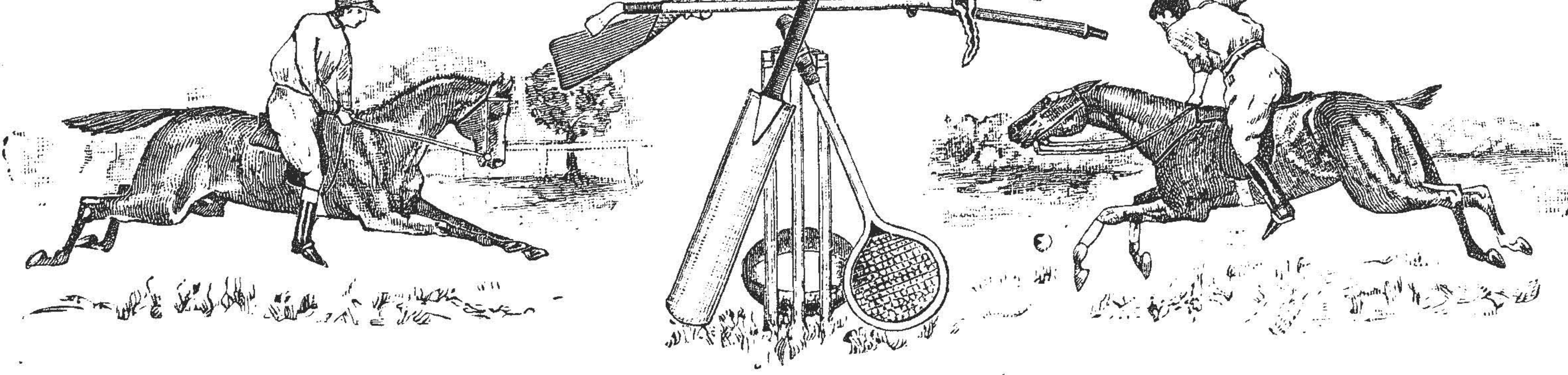


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