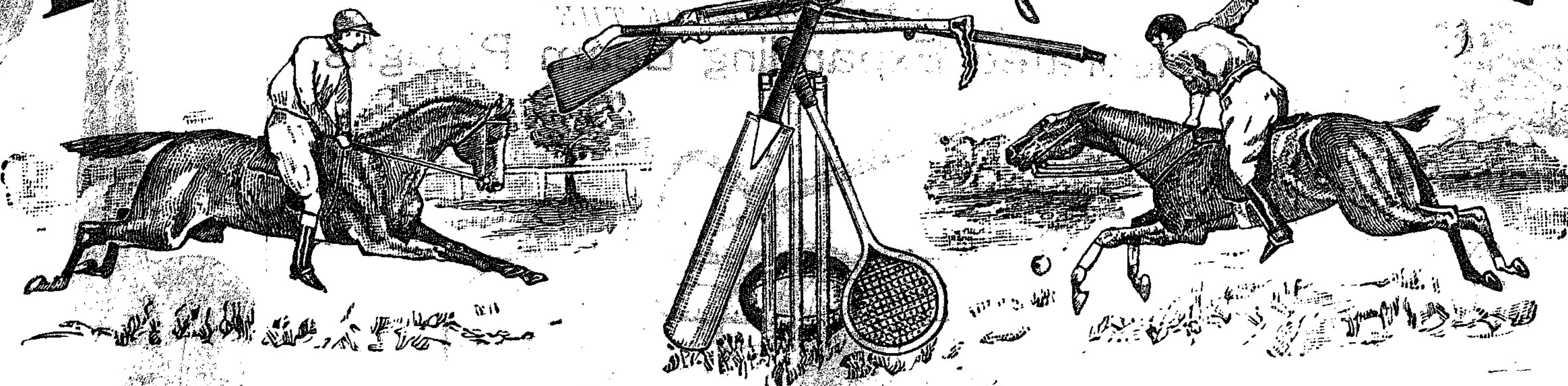


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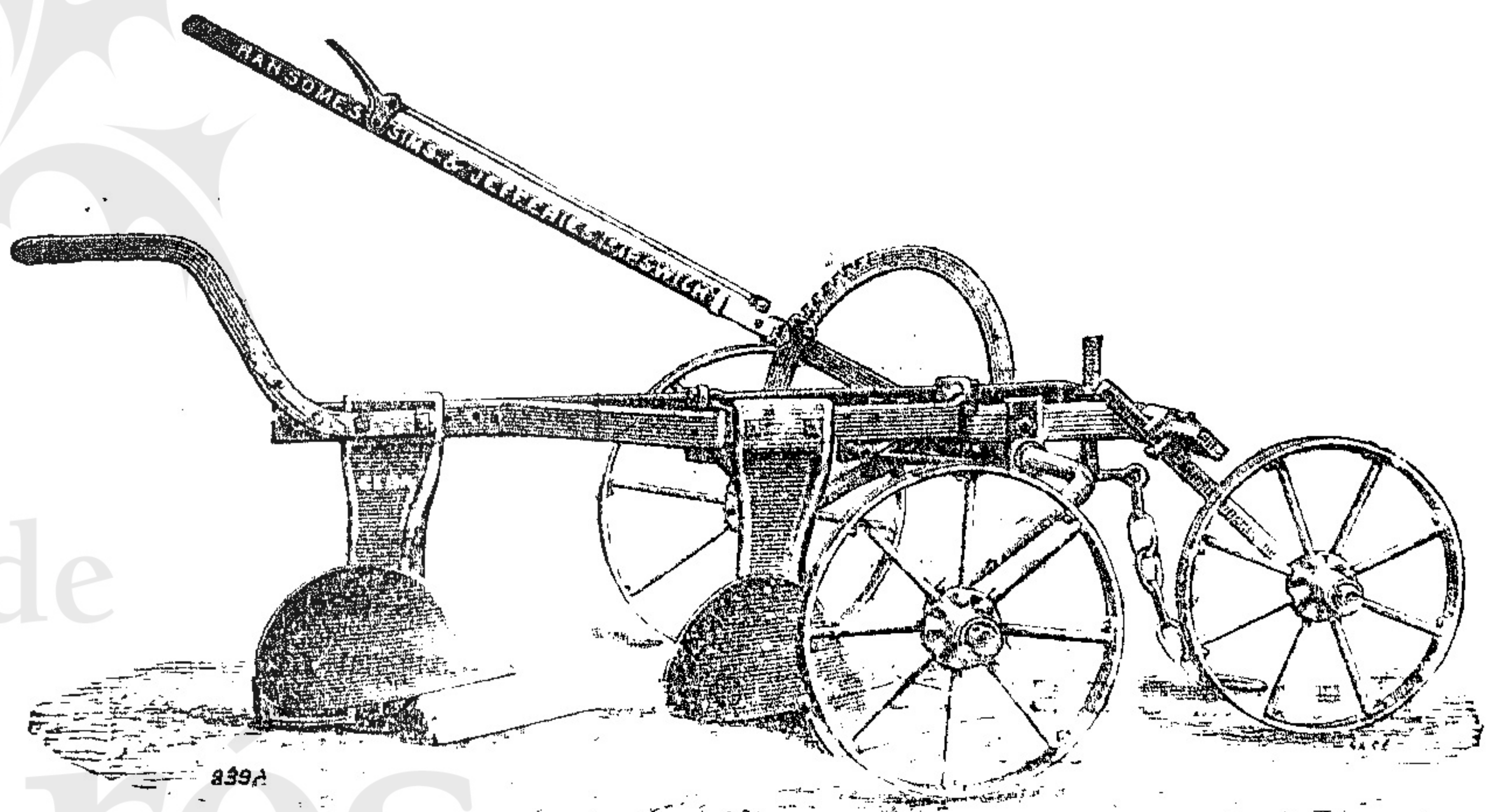
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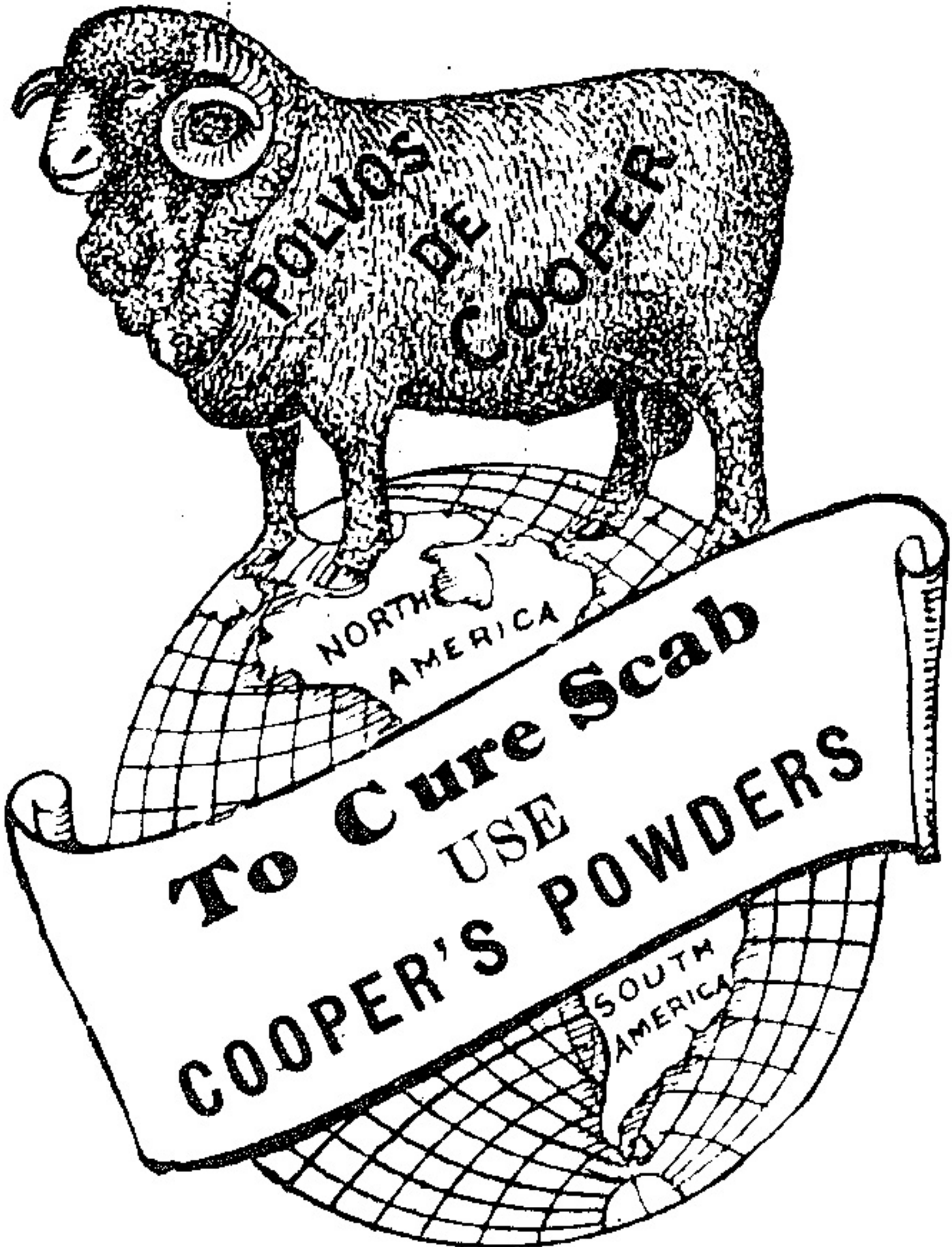
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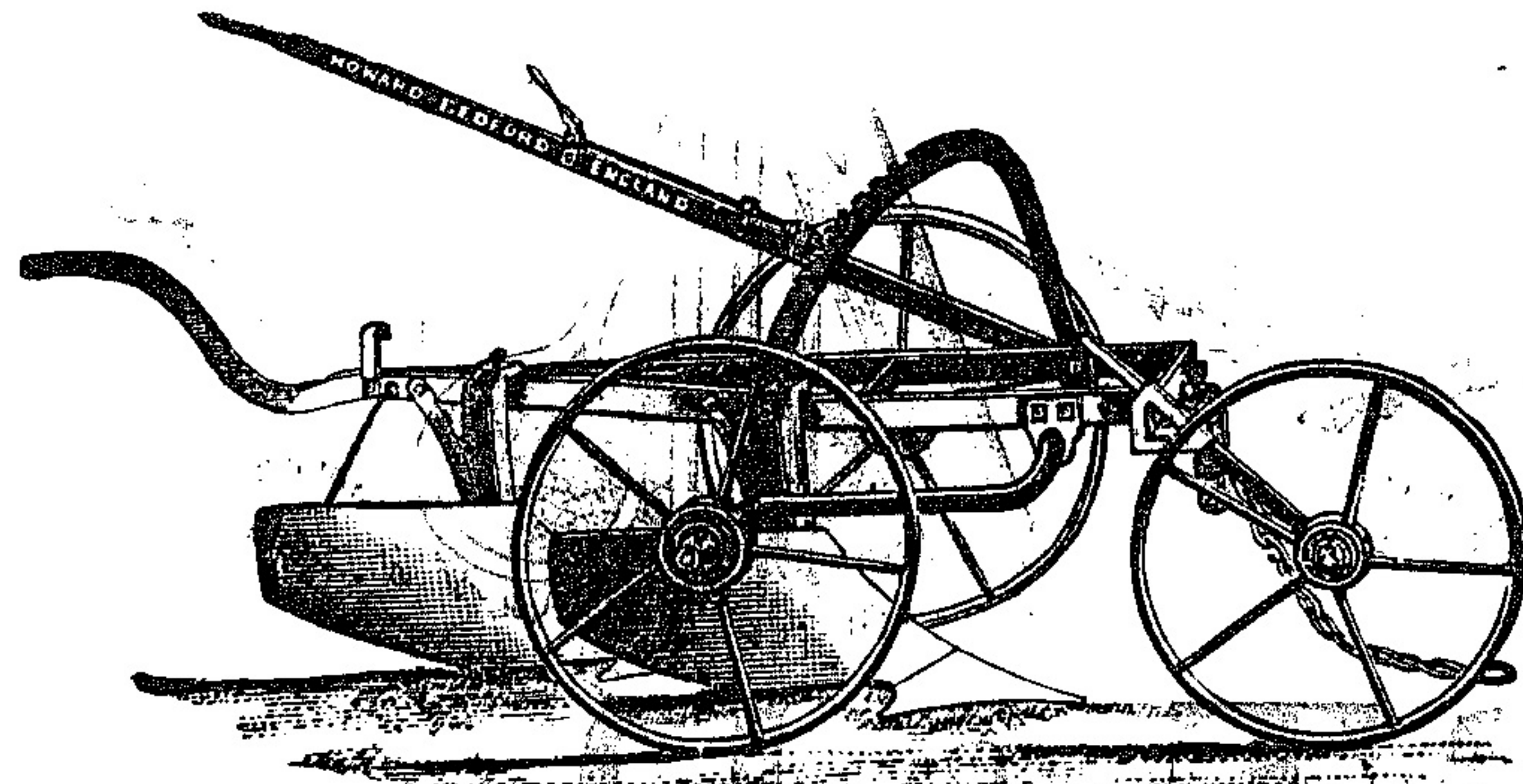
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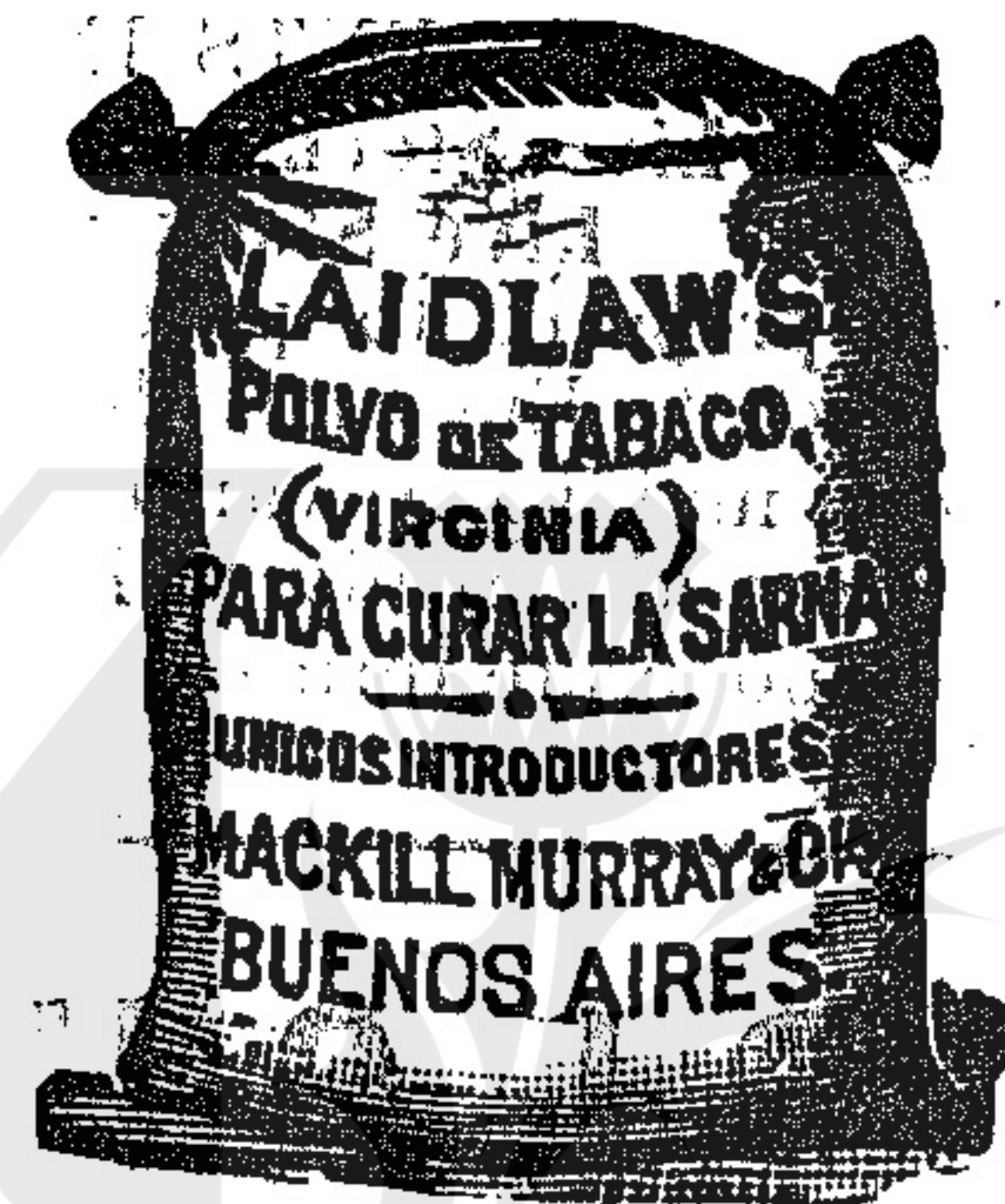
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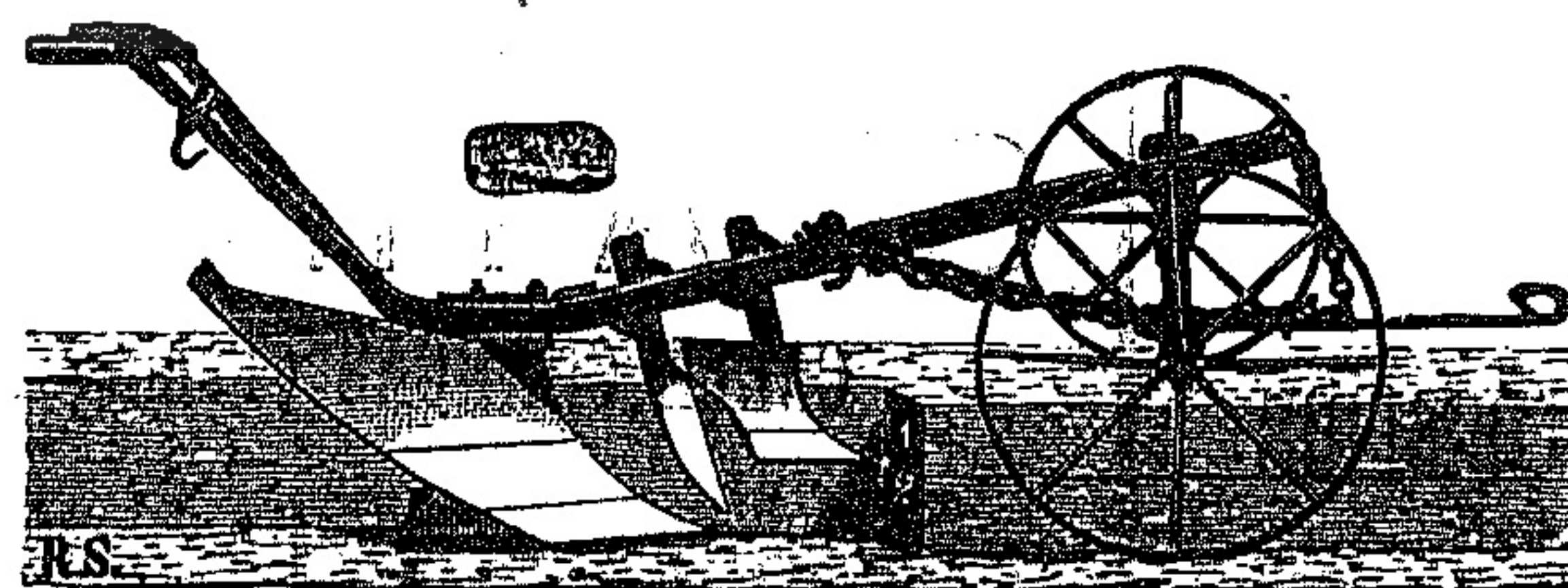


