, by Kings Hill—Fortuna, 54 k. J. Balla 1 La Petite Ecurie's Atalanta, 52 k. P. Torres 2 Stud Gitano's Bouchon, 54 k. R. Garrido 3 Stud Tandil's Porvenir, 54 k. J. Greme 0 Ecurie Argos' Voluntario, 54 k. I. Cardoso 0 Stud Whipper In's Roughwater, 52 k. J. Brasesco 0 Stud Entre Rios' Vlagna, 52 k. E. Figueredo 0 Stud Floresta's Florista, 52 k. P. Orona 0

The start for this race was a very bad one. It was run almost in the dark and so is impossible to describe. Montevideo won by two lengths from Atalanta, who was half a length in front of Bouchon.

Tickets—Montevideo with 1166 win and 677 place, Atalanta 1228 and 634, Bouchon 461 and 329, Porvenir 379 and 128, Voluntario 87 and 69, Roughwater 72 and 69, Vlagna 540 and 246, Florista 210 and 175, Totals 4148 and 2327.

Dividends—Montevideo \$6.40 win and 3.15 place, Atalanta 3.23 place.

The following weights have been allotted for the meeting to be held on Saturday at Palermo.

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PREMIO RIO PARANA, for mares, weight for age, \$3000 to the 1st, \$500 to the 2nd. Distance 1200 metres.

	kilbs		kilos
Financiera	57½	Whitethorn	55½
Golondrina	57½	Folie	55½
Thalia	57½	Iva	55½
Santa Lucia	57½	Remigia	55½
Vendetta	57½	Roughwater	55½
Satanella	57½	Smiling Lass	55½
Marionette	57½	Politica	55½

PREMIO ENSAYO, for three-year-olds, winners extra, \$2500 to the 1st, \$500 to the 2nd, 1750 metres.

	kilos		kilos
Ituzaingo	68	Veterano	57
Rivadavia	63	Florido	57
Prometeo	61	Farandol	57
Clovis	61	Sampson	57
Caribne	57	Waterloo	57
Belgrave	57	Mondaine	55
Nautilus	57	Gauloise	55
Anacoreta	57	Folie	55

At the moment of writing the weights for the Premios Rio Negro, Rio Salado and Rio Pilcomayo have not yet been allotted.

The following are the weights allotted for next Sunday's meeting at Belgrano:

PREMIO INAUGURACION, 1200 metres

Financiera	64	Sensacion	44
Orizza	54	Florista	44
Tambor	50	Nada	43
Carbine	49	Jenny	43
La Capital	44		

PREMIO RECONQUISTA, 1100 metres

Marionette	56	Atalanta	45
Fanion	54	Silex	44
Smiling Lass	52	Jenny	44
Luisant	52	Vlagna	44
Melpomenes	49	Nada	44
Andarin	45		

PREMIO VELOCIDAD, 1000 metres.

	kilos		kilos
Blanci	w.a.	Calandria	51
Vendetta	60	Cautivo	50
Carpintero	59	Nautilus	50
Holland	56	Remolacha	49
Zampa	53	Luisant	48
Egbert	51		

PREMIO RESISTENCIA, 1900 metres

	kilos		kilos
San Martin	64	Mudo	49
Gettatore	58	Mio	49
Araucano	55	Nedgate	46
Santa Lucia	51	Mondaine	43
Brandy Snap	51	Fergus	48
Puygaveau	51	Silex	33

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Marionette	54	Veterano	48
Nautilus	54	Artichaut	47
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Monk	52	Melpomenes	46
Sobremonte	52	Lucifer	45
Siva	48	Noel	40

DRAMATIC AND MUSICAL NOTES.

THE BLACK DOMINO MINSTRELS AT CANADA DE GOMEZ.

On the evening of March 15th the Black Domino Minstrels gave their first entertainment in Canada de Gomez, at the Hall named "XX de Setiembre," before an audience cosmopolitan and comprised of persons from far and near. The ladies wore most conspicuous, and the costumes they were most becoming. A new style of black hat, and black ostrich feather was very noticeable. More than two hundred people paid for admission, even the standing room full. Amongst these present were Mrs. Paul Krell and her two sisters, Miss Lumsdaine, Mrs. J. Greenwood, Mrs. Sydall, Mrs. and Miss James, Mrs. Wasey, Mrs. Reun, Mrs. and Miss Girling, Miss Chapman and others.

The success was undoubted, indeed the success of the entertainment was never in the slightest doubt from the rise of the curtain.

The audience were not called upon to be indulgent, they gave spontaneous vent to their opinion that the show was good throughout, and more than good, a show that would have done credit to St. James Hall. To Mr. S. P. Ray is due in very great measure this success, as he inaugurated the movement and has been most indefatigable in bringing it to so pleasant a close. Much kudos in this respect is also due to Mrs. Sydall and Dr. MacInnes, who worked hard in the cause. It is not intended that these entertainments shall drop, but that a club shall be formed, and shows given at intervals both here and abroad.

The first part opened exceedingly well. The overture arranged by Mr. Ray and played by

him in finished style, if not distinctly original was still easily defined as the work of a musician, and it was heartily applauded. Mrs. Sydall succeeded to the piano and played behind the scenes. She did yeoman's work, and her well known tasteful expression was heard with delight.

Mr. Sydall has a good round tenor voice, though in his first song he owed much to his wife's playing, in his second he lost his nervousness and sang really well. Mr. Ivo Winn has a decidedly comic vein, he is a sort of Fred Albert, extemporising his song as he goes on, he was an acquisition most certainly, and I think that with the exception of Mr. Laurence I have not heard a better comic singer in this country. He obtained the first encore though Mr. Ray singing "Come down by the Gate" ran him very close, indeed he ought to have given a repeat. He sang most musically and excellently. Mr. Greenwood also had a voice of power which he knows how to use. He was heard to decided advantage in "the picture that is turned to the wall." The corner men Dr. MacInnes and F. B. Hall, were funny in this part, some of the jokes causing much laughter, but their chance came later. The violinist Señor Escalante, conductor at the Olympo, Rosario, for the nonce dubbed "Paganini" was not only a surprising feature in a Cañada entertainment. His skill and execution were such as to almost bring tears to the eyes in both morceaux which he gave.

The negro sketch in the second part was undoubtedly funny, the exit of Mr. Forbes (who developed an agility and an undiscovered fund of humour, not hitherto suspected in him) caused roars of laughter, when he discovered that the "Boss" and not one of his pals, was sitting beside him listening to his denunciations. Dr. MacInnes was not the less successful in this or in his drolly delivered stump speech.