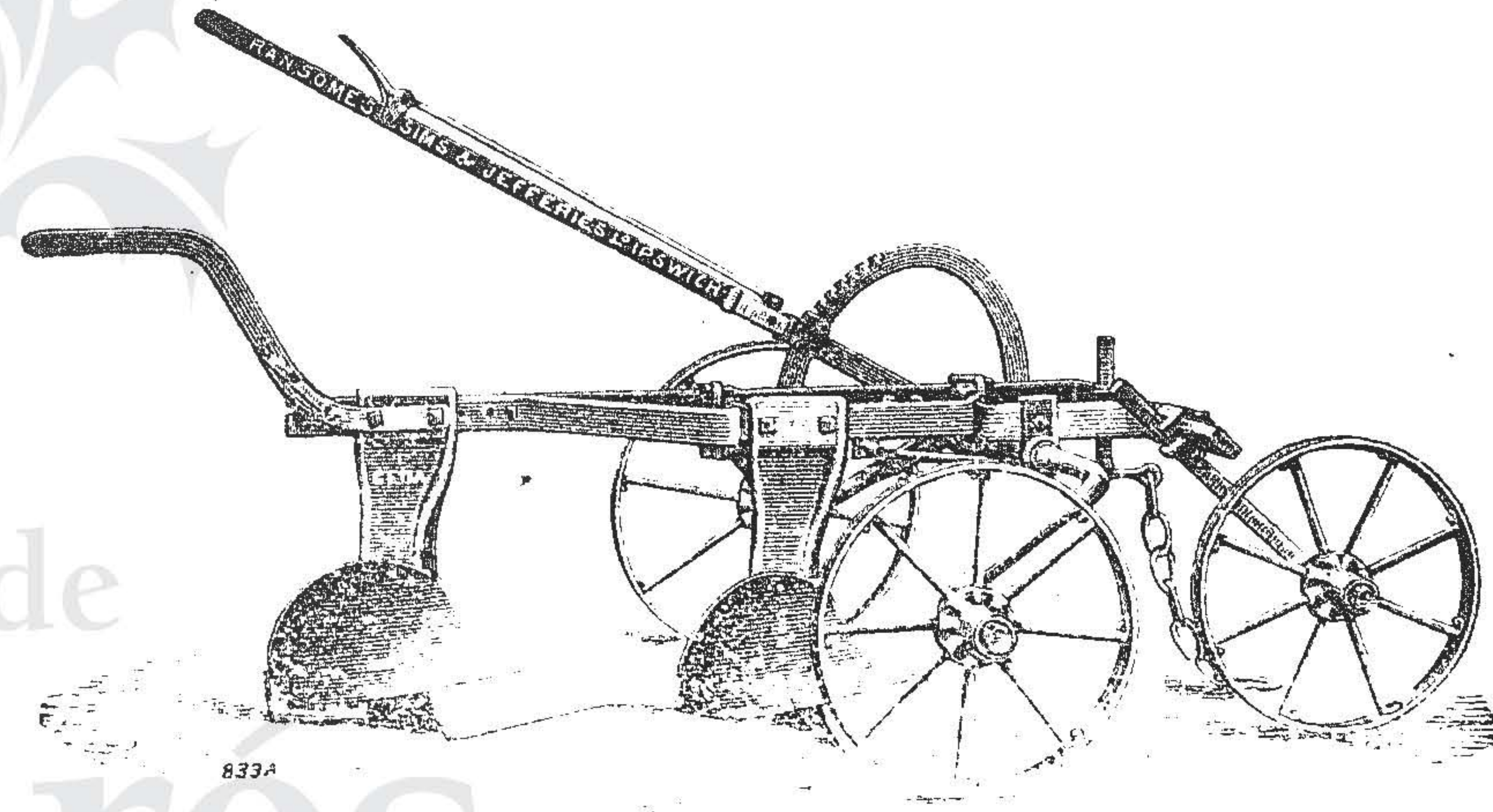
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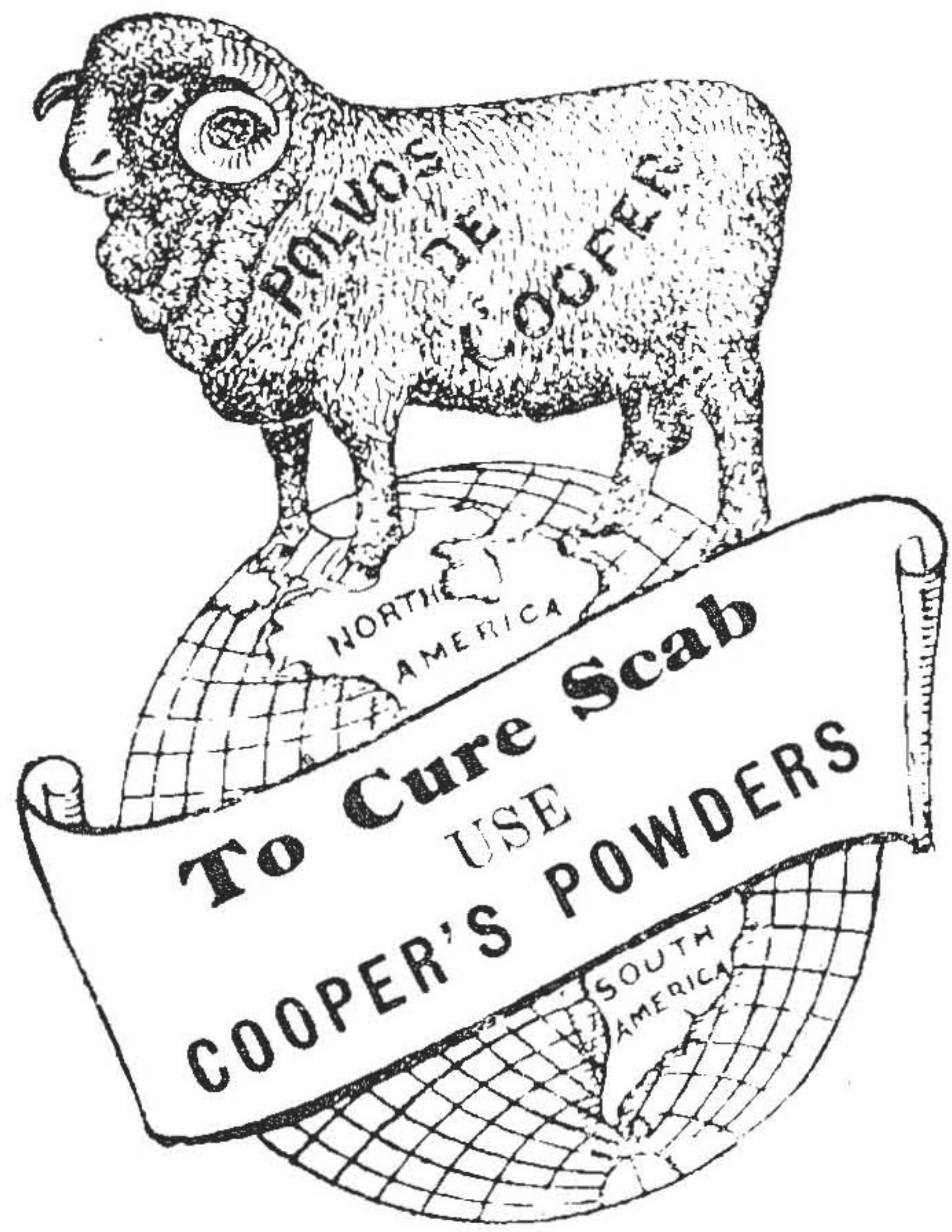