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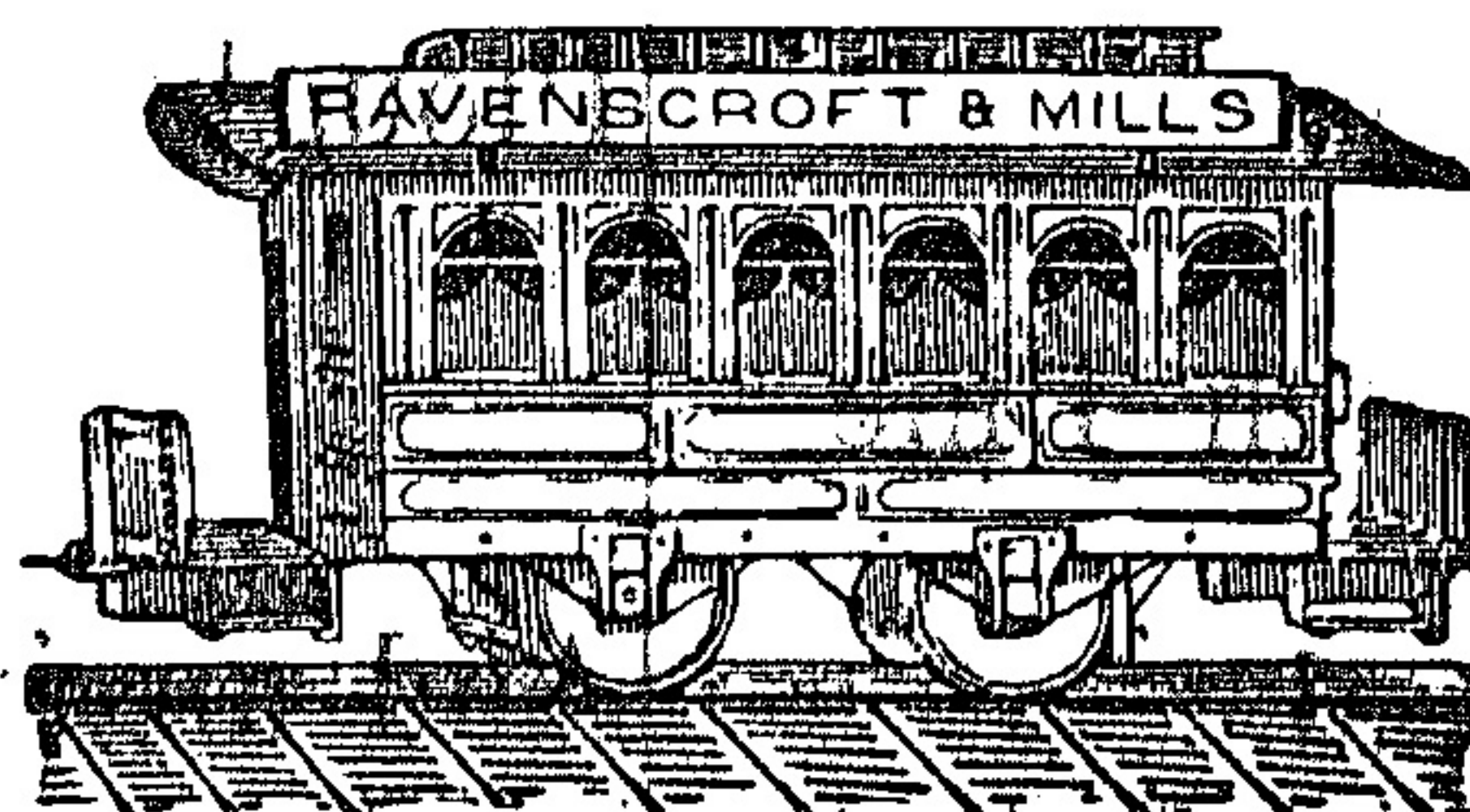
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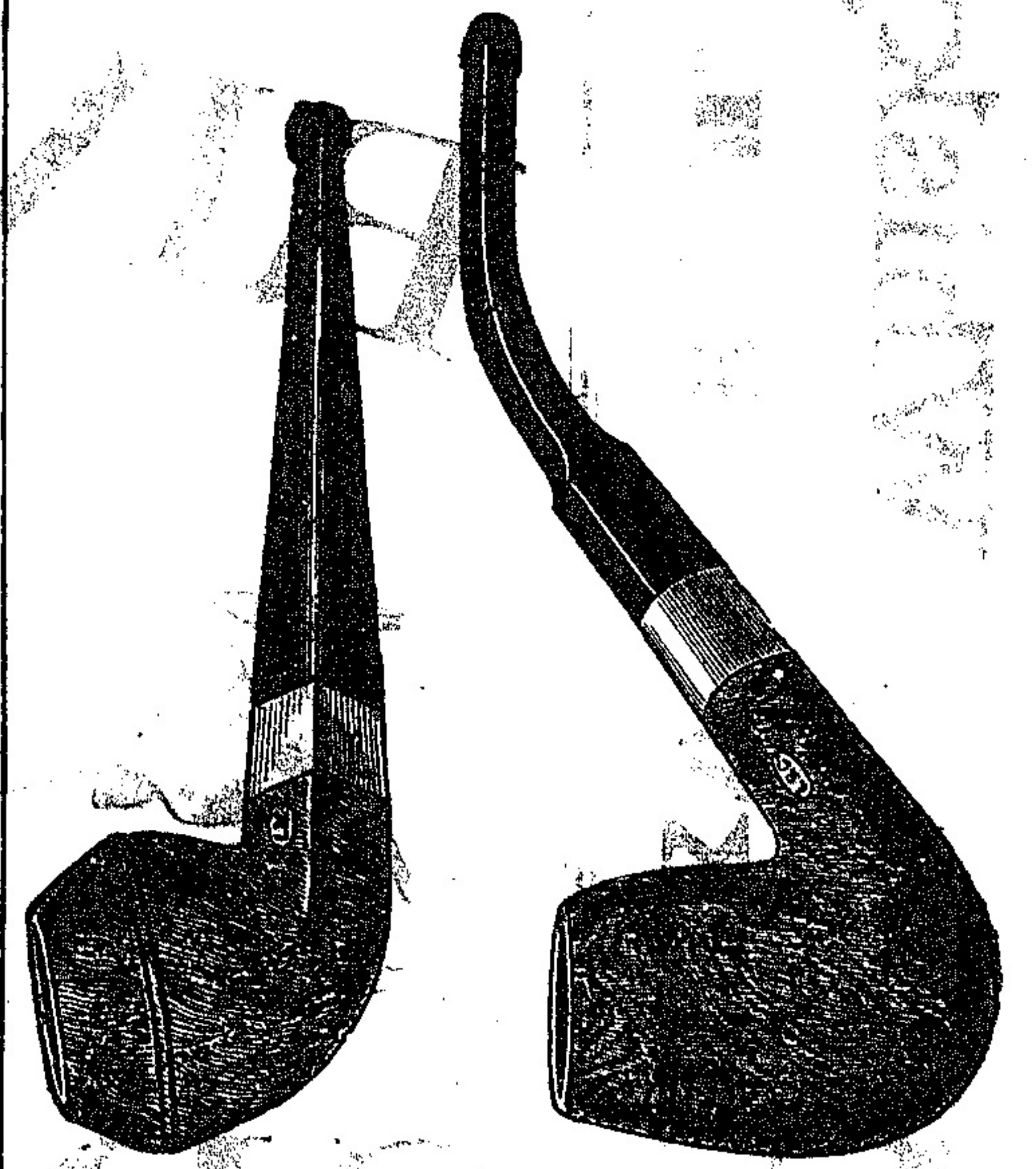
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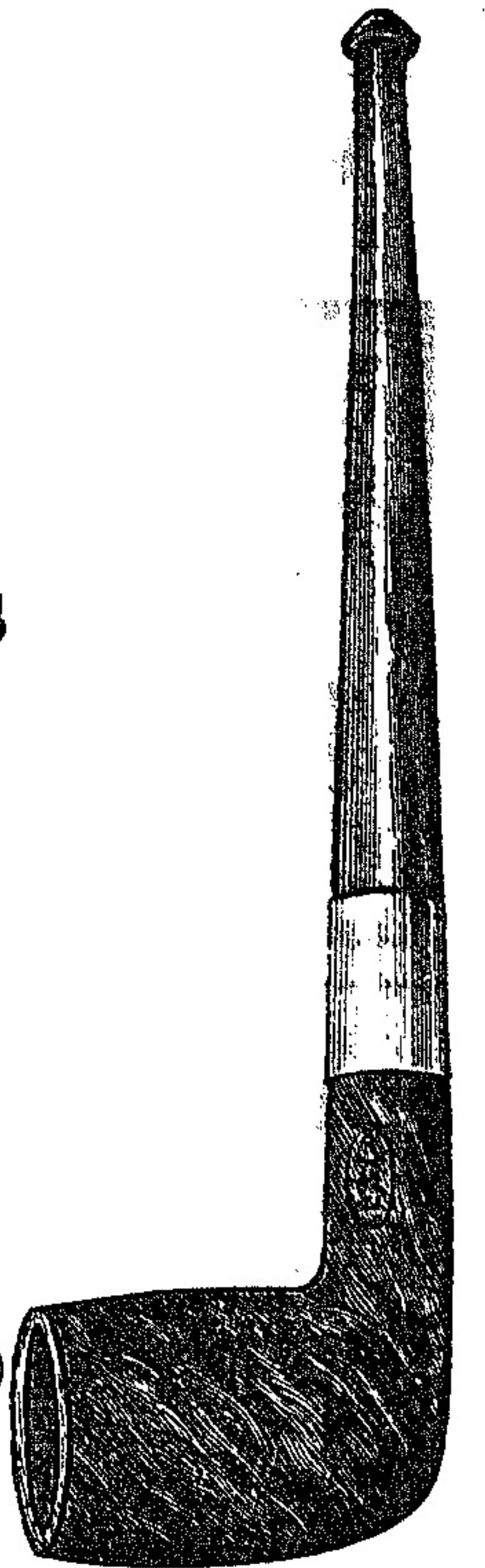
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FOOTBALL.

It took three matches to decide whether Everton or Preston North End should meet the Wolverhampton Wanderers in the final tie for the Football Association Cup. The first two matches were played at Sheffield, when a draw was the result in each case, but the third was played at Blackburn. No less than 30,000 people were present on the third occasion and £790 taken in gate money. The circumstances under which the match was played were in every way favourable, the afternoon being fine, with little or no wind and the ground in excellent condition. As in the two drawn matches the sides proved to be well matched and the play throughout was exceedingly fast. In the first half Preston North End were the more frequently on the attack, their forwards played splendidly together but their shots at goal were by no means so good as their passing, and the Everton back division, Holt in particular, defended in splendid style. Everton obtained the first goal, though not until nearly half an hour's play had been got through. After this reverse the Preston men set up a strong attack which was invested with a good deal of roughness, one of their men, Saunders, having to retire till after half time through an accident. On recommencing the Preston team continued their attack and, though repulsed time after time, their reward came at last. Gordon equalising matters for them. This position of affairs naturally caused great excitement. The backs of Everton, however, kept their heads and kicked and tackled with great judgment otherwise it is said Preston must have again scored. Everton managed a break away now and then and in one of these Gordon again scored from a fine corner kicked by Chadwick. Nothing resulted in the five minutes left for play so Everton retired winners of a grand game by two goals to one.

The teams were:—

Preston North End—Trainor (goal), R. Holmes, N. J. Ross (backs), Drummond, Saunders, Stewart (half backs), Gordon, J. Ross (right wing), Russell (centre), Beckton, Cowan (left wing) (forwards).

Everton—Williams (goal), Kelso, Howarth (backs), Boyle, Holt, Stewart (half backs), Latta, Gordon (right wing), Maxwell (centre), Chadwick, Milward (left wing), (forward). Referee Mr J. B. Lewis (Blackburn).

The Wolverhampton Wanderers reached the final in 1888-9 and were beaten by Preston North End. Everton have never before advanced so far in the competition.

The final of the Association Challenge Cup, the competition which we have been following for the last four or five months, lay therefore between Wolverhampton Wanderers and Everton. The match was played on March 25, and under conditions, says a contemporary, so extraordinary and unprecedented that make it stand out with greater prominence than any of its predecessors, be they ever so notorious. When it was announced that the ground of the Surrey County Cricket Club, known almost everywhere as the Oval, would not be available as in former years, various conjectures were rife as to where the council would ultimately decide to play the tie, and the northern enthusiasts were kept on the tenter-hooks of suspense for some time. The choice of a Lancashire ground gave great satisfaction to northerners, by whom it was thought that the council could not have made a more wise and just selection, considering the history of the competition and Lancashire's claim for this distinction.

The ground of the Manchester Athletic Club, Fallowfield, was decided upon, and by the time the match was started there were thirty or thirty-five thousand spectators present on it. For a description of the game

we cannot do better than quote the "Field," which says: All through the first half Everton, with the dazzling sun slanting down in front of them with pitiless persistency, played a good game, and on many occasions, especially in the earlier portion of the first half, it was really miraculous how the "Wolves" goal escaped downfall. Once Rose made a mull when surrounded by three or four of the Everton forwards, and when it seemed impossible to escape from being charged through, the Prestonian doubled round with wonderful agility; and again, later on, during a bully in goal, it only needed a slight kick to secure the much-coveted point for the Lancashire club. But alas for the chances of the Evertonians the kick came from the other side. All this time the Wanderers had been going ding-dong, and had many a try at the Everton goal; but their general play was not as scientific as their opponents, although on some occasions the Everton defence was sorely tried, as a consequence of some of Topham's inimitable centres. Towards the end of the first half the "Wolves" seemed to get on better terms with their rivals, and the Everton forwards were beginning to feel the effects of the attentions of the opposing halves, who stuck to their men most commendably all through; but neither team could manage to open the scoring, and time had arrived they both partook of a long rest, which was fully deserved, taking into consideration the tremendous heat which prevailed, and the pace both teams had been going. Everton were certainly the more fagged, and this fact was not a matter for much wonder, seeing that the deciding match in the semi-final with North End had only been decided five days previously, after two drawn games, and further that the team opposed to them were the heaviest in the League, and perfectly trained. The second half was entered upon amidst much anxious speculation, and it was soon seen that Wolverhampton were not going to be satisfied with a mere defensive game. Their forwards showed better combination, and time after time, pushing forward in that style peculiarly their own, severely pressed Williams, Kelso, and Howarth; but little Holt on more than one occasion was one too many for the determined Wolverhampton forwards. Everton, however, were now playing a singularly spiritless game, and seemed to be suffering from staleness; and when, from a long dropping shot of Allen's, Williams allowed the ball to go through, it was the general opinion that the Liverpoolians had no chance of recovering from this blow. This ultimately proved to be the case, as the Wanderers, from now to the end, had matters nearly all their own way. All the fire had gone from the Everton attack, if we except one or two desperate efforts from Chadwick and Milward, which, however, were rendered futile by the smartness of Malpas. The "Wolves" never for one moment relaxed their efforts, and their play presented a great contrast to the Evertonian forwards. The defence of the latter, however, was capital, Howarth and Kelso doing yeoman service at back, whilst Holt, as usual, performed wonderfully well; and between them the goal was kept intact until Mr Hughes' whistle sounded for the game to cease. Instantly the playing portion was besieged, and a sight was presented that will probably never be forgotten by those who witnessed it from an elevated point of vantage. The cup was not presented to the winners publicly for two reasons, viz., on account of the protest laid by the Everton captain (and afterwards withdrawn in a most sportsmanlike manner by the Everton officials), and from fear that the crowd, in their endeavour to get a good view, might do further damage to the fixtures on the ground. Taken all round, the game, although sturdily fought, was very disappointing, and after the first few minutes there were very few exciting incidents, and another surprising feature was the entire absence of enthusiasm from the vast crowd present. Whether it was that the excitement which undoubtedly prevailed earlier on in the day had exhausted the spectators' stock of enthusiasm is a matter for conjecture, but certain it is that the anticipated outbursts of applause usual even in the most minor matches were practically *non est* during the game for the cup, which, by the victory of Wolverhampton, finds a resting-place in the Midlands for at least another year.

Wolverhampton Wanderers—W. C. Rose (goal), G. Swift, R. Baugh (full backs), G. Kinsey, H. Allen (captain), W. Malpas (half backs), A. Griffin, H. Wood, J. H. Butcher, D. Wykes, R. Topham (forwards).

Everton—R. Williams (goal), R. Kelso, R. H. Howarth (captain) (full backs), R. Boyle, J. Holt, A. Stewart (half backs), A. Latta, P. Gordon, A. Maxwell, E. Chadwick, A. Milward (forwards).

Referee, Mr C. J. Hughes (Cheshire); linesmen, T. Gunning (London Football Association) and M. Roberts (Derby).

The eighteenth Association match between England and Scotland was played on March 18th at Wrexham. The Welshmen were outclassed all through and although they made a plucky defence, Scotland eventually won a rather one-sided game by eight goals to one. Wales were unfortunate in not being able to play Trainor who had been selected but he was otherwise engaged and as one or two other substitutes had to be found the Welshmen were at a decided disadvantage. The Scotch halves are said to have been a capital trio who completely broke up the Welsh attack, whilst their forwards were in rare form, their attack was grand, and the home backs and half backs were unable to cope with them to any extent.

The teams were:

Scotland—N. McLeod, J. Dunbarton (goal), J. D. Doyle (Celtic), R. Foyers (St. Bernard's) (backs), D. Sillars (Queen's Park) (half backs), Taylor, Thompson (Dunbarton) (right wing), J. Madden (Celtic) (centre), W. Lambie (Queen's Park), Barker (Glasgow Rangers) (left wing) (forwards).

Wales—S. Jones (Wrexham, goal), O. D. T. Taylor

(Newtown), F. W. Jones (Llandudno Swifts) (backs), G. Williams, G. Owen, E. Morris (Chirk) (half backs), Vaughan (Dunds), W. Owen (Chirk) (right wing), J. Butler (Clink) (centre), B. Lewis (Crewe), H. G. Bowdler (Shrewsbury) (left wing) (forwards).

Lancashire County with the idea of strengthening their list of home fixtures for next season, visited Glamorganshire and Devonshire at Swansea and Exeter respectively. Their match against Glamorganshire ended in a draw the game finishing as it started, without a point being scored by either county. Against Devonshire, Lancashire were more lucky. The Devonian halves were out of form and their three quarters had therefore few opportunities. The Lancashire men, who were rather weak behind, on the other hand adopted tactics suitable to their strength and ability and had much the best of the game all through and won by three goals (one dropped) to a try.

A return match between Middlesex and Kent was played at Chatham on March 22nd with the result that Kent won by four goals to one.

The long looked forward to visit of Blackheath to Scotland commenced on March 18th on which date the visitors opposed a West of Scotland team. The visitors had by no means a strong fifteen, and though they won they appear to have made but a poor display and the game is described as tame and uninteresting. Half time arrived with Blackheath seven points in hand, and as they added five more before time was called they were left victorious by twelve points (two goals and a try) to five points (one goal).

Two days following the above match Blackheath closed their short tour in Scotland with a victory over the Royal High School Old Boys by thirteen points (two goals, one dropped and two tries) to two points (one try). The visitors played much better than against the West of Scotland and the game was fast and exciting from start to finish, Blackheath gaining high encomiums not only for their fine scrimmaging but also for the excellent understanding which is said to have prevailed among their backs.

AMATEURS V. PROFESSIONALS.

A match nominally between the teams which had respectively opposed Ireland and Wales met at Derby on March 22nd. Neither side took the field as originally intended, but the game was productive of some capital play of even character. The defence of the Amateurs—Gay in goal being especially good—was splendid, and the match resulted in a draw of two goals each.

Amateurs—L. H. Gay (Old Brightonians, goal), A. H. Harrison (Old Westminster), F. R. Pelly (Old Foresters) (backs), A. G. Topham (Casuals), W. N. Winckworth (Old Westminster), A. Smith (Notts Forest) (half backs), R. Topham (Wolverhampton Wanderers), R. C. Gosling (Old Etonians) (right wing), G. O. Smith (Oxford University) (centre), T. Lindley (Notts Forest), R. R. Sandilands (Old Westminster) (left wing) (forwards).

Professionals—Sutcliffe (Bolton Wanderers, goal), Clare (Stoke), Holmes (Preston North End) (backs), Needham (Sheffield United), Chatt (Middlesboro' Ironopolis), Reynolds (West Bromwich Albion) (half backs), Bassett (West Bromwich Albion), Whitehead (Acrington) (right wing), J. Goodall (Derby County) (centre), Wood (Wolverhampton Wanderers), Schotfield (Stoke) (left wing) (forwards).

RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION.

On March 29th the March annual general meeting of the Rugby Football Union was held at the Westminster Palace Hotel, under the chairmanship of Mr W. Cail (president). As usual, there was a large muster of delegates from all parts, and, as most of them had well considered the business to be placed before the meeting, briskness characterised the proceedings throughout. Indeed, forty minutes sufficed to deal with all the items on the agenda.

The following alterations to the Laws, proposed by W. Cail (president), seconded by G. Rowland Hill (hon. sec.), and recommended by the International Board, were carried *en bloc*:

1. Weight of Ball. Read "13oz to 14½oz" instead of "12oz to 13oz."
2. Dead Ball-line. Second line—Strike out "the" and add "and equidistant from each."
2. A Scrummage. At end of definition change full stop into a comma, and add "and who must have both feet on the ground."
2. Definition of a Goal. 3rd line from top of page 13 strike out "cross bar of" and again goal (last word), and in place of goal insert "cross bar," last line insert "goal" between "the" and "posts."
2. Knocking-on, 4th line. Change "goal" to "in goal."
2. A fair-catch, 4th line. Strike out "who" and substitute "the catcher."
4. In two cases change "goal" to "in goal."
11. (a) Strike out and replace by "intentionally either handles the ball or falls down in a scrummage; or picks the ball out of a scrummage."
11. After third line add. (i) "Being in a scrummage, lifts a foot from the ground before the ball has been put into such scrummage. In this case the referee must allow a free kick to the opposite side without any appeal."

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A proposal "That should clubs disagree as to the fitness of the ground in any respect the question shall be decided by the referee, whose decision shall be final," was withdrawn on the chairman announcing that the committee were of opinion such a rule would place too heavy a responsibility on the referee.

Mr A. L. Bill (Coventry) proposed, and Mr G. Hogg (Rugby) seconded, that in section 4, which relates to the system of scoring, the paragraph should read, "A try equals three points." This was supported by the chairman, who was of opinion that the majority of players viewed favourably an increase in the value of a try. The scoring of three points for a try had met with success in Wales, and if the meeting agreed to the alteration the matter could be placed before the International Board by England and Wales, with a view to the adoption of the plan by the other two countries. This would give one system of scoring throughout the United Kingdom—a result to be desired.

An amendment to the effect that "a penalty goal equals two points and a try three points," was placed before the meeting by Messrs J. Pearson (Halifax) and R. J. Hodgson (Middlesex). The introducers being of opinion that there was more merit in a try than a penalty goal, which was often the outcome of strategy. This was lost, the meeting voting in favour of Mr Pearson's proposal.

It was proposed by Rev. F. Marshall (Almondbury Grammar School), seconded by G. V. Lewin (Old Almondburians). "That the rulings of the committee on points of law being published immediately after the meeting of the committee at which such rulings are made, either (1) by circular to all clubs in membership with the Union, or (2) officially in the newspapers." The secretary announced that everything should be sent to the newspapers and officially signed by him.

A proposition by Mr Robert Bell (Barrow) stood on the agenda to the effect: "That when a scrummage is formed the ball shall be placed in the scrummage from the side on which the referee is standing." It was withdrawn on the chairman stating that Scotland had a proposal before the international Board to the effect that the referee should have the option of ordering the ball to be placed in the scrummage on whichever side he chose.

It must be understood that the resolutions passed at the meeting do not take effect until next season.

We are indebted to Messrs Mackern and Shine and to Messrs Galli Brothers for home papers of the latest dates.