For the last I have reserved notice of Mr. Fred B. Hall. I myself was not at all surprised at the ability and agility which he displayed, but it came as surprise to many of his friends. I knew that he had acquired stage experience, and lost stage fright, with one of the best Amateur Dramatic Companies in England. He was without the slightest possibility of a doubt the success of the evening. Dressed in short skirts, and got up to perfection he danced a step dance á la Lottie Collins, (whom he must have copied, so like was the performance to hers) which would have done no discredit to that charming danseuse herself. He was vociferously applauded, and well deserved the applause he obtained. He seems to have missed his vocation. That the men here have formed a musical and comical combination which will hold its own anywhere in the Republic I am perfectly satisfied, it only remains to hope that they may continue united, then the public will be gainers, and more union amongst Englishmen will ensue.

I must not forget to mention that the dresses were excellent, Mr. Ray's red tights being particularly smart, or that the stage management under Mr. Verschoyle, and the acting management under Mr. Maclachlan, left nothing for the most inveterate glumbler to cavil at.

C. W. W.

BUENOS AIRES FROM DAY TO DAY

The death of Mr. Barker the Managing Director of the Great Southern Railway Board caused a profound impression in Railway circles on Monday morning. The deceased gentleman had come with Mr. Parish the chairman of the Board to arrange for large extensions, but ever since his arrival he had been very ill. He was able to take a journey a few days ago as far as Ezeiza but this was unfortunately his last. The illness which caused his death was suppressed gout. The death of Mr. Barker is from every point of view a lamentable occurrence.

The Social Club at Lomas passed through its initial stages on Thursday last, that is it was resolved to be desirable and a provisional committee was appointed to carry out preliminary arrangements. This committee consists of the Rev. Canon Pinchard and Messrs. Bark, Gould, Kahl and Grant.

The "Times" was well to the fore with a full report of "Lord" Gladstone's speech on introducing the Home Rule Bill. It is to be regretted that these undoubted journalistic triumphs are obscured by attacks upon other papers.

The Municipality have entered upon the second River Plate stage in legislative matters in the question of the Jockey Club tax. The three usual stages of River Plate legislation are pass, prouogue, repeal. The collection of the tax has been suspended as a preliminary to its repeal.

Mr. John Grant of Cangallo called our attention to a few books on "horses and horse flesh" which he has on sale as a jot lot. Any interested reader of ours would do well to look at them.

A very unpleasant event has occurred in one of the Native hospitals. Two women have died from chloroform but the exact circumstances are shrouded in mystery. It would appear that no one is to blame however.

We read in the papers of a Scotchman who was not satisfied with the decision of a suburban Juez de Paz and who by way of appeal went in for an "argumentum ad hominem" in the form of a blow in the eye dealt to his worship with full Caledonian fervour. Even an English J. P. would have considered this as contempt of court and we are not surprised to find that his Argentine confrere took a similar view of the case.

We are pleased to learn that an early closing movement is on foot amongst the shopkeepers of the city. As keeping a shop open after seven o'clock at night barely covers gas expenses we expect to see the movement spread. Some revelations have been made to us about the treatment to which shop-employees are subjected in this city which we shall take a proper opportunity of bringing before the public.

The Chile Boundary question appears in a fair way for settlement at last. All that is required is good faith on the part of both countries.

The Supreme Court has decided that the grain tax in Santa Fe is not unconstitutional. Now we shall see new developments of taxation to cursh the hard working foreigner until perhaps the latter like the proverbial worm "turns" and then—

From various sources we see that the flogging of a sailor in Toulon Harbour to which we referred some weeks ago has been telegraphed to England and gone the round of all the Provincial papers. The Government of this country ought really to wake to the fact that Argentina is now an important nation and ought not to have its name smirched by atrocities of the kind which have been "the mode" in their navy during the last year.

The Rosales sumario appears to be still locked up in the Foreign Secretary's safe.

The Phantom Ship is again before the public. It seems that part of the money paid to Messrs. Francioni the contractors was paid on production of a telegram purporting to be signed by a Mr. Moyses stating that the ship had been launched. Mr. Moyses now declares this telegram a forgery. The contractors threaten Mr. Moyses with an action for slander and the latter gentleman retorts with a request that they should appeal to the Criminal Courts as being the proper place for the case to be tried.

The gallegos have started a "Literary Journal." The dialect of Galicia is very different from that spoken in the rest of Spain. Many of the old Latin forms are preserved in their pristine purity and in the streets of Vigo, La Coruña, etc., it is no unusual thing to hear phrases of almost pure Latin. The Gallegos are as proud of their dialect as is any Lancashire lad of his, and the object of the Literary Journal in Buenos Aires is to keep up their peculiar literature.

The Syndic of the Banco de Roma who was arrested in connection with the recent financial scandals involved in the close of the Bank and the defalcations of the Manager, has been released and the embargo placed on his property has been raised.

There are still cases of yellow fever in the outer roads. The pending questions relative to irregularities committed by certain officials of the Health Board are being enquired into by the Home Secretary who has constituted himself a court ad hoc and is taking the evidence of doctors,

captains, agents, etc. in order to get at the exact truth.

We have often heard of the latent abilities of the Negro race and how "the general current of the soul only lies frozen" beneath the sable skin. Mr. Cook a coloured and cultured musician has composed an opera called "Uncle Tom's Cabin" which will be sung by coloured artists at the Chicago Exhibition.

Why do aboriginal races contract infectious diseases more readily and more fatally than civilized ones? This interesting question is being argued in the "Prensa" by Drs. Ramos Mejia and Castano and the letters are well worth reading.

"The Catalans in the defence and reconquest of Buenos Aires" is the title of a pamphlet written by Dr. R. Monner Sans to prove the part the Catalans took in the operations consequent on the British invasion.

FOOTBALL

LEAGUE FIXTURES FOR 1893

APRIL

Sun. 2—Practice Game of Lomas A.C., at Lomas.
Sun. 9—Practice Game of Flores A.C., at Flores.
Sat. 15, or Sun. 16—Lomas A.C. v. B. A. E. H. School, at Palermo.
Sun. 16—Flores A.C. v. Quilmes C., at Flores.
Sun. 23—B. A. and R. Ry. v. Flores A.C., at Belgrano.
Sun. 30—Quilmes C. v. B. A. and R. Ry., at Quilmes.

MAY

Sat. 6, or Sun. 7—B. A. and R. Ry. v. B. A. E. H. School at Belgrano.
Sun. 7—Lomas A.C. v. Flores A.C., at Lomas.
Thurs. 11—B. A. E. H. School v. Quilmes C., at Palermo.
Sun. 14—Quilmes C. v. Lomas A.C., at Quilmes.
Sun. 21—Lomas A.C. v. B. A. and R. Ry., at Lomas.
Thurs. 25—Flores A.C. v. B. A. E. H. School, at Flores.
Thurs. 25—Rosario A.C. v. Quilmes C., at Rosario.