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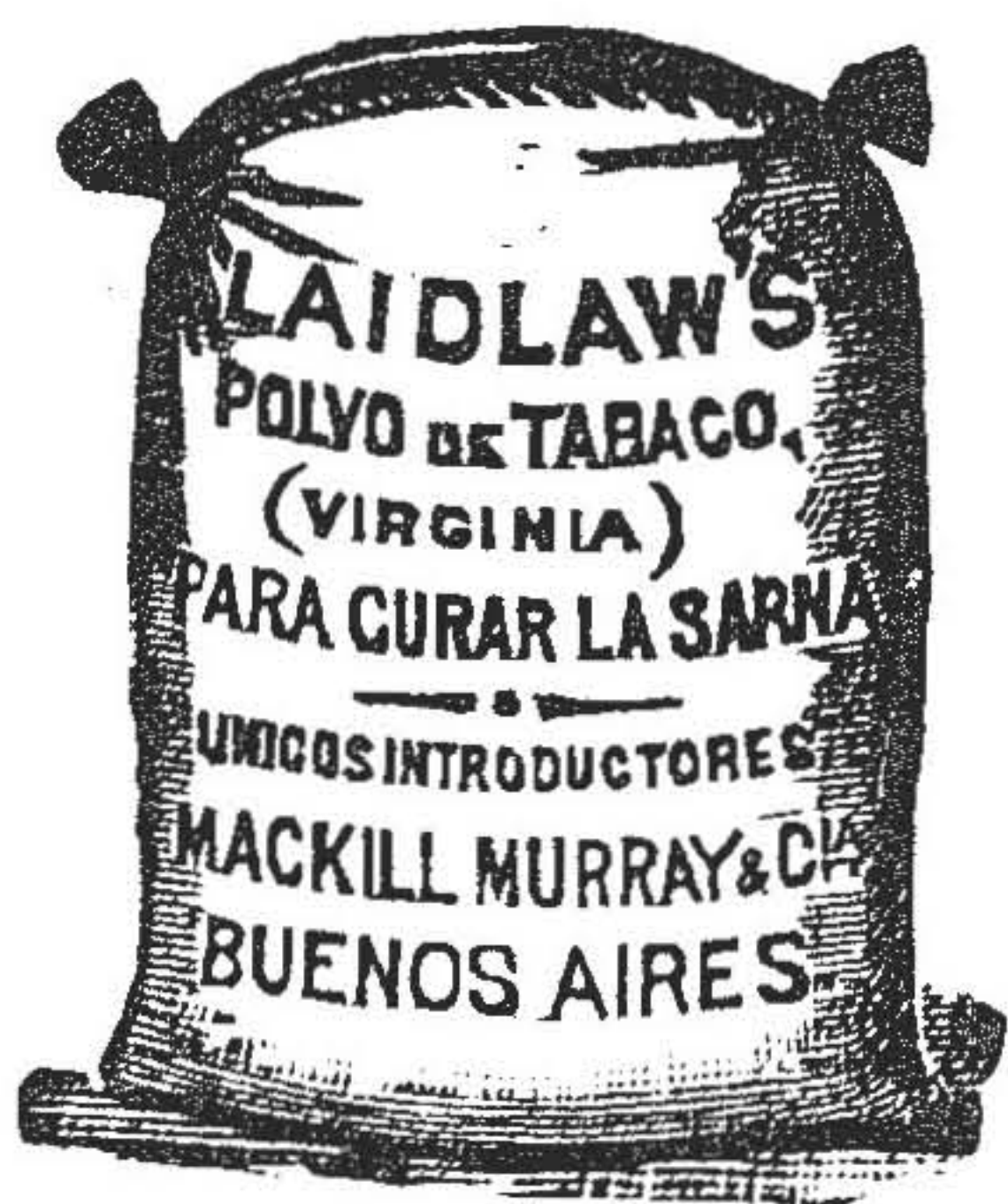