RACING

The Nottingham Spring Meeting at Colwick Park, the last day's racing of the Liverpool Meeting, and the Northampton and Pychley Hunt Races are all recorded in the last mails to hand, which include dates up to Saturday, April 1st. Colwick Park is a new venture but as we read that the course is a pretty one, and has been well looked after, while from the stands and rings a capital view of all the races can be obtained, it should prove successful both in a paying and racing sense. We append below details of the Nottingham Spring Handicap Stakes and of the Bestwood Park Stakes Handicap which respectively formed the attractions of the two days' racing which were held there on the 27th and 28th of March:

Nottingham Spring Handicap Stakes of 1000 sovs; the straight mile.

Mr D. Cooper's ch c Juvenal, by Springfield—	
Satire, 4 yrs 7st 2lb	1
Sir J. B. Maple's Prince Hampton, 5 yrs 9st	2
Mr W. Johnstone's Weymouth, 4 yrs 6st 9lb	3
Mr L. de Rothschild's Opoponax, 4 yrs 6st 12lb (car 7st 3lb)	4
Duke of Montrose's Dazzle, aged 8st 6lb (inc 9lb ex)	0
Chandley	0
Mr J. Lowther's Workington, aged 8st 2lb	0
Mr J. Charlton's St David, 5 yrs 8st 11lb	0
G. Chaloner	0
Mr T. Jennings' Acrobat, 4 yrs 8st	0
Col. Heyward's Kentigern, 5 yrs 6st 12lb	0
Lord Penrhyn's Cairnton, 3 yrs 6st 8lb	0
Lord Dunraven's Senaputty, 3 yrs 6st 6lb	0
Bradford	0

Betting—4 to 1 agst Senaputty, 5 to 1 agst Workington, 100 to 12 agst Juvenal, 9 to 1 each agst St David and Dazzle, 100 to 11 agst Weymouth, 10 to 1 agst Opoponax, 100 to 8 each agst Prince Hampton and Kentigern, 100 to 7 agst Acrobat, and 100 to 6 agst Cairnton.

Won by a couple of lengths, the same between second and third.

Bestwood Park Stakes Handicap of 500 sovs; about 5 furlongs, straight.

Col. North's b c Hawkesbury, by Hawkeye—	
Silence, 3 yrs 6st 12lb	1
Mr R. Vyner's Barberry, 6 yrs 7st 10lb	2
Mr J. G. B. Hay's Star and Garter, 3 yrs 7st 5lb	3
Mullen	3
Mr W. Dunne's Kaboonga, 5 yrs 8st 5lb	0
M. Cannon	0

Sir J. B. Maple's Coelus, 4 yrs 8st 3lb (inc 7lb ex)	J. Woodburn	0
Sir R. Jardine's Jolly Monk, 4 yrs 8st 2lb	Allsopp	0
Lord Durham's Bon Gaultier, 5 yrs 8st 11lb	A. Watts	0
Mr W. Chatterton's Dusk, 4 yrs 8st 11lb	S. Chandley	0
Mr C. J. F. Fawcett's Pitcher, 3 yrs 7st 5lb	T. Loates	0
Mr F. H. Jennings' Heckla, 3 yrs 6st 12lb	Bradford	0

Betting—7 to 4 agst Pitcher, 5 to 1 agst Kaboonga 100 to 15 agst Coelus, 8 to 1 agst Hawkesbury, 100 to 12 agst Barberry, 10 to 1 agst Jolly Monk, 100 to 8 agst Dusk, and 20 to 1 agst any other.

Won by three parts of a length, half a length divided second and third.

The lovely weather experienced during the Liverpool week remained unbroken on the last day, which if possible was even finer than its predecessors. As will be seen below the public's favourite, Buccaneer, won the Spring Cup, whilst Midshipmite kept up the merit of his Grand National form and easily galloped down his three moderate opponents in the Champion Steeplechase.

Forty-sixth Liverpool Spring Cup of 800 sovs; second received 50 out of the plate; Cup Course, 1 mile 3 furlongs.

Lord Rosslyn's b c Buccaneer, by Privateer—		
Primula, 5 yrs 3st 4lb	G. Barrett	1
Mr Vyner's Sedge Chat, 6 yrs 6st 8lb	P. Chaloner	2
Lord Ellesmere's Sabra, 5 yrs 7st 2lb	F. Allsopp	3
Sir R. Jardine's Enniskillen, 5 yrs 7st 7lb	T. Loates	4
Mr H. M. Dyas's Alice, 6 yrs 9st 3lb	S. Chandley	0
Mr Taylor's Madame d'Albany, 6 yrs 8st 3lb (car 8st 4lb)	M. Cannon	3
Mr P. Buchanan's Cardrona, 4 yrs 6st 11lb	Bradford	0
Lord Cholmondeley's Miss Tennyson, 4 yrs 6st 4lb	Gough	0
Mr H. M. Dyas's Kells, 6 yrs 6st 4lb	Lawrence	0

Betting—9 to 4 agst Buccaneer, 9 to 2 agst Sabra, 6 to 1 each agst Kells and Cardrona, 100 to 8 each agst Sedge Chat and Alice, 100 to 7 each agst Enniskillen and Madame d'Albany, and 20 to 1 agst Miss Tennyson.

Won by two lengths, the same distance separating second and third.

Thirteenth Champion Steeplechase of 300 sovs, with 100 for the second and 50 for the third; about 3 miles.

Mr H. L. Powell's b g The Midshipmite, by Torpedo—dam by New Oswestry, aged, 12st 12lb	Sensier	1
Mr J. Bell-Irving's Champion, aged 11st 7lb	Mr W. H. Johnstone	2
Mr Winter's Mount Armstrong, 6 yrs 11st 7lb	Kavanagh	3
Mr M. A. Maher's Brown Bess, aged 11st 7lb	J. Hair	4

Betting—2 to 1 on The Midshipmite, 7 to 2 agst Brown Bess, 7 to 1 agst Mount Armstrong, and 10 to 1 agst Champion.

Won easily by six lengths, a bad third.

LATEST LONDON BETTING—MARCH. 25

City and Suburban

Run Wednesday, April 12th. Distance, one mile and a quarter.

6 to 1	agst Windgall (t and o).
100 to 12	" The Smew (t and o).
100 to 8	" Laodamia (t and o).
100 to 7	" Tanzmeister (t and o).
100 to 7	" Lady Hermit (t and o).
100 to 7	" Metall c (t).
100 to 6	" Crystabelle (o).
100 to 6	" Progression (t and o).
25 to 1	" Jodel (o).
33 to 1	" Vinolia (t and o).
33 to 1	" Chater (t and o).
33 to 1	" Mervyn (t and o).
40 to 1	" San Giovanni (t and o).
40 to 1	" Earl of Annandale (t).
50 to 1	" Blanc Mange (t).

Two Thousand Guineas

Run Wednesday, May 3rd. Rowley Mile

6 to 4	agst Isinglass (t and o).
9 to 2	" Raeburn (t and o).
6 to 1	" Glenwood (t and o).
8 to 1	" Ravensbury (t and o).
100 to 7	bar four (o).

The Derby

Run May 31st. Distance, one mile and a half

3 to 1	agst Isinglass (t. and o).
5 to 1	" Raeburn (t and o).
100 to 12	" Ravensbury (t and o).
100 to 6	" Tournesol (t and o).
100 to 6	" Fealar (t and o).
100 to 6	" Glenwood (t and o).

CRICKET

The honour of making the highest score ever reached in a cricket match in Australia, claimed until Feb. 11 by W. Bruce, the M. C. C. batsman, now goes to F. Laver of East Melbourne, who on that date carried out his bat against St Kilda for 352, a score made up of two fives, forty-nine fours, seventeen threes, nineteen twos, and fifty-seven singles. Laver's innings extended over

three days, and his play on the first two days was perfect, but on Saturday he gave a couple of chances. His achievement was duly recognised at the close of the East Melbourne innings, Mr A. E. Clarke, the president of the club, inviting those present to drink the batsman's health. Next to Laver's, the three highest individual scores so far as Australian cricket is concerned, are those of W. Bruce, 328 not out, R. M'Leod, 324, and W. L. Murdoch, 321.

RACKETS.

The Oxford and Cambridge Racket matches were played at the Queen's Club on March 29th and 30th. The double game was played between Messrs H. K. Foster and F. J. Ridgway (Oxford) and Messrs S. D. Corbet and W. G. H. Price (Cambridge). Play on the whole was superior to that seen in the competition last year, notwithstanding that the Dark Blues scored an easy victory which the early efforts of the Cambridge pair hardly foretold. Oxford gained the rubber by four games to none, and having scored 62 aces to 38.

The single game was played between Mr H. K. Foster (Oxford) and Mr S. D. Corbett (Cambridge), and resulted in a win for the former by three games to none, 45 aces to 29.

ATHLETICS

The annual general meeting of the Amateur Athletic Association, held on March 25th, passed the New Record Rules quoted by us last week, so they now become law.

The Ten Miles Amateur Path Championship of Scotland was decided on March 27th, and resulted in A. Hannah of the Clydesdale Harriers, the winner in three previous years, regaining the honours which he resigned last year without running. The official time for the race was 55 min. 12 3-5 sec., the circumstances not being at all good for sensational times. S. J. Cornish, Edinburgh Harriers finished second, and J. Walker, Clydesdale Harriers, third.

BY THE WAY

The Belgrano Polo Club Concert and Dance was a success, with emphasis on the Dance. Notwithstanding an eloquent appeal in the daily papers to the audience to come early, if they meant coming, the appearance of the Hall at 8.30 was anything but reassuring. At that hour about 5 men, members of the Club, and we, were the only people present from which it was evident that though music may have charms, etc., it did not suffice to bring the average Belgranonian—by the way what is the proper designation of one who lives in Belgrano—out of his lair. A few musically disposed persons however dropped in and at 9 o'clock, half an hour late, the performance began, in the presence of a very small audience.

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Sr. Aurelio Donndorf opened the proceedings by playing one of Chopin's walses, with very good taste on a piano not calculated to display technical ability. Mr. R. H. Morgan followed with a humorous recitation, during the progress of which a few ghostly guffaws emanated from the audience. We felt a certain sorrow for Mr. Morgan as a comic recitation without laughs is a somewhat depressing achievement. Mr. Fairfield Magrane then gave "the Yeoman's Wedding Song" with plenty of voice and go receiving a decided encore, for which he sang "The Village Blacksmith" as well as we have ever heard this good song. A few more people had now dropped in and the hall had assumed a brighter aspect. Prof. Pini played a Beethoven sonata in three letters of the alphabet, a, b, and c, and at one time it seemed as if he were going on to d, e and f, but luckily did not. Although Prof. Pini played very well and was most ably assisted by Mr. Donndorf, the audience chose this time for booking dances and indulging in small talk. The selection of the piece was not good and a rousing Hungarian dance or some simple romance would have pleased better, and might have held the wandering attention which a classical performance completely estranged.

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Miss Reddall, who possesses a rich and well-trained mezzo soprano voice sang "Once" by Arthur Hervey very charmingly, sufficiently so to be unanimously encored, singing for her second song "Loves Sorrow," a plaintive and pretty composition. By this time the audience had considerably augmented in numbers and seemed more pleased.

The concert, which was short and good, was brought to a conclusion by Mr. E. L. Wilson who gave "Come into the Garden Maud," after which

the chairs were got rid of and dancing commenced, being kept up with great vigour and go till nearly 3 o'clock.

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The platform was very prettily decorated with ferns, flowers and greenery, while on the other side of the curtain the tables were most effectively spread with sandwiches delicately rolled bread and butter, and faultless shortbread, the legends for which were emblazoned on little flags in the club colours. This department was superintended by Mrs. F. Maitland Heriot to whom the club are and have been often indebted for many kindnesses and much active sympathy. The floor was in really splendid condition and the "Pas de Quatre" was danced with thorough abandon.

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We would advise the Club next time to keep severely to the dance as from the lateness of many of the arrivals it was evident although the performers were all good, the concert had few attractions, and that attention was centred in the terpsichorean portion of the entertainment. A short play might induce the people to come early but the dance of itself would we think be found to have sufficient attraction.

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One would have thought that the Municipality made enough out of the theatres in a legitimate way but it appears there are still means of squeezing the wretched impresarios, and turning some of their hard earned gains into the Municipal pockets. The latest improvement in the way of coin extracting, is making the theatre pay 5 per cent on all entradas whether complimentary or not and as many of the houses give a number of seats away for business purposes, it is very hard on the manager that he should have to pay a percentage on these.

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"Don Quijote" last week had an excellent cartoon on the political situation of the National Government and the Provinces, the former deserting their ship and forcing the wretched provinces into the hold, threatening them with revolvers, a severe and telling caricature of the loss of the ill-fated Rosales and the cowardly desertion of the crew by their officers. Nothing however seems to have any serious effect on the naval powers here, or else the sneers, gibes, sarcasm and open criticism of this disgraceful business would ere this have stirred their consciences and produced some tangible result in the interminable enquiry that is dragging its slow and weary length along. They say that the Argentine is peculiarly sensitive to ridicule so perhaps this lampoon may do more than the many serious protests that have up to the present been unavailingly made.

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The "dignidad del hombre" is a great feature in this country, but we regret that it does not seem to permeate all classes, as a little incident we witnessed the other night proves. During the performance of a certain opera in a certain theatre—we will not mention either for fear of the libel laws—the bassoons failed to come in on their beat and thus produced divine discord. The dignified conductor did not descend to the ordinary methods of correction, but continuing to beat time, turned his head slightly in the direction of the wretched performers, and in full view of the audience made "snookses" at them. "Snookses" we may mention for the benefit of the uninitiated consists in putting the thumb to the nose and spreading the fingers out.

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The brand new Argentine cruiser the Nueve de Julio in her passage to New York is reported to have made over twenty-three knots an hour, which in the open sea must be regarded as remarkably good going. We are open to lay goodish odds that after this splendid vessel has undergone a year's mismanagement at the hands of some of our naval engineers that this record will be considerably reduced. A few months idleness, and neglected engines will be all that is needed to attain this object.

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The Buenos Aires Choral Union made a distinct advance on the 19th inst. at their first concert of the season when the programme consisted of "The Daughter of Jairus" by John Stainer and selections from Mendelssohn's sacred works. The Operai Italiani was remarkably well filled and the applause meted out by the audience testified to the pleasure derived from the so-

ciety's rendering of the work they had in hand. We are inclined to think however that some of Mendelssohn's secular music might have been drawn upon with advantage both to the performers and the listeners, as an evening of oratorio is apt to be heavy.

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The concert began strictly to advertised time a feather in the Society's cap, and was consequently over in respectable time instead of being dragged out till near midnight as sometimes happens. The soloists in the cantata were Mrs. Fillebrown who sang all her music with expression. Mr. Greenless who rejoices in a powerful voice and Mr. E. L. Wilson. The choruses in most cases were taken with vigour, although the attack was usually weak, the contraltos shewing up worst in this respect. "The awake thou that sleepest" in the cantata and "Thanks be to God" were both sung with a tremendous amount of spirit and go, and were the choral successes of the evening.

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In the second part the duet by the Misses Lee, accompanied by the chorus, was deservedly encored the light and shade being extremely well balanced the choir being always subordinate to the duettists. Mr. Magrane sang "Lord God of Abraham" splendidly, his fine voice ringing richly out. For an encore he gave "There is a green hill" but was not so successful or pleasing seeming to lose control of his voice, with the result that the balance between diminuendo and crescendo was unevenly kept and produced the feeling of a too great striving after effect. Mr. E. L. Wilson put more feeling into "If with all your hearts" than he usually does, and a charming rendering of the solo was the result.

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Mr. Owen is greatly to be congratulated on the good training he has given his material, and under his able tuition and with hard work we have no doubt that the Buenos Aires Choral Union will aspire to and complete higher work than even that of Wednesday night. If we might suggest one little thing, we would say that the chorus should rise together at a signal from the conductor and not pop up one after the other as the effect of this is not pleasing and is very easily remedied.

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The company headed by Sra. Valvasura, now performing at the Politeama gave a version of Sardou's "La Tosca" the other evening in which the Valvasura played Sara Bernhardt's original part of "La Tosca." We have seen this play given in five languages by leading artistes of each nationality represented, and each performance only increased our admiration of the wonderful tragic powers of the great French tragedienne. Sra. Valvasura is somewhat handicapped by her voice which is of peculiar timbre and is in addition very stagey and exaggerated, her play at the end of the great scene with Scarpia, when she lays a crucifix on the breast, and candles by the head of the man she has just murdered being too mechanical and rehearsed, and lacked that wonderful creepy reality imparted to this act by Bernhardt.

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In the same scene Sr. Florido Bertini was however excellent and portrayed the rising licentious passion which is stimulated by the wine he has drunk, with great strength and vividness exiting many of the audience to hisses and groans. The jeune premier of the company seemed to have run a little bit to fat and was barely one's ideal of the dashing young painter to whom "La Tosca" has given her heart. The evening concluded with a ridiculously funny farce "The daughter and the horse" which however would hardly bear literal translation into cold brutal English. The acting of Sr. Arturo Falconi in this trifle was admirable, his idiotic stolidity and his excellent business sending the people into fits of hysterical laughter. The mounting generally was in advance of that usually displayed during such visits.

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The driving of the "cocheros" in this city is remarkable but for absolute lack of brainy manipulation of the reins, commend us to the tram drivers. A tram was approaching a level crossing as a train was coming up. The driver of the tram, had he taken his horses along quietly, would have allowed the train time to pass would not have hustled his animals and saved them the jar of restarting the car. Did he slow down?

not a bit of it, on the contrary he whipped up the horses, came up to the bars at a fast canter and then pulled up short to watch the train go by.

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There seemed a certain similarity between that tram and the Nation, both driven by men who seeing the end preferred to rattle along and pull up sharp, with all the attendant trouble of starting again instead of taking things more calmly and going through easily. Someone suggested the other day the establishment of a school for tram drivers, but what about a college for the pilots of the Nation? Both seem to need some teaching, but neither seem ever likely to get it.

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Saturday night in Buenos Aires almost made one think that one was in London again, as quite a thick fog prevailed, which made everything terribly sticky and unpleasant. A few visitations of this kind only emphasize the splendid climate we enjoy here and increases our sorrow for those condemned to live in spots less favoured, in this particular by kindly nature. We are not like the sailor who approaching Southampton in a thick fog, after a long voyage in the sunny south exclaimed "Thank goodness here's a fog I'm sick of them blessed blue skies."

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Sr. Galvani, the violinist, is a plucky man, and deserves to succeed. His latest move in the way of giving good music to Buenos Aires is a quartette composed of himself (1st), Sr. Cavalcanti (2nd violin), Sr. Casella (viola) and Sr. Turino (cello). These well-known professors will give several quartettes on Monday at the Operai Italiani, and Sta. Quade will play the pianoforte part of Grieg's sonata. The tickets only cost \$3 and should be well worth the money.

ESTANCIA AND COLONY.

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

The Ministerio de Hacienda decreed on Thursday last that the permission asked for by Sr. Pedro Vasallo to take guano from the islands of Tobas and Los Leones on the coast of Patagonia should not be granted. Sr. Vasallo offered the government a dollar, gold, for every ton of guano extracted by him.

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An extraordinary revelation concerning the keeping properties of ensilage has just been brought under the notice of an Australian farmer. It has not been generally assumed that ensilage will retain the feeding qualities of the fodder for any lengthened period, yet from the following it would appear that pit ensilage is capable of being fed to cattle years after it has been cut and pitted.

Some four years ago Mr Alexander Dunlop, a well-known cheese-maker, was living on the Harewood Estate, near Tooradin, Australia. About that time he pitted about four loads of green maize for ensilage. Several months later, upon examination, he found that the maize had rotted on the top, and, believing it to have extended throughout the silo, left it undisturbed, and in time forgot about the existence of the pit. Later on Mr Dunlop removed, and a Mr F. Greaves took over the farm. Recently, whilst the latter was digging some postholes, he came across the silo, and to his great surprise found that the ensilage was in as perfect a condition as though it had only been pitted last spring. Only about 1ft. on the top of the pit had rotted away. Many farmers and dairymen will be interested in the discovery, which is a very important one in the history of ensilage, as it serves to show that not only is the silo valuable for the purpose of preserving fodder for the winter months, but that it may also be utilised for storing the surplus of bounteous seasons—even for years—and provide a valuable reserve for the farmer to fall back upon when, as happens occasionally, there is an exceptional shortage of fodder.

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A small estancia of half a league in San Antonio de Areco belonging to a family named Casco has been sold at a price which comes out at \$425,000 m/n or \$140,000 gold per league.

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Mr Schroeder writes to the "Standard" on some of the estancias of San Luis as follows. Speaking of the estancia "La Buena Esperanza", started by Mr William Paats with Dutch capital, he says "the estate consists of eighty square leagues and is situated about one degree south of San Luis. Mr William Paats is Chairman of the company; Messrs Echesortu and Casas de Rosario are directors. The estancia was founded in 1883, the first of the kind in these distant parts. In order to stock the place at the beginning, these pioneers had to buy one thousand head of cattle in Santa Fé. After untold difficulties the tropicos managed to get 600 head

out of one thousand into the property. To-day the estancia has 37,000 head of cattle, 8,000 sheep, 2,000 mares and horses.

The estancia is fenced and has a splendid forest of five square leagues in area, known as El Augustinillo. Numerous potreros have been fenced and large plots of alfalfa have been sown. Next year the company will begin selling fractions of the great estate."

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Alongside 'La Buena Esperanza' lies the estancia Las Toscas, the property of Messrs Fels—a fine area of 28 leagues that will soon be one immense field of alfalfa. There are already 2000 squares under alfalfa: 2000 more will be added next year. Messrs Fels believe in the inversed, on the same plan as carried out in Mendoza. They measure large potreros; one half the area is put under alfalfa, the other half under pasto fuerte or hard grass. The animals after having made a square meal of alfalfa like the pasto fuerte as a kind of dessert.

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The large potrero of Messrs Fels has a fine lake of sweet water, and the cattle are free to wander as they please, being spared the worry of jaguales and work by gauchos. The Chilean purveyors who buy their cattle in the Pampa Central and in the province of Cordoba send their animals to this potrero of Messrs Fels; according to seasons, they are kept from two to four months. The yield of alfalfa is abundant, from two to three cuttings every summer: thus the cattle are supplied with green and dry grass. The charges in this potrero vary according to demand or state of camps and weather. The price varies from \$1.50 to \$5 per head per month—a very remunerative business.