JUNE

Thurs. 1—B. A. and R. Ry. v. Quilmes C., at Belgrano.
Thurs. 1—Lomas A.C. v. B. A. E. H. School, at Lomas.
Sun. 4—England and Wales v. Scotland and Ireland, at ...
Sun. 11—Quilmes C. v. Flores A.C., at Quilmes.
Sun. 18—Flores A.C. v. Lomas A.C., at Flores.
Sat. 24—B. A. E. H. School v. B. A. and R. Ry., at Palermo.
Sat. 24, Sun. 25—Flores A.C. v. Montevideo (not arranged yet).
Sat. 24, Sun. 25—Lobos A.C. v. Quilmes C., at Lobos.
Thurs. 29—Quilmes C. v. B. A. E. H. School, at Quilmes.
Thurs. 29—Flores A.C. v. B. A. and R. Ry., at Flores.

JULY

Sun. 9—North v. South of the Riachuelo, at ...
Sun. 9—B. A. and R. Ry. v. Lomas A.C., at Belgrano.
Sun. 16—Lomas A.C. v. Quilmes C., at Lomas.
Sat. 15 or Sun. 16—B. A. E. H. School v. Flores A.C., at Palermo.

The ground on which the following fixtures will be played will be drawn for at the committee meeting held in June:

JULY

Sun. 23—Flores A.C. v. B. A. and R. Ry.
Sat. 29 or Sun. 30—Lomas A.C. v. B. A. E. H. School.

AUGUST

Sun. 6—Quilmes C. v. Flores A.C.
Sun. 13—B. A. and R. Ry. v. Lomas A.C.
Tues. 15—United Railways v. United Clubs.
Sun. 20—Quilmes C. v. B. A. and R. Ry.
Sun. 27—Flores A.C. v. Lomas A.C.
Sat. 26 or Sun. 27—B. A. and R. Ry. v. B. A. E. H. School.

Wed. 30—Lomas A.C. v. Quilmes C.
Wed. 30—B. A. E. H. School v. Flores A.C.

SEPTEMBER

Fri. 8—Quilmes C. v. B. A. E. H. School.

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Travieso 70 "
Silvertail 67 "
Tiddlywinks 67 "
Starlight 67 "
Enrique 66 "
Crespo 62 "

VICTORIA CROSS RACE; 200 metres, over one flight of hurdles, pick up dummy and home again over same course.
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JUMPING COMPETITION, for Polo Ponies 14 hands or under.
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Saturday, March 25—Hipodromo Argentino, Palermo.
Sunday, March 26—Hipodromo Nacional, Belgrano.
Saturday, April 8—Strangers' Polo and Racing Club, at Venado Tuerto.
Sunday, April 9—Meeting at Venado Tuerto.

CRICKET

Saturday, Mar. 25, Sunday, Mar. 26—Lomas v. Lomas, at Lomas.

ATHLETICS

Saturday, March 25—Rosario Athletic Club's Athletic Sports.
Sunday, April 9—Junin Athletic Club's Athletic Sports, at Junin.
Wednesday, May 25—Hurlingham Club's Athletic Sports, at Hurlingham.

LAWN TENNIS

Lomas A.C.'s Tournament.
Thursday, Mar. 30, Friday, Mar. 31, Saturday, April 1—Buenos Aires L. T. C.'s Open Tournament and Championship.
Month of May—Flores Athletic Club's Tournament.

POLO

Saturday, March 25—Flores A.C. v. Lomas A.C. (2nd teams), at Flores.
Thursday and Friday, March 30, 31, and Saturday and Sunday, April 1, 2—Championship Polo Tournament, at Hurlingham.

ROWING

Saturday, March 25—Montevideo Rowing Club's Regatta, at Montevideo.
Sunday, April 9—Teutonia Club's Regatta, at the Tigre.
Sunday, April 16—Buenos Aires Rowing Club's Regatta, at the Tigre.

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4. OPEN JUMPING COMPETITION.
5. BICYCLE RACE; 1000 metres,
6. OPEN PONY RACE; 800 metres; for any Pony 56 in. or under; weight 75 kilos.
7. DUMMY RACE; 800 metres; saddle up, draw tent peg and pick up bag of chaff; for any Pony 56 in. and under.
8. POLO TEST RACE (Cup Race for Members of Club); for Polo Ponies 56 in. and under.
9. POLO GAME RACE (Cup Race for Members of Club); for Polo Ponies 56 in. and under.
10. HURDLE RACE (Open); 1000 metres, over five flights of hurdles; for any Pony 56 in. and under; weight 75 kilos.
11. CIGAR, TOP HAT, COSTUME and UMBRELLA RACE; to be ridden on side saddles; 800 metres; for any Pony 56 in. and under.
12. CONSOLATION RACE; 1000 metres; for any Pony 56 in. and under; weight 75 kilos.