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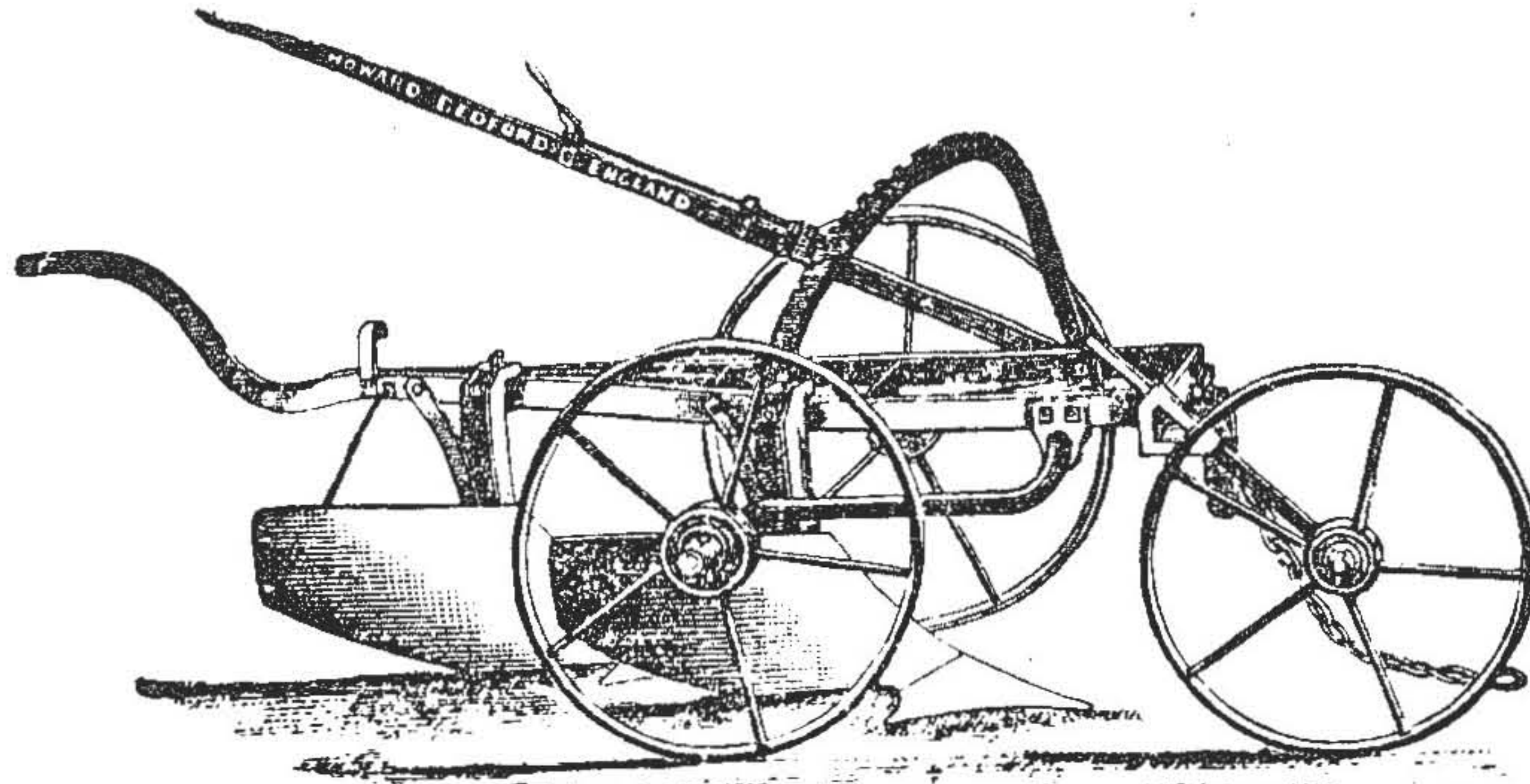
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