I remarked, says Mr Schroeder, that the estancia embraces hill and date; alfalfa is plentiful in the low land, pasto fuerte on the hills. The earth in the valleys is loose and specially adapted for alfalfa; the alfalfares must be cared for the first two or three years, that is to say cattle should not be allowed to graze until the grass has taken strong roots. Once the roots are strong you can let cattle in to graze at liberty.

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South of the General Paunero Station, a few leagues beyond Rio Quinto, lies the well-known estancia La Pradera, a model establishment of Mr Schneider of the great Creusot works in St. Etienne, France. The estate is managed by the two brothers Petitbon and covers an area of 12 leagues, including 3 leagues of forest land. On this farm there is a stock of 9,000 head of mestizo cows, 7,000 fine sheep, and 700 mares. The corral is famous in the province and is as large as the Trocadero in Paris: there are 5,000 posts, three to the lineal metre, and it is shaped to work cattle without the necessity of "lassoing" or "pialaring," etc. The animals are caught and branded in the simplest fashion, as at Curumalan and other estancias where Australian methods have been introduced. A large dairy keeps up a constant supply of butter which sells at 1.20 per kilo in Villa Mercedes. The forest land, mainly Calden trees, some two hundred years old, supplies posts, planks, and lumber for the estancia. The wood turns out beautiful furniture. The sheep are Pampa crossed with Merino-Lincolns and give on an average 5 lbs. of wool to the fleece.

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The last number of "La Agricultura" has a portrait of Don José Guazzone, whom our contemporary calls the "Wheat King," with an interesting short account of his life. Sr Guazzone landed here in 1875, with only his youth, good health and energy for his capital. Before he had been a year in the country, Sr Guazzone had saved \$8600 of the old money, and as it was his opinion that agriculture would give this country its future greatness, he commenced to plough and sow. Fortune favoured him, and he found himself with a capital of \$1,000 of the old dollars. Things changed somewhat after this, however, and he found himself barely able to keep what money he had, till 1882, when, in spite of the reverses he had received, he fixed his attention on the camps of Olavarria, as the site for his next operations. Accordingly, in 1884, Sr Guazzone rented fourteen leagues of camp there, with a lease for six years. His first efforts were crowned with phenomenal success, and thanks to Messrs John and Joseph Drysdale, who are described as the "agriculturist's friends," and who gave him the necessary machines with which to get in his harvest on easy terms, Sr Guazzone now went to Europe with the object of bringing out colonists, and he then founded the colony "La Habilitadora." Fortune continued to smile upon Sr Guazzone, and he now has 25,000 hectares under wheat. He possesses to-day fifteen leagues of camp between Olavarria and Trenque Lauquen, and the richness of his camps may be calculated when it is considered that this year he has harvested in his colonies 300,000 quintals of wheat, and has besides an abundant harvest of maize in perspective. To give an idea of the immense quantity of grain represented by these figures, we may state that it would require for transport 3500 railway waggons.

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For the disease known as "tristeza," which we mentioned some time back as having attacked many animals in Entre Rios, the following remedy is recommended as a certain cure: Two or three centimetres of the bone of the horns of the affected animals are sawn out; if a cavity appears in the horns, a little cañá or other alcohol of equal strength should be poured in and the hole made stopped with a wooden cork. If the animals so treated continue to show signs of the disease,

another piece should be sawn out of the horns in their thickest part and treated as before; when the disease has taken a hold, water will be found in the cavity of the horns or perhaps humor, but nothing should be feared on this account, the cure will always be certain if this water or humor has not extended to the brains of the animals. The giver of this receipt says that if animals attacked with "tristeza," or "polilla" as it is called here, are treated in this manner not five per cent of them will be lost.

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We read in the "Review of the River Plate" that an ingenious use of the telephone is mentioned in "Lightning" in the case of the manager of a large Australian ranch, who has established telephonic communication between his various distant homesteads by means of the wire of the boundary fence. By utilising the top wire of the fence, and carrying the wire across the roads on poles, he has succeeded in connecting each station at the moderate cost of 20s per mile. He carries an instrument in his buggy, and, by connecting it with the wire at any point, he is able to communicate with any homestead. The same principle has been tried before with success in some of the North-West American ranches, and is found to be of great value in a land where distances are great and messengers are few. We recommend this scheme to our estanciero friends who, we do not doubt, often want to talk to some puestero without having to ride a long distance to his ranch.

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A census of the agricultural population of Santa Fé is being made, which, when completed, will give complete statistical details in that province. From the data already collected it appears that there are in Santa Fé 910,000 hectares of land under cultivation. The officially recognised colonies number 300, and these are inhabited by 36,000 foreign agriculturists.

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The statistics of the American Department of Agriculture has presented statistics of the live stock of the several countries of the world, so far as the information is obtainable. The totals for the great divisions and the grand totals are as follows:—

Divisions.	Horses.	Cattle.	Sheep.
North America	17,717,139	57,887,438	51,292,797
South America	5,486,036	57,610,183	96,242,137
Europe	36,483,400	104,430,093	187,144,203
Asia	4,279,241	60,846,904	39,922,366
Africa	1,238,574	6,694,833	35,589,208
Australasia	1,786,644	11,872,360	124,615,606
Oceania	4,066	131,796	12,607
Grand totals	69,995,100	298,873,657	534,848,924

	Mules and Asses.	Pigs.	Goats.
North America	2,391,738	48,059,045	45,538
South America	1,666,225	2,723,516	2,695,697
Europe	3,155,297	49,164,341	18,941,295
Asia	1,079,723	488,937	1,646,934
Africa	390,059	546,909	12,566,612
Australasia	—	1,156,325	116,257
Oceania	170	33,151	13,102
Grand Totals	8,683,152	105,172,224	36,025,453

There are so many countries from which no official statistics are available that these figures cannot be better than rough approximations, perhaps within a few millions for each class of animals. They have been obtained mainly from information collected by representatives of the United States in different parts of the world, official figures being taken where there are any. It is to be observed that for several countries in Asia and Africa there are blanks in reference to mules, asses, and goats, and for a few in relation to pigs; but for other live stock the columns are complete.

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A correspondent to the "Prensa" writes from Reconquista, pointing out the necessity of the Government sending forces to that part of the frontier to prevent the many invasions of the Indians, which at the present time are becoming so serious as to compel many settlers to abandon their homes. A short time ago it appears that the Indians invaded almost to the town of Calchaqui, carrying off a large number of horses and mares. A few days afterwards, knowing the frontier was unprotected, they invaded the estancia of Sr Segel, and carried off many more animals than on their former raids, and succeeding in this, they divided themselves into two bands, one of which plundered Mr J. Mayenfield's colony of Diamela, and carried off another lot of fifty horses and mares. After leaving their spoils at their villages, the Indians returned to plunder the estancia of Sr Molina, where they cut the wires and carried away another large troop of mares. On their way home, however, when they had only covered ten or twelve leagues, they were met by a party of estancieros out hunting, who put them to flight, and recaptured the stolen animals. Nothing daunted, however, the Indians again returned not many days afterwards, and on Thursday last invaded the estancias of Messrs Biscay, Michelot, Barnises, and Lobet, carrying off nearly four hundred horses. These estancias are situated in the colony of Las Garzas, which borders on that of Presidente Avellaneda, four leagues from Reconquista, and in the centre of the most important colonies, crossed by three lines of railway, that to Santa Fé, that to Kilometre 28, and the third the Gran Compañia del Ferro Carril Central Sud Americano, which runs through all the colonies as far as Reconquista. It is difficult to believe that savages should be allowed to roam over districts, so well popu-

lated and civilized as these, with impunity, and it is quite time that the Government sent some of the troops at present lying idle round about Buenos Aires and its suburbs to put a stop to further occurrences of the kind.

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On Saturday last, the most important sale hitherto held by Sr Casares at his estancia San Martín, Vicente Casares, Cañuelas, was brought off by Messrs Funés, Lagos and Co. The sale had been extensively advertised so a large number of buyers was present when the first lot was brought up to the hammer. Prices on the whole were good the total amount for the sale reaching to \$102,272.

Seven bullocks sold at \$95 each, 18 bullocks at 50, 20 mestiza cows at 40, 30 tame bullocks at 54, 38 mestizo novillos at 45, 1420 sheep at 4.05, 50 novillos at 61, 50 others at 41 and 100 at 31, 100 special novillos at 30, 2 horses at 430, 1 horse at 350, 100 novillos at 33, 950 sheep at 3, 2 mares at 350, 250 novillos at 33. 150 novillos at 32, 2 mares at 500, 1 horse at 400, 200 novillos at 30, 250 novillos at 27, 2 horses at 800, 1 horse at 440, 250 novillos at 27, 2 mares at 400, 300 novillos at 24.50, 1 horse at 200, 2 mares at 300, 1 mare at 500, 25 pigs at 35, a roan bull at 280, a bay mare at 450, 25 hereford cows at 24, 2 brown horses at 400, a bay mare at 300, 35 hereford cows at 10, a Durham heifer at 200, two mestizo colts at 50, 4 mestiza mules at 97, two mestizo colts at 45, two colts at 100, a bay mare at 350, 50 hereford cows at 17, 74 hereford cows at 19, two Shetland ponies at 170, two mestizo colts at 80, two at 70 and 2 at 60, 74 hereford cows at 15.50, a bay horse at 130, 30 Durham heifers at 85, a pair of bay horses at 400, two grey horses at 300, 90 Durham cows al corte at 30, 80 others at 22.50 and 50 at 17, a bay horse at 250, two bay horses at 220.

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A terrible crime was committed on Friday last near the Trebol colony which belongs to the Compañia de Tierras and borders on Mr Fea's estancia, La Victoria, in Santa Fé, on the branch of the F. C. C. A. to Las Yervas. A settler named Bocio came to the house of a colonist named Juan Maximino, an Italian, in search of a lost mule. Maximino who has a chacra of 400 acres, lived with his wife and child, his sister and a sister-in-law. He had the reputation of being a hard-working man, although he was not over-fortunate in his efforts. Bocio, on approaching the house noticed that there was no one about. This surprised him, but he thought nothing of it and pursued his way in search of his lost mule. At some distance from the house, to his astonishment, he saw Maximino's child, aged 1½ years, toddling behind one of his father's bullocks and crying his little eyes out. Bocio took up the child and carried him back to the house. On arriving to his horror, he saw two dead bodies near the corral. He immediately recognised the bodies of Maximino and his partner. They had both had their throats cut. The body of the former had been, moreover, mutilated. Bocio turned from this picture of horror only to perceive father on three other dead bodies. They were the corpses of the three women, whose throats had likewise been cut.

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Bocio at once gave information to Mr Fea, who informed the Juez de Paz and inquiries were at once set on foot but without success. There is a strong suspicion that the family was murdered by a band of cut throats who stole eight horses on the very night of the murder, and who were known to be prowling around the colony. What was the object of the crime it is impossible to say. Maximino was generally known to be very poor and no one could have had a grudge against him so it looks as if the murders were committed for the mere love of killing. The most violent indignation prevails and a public indignation meeting was held on Sunday night in Rosario. It is of course hoped the authorities will do their best to capture the murderers but, unless they show considerable more energy than they have done in the past, we fear they will not be successful, and it is a matter for consideration that the Rosario Police consists for the most part of camp robbers and murderers.

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Another case of lynching is reported, this time from San Jorge colony, where nine persons entered the house of an Argentine, who was supposed to have been the author of several robberies, and shot him in front of his wife.

Now that the colonists have tasted blood there is no telling what deeds they will be led to do, and it would not be a matter of surprise to hear that some of the worst of the authorities had been made to pay with their lives for their past misdeeds.

Mob law can only be put down by Government punishing the bandits and assassins who have called it into existence, but so long as there is no protection offered the colonist for life or property mob law will become more and more popular.

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SPORTING NOTES

I am asked to remind those members of Hurlingham who intend entering for the Racket and Bat Fives Handicap Tournament, that the entries close to-day.

All football players should call at Messrs French and Co's, of the Caledonian House, and get the football guide which that firm is giving away gratis. It contains much useful and valuable information.

The Buenos Aires and Rosario Railway Athletic Club intend holding a lawn tennis tournament, the entries for which close to-day. The first ties have to be played off on or before Sunday next the 30th.

The meeting of secretaries of Rugby Football Clubs will be held in these offices this afternoon at 5 o'clock, when it is hoped that every Club which can possibly send a representative will make a point of doing so as the meeting is called for the important purpose of arranging fixtures for the coming season.

Next Sunday at Palermo the classic race on the cards will be the Premio Otoño, a weight for age event of 1600 metres, with a prize of \$4000 to go to the first. Thirty-three of our best horses in training are entered and of these, should Camors fail, and the distance seems rather too short for him, I fancy one of the three year olds.

The Premio Otoño was first won by Nana, the dam of Manon Lescaut, after which the Stud Luis Chico won it twice, and the Ecurie Prisonero twice with Gloriation. Last year Sata-nella won from Stone Cross, Carpintero, Huron, Finance, Brandy Snap, Sargento, Esperanza, Remolacha and Camors, in fact the best horses then out.

Mr J. Brett, the trainer, has entered into an arrangement with Sr Unzué to train privately for him, and will shortly move to the stable of the Ecurie Indecis in Palermo. Brett will still continue to train Camors and Vendetta, and, I believe, one or two others of the best in his present stable.

Mr J. Kahl has retired from the Secretaryship of the Lomas Athletic Club and Mr P. L. G. Bridger has been elected in his place. Mr Kahl, who continues to hold the post of treasurer for his club, deserves the best thanks of the members of the Lomas A. C. for the thorough manner in which he has done his work and interest he has taken in the Club.

Oxford have shown their superiority over Cambridge this year in a very decisive manner, commencing by winning the boat race, the Dark Blues only let their opponents win two events in the sports, and their representatives have also won the racket matches.

The victory of Cloister in the Grand National last month, was a marvellous performance. Not only did Mr Duff's grand horse carry the highest weight ever carried by a National winner, but he beat the time record by some seconds although he came in absolutely alone, forty or fifty lengths in front of any thing else in the race. Rapier gives the following conversation which took place between Dollery and himself after the race, illustrating how easily the race was won.

"A pleasant ride, Dollery? No anxiety, I suppose?" was my inquiry. "Anxiety? No, Sir," was his reply. "I was never really galloping—never out of a nice half-speed. We often go much faster than that at home, I can tell you!" "And he made no mistakes, I suppose?" "Oh, no! He got a bit close to one or two of the fences. I told him where I wanted him to take off, but he said 'No, I'm going a bit nearer'; and so I said, 'All right! You know more about it than I do—you must jump 'em as you like!'"

It seems incredible that although the horse is capable of great endurance in the distance he can travel within a given time extending over several days, his performances in this respect cannot equal that of a man—especially the professional pedestrian. No horse could ever cover 600 miles in six days, a feat which has been achieved by a human being, but one which a horse, however trained, is powerless to accomplish.

There will be a meeting of the committee of the Polo Association to-morrow, Thursday, at 12 o'clock, at these offices, 559 Piedad. Any representative of a club who may not have been notified of the meeting is invited to attend.

A novel race on the ice came off during the hard frost at home. It was decided on the Thames and Severn Canal, near Cricklade, Wilts, a local dealer, having backed is pony to beat two farmers, in a mile race, the latter, who were to skate being allowed 100 yards' start. The pony, owner up, going in fine style, won by five yards.

Mr S. Lyndon Owen, in a rambling letter to "Sport and Pastime" last week, says that "as Boots can so easily alter his opinions, I cannot accept his simple statement," etc., etc. Now I take it, that if a man does not accept your simple statement, that man does not believe you, so as I am not accustomed to have my word doubted or to be called a prevaricator of the truth, I sought out Mr S. Lyndon Owen after his letter appeared, and I am glad to say he has apologised.

I had sent me the other day a "Sporting Times", not "The Pink 'Un", dated July 20th, 1874, and in it a lady correspondent gives her impressions of one of the first games of Polo ever played in England, in Windsor Great Park, about that time. The writer says the game was very amusing to watch but rather dangerous to play, and she very much doubted that it would ever become general. Twenty years, however, have proved that it has.

The Cañada de Gomez Polo team who returned the week before last from Venado Tuerto where they had been playing a series of matches, experienced a piece of very bad luck on their return. It appears that their ponies, shortly before arriving home, must have eaten "romarillo" or some other poisonous weed and several of them died. The greatest loss perhaps falls on Mr Robinson who has lost the famed grey, Benjamin. The pony died on Tuesday last and on examination he was found to be perfectly rotten inside. From the time of his arrival to his death he refused all food but seemed to be possessed by a terrible thirst.

The game of Pelota between Vicente Elicegui and Melchor and Tacalo and Dardo de Abando on equal teams is said to have been one of the best ever seen in the Buenos Aires Fronton. The honours of the game perhaps fell on Abando who seldom failed to play any of the brilliant returns of Elicegui and Melchor. Only one point separated the contestants at 40, but Tacalo and Abando drew ahead at the finish and won an exciting game, which bristled with marvellous play and long rallies, by eight points—50 to 42.

No one expects the camp policeman to have any brains, but one has a right to look for him to possess a little more intelligence than that of the Campana vigilante who arrested a passenger at

the Campana Railway station and took him off to prison because he said he was ordered by the comisario to arrest any person unknown who might arrive at the town.

The prisoner assured the policeman he was a "joven distinguido", but without avail, till it turned out he was an employé of the Rosario Railway, when he was rescued by the Station Master.

A circular to the following effect has been sent round to the shareholders and members of the Hurlingham Club:

Ever since the foundation of Hurlingham the inconvenience of members through not being able to live at the Club as been keenly felt. The Directors therefore, in response to many calls, decided to lay a scheme before the shareholders, and this was done at the Extraordinary General Meeting held on 27th March, 1893.

The shareholders present decided to raise a loan of \$50,000 (fifty thousand dollars) by Debenture Bonds, the conditions of which you will find on the annexed sheet. Of this sum \$40,000 to 45,000 will be required to build and furnish Dormitorios and make the necessary additions to the Pavilion, and \$5,000 to repair the Racquet and Five Courts.

It is to be hoped that the money required will soon be subscribed, as bedrooms (such as those which the Directors of the Club propose to build, are all that are needed to make the Club go ahead in the way it should, and the money so invested would return a useful rate of interest. During last summer, for instance, quite thirty bedrooms would have been occupied during four or five months, and this alone would have paid on the cost of building them a very good percentage for the whole year.

In the "Pall Mall Budget" of March 30th appears a set of pictures from photographs taken instantaneously at the Oxford and Cambridge Sports. These photographs are the most wonderful I have ever seen. They represent the finish for the 100 yards, the quarter mile, mile, three miles, long and high jump and Hurdle race, and are wonderfully clear. The picture of the hurdle race, in which all four men are just clearing the last hurdle, is specially interesting, each man being in a different attitude although all are jumping their hurdle in correct timber topping style, and would be hurdlers would do well to study the photograph. The most remarkable point to be noticed in the photograph of the long jump which represents C. B. Fry in mid air, is the height the Oxford man appears to be from the ground at the moment the picture was taken.

Our phototype this week represents the gauchos who performed at Buffalo Bill's Wild West show in London, last summer. The photograph from which our phototype was copied was taken in the arena of the show in West Kennington, and represents the men in the dress and on the horses they used for their part of the performance. Our readers know how well these men were received in London and what a sensation they made there, whilst as regards horsemanship they were universally acknowledged the best in the troupe. Buffalo Bill is anxious to get those gauchos, who were with him in London, to join him in Chicago and has, I believe sent money here for that purpose but at present it does not seem likely that they will go. The men never had a fair chance of showing their skill with either the lasso or bolas as they for the most part had only posts on which to use these weapons. They however rode successfully bareback the bucking horses which it took the cowboys all their time to stick on to in their poudorous saddles.

The general meeting of the Buenos Aires Football Club was held at these offices yesterday afternoon for the purpose of electing a committee for the ensuing season. Mr. D. J. Stokes occupied the chair. The following gentlemen were elected:

President R. Bridgett Esq., Vice-Presidents A. E. Bowen Esq. and J. Drysdale Esq., Messrs. Goodfellow, G. Anderson, A. Lace, D. J. Stokes, Corry Smith, R. Anderson, F. Jones, M. F. Gilderdale, T. M. Lees, J. Ravenscroft and W. P. Drabble, with Mr. T. M. Lees acting as Secretary *pro tem*.

From the financial statement of the Club a balance of \$171.50 was shown in hand. Of the eight matches played last season five were won, two were lost and one was drawn.

The first meeting of the committee, which is called for the purpose of electing a captain, Secretary and Treasurer, will be held in the Brunswick Restaurant next Friday evening.

Boots.

FOOTBALL

LEAGUE FIXTURES FOR 1893

APRIL
 Sat. 29—B. A. and R. Ry. v. B. A. E. H. School, at Palermo.

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

JUNE
 Thurs. 1—B. A. E. H. School v. Quilmes C., at Palermo.
 Sun. 4—England and Wales v. Scotland and Ireland, at

Sun. 11—Quilmes C. v. Lobos A.C., at Lobos.
 Sun. 11—Flores A.C. v. Lomas A.C., at Flores.
 Sun. 18—Quilmes C. v. Flores A.C., at Quilmes.
 Sun. 18—Lomas A.C. v. B. A. and R. Ry., at Belgrano.
 Sat. 24—B. A. E. H. School v. Lomas A.C., at Palermo.
 Sat. 24, Sun. 25—Rosario A.C. v. Quilmes C., at Rosario
 Thurs. 29—Lomas A.C. v. B. A. E. H. School, at Lomas
 Thurs. 29—Flores A.C. v. B. A. and R. Ry., at Belgrano

JULY
 Sun. 9—B. A. and R. Ry. v. Quilmes C., at Belgrano.
 Sun. 9—North v. South of the Riachuelo, at

Sat. 15—B. A. and R. Ry. v. B. A. E. H. School, at Belgrano.
 Sun. 16—Flores A.C. v. Lomas A.C.
 Sun. 23—Quilmes C. v. Lomas A.C., at Quilmes.
 Sun. 30—Quilmes C. v. B. A. E. H. School, at Quilmes.