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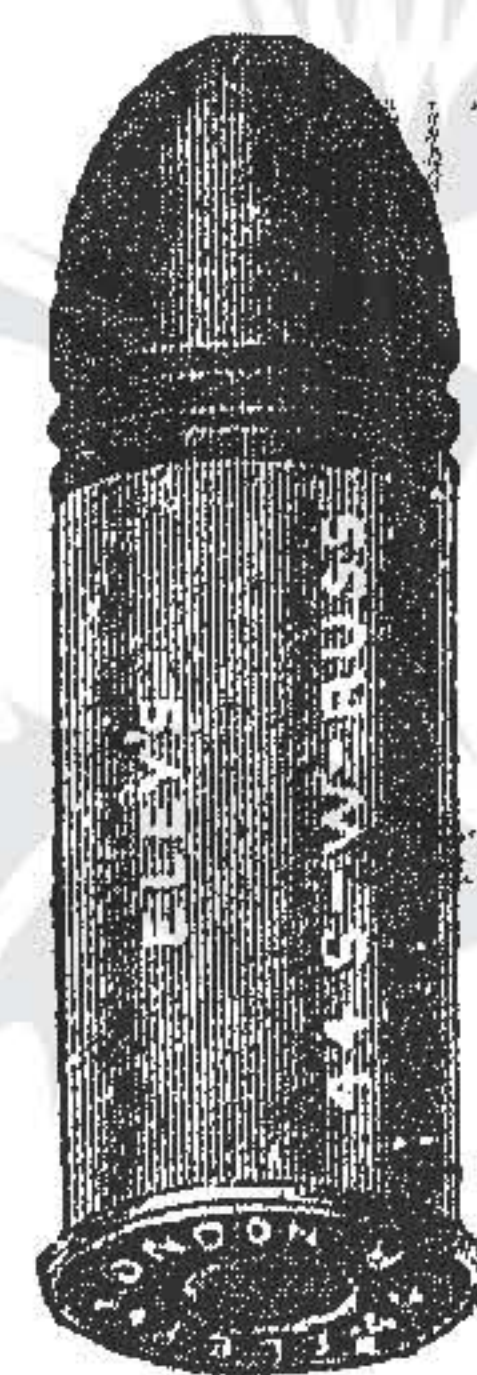
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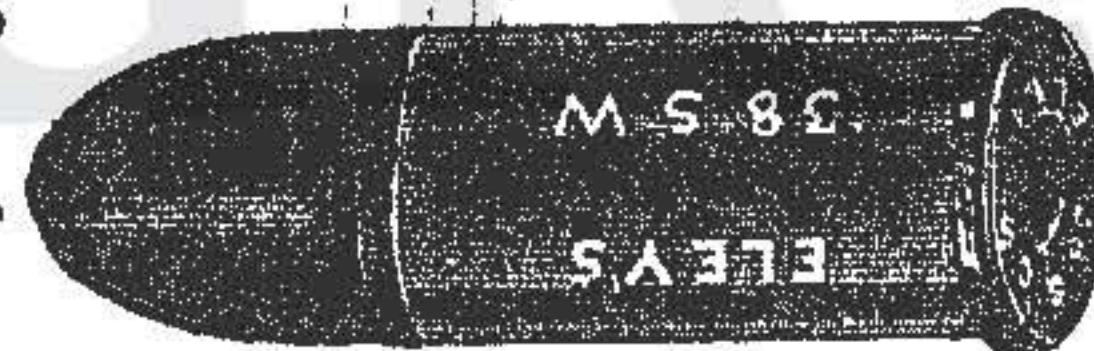
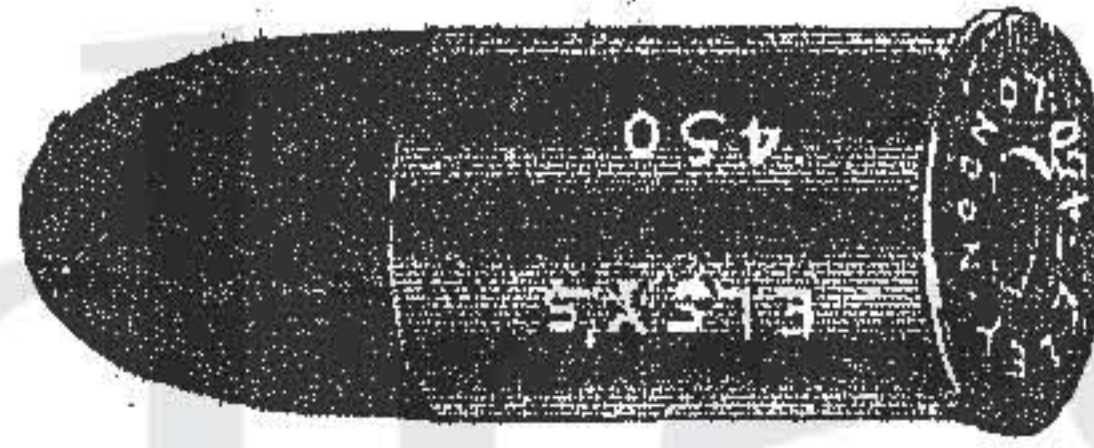
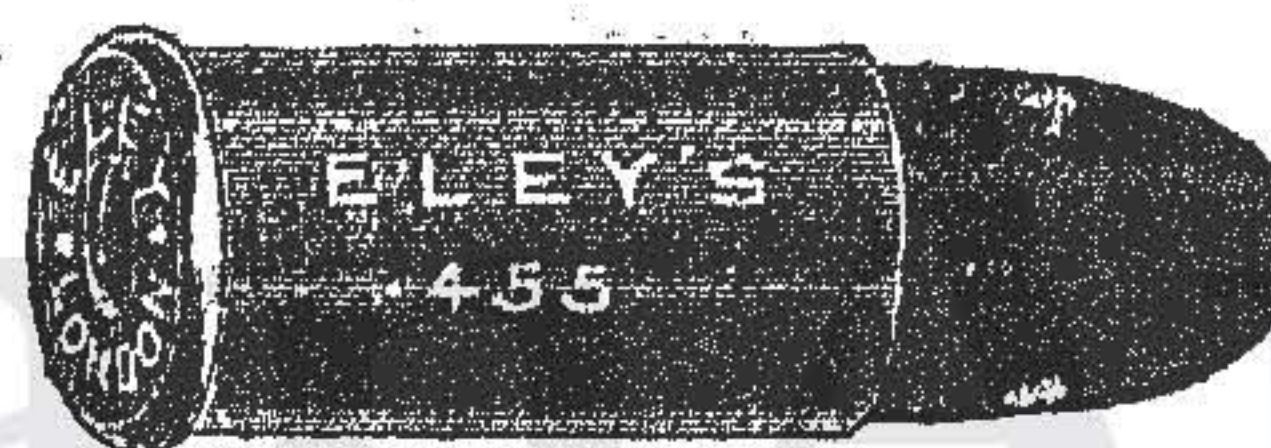
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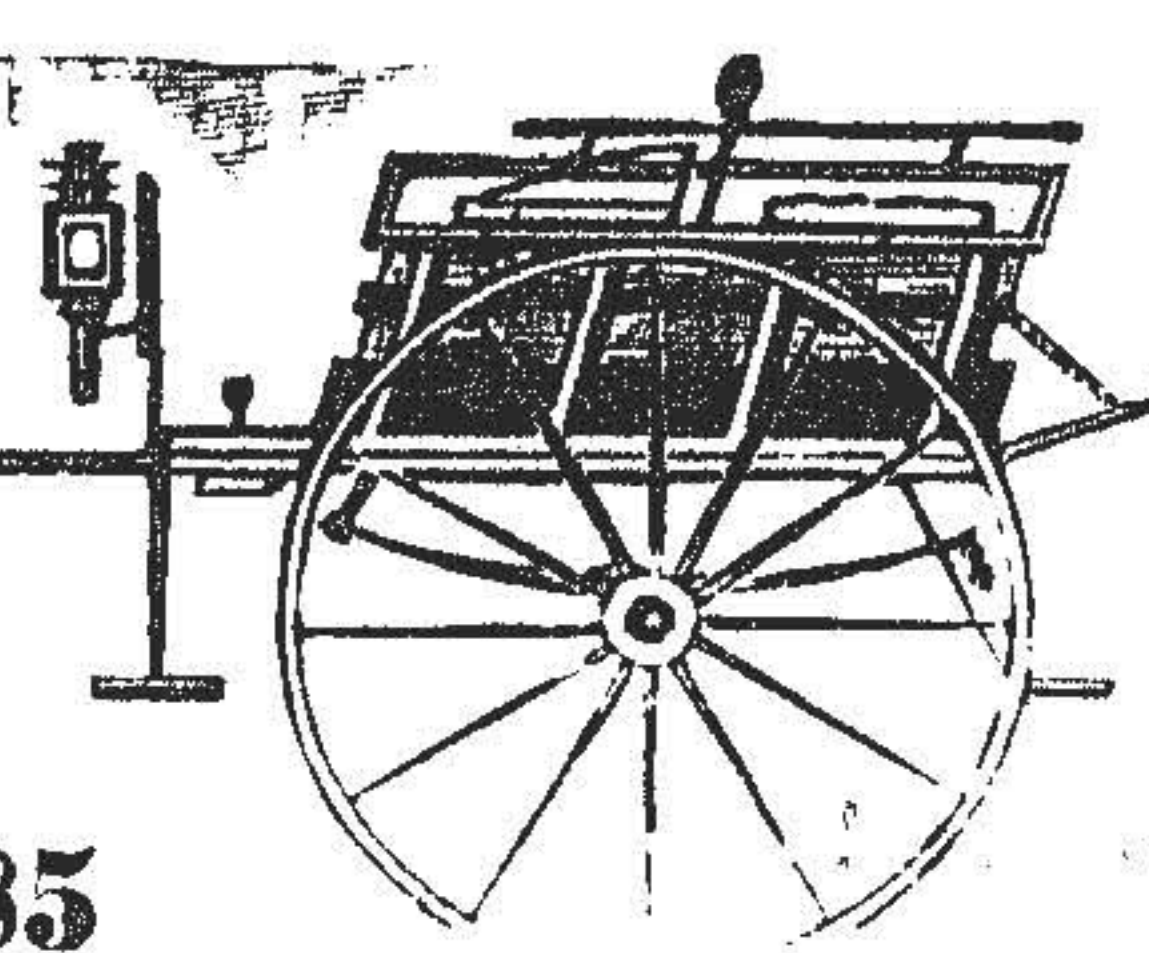
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Buenos Aires Lawn Tennis Club
OPEN TOURNAMENT AND CHAMPIONSHIP
 OF THE
RIVER PLATE

AN OPEN TOURNAMENT; consisting of the following events, will be held on the CLUB GROUNDS, Calle Vicente Lopez 299, Buenos Aires, on

THURSDAY, MARCH 30.

FRIDAY, MARCH 31,

SATURDAY, APRIL 1.

Play to commence each day at 10 a.m.

EVENTS

CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE RIVER PLATE, open to any Resident in South America. A Silver Challenge Cup, value £30, offered by Members of the Buenos Aires Lawn Tennis Club, to be won three years in succession before becoming the property of the winner. The name of the winner of the year will be engraved on the Cup, and he will receive a prize value \$100 m/n. A second prize will be given should there be ten or more entries.

LADIES' SINGLES, Handicap.

GENTLEMEN'S SINGLES, Handicap.

MIXED DOUBLES, Handicap.

GENTLEMEN'S DOUBLES, Handicap.

The entrance money, to which \$200 will be added by the Club, will be given in prizes.

Ayres' Championship Balls will be provided by the Club.

The Tournament will be held under the Rules of the Lawn Tennis Association (of England).

The best of three sets (the third to be an advantage set) will be played throughout the Tournament, except in the final match for the Championship Cup, which will be the best of three advantage sets.

The Club courts will be at the disposal of competitors on and after the 6th of March. Competitors' tickets, admitting player and a friend, may be obtained from the Hon. Secretary.

Visitors' tickets, available for the three days of the Tournament, may be obtained from the Hon. Secretary in exchange for visiting card signed by a competitor or a member of the Buenos Aires Lawn Tennis Club.

T. S. BOADLE,

Hon. Secretary.

Calle 25 de Mayo, 149.

Buenos Aires, 1st February, 1893.

Flores Athletic Club

There will be a GENERAL MEETING of the Members of the above Club, to be held at 8.30 p.m., on SATURDAY, 25th of MARCH, at the THEATRE, FLORES, for the purpose of reconsidering Article No. 15 of the Rules and Regulations.

B. G. HENDERSON, Hon. Sec.

Flores Athletic Club

A Handicap

LAWN TENNIS TOURNAMENT
 (OPEN TO MEMBERS)

Will be held on the Club Courts
 In the month of May

The Tournament will consist of:

GENTLEMEN'S SINGLES,

GENTLEMEN'S DOUBLES,

MIXED DOUBLES.

Entrance fee for each event \$2, or \$5 for the three.

Entries must be sent in writing, accompanied by the entrance fees, on or before April 2, to

J. F. MACADAM, PIEDAD 385.

Buenos Aires, March 15, 1893.

Junin Athletic Club

The ANNUAL SPORTS in connection with the above Club will be held on APRIL 9, in the Club Grounds, Junin, F. C. Pacifico.

The following events are open to all competitors, viz. 100 Yards, 220 Yards, 440 Yards and Mile; also the High and Long Jumps.

Entrance for each event \$1.

All applications to be made to the Secretary, L. W. Makin, Almacenes, F.C.B.A.P., Junin, not later than March 31.

Amateur Athletic Association

OF THE
RIVER PLATE

Junin Sports

Amateurs are cautioned against taking part in these Sports advertised to take place at Junin on April 8, as they are not held under the rules and regulations of the Association.

By Order.

ERNESTO DANVERS,
 Hon. Sec.

Hurlingham Championship Polo Tournament

First Tournament

FOR

The Championship Cup

ON

MARCH 30th and 31st, APRIL 1st and 2nd

(Open to all Clubs affiliated to the Polo Association of the River Plate).

Entries close on March 24.

In entering a team it is necessary to send the names of those forming it, the address of the Captain, and the entrance fee of \$20.

Gold Medals will be presented to each member of the winning team.

FRANK J. BALFOUR,

Hon. Sec. P. A. of the R. P.

PROGRAMME OF A RACE MEETING

TO BE HELD IN

VENADO TUERTO

ON

Sunday, April 9, 1893

Commencing at 12.30 p.m.

PREMIO RESISTENCIA, for Criollo Horses; weight 65 kilos; \$200 to the 1st; 1200 metres; entrance \$50.

PREMIO VELOCIDAD, for Ponies 56 in. or under; weight 65 kilos; \$150 to the 1st; 500 metres; entrance \$20.

PREMIO EL COMERCIO, for Criollo Horses; weight 65 kilos; \$1000 to the 1st; 600 metres; entrance \$100.

PREMIO LOS PORAZOS, Hurdle Race, for Criollo Horses; weight 72 kilos; 1800 metres; entrance \$20.

PREMIO VALERIO CARRERAS, for Mestizo Horses; weight 65 kilos; \$500 to the 1st; 1000 metres; entrance \$50.

PREMIO CONSUELO, for Criollo Horses which have not won at the meeting; weight 70 kilos; 700 metres; entrance \$20.

Every race must be ridden in saddles and jockeys must wear proper costume.

Entries must be sent to Don Genon Arana, Venado Tuerto, before April 1st.