AUGUST
 Sun. 6—B. A. and R. Ry. v. Quilmes C.
 Sun. 13—Montevideo v. Buenos Aires, at Montevideo.
 Tues. 15—Lomas A.C. v. B. A. E. H. School.
 Sun. 20—Flores A.C. v. Quilmes C.
 Sun. 20—Lomas A.C. v. B. A. and R. Ry.
 Sat. 26—B. A. and R. Ry. v. B. A. E. H. School.
 Sun. 27—United Railways v. United Clubs.
 Wed. 30—B. A. E. H. School v. Flores A.C.
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SEPTEMBER
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BS. AS. & ROSARIO RY, A. C. v. LOMAS A. C.

This first Association League match at Lomas was played on Sunday 23rd before a numerous and enthusiastic crowd of spectators.

At 2.45 Lomas kicked off against the wind and dribbled well down into the Rlwy. territory, but were nicely checked by Ireland at back; the Rlwy. forwards next dribbled down and were in turn checked by Rath, and although both sides pressed no goals were scored in the first half.

Shortly after the kick off Lomas forwards got possession of the ball, and Cowes, running well up the field, put in a fine centre, and W. Leslie running up had no trouble in scoring the first goal for Lomas.

The Rlwy., again kicking, tried hard to pass the Lomas half-backs but Buchanan, Bridger, and Bridge were playing in fine style and stopped some good rushes, next H. Anderson getting hold of the ball dribbled right up the wing, centred to W. Leslie, who scored the second goal for Lomas: the Rlwy. forwards again kicked off and dribbled well down into the Lomas territory, but Rath cleared with a fine kick, next Thurman got hold of the ball dribbling well down the wing, but was well checked by Bridge who was playing very hard. Mallet and Thurman next got together, but in the act of passing, the ball was kicked from them and landed in front of goal by W. Leslie, who scored the third and last goal for Lomas. Shortly after the kick off the whistle blew leaving Lomas victorious by three goals to nil.

For the Rlwy., Ireland at back defended and kicked in very good style, Singleton, Whitworth, and Shaw also played well; the Rlwy. forwards lacked combination although some good individual play was noticeable. Williams in goal saved some good shots.

For Lomas, Rath at back checked the Rlwy. forwards in grand style, and his kicking was very accurate and safe.

The half backs were all safe and played well, especially Bridge, who played a very fine and plucky game.

For the forwards, Cowes and G. Leslie and W. Leslie played a very good short passing game, Cowes playing very hard throughout.

W. Leslie in the centre played a very good game, feeding both wings and not missing any possible scoring chances, and not forgetting to look after the goal keeper; H. Anderson played a very pretty game, dribbling well down the field and centering well in front of goal.

The following were the teams:

BS. AS. & Rosario Rlwy.—

Goal: Bond.

Backs: Ireland and Singleton.

Half backs: Whitworth, Shaw, and McCullough.

Forwards: Godwin, Williams (left wing), Cripps (centre), Mallet, and Thurman (right wing).

Lomas—

Goal: Carter.

Backs: P. W. Rath and C. W. Reynolds.

Half-backs: A. Buchanan, P. Bridger, and T. Bridge.

Forwards: W. Leslie (centre), W. G. Cowes, G. Leslie (left wing), A. Goodfellow, and H. Anderson (right wing).

FLORES A. C. v. QUILMES C.

The first League match of the season between the above clubs took place on Sunday last, on the ground of the former at Flores.

The following were the teams:

Flores A. C.—

Fowler, Gordon, Knox, Hughes, McAdam (capt), Murphy, Syer, Guy, J. Gifford, E. Gifford, and Gahan.

Quilmes C.—

Fothergill, Penman (cpt), Francis, Wilson, Moffatt, Tucker, Lamont, Moffatt, Muir, Beaumont, and Morgan.
 Referee: R. W. Rudd (B. A. E. H. School).

As will be seen from the above names Quilmes had three Rosario men and two new half backs. The ground was very dusty and uneven; playing polo on the field does anything but improve it for football.

McAdam was successful in winning the toss, and chose to play with a very strong breeze. Muir kicked off for the visitors, and passing to Moffatt that player in turn gave the ball to Lamont, who in the first minute of the game had an easy chance to score, but he shot wildly over the bars. On the kick off Guy got possession and passed to Syer, who got well into the corner until Penman kicked out. J. Gifford, from the throw in, tried a shot at Fothergill, but the ball went over. Play was very fast, both ends being visited in turn. Gradually the home men got nearer Fothergill, and Gahan, from a pass of Gifford's, registered first goal, his shot rebounding off the upright past the goal keeper. On the kick off Syer and Guy tried passing, but Tucker saved, and passing to Muir that player found no difficulty in passing Murphy, but McAdam got possession, and passing to Gifford the latter shot for goal. A misunderstanding between Fothergill and Francis allowed Syer an easy chance to score No. 2. Things now looked bad for the visitors, but the forwards were not yet done. Muir and Beaumont were playing a fine game, but the wind annulled all their efforts. From this point till half time Flores had the best of the game, but Penman and Francis were always found equal to the efforts of the home forwards.

On restarting Quilmes had a corner off Gordon, but Knox cleared. Quilmes halves and backs were lying well up the field, and in consequence the ball was no sooner out than they put it back again. The Flores forwards were completely out of training, the pace of the game telling very much on them. J. Gifford, with Syer and Guy, managed to pass the halves, but Francis had to concede a corner. Flores did not make anything of it, as Fothergill with a nice drop kick sent the ball well up the field. Muir getting the ball passed to Beaumont, who with a splendid shot scored the first goal for Quilmes, 30 minutes from time. Moffatt at half equalised in another two minutes. The third goal was obtained from a regular scrimmage. Lamont in trying to put the goal keeper through fell on the ball, with other four men on the top, and in the scramble the ball and players were rushed through. From this to call of time Quilmes had the best of it, and Beaumont from a pass of Lamont's headed through No. 4. A very fast and exciting game thus ended in favour of Quilmes by 4 goals to 2.

Regarding the players, taking both elevens, all with the exception of McAdam, Penman, Francis, and Beaumont were completely out of training. This was easily seen at the end of each half. The three Rosario men were in splendid form, and it is questionable if they ever played a better game. Beaumont, although a half back, showed he knows forward play. Without these three men and Muir, Quilmes would not have made much of a show, but if the Rosario men can come down for at least the majority of the League fixtures, it will mean a decided advantage to their club and no less a great incentive to the clubs down here to place, as they must do, the pick of their players as opponents to any team containing such a quartette.

The three halves of Quilmes play a very hard game, Tucker especially stopping well the rushes of the Flores right wing. Wilson and Moffatt, the two new men, only require training to make them as good as any half backs in the League. Lamont missed certain goals, and he and Moffatt, although passing to one another, pay very little attention to the requirements of the centre and left wing. They must pass oftener to the right wing if they wish to win matches. Muir as centre was splendid, his passing, dribbling, and shooting being quite first class.

The Flores team only require two men to make their eleven complete, a goal keeper and a half back, as Fowler and Hughes are not up to the form of the other men. Knox and Gordon always play a safe game, but they lie too far back on the goal keeper. If only they had adopted the tactics of Penman and Francis, and kept well up the field, especially with the wind in their favour, the result might have been different. Knox missed a few kicks, and Gordon was out of training, a remark which applies to nearly all the remainder of the team. McAdam was as usual in great form, and as a tackler very few can equal the Flores captain, passing being the only game against such play as he is in the habit of showing. Murphy, the new half, is slow, but will improve as the season advances. The entire front rank of Flores are good men, J. Gifford in centre passes most unselfishly, but ought to shoot more often. Syer and Guy are not yet in their old form. Gahan, outside left, lies far too much off side, and like Syer leaves all the work for his partner.

R. W. Rudd as referee, was quite the best we have noticed for some time, his decisions coming promptly and decisively.

X. Y.

LOBOS.

The Lobos Athletic Club played their first match of Association football on the 16th, against an eleven captained by Mr C. E. Bowers. An extraordinary amount of interest was taken in the game which resulted in a scoreless draw. The Lobos captain appears to have placed only three of his men forward in the latter part of the game, and these of course never managed to get the ball beyond midfield. McKeon, Malcolm and Buchanan played most conspicuously for the home team whilst Murphy, Schindler and Lamont are specially mentioned for the visitors.

The teams were as follows.—

Lobos—

Goal: Burbridge.

Backs: T. McKeon and Malcolm.

Half-backs: E. Buchanan, J. Bracken and P. Kirk.

Forwards: Owen, Bartolotti, Moore, J. Mc Keon and C. Buchanan.

C. Bowers XI—

Goal: C. E. Bowers.

Backs: Lamont and Schindler.

Half-backs: McLean, Rudd and Thomson.

Forwards: Beckford, Smiles, Tucker, Murphy and Curran.

THE LONDON BANK FOOTBALL CLUB.

The annual general meeting of the London Bank Football Club was held on Friday, 21st inst., when the following gentlemen were elected office-bearers for the ensuing year:

President—R. A. Thurburn, Esq.

Vice-President—James Gifford.

Captain—Leslie Corry Smith.

Secretary—Thomas M. Lees.

Committee—G. S. Anderson, A. A. G. Goodfellow, J. Earnshaw.

A practice game between the above club and the Lomas Athletic Club will be held at Lomas on Sunday next, 30th inst., when as many as possible are requested to turn up. Play will commence on the arrival of the 1.45 train from Plaza Constitucion.

There will be a practice game of Association football on the ground of the Quilmes Club on the 30th, in which all Association players are invited to take part.

P O L O.

QUILMES v. BELGRANO.

A match took place last Sunday, the 23rd inst., at Quilmes, between the Belgrano Polo Club and the Quilmes Club. There was a very fair attendance of spectators in spite of the inclement weather. Mrs Lowe kindly presided over the tea-table.

The teams were as follows:—

Quilmes.

1. J. Bennett.

2. F. Pettigrew.

3. W. D. Bailey.

C. Hope (back)

Belgrano.

1. A. Brodie

2. J. McMorran.

3. W. Richards.

J. M. Mullaly (back).

Messrs. Murray and A. M. Hudson officiated as umpires.

In the first quarter, as soon as the ball was thrown in, Quilmes got hold of it, and in a very short time a goal was scored by Hope from an easy shot in front of goal. Goal No 2 was hit by the same player, and as Bailey hit a third during the quarter, it closed with the score 3 goals to 0 in favour of Quilmes.

In the second quarter Pettigrew hit two goals in succession, and Richards scored one for Belgrano after making a brilliant run all the way down the field. This was the best piece of play during the match. The game at the end of this quarter stood Quilmes 5 goals, Belgrano 1.

In the third quarter play was rather sticky, but towards the end of it grew faster. Bennett scored a goal for Quilmes, and almost immediately it was followed by one hit by Richards. Just before time was called Pettigrew hit another for Quilmes. Score: Quilmes 7 goals, Belgrano 2.

Fourth quarter: Belgrano had now changed the positions of their team and put Brodie back. This we think was a mistake, as they should certainly have placed their strongest man behind. However, only one more goal was scored by Quilmes, Pettigrew hitting it. So victory remained for the home team by 8 goals to 2.

For the visitors Richards was far and away the best always being on the ball. He made two or three brilliant runs, and had decidedly hard luck in shooting at goal. Mullaly also worked hard for his side, and when back saved several goals. Brodie as No. 1 did well, and had he stuck to that post instead of being put back the team might have done better. McMorran was most of the time too badly mounted to do much.

For the home team Bennett played hard and well, and was very sure on the ball. Hope played fairly safely at back, but he had a very easy time of it. Bailey worked hard also and hit a rather difficult goal. Pettigrew was very much out of practice, but when he did get away with the ball it was difficult to catch him. As regards the ponies we think we can truthfully say that the Quilmes men were by far the best mounted team.

FLORES A. C. v. HURLINGHAM.

At a late hour on Sunday afternoon last at Flores this match was commenced.

The teams were:—

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| Flores A. C. | Hurlingham. |
| 1. H. King. | 1. R. R. McIver. |
| 2. C. R. Miller. | 2. F. M. Still. |
| 3. C. Wilmot. | 3. F. J. Balfour. |
| H. S. Robson (back). | F. Furber (back). |

Hurlingham only just missed scoring as soon as the ball was thrown in, owing to a straight shot hitting a pony's leg and glancing off to the side of the posts, and though the visitors continued to have a little the best of the game afterwards, Robson's safe play at back was difficult to break down, and one goal, hit by Still towards the end of the quarter, was the only point scored by them.

In the second period Hurlingham kept the ball the whole time in the Flores half of the ground, yet without scoring, though they had several narrow shaves of doing so on two or three occasions. Within five minutes of time Mr McIver's pony came down awkwardly with his rider, though luckily without harm to either.

In the third quarter Mr Challinor took the place of Mr McIver, and Hurlingham going to pieces somewhat had to defend their goal on several occasions from the determined attacks of their opponents, who eventually scored, Mr Wilmot hitting the ball through.

The fourth quarter was devoid of interest, neither side scored, and as there was insufficient light in which to finish the game, the match was left drawn with one goal each.

The ground was very hard, dusty, and lumpy, and at times it was impossible to follow the ball, whilst the players all looked as if they had been up a chimney, after the game was over. As an exhibition of polo the match was very poor, and there was far too much hitting all over the ground to allow of it being fast. The chief fault of the Flores men was the fatal one of getting in each other's way, and crossing whilst Hurlingham lost many chances by either missing the ball or not hitting it clean.

THE POLO ASSOCIATION OF THE RIVER PLATE.

A committee meeting of the Polo Association was held on Friday last when the following letter from Mr R. R. McIver was read:—

To the Committee of the Polo Association of the River Plate.

Gentlemen:

I wish to present your Association with a cup to be raced for at the Hurlingham Club under the following conditions:—

The Cup to be called the Polo Association Cup, the race to be 1500 metres on the flat for all Polo Ponies 56 inches or under the property of regular playing members of an affiliated club and to be ridden by regular playing members of the same.

Ponies of 56 inches will carry 80 kilos, 3 kilos allowed for every inch under 56 inches, and 5 kilos allowed for all ponies ridden by their owners.

The cup is to be won twice in succession by the same pony under the same ownership, or three times in all by the same owner with different ponies before becoming the absolute property of the winner.

Added to the cup I wish there to be a sweepstake of the entrance fees, viz \$20 each. I wish this cup to be run for the first time at the next meeting, May 11th, at Hurlingham, but in future to be run for at the end of March or the beginning of April (if possible) as I think that the race should be run at a date that would suit all owners competing in the championship tournament, but at the same time I bind you to no date and give you authority to modify these conditions if necessary.

Yours truly,

ROB R. MACIVER.

A letter of thanks to Mr MacIver for his handsome gift to the Association was directed to be sent by the Secretary.

The conditions under which the cup should be run for as proposed by Mr MacIver were agreed to, a proposition, however was made, though not passed, that owners who could not possibly ride the required weight should be allowed to put up a qualified rider with only a two and a half kilos penalty. At present therefore the conditions of the cup remain as advertised.

THE HURLINGHAM TOURNAMENT.

We have to acknowledge a letter from Mr S. Lyndon Owen, the captain of the Montevideo Polo Club, which we regret we cannot publish as requested. Our reason for not publishing Mr S. Lyndon Owen's letter is that we are not prepared to disclose to the public the identity of contributors who write in our paper under assumed names unless there is some necessity for doing so. Mr S. Lyndon Owen seems to overlook the fact that opinions expressed by persons writing anonymously, and facts stated by them in the papers, cannot be officially considered by the Polo Association. Mr S. Lyndon Owen says in his letter to us, "Do you not think, Mr Editor, the secretary has been just a little remiss in his duty towards the Association, in not laying before the first committee meeting what he knew regarding the breaking of the rule, and the question of legality; I think he might have mentioned

it at the meeting when By-law 7 was amended." How does Mr Owen know that the supposed breaking of the rule was not laid before the committee meeting? As a matter of fact, the legality of Hurlingham's playing Mr Parry as substitute was thoroughly discussed, when it was pointed out that the last sentence in by-law 2, which says, "such substitute must not, however, be taken from the players selected in any other team," refers to entries for tournaments only, and not to the replacement of an injured man, but, as the committee did not think it quite clear that this is so, and knowing the difficulty experienced by some clubs in this country of replacing a disabled man, they made the addition to By-law 7, mentioned by us in our edition of April 12th. We were quite right in stating last week that "no objection, protest nor question of any kind as to the legality of Hurlingham winning the Championship Tournament had reached the Polo Association," and although "Boots," in his notes of April 5, said a rule "undoubtedly was broken," he did not lodge an official objection, protest, or question against Hurlingham with the Association, and the Committee of the Association cannot be expected, as we have just said, to take notice of any notes or correspondence written anonymously in the papers for all they know, by men who perhaps know more about marbles than they do about polo and polo matters.

With regard to Mr Isherwood not being a bona fide member for Hurlingham, and therefore not qualified to play for the club in the tournament, perhaps Mr S. Lyndon Owen will be satisfied when he reads the following letters from the Secretary of Hurlingham and Mr Isherwood himself, which we have received for publication:—

Hurlingham Club,
Piedad 559,
25th April, 1892.

To the Editor *River Plate Sport and Pastime*.

Dear Sir,—

I notice that Mr Lyndon Owen, in your issue of April 19th, calls on me to inform the public when Mr Isherwood became a Member of Hurlingham, and what games he had played for the Club before the date of closing the entries for the Tournament.

Mr Isherwood's name was given me as a candidate for election early in the year, since when he regularly played polo at Hurlingham.

Yours truly,

M. G. FORTUNE.

Estancia "La Corona,"
Colonia Mauricio,
Casares, F.C.O.,
April 23, 1893.

To the Editor *River Plate Sport and Pastime*

Dear Sir,—

In justice to myself, and in answer to Mr E. L. Owen's statements in the "Standard" and "Sport and Pastime," statements, upon what foundations based, I am unable to surmise, I beg to confirm what "Boots" says in his notes of the 12th April, viz:—"In answer to the questions put by 'Captain Montevideo Polo Club,' I beg to inform him that Mr Isherwood is and was a bona fide member of Hurlingham when he played for the club at the tournament, Hurlingham being the only club for which he has played this year. He is not now a playing member of Santa Fé. He has not played for Santa Fé since November 1892."

The above is a correct statement. I had been at the time of the tournament resident in Buenos Aires since November 1892, and had played in the only practice games played by the Hurlingham Club, which fact I imagine, constitutes a playing member, and rendered me eligible for the Hurlingham team.

The statement that I joined the Hurlingham Club with the sole object of competing for the challenge cup is incorrect, as I had no idea of playing until some two days before the closing of the entries for the tournament, when a place in the team was offered me, which I accepted.—Yours truly,

R. W. ISHERWOOD.

After this date we must refuse to acknowledge any correspondence on this subject, but refer Mr S. Lyndon Owen and any other persons who may have a grievance against the Polo Association, its Committee, or its Secretary, to the Association itself, which body will no doubt take up any matter about which they are addressed.

We may inform Mr S. Lyndon Owen that the Honorary Secretary of the Association does not represent any Club on the Committee of the Association, and he is only a member of the Committee, *ex officio*. He does the little work required of him, and takes an interest in the Polo Association for love of the game only, and we are sure that, if a better man were found for the post, or one who would take a keener interest in his duties, he would gladly resign in his favour.

Buenos Aires, April 24.

To the Editor of *River Plate Sport and Pastime*.

Dear Sir,—

The entire tone of the letter which appeared in your issue of April 19th was of such an aggressive character, and of such questionable taste, that I am almost surprised that a journal such as yours should have found space for its publication. The writer's remarks about the ease with which "Boots" can alter his opinions, and his consequent preference to take the facts from the secretary of Hurlingham, are little short of insulting and deserve to be taken notice of much more seriously.

Whether it was fear that induced me to sign my letter, or whether it was a "rom de plume" (under which I have previously written) affixed to my letter by the editor, is immaterial, nor is it necessary always for the public to know the writer, to criticise the opinions expressed therein.

By-law No. 3 I quoted with the rules before me, but a printer's error made me say "a bona fide member," instead of a "bona fide playing member," which, if my interpretation of the By-law is correct, is perfectly immaterial in the point at issue.

There are several people to whom this correspondence of such a personal nature must necessarily be most disagreeable, and I am pleased to see by your note, Mr Editor, that it must cease after this issue.—Yours truly,
OLD HAND.

Venado Tuerto, April 21.

To the Editor *River Plate Sport and Pastime*.

Dear Sir,—

The following incident occurred some short time since in a polo match, and I should be glad to have your opinion as to whether the goal scored was a genuine one or not.

Let A and B be the opposing sides. In a scrimmage in front of A's goal, C, one of B's side, crossed the back boundary line, and coming up from behind A's goal hooks the ball through A's goal, C and his pony being during the operation behind A's goal line.—Yours truly,
CRAIGALOECH.

[Provided that C were not off-side when he "raked" the ball through the goal we should say that the goal was quite legitimately scored.—Ed. R. P. S. and P.]

CRICKET

LONDON BANK C. C.—SEASON 1892-93.

The above club brought a most successful season to a close on the 9th inst., at Palermo, with a win over the Flores A. C. Of the 10 matches played 6 were won, 2 drawn, and 2 lost. The feature of the season has been Mr Gifford's brilliant batting; his all round cricket has had a great deal to do with the success of the team. Mr C. W. Thompson has quite fulfilled all we said of him last year, and has played good steady cricket throughout the season. Next year we hope to see him get a place in the Southern eleven. Mr G. A. Thompson, who headed the list last year with 45, is third with 15, a most unaccountable falling off. However, next year we hope to see him in something like his true form again. Of the other batsmen, Messrs Ricketts and Anderson have secured double figures.