The race for Mestizos is for half or quarter bred horses only.

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VENADO TUERTO.

PROGRAMME OF THE AUTUMN MEETING
 TO BE HELD AT

Venado Tuerto, on Saturday, April 8

(Under the Hurlingham Club's Racing Rules).

PREMIO ASOCIACION POLO; 500 metres; entrance \$20; for Ponies 56 in. or under; weight 75 kilos; allowance 3 kilos per inch.

PREMIO ISIS, Hurdle Race; entrance \$30; for Criollo Horses; weight 75 kilos; 1800 metres, over six flights of 4 ft. hurdles.

PREMIO SELLING RACE, Flat Race for Ponies 56 in.; 800 metres; entrance \$15; Prize \$100. The winner will be sold, \$30 going to the owner and the balance to the Club.

PREMIO HURLINGHAM, Flat Race; 3500 metres; entrance \$50; weight 75 kilos. For any horse, thoroughbreds excepted, the property or nominated by a member of this Club.

PREMIO EPSOM; 1800 metres; weight 75 kilos; entrance \$30. For Criollo Horses the property of members of the Club only.

PREMIO TIPPERARY; 3500 metres; weight 75 kilos. Steeplechase, for any horse, thoroughbreds excepted, the property or nominated by a member of the Club.

PREMIO EL CORTO; 800 metres; weight 75 kilos; entrance \$30. For Criollo Horses the property of members of the Club.

PREMIO MEDIA LUNA; 1800 metres; Steeplechase for 56 in. Ponies; weight 75 kilos; allowance 3 kilos per inch. entrance \$20.

With the exception of the Premios Epsom and El Corto all races are open to members of all Polo Clubs affiliated to the Polo Association. Winners at last meeting to carry 3 kilos penalty.

Racing to commence at 1 p.m.

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

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

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

All races are sweepstakes. 10 per cent. will be deducted from the stakes to go to the funds of the Club.

Entries will close on the 31st March.

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

Entries to be addressed to Mr G. H. Isaac, Correo, Venado Tuerto.

HURLINGHAM CLUB ATHLETIC SPORTS

TO BE HELD ON

Wednesday, May 25, 1893

UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE

Amateur Athletic Association of the River Plate:

120 YARDS FLAT RACE, Handicap.

QUARTER MILE FLAT RACE, Handicap.

HALF MILE FLAT RACE, Handicap.

ONE MILE FLAT RACE, Handicap.

ONE MILE WALKING RACE, Handicap.

TWO MILE BICYCLE RACE, Handicap.

HIGH JUMP, Handicap.

LONG JUMP, Handicap.

120 YARDS HURDLE RACE, Handicap.

POLE JUMP, Handicap.

PUTTING THE SHOT (7 ft. square), Handicap.

THROWING THE HAMMER (9 ft. circle), Handicap.

THROWING THE CRICKET BALL.

1000 YARDS STEEPLECHASE, Handicap.

200 YARDS BOYS' RACE, Handicap for Boys still at School.

HIGH JUMP, for Boys still at School, Handicap.

120 YARDS HURDLE RACE (3 ft. Hurdles), for Boys still at School.

OBSTACLE RACE.

300 YARDS CONSOLATION RACE.

Entry forms may be obtained from the Hon. Secretary of the Amateur Athletic Association or the Hon. Sec. of Hurlingham, and must be sent in on or before Saturday, May 8.

HON. SEC. HURLINGHAM CLUB,
 Piedad 559, Buenos Aires.

How I Discovered the Indian Mines

(Continued.)

Well, on the afternoon of the seventh day I was sitting talking to Ramon in front of his toldo. I had as yet heard nothing about where they got their silver from, and this seemed to me a favourable opportunity so I said to him:

"Brother, do you remember, when Juan broke his leg, you promised to give me anything I liked to ask you for?"

"Yes," he said, "I remember. I have given you my daughter, and you shall be married as soon as you like."

"I know that quite well," I replied, "but you must also remember that I did not ask you for her; but I want to ask you something that will cost you nothing."

"Name it," he exclaimed, "and you shall see that an Indian keeps his word."

"Well, I want to know where you get all the silver from, with which you make your spurs and stirrups."

The old man's face fell at once, and he sat thinking for some moments.

"I am afraid my brother has asked me more than I can do," he said at length, "that is a thing we only know, and one which we are not allowed to tell, and, if I were to tell you, Coliqueo, Incono, and the others would all be down upon me. Ask me something else, mares, horses, cattle, anything that I have I will give you, but that I cannot tell."

"All right," I said. "I don't want your mares nor your cattle. I give you back your son, keep him as he now is and he will get all right; to-morrow I will go my way and will never come here again, but shall remember in the future what an Indian's gratitude is worth."

With that I got up and made as if I were going off to my toldo, where Cow Eyes was cooking my dinner.

"Stop," he shouted after me, "don't be angry brother. I will call together some of my best men and consult them, and if they will allow me you shall know what you ask."

"All right," I replied, "do as you choose," and with that I went away.

Cow Eyes had put me a pile of skins just outside my toldo and I sat down on these, all the while however keeping an eye on old Ramon's hut. I saw him get up and go inside, and about two minutes later he came out with a lance in his hand with a tuft of scarlet feathers where the blade joined the wood; this he carefully planted in front of the toldo, with the blade end upwards, and sat down to wait.

I pointed it out to Cow Eyes, who had not seen it yet, but when she caught sight of it she jumped up with a little cry of fright and ran off as hard as she could. The sudden appearance of the lance with the red tuft in front of the old chief's toldo had caused no small amount of excitement throughout the village. Cow Eyes soon came back accompanied by the Tuerto, who acted as interpreter for her.

"What is the matter?" he asked. "What have you done to the old chief?"

"Nothing at all," I replied, "but what is all the commotion about; I see men running about in all directions, there is evidently something up."

"Yes, there must be something wrong, as that lance is a signal for all the capitanejos to assemble at his tent for a conference."

Well, of course I knew quite well what that was about, so I told him to tell Cow Eyes, who was evidently considerably scared, that it was only about something connected with my journey down south which I was to commence to-morrow.

From where I was sitting I could see most of the village, as well as Ramon's toldo, where single men kept dropping in one after another until I had counted seventeen. Ramon remained sitting, and each one of the visitors as they arrived squatted down on his hams.

When they were all there Ramon began to speak, and kept on for some time without any interruption. I could hear him mention my name several times, as well as those of Juan and Cow Eyes, and several times there was considerable applause. This sort of thing went on for about half an hour, and when the old man had had his say out each of the others spoke, though none of them for more than five minutes.

As soon as they had all had their say Ramon spoke again for a minute or two, and then sent one of them to where I was impatiently awaiting the verdict. I knew now that they had come to a decision: but what was it? that was the rub.

"Will my brother come to the cacique's toldo," he said, "he wishes to speak a few words."