Turning to the bowlers, we find Mr Gifford's name at the top, with Mr Thompson only a fraction behind him; but as the latter has sent down twice as many overs as his Captain, he is fairly entitled to first place, with an average of 9.9 runs per wicket. This is exactly the same average as that held by him last season. Messrs Barnes and Anderson have also done well, and on certain wickets bowled with great effect. In the field the eleven have worked well together, and in this department few teams have shown better form.

BATTING AVERAGES—

NAME	No. OF RUNS	INNINGS	TIMES NOT OUT	MOST IN AN INNINGS	AVERAGE
J. Gifford.....	595	12	2	184*	59.5
C. W. Thompson..	229	12	2	47	22.9
G. A. Thomson..	180	12	0	58	15.0
H. U. Ricketts..	71	6	1	33*	14.1
G. S. Anderson..	103	12	2	42	10.3
J. F. Barnes.....	73	8	0	39	9.1
T. M. Lees.....	69	9	0	25	7.6
S. Francis.....	41	9	3	10	6.5
J. B. Faram.....	38	6	1	17	7.6
G. G. Stanham..	17	5	1	4	4.1
J. Stuart.....	34	11	2	11	3.7
R. L. Rumboll..	25	10	1	5	2.7
R. C. McKinnell.	12	5	0	8	2.2
J. Christie.....	10	3	0	7	3.1

* Not out.

BOWLING ANALYSIS

NAME	OVERS	MAIDENS	RUNS	WICKETS	AVERAGE
J. Gifford.....	87.2	25	202	21	9.8
G. A. Thomson..	181	44	405	41	9.9
J. F. Barnes....	78.2	21	176	18	11.0
G. S. Anderson..	75.1	20	184	13	14.1

Runs made for club, 1686 for 111 wickets—average 15.18
Runs made against club, 1064 for 101 wickets—average 10.53.
Highest innings for club, 232 for 10 wickets, 214 for 5 wickets.
Highest innings against club, 145 for 10 wickets.
Lowest innings for club, 37 for 10 wickets.
Lowest innings against club, 61 for 10 wickets.

ATHLETICS

ROLDAN ATHLETIC CLUB.

The Annual General Meeting of the Roldan A.C. was held on the 17th inst, when the following elections of captains for Football, Cricket, Polo and Tennis, were made:—

- Captain Rugby Football Section, R. B. Rowbotham.
- Captain Association Football Section, J. M. Ellery.
- Captain Cricket Section, J. M. Ellery.
- Captain Polo Section, J. D. Pryce.
- Captain Tennis Section, R. B. Rowbotham.

Hon. Secretary,
T. H. WILSON.

RACQUETS

An impromptu Handicap Racquet Tournament was got up at Hurlingham on the afternoon of the 23rd inst. which proved most interesting. The matches resulted as follows:

- First Round—**
T. A. H. Forde and J. R. Garrod (scr) beat R. A. Sumner and L. J. Hutton (+ 3) 2 sets to 1; 6-15, 15-2, 15-10.
H. M. Mills and A. N. Other (+ 3) beat H. H. Ewen and E. Danvers (+ 9) 2 sets to 1; 15-11, 9-15, 15-12.
G. A. Thomson and Lacey (+ 6) a bye.

- Second Round—**
G. A. Thomson and Lacey beat H. M. Mills and A. N. Other 2 sets to 1; 3-15, 15-5, 15-11.
T. A. H. Forde and J. R. Garrod a bye.

- Final Round—**
G. A. Thomson and Lacey beat T. A. H. Forde and J. R. Garrod 2 sets to love; 15-5, 15-4.

LAWN TENNIS

FLORES A. C.'s LAWN TENNIS HANDICAP TOURNAMENT.

Although some of the ties in the Preliminary Round have already been played, we give below the drawings and handicaps for this tournament in full:—

GENTLEMEN'S DOUBLES.

- Preliminary Round—**
M. Macadam and B. Guy (Scratch) v. F. Carlisle and J. Walshe (scratch).
S. Francis and W. G. Cowes (-15) v. E. Macadam and G. Shrewsbury (-15).

- First Round—**
J. F. Macadam and A. Boyd (-30) v. J. C. Bell and E. K. Theobald (scratch).
D. King and M. A. Caldwell (+15) v. C. Hughes and Cyril Jones (+ 1/2 30).
H. C. King and M. King (scratch) v. C. S. Holland and M. Hughes (scratch).
B. Henderson and G. E. Robson (scratch) v. winners of first preliminary round.
T. S. Boadle and T. Aitken (scratch) v. winners of second preliminary round.
J. Agar and G. Forrester (scratch) v. F. Jones and F. W. Tucker (+15).
M. Runciman and E. H. Harvard (+15) v. J. F. Roberts and N. Methven (+15).
R. Shearer and W. A. Agar (+15) v. S. Crowther and H. Crowther (+ 1/2 30).

The First Round must be played off on or before April 30.
The Second Round must be played off on or before May 10.
The Third Round and Finals must be played on May 11.

SINGLES.

- Preliminaries—**
H. Crowther (+ 1/2 30) v. M. King (+ 1/2 15).
B. Guy (- 1/8 15) v. T. S. Boadle (-15).
M. Hughes (+ 1/2 15) v. M. Runciman (+15).
T. Aitken (+15) v. A. M. Challinor (+15).
W. A. Agar (- 1/2 15) v. W. Methven (scratch).
A. Boyd (-30) v. G. Forrester (- 1/2 15).

- First Round—**
H. Tudor (- 1/2 30) v. B. G. Henderson (+ 1/2 15).
F. E. Jones (scratch) v. S. Crowther (+ 1/2 30).
G. P. Shrewsbury (-15) v. Douglas King (+15).
Fred. Carlisle (scratch) v. Cyril Jones (+15).
E. B. Macadam (- 1/2 15) v. H. O. King (+ 1/2 15).
J. S. Agar (- 1/2 15) v. winner first preliminary round.
E. H. Harvard (+ 1/2 15) v. winner second preliminary round.
M. Macadam (- 1/2 15) v. winner third preliminary round.
S. Francis (scratch) v. winner fourth preliminary round.
J. C. Bell (+ 1/2 15) v. winner fifth preliminary round.
R. G. Shearer (+ 1/2 30) v. winner sixth preliminary round.
J. F. Roberts (scratch) v. J. C. Walshe (- 1/2 15).
J. F. Macadam (-30) v. E. R. Theobald (- 1/2 15).
G. E. Robson (+ 1/2 15) v. F. W. S. Tucker (+ 1/2 30).
M. A. Caldwell (scratch) v. W. G. Cowes (-15).
G. S. Holland (scratch) v. C. Hughes (+ 1/2 30).

The first round must be played off on or before April 30.
The second and third rounds must be played off on or before May 10.
The fourth and final rounds must be played off on May 11.

MIXED DOUBLES.

- First Round—**
Mrs Robson and T. V. M. Knox (-15) v. Mrs Carlisle and F. C. Carlisle (+ 1/2 15).
Miss Oylar and R. G. Shearer (+ 1/2 30) v. Miss Squire and Sydney Francis (scratch).
Mrs Boyd and A. Boyd (- 1/2 15) v. Miss Elliot and J. F. Macadam (- 1/2 15).

- Second Round—**
Mrs Boadle and T. S. Boadle (-15) v. the winners of the third heat first round.

First round must be played off on or before May 7th.
The second and final rounds on May 11.

BUENOS AIRES AND ROSARIO RAILWAY ATHLETIC CLUB

From a circular handed round to the members of the B. A. and R. Ry. A. C. we see that a Lawn Tennis Handicap Tournament will take place on the club ground at Belgrano under the following conditions:

The events will consist of Gentlemen's Singles and Gentlemen's Doubles, and the tournament will be confined to members of the club.

The first day's play will be on Sunday, April 30, commencing at 10 a.m.

After the drawing for the different rounds has been made competitors will be advised of the approximate time for playing their respective matches.

Entrance fee—Singles \$3, doubles \$5 the pair. Entries with entrance fees to be sent to the hon. secretary not later than 1 p.m. on Wednesday the 26th inst.

First prizes to consist of racquets to be chosen by the winners.

RACING

BELGRANO—April 23rd.

The Belgrano race course was well attended on Sunday in spite of the somewhat threatening weather, which otherwise was pleasant. The improvement made on the betting house was found a great convenience over the old arrangement, though there might be further improvement still, such as putting up the names of the Stud's more conspicuously over the windows where the tickets are sold, and other small matters which however would add greatly to the comfort of visitors.

Racing commenced with the Premio Limay for which the favourite, Financiera, was beat by both Don Carlos and Salvacion who ran a dead heat. This race was spoilt though Pertoldi falling badly about eight hundred metres from home and bringing High Life down with her; as the mare was leading at the time, Liniers and the two other horses immediately behind her, lost several lengths. Pertoldi's jockey, Martinez, escaped unhurt, but Bayardi, who was riding High Life, lay unconscious for some time and it was found afterwards he had sustained rather severe injuries, which will keep him out of the saddle for some time.

Manon Lescaut was made favourite for, and easily won, the Premio Nauquen, and this brought us to the big event of the day, the Premio Esperanza, for thoroughbred two-year-olds.

On her first performance there seemed nothing to beat Woodnymph, and so it proved, she won very easily though the verdict was only half a length; Diaz took matters a little easy at the finish of which the lad on Libertad took full advantage.

The Buenos Aires Stud scored another win in the following race, the Premio Santa Cruz, with Santa Lucia, and we hope Frazer has now got the turn of luck he well deserves.

With the exception of Don Carlos, each of the runners in the Premio Rio Negro was equally fancied, Valiente having a slight call over the others. The race was a surprise, not because Farandol won, but because of the way he won. He made the whole of the running, for the first few hundred metres at a race pace, and came in without having been molested throughout three good lengths in front of Valiente and Puygaveau who were only separated by a head.

The last race was spoilt by the bad start, and as the field was always well together those which got away badly were never in it, and this accounted for the favourite's defeat. He got away nearly last and had to come round a long way on the outside his jockey not riding him out at the finish as pursuit of the leaders was hopeless. As Whitethorn, the third horse, was in the same stable as the winner, Vendetta, who finished fourth, earned her backers place money.

Altogether backers had a good day, a much better day than they have hitherto experienced this season.

The favourite finished third in the first race, won the second, third and fourth, whilst the winners of the fifth and sixth events were only a little less fancied than the first favourites.

Details:—

PREMIO LIMAY, a handicap for horse, which having run in 1892 and 1893 have not won more than \$6000, \$1800 to the 1st, 200 to the 2nd; 1900 metres.

- Sr. A. Sibourd's b m Salvacion, by Chipendale—Recovery, 6 yrs, 43 k..... R. Bastiani +
- Capitan Lopez' Don Carlos, by Patriarcho—Legitime, 5 yrs, 42 k..... A. Garcia +
- Sr. E. Acebal's Financiera, 5 yrs, 54 k..... C. Valle +
- Ecurie Talisman's Myosotis, 5 yrs, 56 k..... J. Braserti 0
- Stud Terminacion's High Life, 5 yrs, 50 k..... J. Bayardi 0
- Stud Winchester's Liniers, 4 yrs, 45 k..... L. Gonzalez 0
- Ecurie Prisionero's Erato, 5 yrs, 42 k..... C. Gomez 0
- Stud Argentino's Fergus, 5 yrs, 42 k..... C. Bracesco 0
- Stud Niño Dorado's Pertoldi, 6 yrs, 39 k..... J. Martinez 0

Pertoldi took up the running with Salvacion and kept in front till just before rounding the bend when she fell, bringing down High Life with her. Salvacion now took the lead and came down the straight looking very like a winner when, at the stands, Don Carlos made his effort and an exciting finish between the pair resulted in a dead heat with Financiera only half a length behind them.

Tickets—Salvacion with 856 win and 1297 place, Don Carlos 638 and 697, Financiera 1054 and 1327, Myosotis 276 and 1145, High Life 368 and 793, Liniers 275 and 589, Erato 732 and 722 Fergus 699 and 992, Pertoldi 151 and 300. Totals 5049 and 7163.

Dividends—Salvacion \$5.56 win and 3.59 place, Do Carlos 6.78 place, Financiera 3.55 place.

PREMIO NAUQUEN, a handicap for three-year-olds, \$2000 to the 1st; 1600 metres.

- Sr. J. M. Villanueva's b f Manon Lescaut, by Pan—Nana, 50 k..... J. Cardoso 1
- Stud San Jorge's Remigia, 50 k..... N. Grigera 2
- Capitan Lopez' Melpomenes, 43 k..... A. Garcia 3
- Stud Luis Chico's Charabona, 52 k..... I. Grigera 0
- Stud Buenos Aires' Clovis, 51 k..... I. Diaz 0
- Stud Argentino's Veterano, 44 k..... Bracesco 0

Charabona ran in front for half the distance, Manon Lescaut taking up the running before reaching the last bend and never afterwards being pushed won easily by three lengths from Remigia, who was two lengths in front of Melpomenes.

Tickets—Manon Lescaut with 2759 win and 2036 place, Remigia 1494 and 1578, Melpomenes 742 and 1179, Charabona 119 and 99, Clovis 958 and 897, Veterano 1218 and 999. Totals 7290 and 6788.

Dividends—Manon Lescaut \$4.75 win and 3.22 place, Remigia 3.58 place.

PREMIO ESPERANZA, for thoroughbred two-year-old colts and fillies, colts carried 50 kilos, fillies 48 kilos, winners, of a classic race 3 kilos extra, \$3500 to the 1st, \$300 to the 2nd; 1100 metres.

- Stud Buenos Aires' b f Woodnymph, by Phoenix—Oread, 48 k..... I. Diaz 1
- Stud Terminacion's Libertad, by Star—Lady Ladour, 48 k..... L. Gonzalez 2
- Sr. E. Acebal's, Barsac, by Star—Bourgogne, 50 k..... I. Cardoso 3
- Stud Azur's Rosemary, 48 k..... P. Aguilari 0
- M. W. Kemmis' Speculation, 48 k..... C. Bracesco 0
- Stud Las Ortigas' General Las Heras, 50 k..... L. Diaz 0
- Stud Niño Dorado's Francisca, 48 k..... I. Martinez 0
- Stud Painé's Finisterre, 48 k..... G. Morales 0
- Stud San Jorge's Landseer, 50 k..... N. Grigera 0
- Stud Tandil's Minero, 50 k..... J. Braserti 0
- Stud Las Ortigas Danseuse, 51 k..... R. Bastiani 0

The flag was dropped to a wretched start, the much fancied General Las Heras being the last to get off. Barsac, who got away in front, led till nearly entering the straight when she was beat. When well in the line for home Woodnymph was sent to the front and cantered in an easy winner from Libertad by half a length; three lengths separated second and third.

Tickets—Woodnymph with 3816 win and 4134 place, Libertad 721 and 760, Barsac 1637 and 1430, Rosemary 223 and 402, Speculation 154 and 176, Danseuse and General Las Heras 1612 and 2058, Francisca 106 and 212, Finisterre, 794 and 816, Landseer 712 and 1239, Minero 144 and 191. Totals 9924 and 11418.

Dividends—Woodnymph \$4.68 win and 2.86 place, Libertad 3.86 place, Barsac 3.61 place.

PREMIO SANTA CRUZ, a handicap for horses which having run have not won in 1893, \$1800 to the 1st, \$200 to the 2nd; 1600 metres.

- Stud Buenos Aires' b m Santa Lucia, by Garrard—Santa Rita, 4 yrs, 57 k..... I. Diaz 1
- Capitan Lopez' Brandy Snap, 4 yrs, 49 k..... P. Aguilari 2
- La Petite Ecurie's Clairon, 4 yrs, 53 k..... G. Palacios 4
- General Paz' Woolf, 4 yrs, 47 k..... L. Gonzalez 0
- Ecurie Prisionero's Erato, 5 yrs, 43 k..... C. Gomez 0
- Stud La Prensa's Falucho, 5 yrs, 40 k..... F. Olmos 0
- Sr. A. Sibourd's Te Olvidé, 5 yrs, 38 k..... R. Bastiani 0

Woolf made the running from Brandy Snap for a thousand metres when the latter went to the front, a position he maintained till reaching the stands. Here Santa Lucia came away easily and won by half a length; a length separated Brandy Snap and Clairon.

Tickets—Santa Lucia with 2475 win and 2042 place, Brandy Snap 1980 and 1880, Clairon 1710 and 1614, Woolf 731 and 970, Erato 777 and 687, Falucho 223 and 323, Te Olvidé 397 and 456. Totals 8283 and 8000.

Dividends—Santa Lucia \$6.02 win and 3.60 place, Brandy Snap 3.74 place.

PREMIO RIO NEGRO, a handicap \$2500 to the 1st, 2200 metres.

Stud Gladiateur's Farandol, by Childeric—	
Fascia, 3 yrs, 49 k.....	P. Aguilero 1
Stud Tandil's Puygaveau, 6 yrs, 56 k.....	R. Garrido 2
Stud Las Ortigas' Valiente, 5 yrs, 56 k.....	G. Palacios 3
Capitan Lopez' Don Carlos, 5 yrs, 43 k.....	A. Garcia 0
Stud Buenos Aires' Thalia, 4 yrs, 59 k.....	I. Diaz 0

Farandol took the lead at once and was soon leading by some seven or eight lengths and racing in a style which left little doubt as to the result of the race at any point. He won right out by three lengths from Puygaveau, who was only a head in front of Valiente.

Tickets—Farandol with 2031 win and 1495 place, Puygaveau 2282 and 1001, Valiente 2818 and 2032, Thalia 2382 and 1629, Don Carlos 812 and 730. Totals 10325 and 6887.

Dividends—Farandol \$9.15 win and 4.47 place, Puygaveau 5.69 place.

PREMIO RIO COLORADO, a handicap, \$1800 to the 1st, \$200 to the 2nd; 1100 metres.

Capitan Lopez' b h Brandy Snap, by Sweetbread—Lass o' Gowrie, 3 yrs, 49 k.....	P. Aguilero 1
Stud San Juan's Rivarola, 5 yrs, 44 k.....	D. Castillo 2
Capitan Lopez' Whitethorn, 3 yrs, 48 k.....	A. Garcia 3
Stud Camors' Vendetta, 5 yrs, 60 k.....	R. Garrido 4
Stud El Plata's Huracan, 5 yrs, 56 k.....	I. Cardoso 0
Stud Winchester's Holland, 6 yrs, 56 k.....	L. Gonzalez 0
Stud Revolucion's Siva, 4 yrs, 51 k.....	R. Bastiani 0
Sr. J. M. Villanueva's Cautivo, 4 yrs, 50 k.....	E. Lopez 0
Stud Terminacion's Terminacion, 4 yrs, 49 k.....	I. Diaz 0
Stud La Noria's Jenny, 3 yrs, 40 k.....	A. Saavedra 0
Stud Temerario's Musical, 6 yrs, 38 k.....	R. Saavedra 0
Stud Hurlingham's Linterna, 3 yrs, 55 1/2 k.....	A. Navarro 0

The start was a wretched one. Jenny was first away with Huracan in pursuit, the latter taking the lead half way up the bottom straight. As far as it could be seen in the waning light the field was led by Huracan till half way round the bend where he was beat, and Cautivo took up the running. The field came down the straight well together, Brandy Snap drawing out a short distance from home and stalling off a resolute challenge on the part of Rivarola got home by a head, with half a length separating Rivarola and Whitethorn, who was a like distance in front of Vendetta.

Tickets—Brandy Snap and Whitethorn with 1556 and 1391, Rivarola 295 and 287, Vendetta 1317 and 929, Huracan 1173 and 1171, Holland 1705 and 1709, Siva 1317 and 1820, Terminacion 720 and 654, Jenny, 81 and 382, Musical 25 and 22, Linterna 115 and 182.

Dividends—Brandy Snap \$11.08 win and 4.95 place, Rivarola 16.31 place, Vendetta 6.42 place.

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

PREMIO ESCOCES—1100 metres			
	kilos		kilos
Riflero.....	60	Salaam.....	53
Huracan.....	56	Cabula.....	51
Satanella.....	56	Siva.....	51
Relampago.....	56	Remigia.....	48
Holland.....	56	Lucia.....	47
Myotis.....	54	Marionette.....	46
Blackfriar.....	53	Pirata.....	42

PREMIO SATANELLA—1750 metres.			
Golondrina.....	60	India Muerta.....	54
Santa Lucia.....	59	Remolacha.....	52
Puri.....	58	Siva.....	51
Calandria.....	58	Mondaine.....	47
Financiera.....	55	La Capital.....	40

PREMIO OTOSO, weight for age, \$1000 to the 1st, \$500 to the second, 1600 metres.

Apolo.....	60 1/2	Camors.....	60 1/2
Financiera.....	58 1/2	Riflero.....	60 1/2
Lumineux.....	60 1/2	Blackfriar.....	60 1/2
Nubifer.....	60 1/2	Carpintero.....	60 1/2
Anacoreta.....	55 1/2	Stone Cross.....	60 1/2
Esperanza.....	60 1/2	Araucano.....	60 1/2
Ituzingó.....	55 1/2	Santa Fe.....	60 1/2
Brandy Snap.....	60 1/2	Thalia.....	58 1/2
Zampa.....	60 1/2	Niobe.....	53 1/2
Eridan.....	60 1/2	Satanella.....	58 1/2
Amazon.....	60 1/2	Sucre.....	55 1/2
Sud America.....	60 1/2	Prometeo.....	55 1/2
Sargento.....	60 1/2	Florida.....	55 1/2

PREMIO MARIUS—1750 metres.			
Nedgate.....	57	Melpomenes.....	50
Salvacion.....	55	Andarin.....	50
Frobiser.....	54	Granadero.....	50
Guauguay.....	52	Phoebus.....	49
Monk.....	52	Bouchon.....	47
Mondaine.....	52	Almirante.....	47
Demos.....	52	La Capital.....	42
Tambor.....	52		

PREMIO MISS ROVEL—1300 metres.			
Prometeo.....	60	Mondaine.....	50
Federal.....	59	Smiling Lass.....	49
Danton.....	56	Melpomenes.....	46
Remigia.....	53	Veterano.....	46
Marionette.....	53	Andarin.....	40
Whitethorn.....	53	Nada.....	39
Clovis.....	52	Jenny.....	39
Belgrave.....	51	Soltera.....	39

PREMIO BRILLIANT—2500 metres, weights not yet out.			
Valiente.....		Thalia.....	
Farandol.....		Financiera.....	
Erato.....		Don Carlos.....	
Phoebus.....			

WOMEN'S GOSSIP.

Dear Kate,—

Last week I promised to tell you of some pretty table decorations, so here they are; but you must use your own discretion in adapting the flowers to your climate, for I, alas! am not botanist enough to know just what flowers flourish with you, or when they are in season. But if you keep to the colours of flowers that suit the shade of decoration given, in your land of sunshine you ought always to have a pretty table.

For instance, here is one in pink with which any white flowers would go perfectly. For the centre have a long table mirror, and edge it with a soft mass of pink silk, artistically puffed and fulled, then arrange at intervals a few flattish red glass dishes, or some of a good shade of red oriental pottery, and one or two tall glasses of the Venetian red glass of a graceful shape, and in all of these have a tasteful arrangement of snowdrops and maiden hair ferns, with some pieces of light feathery grass. Make the flowers look as light and graceful as possible, and never fill your vases too full.

White tulips, lily of the valley, or white roses might be substituted for snowdrops, if these "fair firstlings of the vernal year" do not grow with you, only keep the white and pink, and the delicate green of the maiden hair and grasses. Use if possible silver candlesticks, with candle shades of pink to match the silk.

One of the prettiest rose decorations I ever saw, was at a country house in the far north of Scotland last summer, curiously enough to southern ideas, in a very exposed and windy country, roses grow magnificently. The only flowers used were roses, with their own foliage, shading from dark glossy green to pale green or bronze, and here and there a spray of maiden hair or of cycopodeum to give lightness. The roses, of three shades, dark crimson, pale pink, and creamy yellow, were piled up in quaint old china dishes, with here and there a specially lovely one in a long narrow glass by itself, and all above the soft white centre piece of draped muslin were scattered large roses—crimson, pink, or cream colour—with delicate sprays of fern and foliage. The effect was lovely, and if you have roses in plenty I advise you to try it.

I saw another decoration in the same part of the world, which, if extravagant in flowers, for they must have faded quickly, was certainly beautiful. I was at an afternoon tea, and the square table on which all sorts of country dainties were arranged beside some charming old flat-shaped tea cups and a Queen Anne silver tea pot and cream ewer, was simply covered with exquisite trails of the pale lavender double jac maine, with here and there a large wide open rose of a rich pink, thrown down to give colour. The dishes were standing in wreaths of flowers and ferns, and you can imagine how delicious cakes, strawberries, and salad sandwiches tasted from among such dainty surroundings.

One more table decoration should be enough for this time. Take, if you can get it, and you are sure to have something of the sort among your treasures, a long strip of eastern embroidery, or failing that, of rich old brocade of a fine yellow colour, place it down the centre of the table, and edge it with ferns and cycopodeum, and arrange in your glasses alternately scarlet and yellow tulips, use brass candlesticks, with shades of the tint of the red tulips, and I think the effect will please you.

Are you afflicted with awkward folding doors, or in-artistic doors of any sort? If so, here is a remedy for the evil. Have an arch made of wood or wicker work to fit the top of the door. Take away the door if it is between two rooms where you can afford to do so, and drape the arch with pretty shades of silk or muslin curtains, or better still, with the richly-tinted Oriental curtains. If you are tired of curtains, have little brackets fitted to the sides of the arch, and arrange on them china and bric-a-brac, or even dainty little glasses of flowers or pots of ferns, gracefully banked together at one side of the arch.

If the second room is one which must be used independently of the principal one, arrange your arch all the same, but allow the door to remain behind it, and cover the door with artistically draped curtains. Where one wants to do away altogether with the appearance of an unnecessary door, a piece of canvas can be stretched over it and papered or painted the same as the rest of the room, or a handsome Eastern hanging can be stretched over the place, and on it one can arrange Oriental weapons, china plates, fans, or photographs. In front of it one can place some comfortable lounge chairs, and at the side a stand with palms and ferns.

The fashionable embroidery just now is called Karls Kron, and is worked on a background of dark French cloth, with rich Oriental shades of lustrous filo-floss silk. It is very useful for coseys, cushions, table-cloths, and such things.

The chief theatrical talk in town just now is the very successful performance of "Becket," given by Mr Irving and the Lyceum Company before the Queen at Windsor. After the performance, Her Majesty received invited guests in the drawing-room, when Mr Irving, Miss Ellen Terry, and also Mr N. Terriss and Miss Genevieve Ward had the honour of being presented to Her Majesty.

The rest of the theatrical talk turns largely on "Niobe's" having completed a run of four hundred nights with unabated popularity, and the ever appreciated "Charley's Aunt" having completed its hundred nights.

Here is a curious occupation for educated gentlewomen who are compelled to earn their living. It seems that some specially frivolous women in fashionable society find it awkward in conversation to altogether ignorant of what is the thing in music, art, and literature, and as they do not care to give even a fraction of their time to the study of such subjects, they pay

accomplished young women who are obliged to work for money to coach them in the last new book, the latest opera or play, and the most fashionable picture, and with the smattering of knowledge so obtained, the fair dames manage to maintain their credit for up to date information in everything.—Ever yours, etc.,

MARGERY.

FIXTURES

RACING

Sunday, April 30—Hipodromo Argentino, Palermo. Thursday, May 11—Hurlingham Club.

FOOTBALL

Saturday, April 29—B. A. and R. Ry. v. B. A. E. H. School, at Palermo.

ATHLETICS

Wednesday, May 25—Hurlingham Club's Athletic Sports, at Hurlingham.

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Month of May—Hurlingham Club's Tournament.

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Wheat (barleta), 100 kilos..	6.40—7.20
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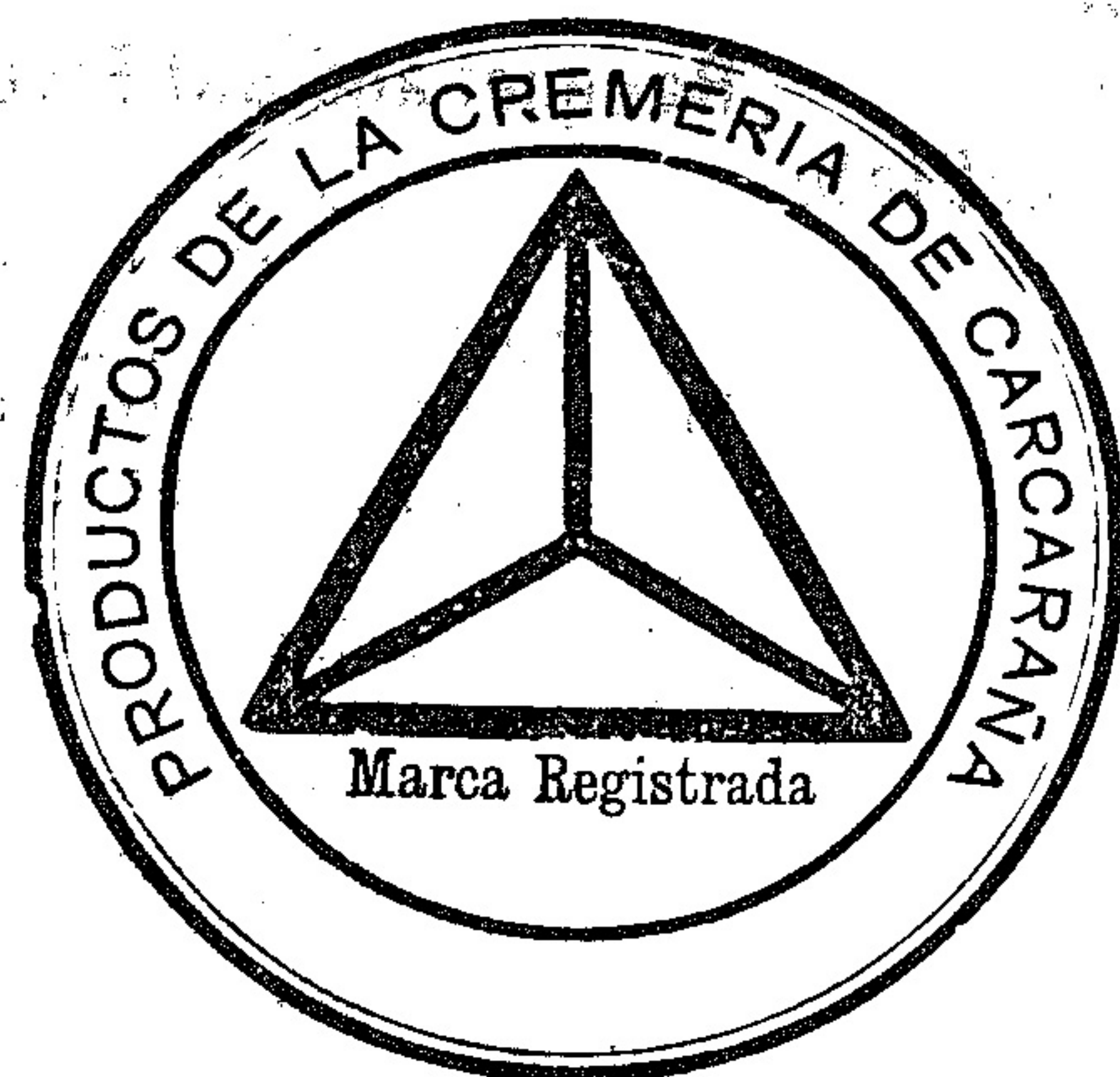
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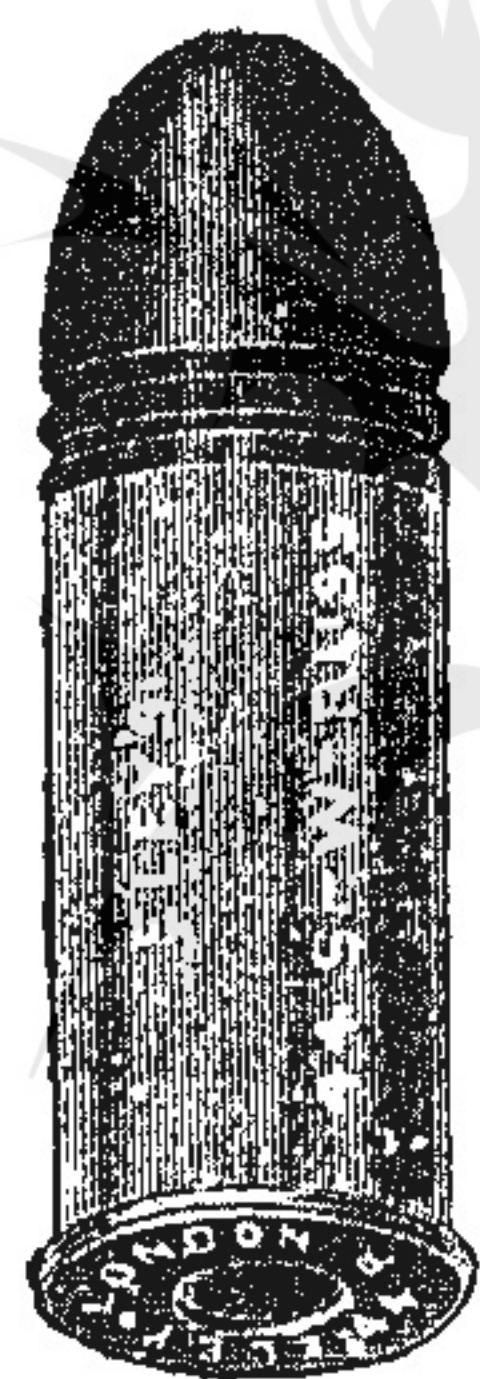
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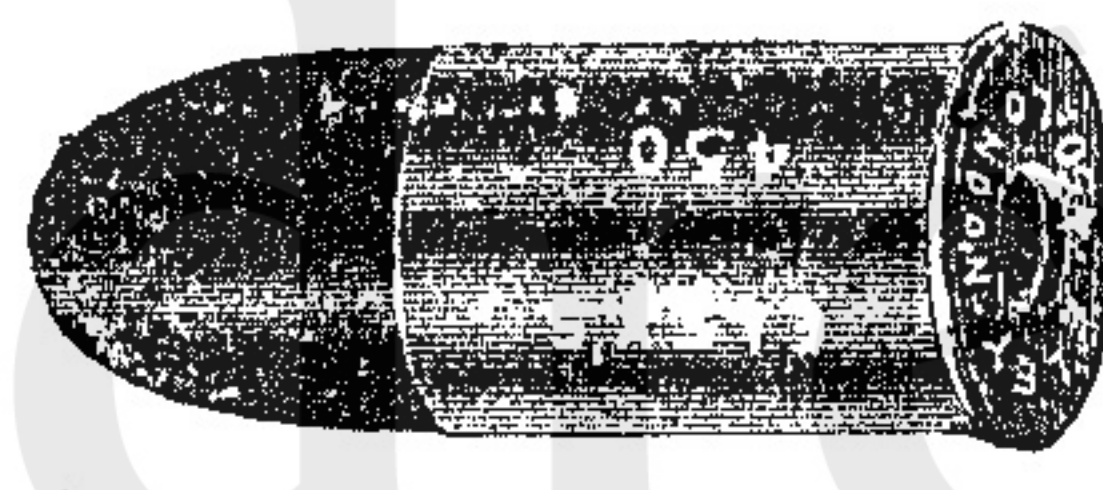
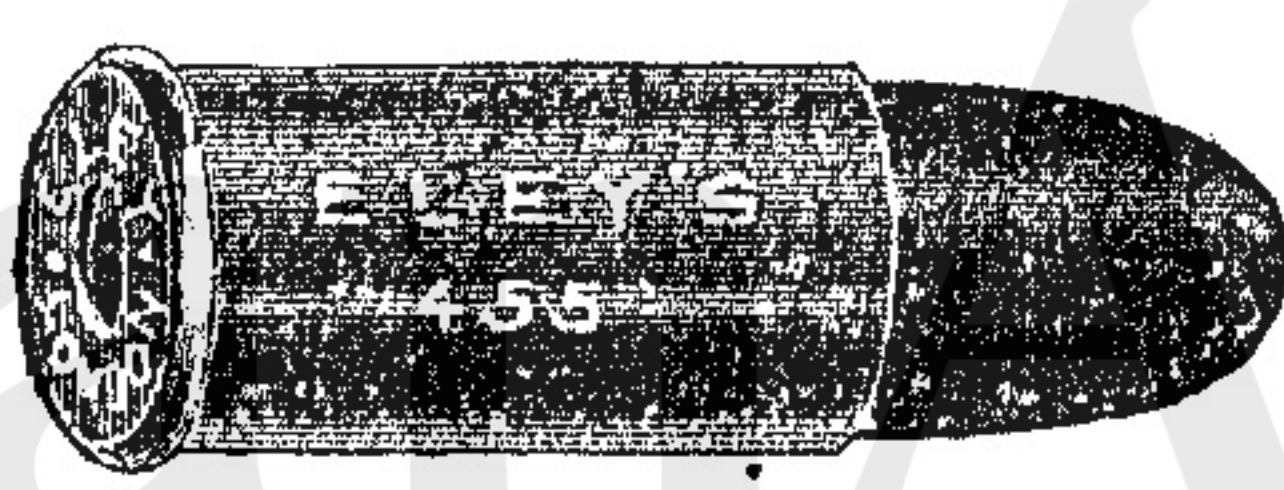


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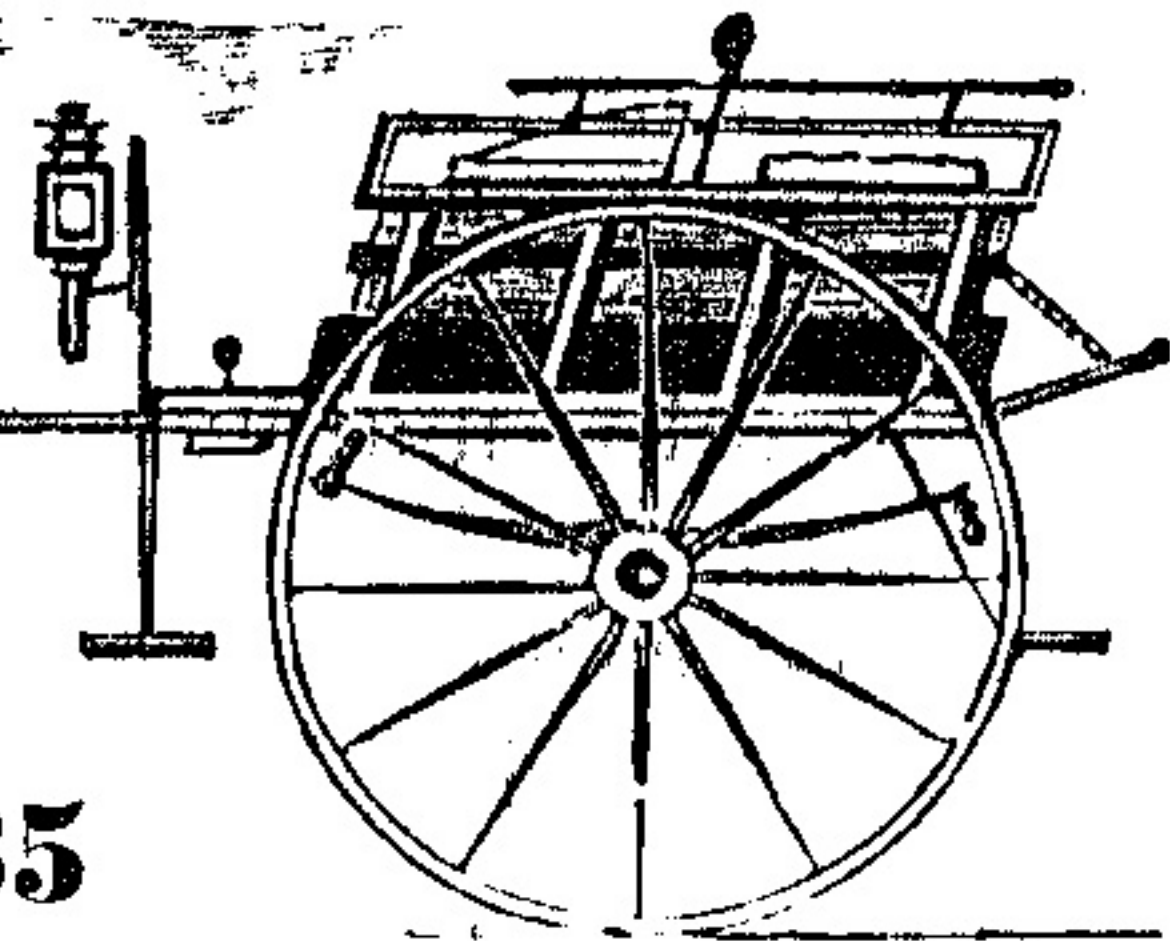
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ON

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A HURDLE RACE, for Horses the property of and to be ridden by members of the Buenos Aires Hunt Club, or an affiliated Polo Club; a Sweepstakes of \$20 each with \$100 added; catch weights not under 75 kilos; 2500 metres, over 7 flights of hurdles.

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The Cup to be won twice in succession by the same owner and pony, or three times in all by the same owner.

All disputes as to qualifications of owners or ponies to be referred to the Polo Association.

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The Cup must be won twice by the same owner or nominator before becoming his absolute property. Three horses, the property of different owners, must start, and actually race, or the Cup will not be given.

A HANDICAP, for Ponies of 53 in. or under, a Sweepstakes of \$10 each with \$50 added; 500 metres.

AN OPEN HANDICAP, for Ponies 56 in. or under; a Sweepstakes of \$10 each with \$100 added; 1000 metres.

A SELLING SWEEPSTAKES of \$10 each, for Ponies 56 in. or under; Ponies to be sold for \$100 to carry 75 kilos, if for \$75 70 kilos, and if for \$50 65 kilos; 800 metres.

Entries will close on ground, and five ponies must start or there will be no race. Any monies obtained over and above the selling price to be divided equally between the owner of the second pony and the Club.

A HANDICAP HURDLE RACE, a Sweepstakes of \$10 each with \$100 added, for Polo Ponies 56 in. or under; 1600 metres.

Entries, which must be accompanied by the necessary fees, close to the Secretary, Piedad 559, on Monday May 1st.

All races to be ridden by Gentlemen Riders or members of the Buenos Aires Hunt Club.

Hurlingham Club

CONDITIONS

FOR A

Racquet and Bat Fives Handicap Tournament

TO BE HELD DURING MAY

1. Entries to be made in pairs to the Secretary, 559 Piedad, or to Mr A. G. Gumpert, Piedad 378.
2. Entrance fee \$5 a pair for both events, or \$3 for one event.
3. No match will be valid unless the entrance fee has been paid.
4. Entries to close on or before Wednesday, April 26, and handicaps and dates for playing will appear in "Sport and Pastime" of May 3.
5. Large balls only to be used in the Bat Fives matches.
6. The handicapper to be Mr J. Ravenscroft.

CHARACTER SKETCHES**THE CAMP MAN IN TOWN**

He is to be seen at all seasons of the year and can be recognised in various ways. His face, bronzed and tanned by much exposure to the open air, marks him out at once among the paler complexions of the town men, while his generally healthy and robust look contrasts favourably with the livery looking dwellers in Buenos Aires.

He comes in for various reasons, principally as he tells you on a little business, which however he generally manages to combine with a good deal of pleasure. He is always very welcome as his spirits are usually of the highest, and although living far from the madding crowd he always seems to have a great deal to tell everyone, making him a pleasant companion to the jaded and weary business men. One thing however always frets him, that is when he comes in alone, which is the difficulty he finds in getting anyone to knock around with him, and he consequently haunts the steps of various offices and waylays their occupants as they leave for lunch, till sometimes the said occupants find him a little very little in the way.

Obeying however the natural law of gravitation one lonely camp man from the wilds of Entre Rios, will if there is another similarly situated from the depths of Bahia Blanca in town, always run up against him and join forces for the tour.