"Bueno," I replied, "I am coming."

When I got to the old chief's hut I found a small block of wood placed on his left hand, to which he motioned me,

"Sit down, my brother," he began, "you see I have called all my capitanejos (lieutenants) together for them to speak for the tribe, and to decide whether it is fit that I should tell you what no other Cristiano knows, namely, where we get our silver from; Incono is the only one absent, and he you know left two days ago to go north, and they have decided favourably,—for what is the trash we chip out of the rocks compared with the life of the son of a chief? Juan's leg is mending, thanks to your care and skill, and from what we have seen we believe you speak truth when you say that in a month from now he will be able to walk. We have built you a toldo, and look upon you as one of the tribe, among which you will rank as one of my sons. As soon as you like you shall marry Cow Eyes, my daughter. To-morrow, if you still wish to leave us so soon, and you think Juan's leg will take no harm during your absence, you shall go on your way to the forests of

the south-west. Seven of our bravest guides will accompany you and show you what you wish to know, they will be your servants while you are away and see that you want for nothing. I know you to be a good hunter, as I have seen you throw the bolas and ride as few Cristianos can, but water, my brother, water is the danger in the forest. Many Cristianos' bones have whitened in the forest, bones of good hunters, too, through not being able to find water. We, however, who know almost every track, every land mark, may almost every tree, know also where water is to be found. The men who accompany you will answer for your life with their own, for should any accident happen to you which they can avoid they shall pay for it under the execution tree with their lives. You are my guest and my son, so you will leave your horses here to fatten while you are away, and take ten of mine, the best I have, they will gallop if you wish it from sunrise to sunset without tiring; you have none like them. The silver you wish to find is a long way off, twelve days' journey from here. You will find it high up on the south-west side of the Dog's Tooth mountain, which is the last of a spur of low mountains which comes from the great range which runs north and south where my brothers and allies the brave Araucanos live. Should you meet any of them they will treat you well as your men will explain who you are, but don't tarry with them should they ask you to; their women are ugly, they are tall and thin, their faces are narrow, and many of them have not even black eyes but eyes the colour of the sky. Come back as soon as you can, I and the tribe will wait for you and pray the good gualiche to guide and protect you and bring you safe back. Have I spoken well? Can my son find anything that I have forgotten? If so, say so, and anything more you may require that I can give you shall have."

"My father is too kind," I replied, "he has thought of everything, the only danger I anticipated was the want of water, that I knew before I started would be the only difficulty; hunger I was not afraid of, for you know that as long as there is a beast to kill in the pampa I need never fear for that. Neither could I ever be lost, as I can find my way by day or by night, but my horses are sufficient to take me there and back easily, so on that account at least I need not trouble my father."

"You don't know what you say," he replied, "your horses are doubtless good enough on the hard lands, but further south you will find the earth soft, and at each step your horses would sink in up to the first joint (meaning the fetlocks), and the ostriches and guanacos would laugh, but mine are used to it, and will gallop over it the same as over the hard pampa, and tire down any animal you can find."

This I knew to be true, as I had often heard, and once or twice during my different excursions I had come across these soft camps or "guardales" as they are termed, and found that my horses could hardly go above a foot's pace over them, so I finally resolved to take my old friend at his word and take his horses and leave mine behind.

The meeting now broke up, and the capitanejos went off each to his own hut, but not before they had each of them shaken hands with me and spoken a few words of kindly farewell.

I too went off to my hut, as the sun had sunk by this time and I knew that Cow Eyes would have my dinner ready, but as I turned to go Ramon said:

"Come back when you have eaten, and we will talk."

As soon as I had finished my supper and sent Cow Eyes off to join her sisters, I went back to where the old man was waiting for me.

"Is my son satisfied now?" he asked, when I had sat down near him on my usual log. "I had not much trouble with the men, for the people have taken a liking to you since you mended Juan's leg. But I am glad Incono was not here as he might have caused trouble, but to-morrow you will start, and long before he returns you will see the place where the silver comes from."

"But is there much of it there?" I asked.

"More than the weight of twenty bulls," he replied, "the more is taken out the more seems to come. I remember when the 'veta' (vein) was only two fingers thick, but now it is more than three, it grows very fast. My grandfather, who was a very old man, and died when I was quite young, said it had first been found by a troop of white men who came no one knew whence, and settled in the forest, building for themselves toldos of burnt mud, and that they made pots and pans of it, and spades with which they planted trees and weeds, they called the place the Manzanas after some trees they had which bore round fruit. We often used to go down there in the summer to get fruit, I have eaten lots of it myself. There is a large laguna there, too, with plenty of game (fish) in it. The town where the white men lived is not quite three days' journey from the Dog Tooth mountain."

The Indians when they are travelling seldom go more than ten or twelve leagues in a day, for as they seldom carry any food with them three or four hours each day have to be devoted to the pursuit of game, neither do they travel by night except on the war path, when they do so almost exclusively, especially when they are nearing the point which they intend invading. Thus I calculated that the Dog's Tooth mountain must be between twenty and thirty leagues from the Manzanas.

"And where did you learn to make things out of silver?" I asked.

"When I was quite a young man my father took me to San Luis with him, and I saw all the things in a winnow and wanted to learn how they were made, so my father left me there for two years, and I worked with a 'platero' and there I learned how to make them and also to speak the Christian tongue."

I gave him a double handful or nearly a pound of tobacco and some yerba, which pleased him greatly, and then said good night and went to my toldo. I found Cow Eyes had left me a new saddle cloth, probably woven by herself, and made of black and white wool woven in stripes, I suppose to show me what she could do. It made a very comfortable pillow, so determining to thank her in the morning when she came to give me mate, I lay down and five minutes after was asleep.

Rios, and not Cow Eyes, awoke me, it was quite dark when he lifted the hide which formed the door of my toldo.

"What on earth have you come at this ungodly hour for?" I asked.

"Why, patron, the lucero (morning star) is up some way, and the Indians have already brought up the horses, and we ought to start in about an hour. Hurry up and get dressed, the water for mate is just on the boil."

I got up and went outside to have a look round, and also to have a wash in a large earthenware basin which Cow Eyes had brought some days before and used to fill with fresh water every evening. There had been a severe frost, one of the last of the winter, and it was bitterly cold.

Some lances were planted in the ground in front of the doors which Rios told me belonged to the men who were to accompany us, and were put there as a sign that they would obey me while we were out.

"But there are a lot more coming," said Rios, "I heard them talking among themselves last night, and I should not wonder if more than twenty others came."

"All right, old man, so much the better for them, they will not only catch plenty of game but also should we fall in with any gauchos malos we shall be all the better able to defend ourselves."