The home of the camp man in town is the Universelle, in which capacious caravansary he always puts up, sure of finding kindred spirits hidden in one of its many rooms.

As the shades of evening begin to fall there is usually a small concourse of these same hard-looking men to be seen, smoking and discussing the state of the camp, the price of wheat, and other subjects of a mutually interesting nature.

Polo tournaments are however the seasons when he comes down in numbers, and at these times the Brunswick rejoices in merry breakfast parties from which hearty laughter is always to be heard, and the Paris in cheery dining crowds.

In a peculiar but inexplicable manner the camp man seems to spread himself largely over the town and his presence is always felt, a something in the air seeming to whisper the camp men are coming, ha, ha.

He sometimes wears gloves—in his pocket—and is often to be seen in the latest cut garments, but he always has the appearance of having boots and breeches concealed under his flowing trousers, and walks with that quaint gait which betokens a man accustomed to many hours a day on horseback.

Sometimes he does not wear gloves, even in his pockets, and his linen bears the never to be mistaken touch of the camp lavandera, his collars of a blue whiteness totally devoid of gloss surmounting a greyish hued flannel shirt, his cuffs pinned on, with delicately fringed ends, and his boots muddy. It never occurs to a camp man to have his boots cleaned, not because he is careless of his personal appearance, but he is so accustomed to seeing his pedal extremities in a dusty condition that he would not recognise them in a highly polished state.

He is also great on hats, generally of an extraordinary shape and colour, large flapping sombrero looking arrangements in which he will in a moment of fancy stick feathers of bright and gaudy hue. If he wears the bowler of commerce

it is old, weather-beaten, and shabby, and fits him on the back of his neck.

As a contrast to this specimen there is the man who comes in faultlessly attired as though for church parade or a stroll down Piccadilly, but he is few and far between and only haunts from those estancias where credit is good and money no object.

The real camp man may generally be spotted by his timid manner, and he always says "Sir" to the town gentleman.

He has a curious facility for borrowing, which is invariably brought into play before he returns to his native wilds. When he arrives he eats and drinks only of the very very best, devilled chicken and champagne gracing the board, but as the days go on he grows less fastidious in his tastes and brings up on "puchero con verdura" and a "Pilsen grande."

His conversation is generally racy, and not unfrequently emphatic, while his marvellous stories of a peculiarly devilish bucking horse which he sat like a centaur turns the amateur poloist green with envy. As a sportsman he is a first class liar, and the number of snipe, duck, and martinete that he has shot on his particular "pano" smacks of an early course of Jules Verne con Baron Munchausen.

He introduces weird Spanish words in his dialogue which none of the Brunswick waiters understand but which all bear some strange and deadly meaning.

The reasons which bring him into town are varied—to see a brother, to meet a pal, or indulge in a wild tare, but to the anxious enquirer it is always "important business, dear boy."

He spends his time in town not wisely but too well, and as the days roll on his ruddy cheeks begin to pale, his eye to lose its brightness, while his brisk walk becomes gradually more languid, till taking the train back to his accustomed haunts he drops off at his station with something of the liveliness of a boiled owl and the personal appearance of a piece of masticated whipcord.

He has perhaps many faults and few virtues, but take him all round he is a real good sort, and there are many worse men to meet in a day's march than the camp man in town.

How I Discovered the Indian Mines

(Continued).

It was no use my trying to sit still though, I was far too excited for that, so I set to work again to examine the vein of silver. Domingo now showed me what had altogether escaped my notice, another vein close down by the floor, but this one only about an inch thick. I asked him if they had never worked that.

"No, brother," he said, "we can get far more and far easier out of the big one, so we have never got any out of that."

By Jove! was ever a man in such a predicament; a fortune staring him in the face; an enormous, veritable fortune, and not able to touch it. Too far away from anywhere, at least for the present. It was enough to make a fellow go clean off his chump with rage.

"It is time we began to climb down, brother," came from Domingo while I was turning the matter over in my mind, "the sun will soon be hidden by the mountains, and it will be dangerous climbing in the dark."

This was true, but I must have one more look. I got up, and rubbed my fingers all along that black line to see whether I could not break off another small piece to carry away, but it was no use, it was all hard and solid, so with a sigh I turned to go, promising myself however to be up there early next day and bring Rios with me.

It was only when I looked round the corner of the sentinel rock and studied the way we had come, that I fully realised the difficulties we should meet with in reaching the base of the mountain in safety. If the ascent had been hard and full of danger, the descent promised to be far worse, how ever all those loose pieces of stone get there was and is a puzzle to me; they looked as though they had been put there on purpose to prevent anybody trying to get up, and I could not help laughing at the time as I thought what a curious, inquisitive set of chaps they must have been who first found their way up there, according to the Indians, upwards of two hundred years ago.

I knew by experience that the longer you look at a difficulty the bigger it grows, so in order to prevent the present one from becoming any larger, and it was big enough in all conscience, I shoved my broken knife back into its sheath and started, calling out at the same time to Domingo to follow suit.

We made right along the way we came to the first and highest rock, rested a moment to get breath, and then started on our downward route, and here my troubles began, and very nearly ended for that matter, for I had only got down a matter of fifty yards or so when I began to slip. I turned round and flung myself spread-eagle fashion on my face, thinking that in this manner I should have a better chance of stopping myself, but it was no use, down I went, faster and faster. When I started on this journey I was in an almost perpendicular position, but the further I went the more I

began to assume a horizontal one. In vain I clutched at the larger pieces of rock as I passed, down I went, till presently with a bump I brought up against a good sized piece which set me rolling. I looked up as I fell over backwards and saw about a cartload of stones of all sizes following in my wake.

I don't know how long I rolled, it seemed to me for several hours, though of course it was only for a few seconds, but when I did stop I was in a terrible plight, bruised, battered, and torn.

I had lost my hat also, which was a serious matter to me, as it was the only one I had brought. I looked round as soon as I could sufficiently collect my scattered senses, to see how it had fared with Domingo, and saw him only a short distance off coming as fast as he could in my direction, and as soon as he was near enough to make himself heard he shouted out:

"Are you badly hurt, brother?"

"I don't know yet," I replied, "I must find out."

Bruised I was considerably, of course, and the skin rubbed off all the angles, but so far as I could ascertain I had no bones broken. My right ankle was considerably sprained too.

"I told you we had better not go on, for the gualiche was angry at our coming," he said presently.

"To the devil with the gualiche," I irreverently replied, for I was very angry at my mishap, which was probably occasioned by my own carelessness; "you don't mean to say that the gualiche had anything to do with my tumbling down the hill, do you?"

"Certainly," he answered, "the gualiche whistled the other night for us to go back, and you refused, and have brought this trouble on yourself."

"All right," said I, not caring to begin an argument just then, "let us get back to where Rios is as fast as possible."

We luckily had not far to go, only about some six hundred yards, but even that short distance was as much as I could manage before it was quite dark, as when I began to walk my ankle gave me considerable pain, as indeed did the whole of my body. Domingo was rather scared at my dilapidated condition, but helped me along as well as he was able.

When we got up to where Rios was we had to tell the story all over again to him and the Indians, who had all come in from hunting. They had had good sport, having secured a couple of donkeys besides the usual quantity of deer and ostriches. It may sound funny to some who have never had the advantage of eating donkeys, but their flesh is very good, especially if young and fat. Horse flesh is good, mule is better, but donkey is the best of all.

I was too sore though to think much about dinner that night, and busied myself tearing up an old white shirt I had brought to make bandages for my ankle, which I kept wet, having cold water poured on it every few minutes as it was now very painful and had begun to swell a good bit; the rest of my body also was very sore from the bumps I had received during my descent from the silver vein. My friends the Indians rubbed me plentifully with grease, to "cure" me as they expressed it, and supplied me with mate and plenty to eat. Most of them too contributed skins or woollen saddle-cloths to make me a soft bed, in fact did all they could to make me comfortable.

Domingo promised to go and look for my hat in the morning, the loss of which troubled me considerably, as I was not used like them to going about without one, and the sun in the middle of the day was getting to be pretty warm, as it was the beginning of September now and consequently spring.

It was utterly useless, I knew, to think of trying to ride again for at least three or four days, as my ankle would be sure to be pretty stiff and inflamed to-morrow, so I told Domingo that we must remain where we were for a day or two.

"That does not matter," said he, "in fact it will be a good thing for the horses, as several of them are a bit lame from travelling over the stones, besides a three days' rest will do them a lot of good, there is lots of game all round and time is our own."

There is certainly a great charm about this primitive life the Indians lead, their food is supplied by the chase, clothes such as they require can be purchased in the frontier towns by the sale of the skins and feathers of the "bichos" which supply their food; cattle and horses these people had, more than they required, and an almost unlimited country over which to roam, either in search of food for themselves or pasture for their animals. In the summer they have all the southern pampa to choose from and in the winter they can go north to the shelter of the forests, or do as old Ramon did, and live there all the year round. A healthier life one cannot well imagine, the only trouble I ever heard of among them in the way of disease is small pox, and that they get about every ten or twelve years, and of course as they have so few remedies at their command it carries them off in considerable numbers.

One curse they have in common with all savages, drink; at intervals of three or four months the tribe is visited by itinerant traders who come from Rio Cuarto, Mercedes, or other outside towns to buy skins, feathers, horsehair, in fact anything that the Indians have to sell, and bring with them in carts, linen, gaudy ponchos, and a cask or two of aguardiente. Then pandemonium commences, the Indians barter what they have to barter for about one-tenth of its value, receiving in exchange the maddening spirit which turns these children of nature into veritable brutes.

A drunken Indian is about the most dangerous animal I know. The only thing to be done when one of them manages to get himself into that state is to ply him with more liquor and get him incapable as soon as possible, otherwise he will fight with anyone he comes across, and kill him if he gets a chance, and rarely does one of these peddlers visit a tolderia without somebody

getting killed and several others badly wounded. The peddlers sometimes get killed themselves, but that is not sufficient to deter another from taking his place, as the proceeds of one such trip is enough to set a man up and enable him to start a small "boliche" or store on his own account in a town.

Robbery and murder are the natural instincts of the Indians. I had often, as I have before had occasion to mention, met them in the towns; I have fought them on their invasions more than a score of times, but this was my first experience of anything like friendly intercourse with them. They had treated me as a guest and done everything they possibly could for my comfort, but I must frankly admit that with the exception of Domingo, and about half a dozen men whom I knew, I should be very sorry to trust myself to the mercy of the others should I happen to come across them on the open pampa alone. I am perfectly certain that, were they able to, they would have thought no more about cutting my throat for the sake of my clothes, recado, and horse, than they would of killing a deer.

All thoughts of getting up again to the silver vein were of course out of the question, my ankle would not admit of my climbing for at least a fortnight, and by that time I must be well on the way home. Besides I had still old Martin's land to see, and that would probably detain me two or three days, and for two or three days at least I should be obliged to remain where I was.

One thing at least might be done, the Indians would hunt every day as a necessity, and might possibly come across a "mojon" or land mark made by the government engineers. These land marks are simply a circular mound of earth thrown up about a metre high, and on the eastern side of each one is a wooden peg driven into the ground with the letter and number of the block to which it belongs. By finding one of these and consulting my maps I could easily find Martin's block, and with a compass I could travel in pretty nearly a straight line from one mojon to another. So I told Rios, who could read and write, to go out every day when they went hunting, and should any of them come across a mark to bring me the number and letter.

The Indians had rigged up a sort of tent to keep the sun off me, and then Rios went off with the others to hunt. Domingo stayed with me, for now I was hurt he seemed to think me his special property. He cooked my food and served mate, and we passed the greater part of the morning eating roast donkey and drinking mate.

I must say I could not help being disgusted with my present position, certainly I had attained my desire in having found the Indian mines and got in my pocket proof positive of their reality and richness, but, the inevitable "but," there was no possibility of my getting up to them again, at least on this trip, and "quien sabe" should I ever be down at them again, probably not at least for a very long time. So I lay still, cursing my carelessness, for that was undoubtedly the cause of my misadventure, and quietly allowed Domingo to rub my bruises with donkey grease.

Domingo was not an uninteresting companion, for he beguiled the time and made it pass far quicker than it ordinarily would by telling me stories and legends of the different mountains and lakes near which we then were.

"Some day, brother, you must come down here again," he said, "and we will go to the great lake of Naguel Huapi, not to stay there, for it is an unlucky place, but just to see it, it is well worth the trip."

"What do you mean by unlucky?" I asked.

"I don't know," he replied, "but although people have tried several times to live there everybody who tried has come to harm, and always will. Some 'curas' came across the big mountains more than two hundred summers ago, and built themselves a house and a church on an island near the centre, but they quarrelled among themselves and were finally all killed by the Indians. If my brother is fond of mountains, and forest and water, and plenty of good hunting he would get them all here. But it is no use to go there in the winter, it is too cold, too much snow and too much wind. But in the summer there is no place like it, but we do not live there for it is unlucky."

And that was all he knew about it. He told me lots of legends about the fire mountains, as he called the volcanoes, and about the Araucano Indians. These, he told me, had come long, long before the Spaniards.

"But they are not Indians," he said, "they are big men, and some of them have yellow hair and white skins and beards, and no Indian has any beard; no one knows where they came from, except that they came in canoes from beyond the big waters, and settled in the mountains, their eyes are brown like those of Cow Eyes, and some of them have eyes the colour of the sky: They are very brave, they know where the gold the Cristianos prize so much is found, for I have seen it on the hands of their women and also on their spurs and bits."

"And will they tell where the gold is?"

"No," he replied, "they will not, for they say that if they showed it to the Cristianos their country would be overrun and themselves driven out."

Chatting in this manner we passed the afternoon, and I lay and watched the changing shadows on the Cordilleras till the sun set behind them and they became a slaty grey. What would I not have given to be able to spend a whole year among those mighty mountains, who can tell what I might not find in that time, what hidden riches, what curious places and things yet to be found there, hidden for ages from the eye of civilised man: It was tantalising in the extreme to lie there powerless within sight of the boundary of that weird, unexplored land, and know that in all human probability I should never again have a chance of seeing it.

(To be continued)

AUSTRALIAN HORSES FOR AMERICA.

It appears that Mr Reed, who was here a short time ago with the object of buying Ormonde for his Kentucky Stud, is now about to visit Australia in search of a first class Australian sire, thinking he will be able to obtain a well bred horse of size and substance likely to breed well to the mares on his farm. "Augur", in the "Spirit of the Times" seizes the opportunity to laud out into a tirade denouncing the Australian as compared to the English horse. "The best English horse" says he "is 20 lb. better than the best Australian." Regarding Carbine's marvellous performance in the Melbourne Cup, when he won with 10 st. 5 lb. in the saddle, Augur does not overlook it but says the fame of this achievement went all over the world, and was a proof that a good horse can carry any amount of weight. But he goes on to qualify this admission by saying that "admitting that Carbine is the best horse in Australia, why should we conclude that he would be a good one here? The Australians have never imported a first-class horse from England. They have not imported as good horses as America has. How then, can their strain be looked to improve ours? Because Carbine beat everything there, it does not follow he is great. Australia is hardly a good trial ground. Mr Reed would have done better to go to England, a better trial ground, where horses are bred from a higher class, than go to Australia. Probably he could not have got as good a horse in England as Carbine is in Australia, but it is fair to believe that there are twenty good horses in England for every one in Australia."

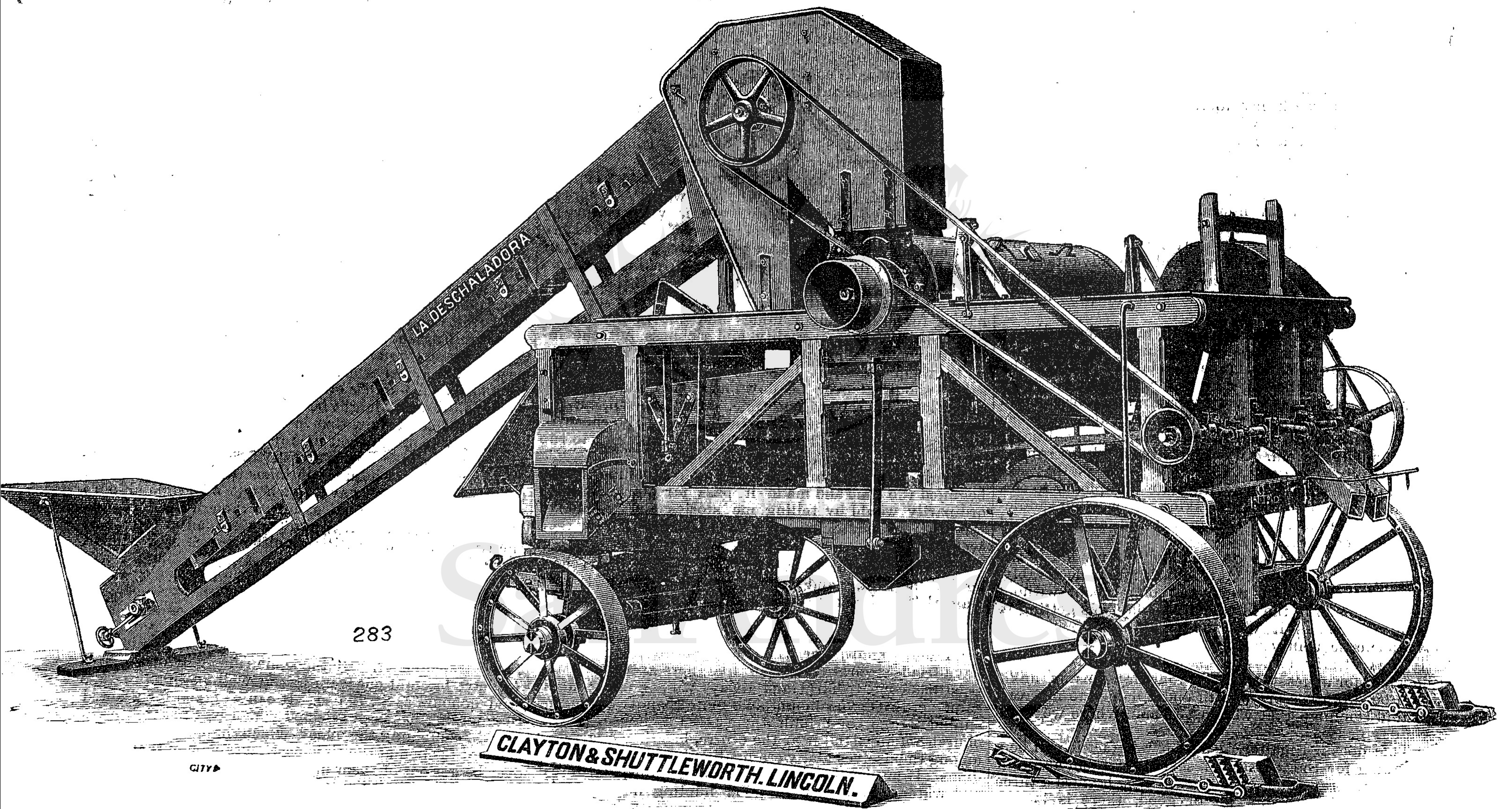
Commenting on those remarks, the "Australasian", in a most interesting article, doubts that there are better horses in England than in Australia.

This is a point, says our contemporary, which can never be properly determined, and doubtless the Americans have imported more high-class horses from England than have the Australians. But when "Augur" goes on to say that no first-class English horse has come to the colonies he talks nonsense. What horse in England was superior to Fisherman in his day, and surely the American "Augur" ought to know that Musket retired from the turf with the reputation of being the best stayer in England. Then, again, The Marquis, whom Messrs Dakin brought out, was a Two Thousand Guineas and St. Leger winner, and he only missed the Derby by a neck. A number of others, such as Tim Whiffler, Ace of Clubs, &c., might be mentioned; but these three should suffice to show that in years gone by there were men ready to spend their money in bringing to the colonies horses which were at the time regarded as first-class. "We must admit, continues the "Australasian", that the Americans have taken out of England more good horses than we have, but although Leamington, Bonnie Scotland and Rayon d'Or were all at the top of the tree on the turf, St. Blaise, although a Derby winner, was a long way removed from a good race-horse, and did not come under the category of "first-class", at the time he was imported. That he should have developed into a twenty thousand pounder is a pretty sure indication that as long as a horse is well bred he may make a great name as a stallion, even though only a middling race-horse himself. By the same rule many of the sires we have brought out were just as well qualified to take stud honours as St. Blaise. It can be taken for granted that nothing has been selected which was not well bred. Horses combining the blood which happens to be the acme of fashion at the time cost more money than could ever be got out of them in Australia, but depend upon it the great majority of the horses of the English turf are well if not fashionably bred, and with the fashion constantly changing a neglected stallion of to-day may be all the rage ten years hence. Musket had left England before Petronel and the few others he left behind made their mark. Afterwards the Englishmen would have been glad enough to get him back. After all, however, it is besides the mark going into arguments as to the class of the horses which have been brought to Australia. Mr Charles Reed, whose intended advent in Australia has called forth this American "Augur's" remarks, is a practical man not likely to be turned from his intention by such specious arguments. Moreover, he should be a very capable judge of what the Australian sires are likely to do in America. Following the example of Mr J. B. Haggin, he bought into our stock, and already owns a colonial horse in Cheviot. Considering his opportunities, this horse has done remarkably well, and, doubtless, his success under difficulties has influenced Mr Reed in making up his mind to pay us a visit. Apart from Cheviot, Mr Reed has the example of Sir Modred and Darebin before him, and great things are expected of Maxim, one of the best of all the Muskets. Taken altogether, there are 11 Australian sires now in America, and with Sir Modred at their head they are taking a firm hold of the States. When they picked Sir Modred, Darebin and Maxim the Americans certainly took three of the very best Australian horses, and when Mr Reed comes along it will not be much use trying to put him off with any second-class article. The recent sales at Tattersall's, in New York, of English horses gave the key of the situation. The Americans will pay a good price for a good article when they see it, and will not look at rubbish. We hope Mr Reed's visit will prove an accomplished fact, and that he may be able to suit himself with a horse which will do Australia as much credit as Sir Modred has done.

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