Rios told me that the Indians thought quite a lot of me, especially as Juan's mother, who was apparently a very old woman though probably not much over forty, had declared me to be a Cristiano bueno and to have a good gualiche. This I suppose was because I had taken a great deal of trouble teaching her how to arrange the bandages on Juan's leg, and explaining the use of the splints. I believe the poor old thing believed in the theory of one good turn deserving another, for by teaching her how to set a broken bone she passed at one jump from being the superannuated wife of the cacique to the rather important post of being chief medicine woman of the tribe. However, be that as it may, she learnt quickly and well, so much so indeed, that for the last three days I had done little more than just look to see that everything was all right. Of course all our parleying was done by signs, as she could not speak a word of Spanish and I only a few words of Indian.

While we were drinking mate Ramon came round to my toldo, the first time he had done so since I had taken possession, and shortly after Cow Eyes turned up and seemed rather surprised and not best pleased to see my old servant serving me mate, for she picked up the kettle and brought it close to where I was sitting, and proceeded to hand it herself to her father & me, not however taking any notice of Old Rios, who sat there and smiled and winked at me highly amused, he evidently thought that she was taking charge rather prematurely.

One of the Indians who was going with us now came up leading a horse, he stopped in front of me and said something to Cow Eyes, who got up and went in to the toldo and brought out my recado.

About five minutes later some thirty Indians rode up driving about three hundred horses in front of them, it was time for us to start, for the sky was just getting red in the east with the first streaks of dawn. The seven men who had been told off by Ramon to act as guides dismounted and came forward to where their lances were planted.

Ramon then asked the others if they were going also, and on their answering in the affirmative he told them that they must go on the same conditions as the others, namely, under my orders and answerable for my safe return; they all agreed to do so, so I sent Rios off to get his horse.

I cut the leave taking as short as possible, shaking my old friend's hand and thanking him for all his kindness and good wishes. I slipped a little packet of the much coveted tobacco into Cow Eyes' hand, telling her that I should be back before the moon was out, charging her at the same time with the care of my toldo, and mounted, my companions all did the same, and, waving my hand in adieu to the chief and his daughter, we started on our journey towards the south-west.

I cannot say that I felt particularly elated with myself as we rode away, but quite the contrary. I felt very cheap, not on account of having got the secret of the Indian mines out of the old chief—that was all right; I had cured the broken leg of his son for him and had got a secret out of him which cost him nothing. That was all fair enough, it was not that, but the affair of poor little Cow Eyes that stuck in my gullet, she had evidently taken quite a fancy to me, and believed that when I returned I should marry her, while I on my side had no such intention, although I had tacitly led her to think so. And yet what else could I have done? The matter stood thus: I must either renounce altogether the idea of ever finding out where the silver came from or else hurt my dusky little sweetheart's feelings, for had I refused the alliance point blank the old man would have felt insulted and then good bye to all my dreams. But it was done now, and there was no help for it, but the worst of it was that if it all had to be done over again I fancy I should have done just the same. As it grew lighter however I began to take a different view of things, and by the time the sun was up the shadow of Cow Eyes faded with the shadows of the night.

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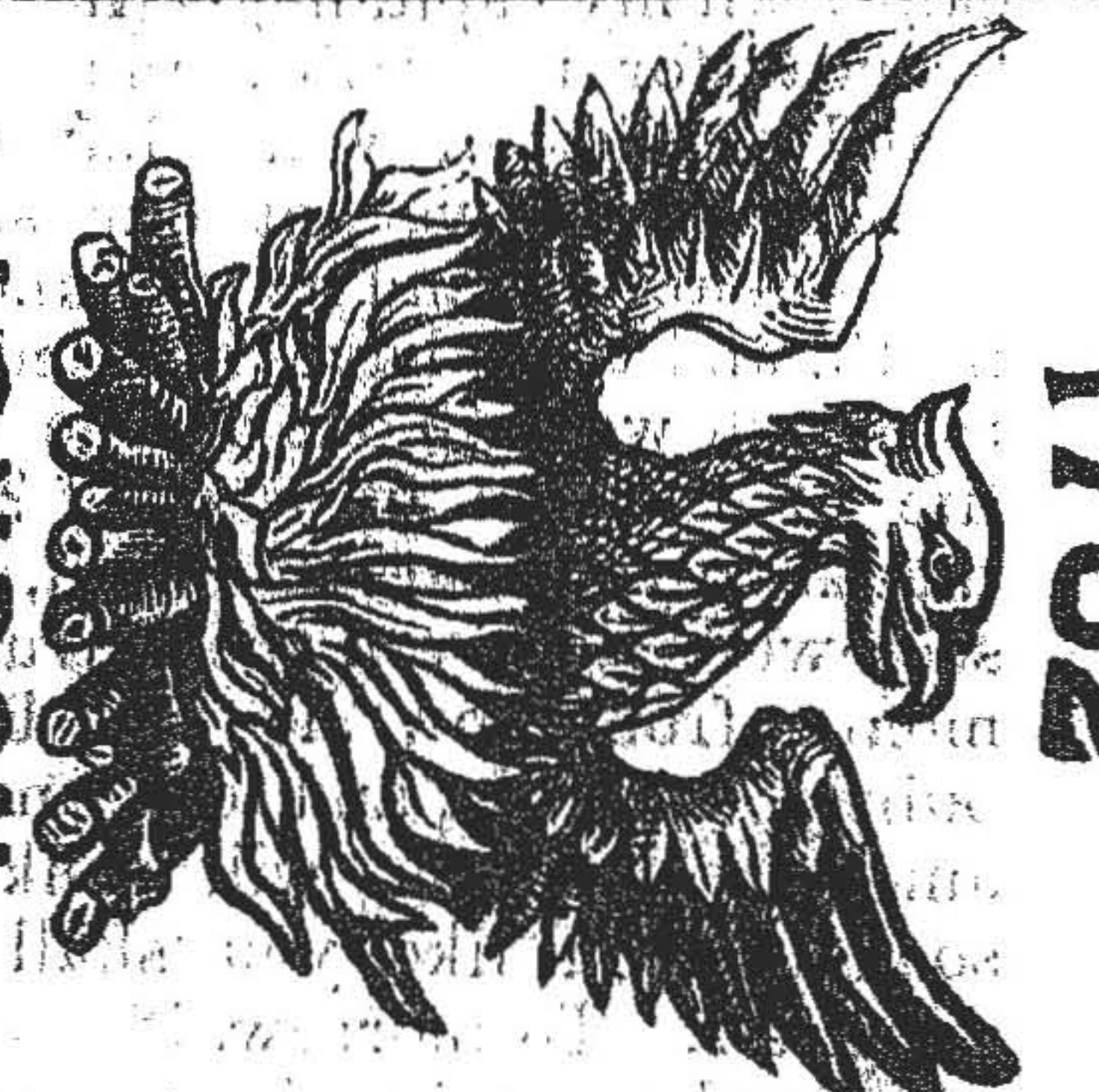
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