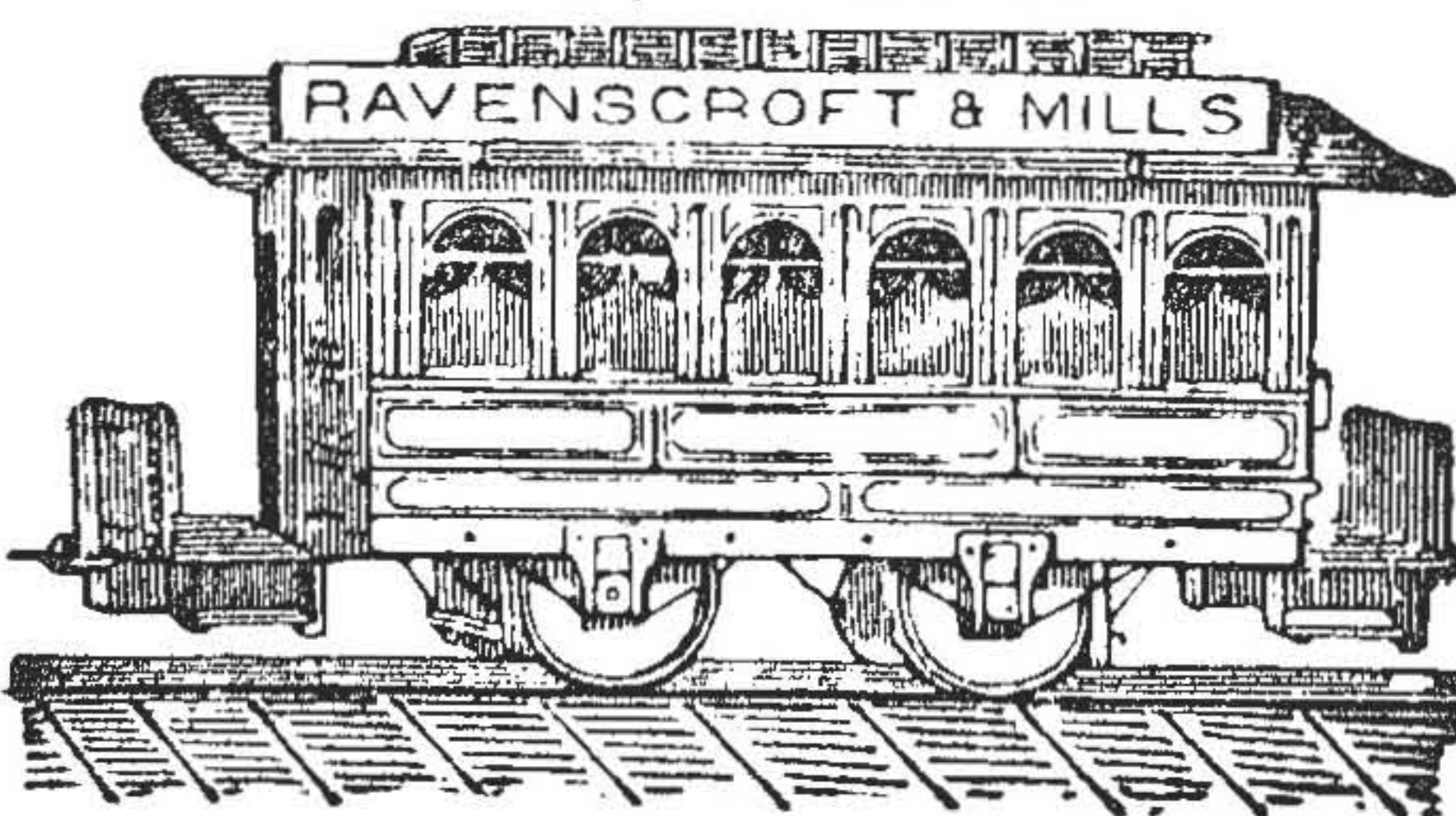


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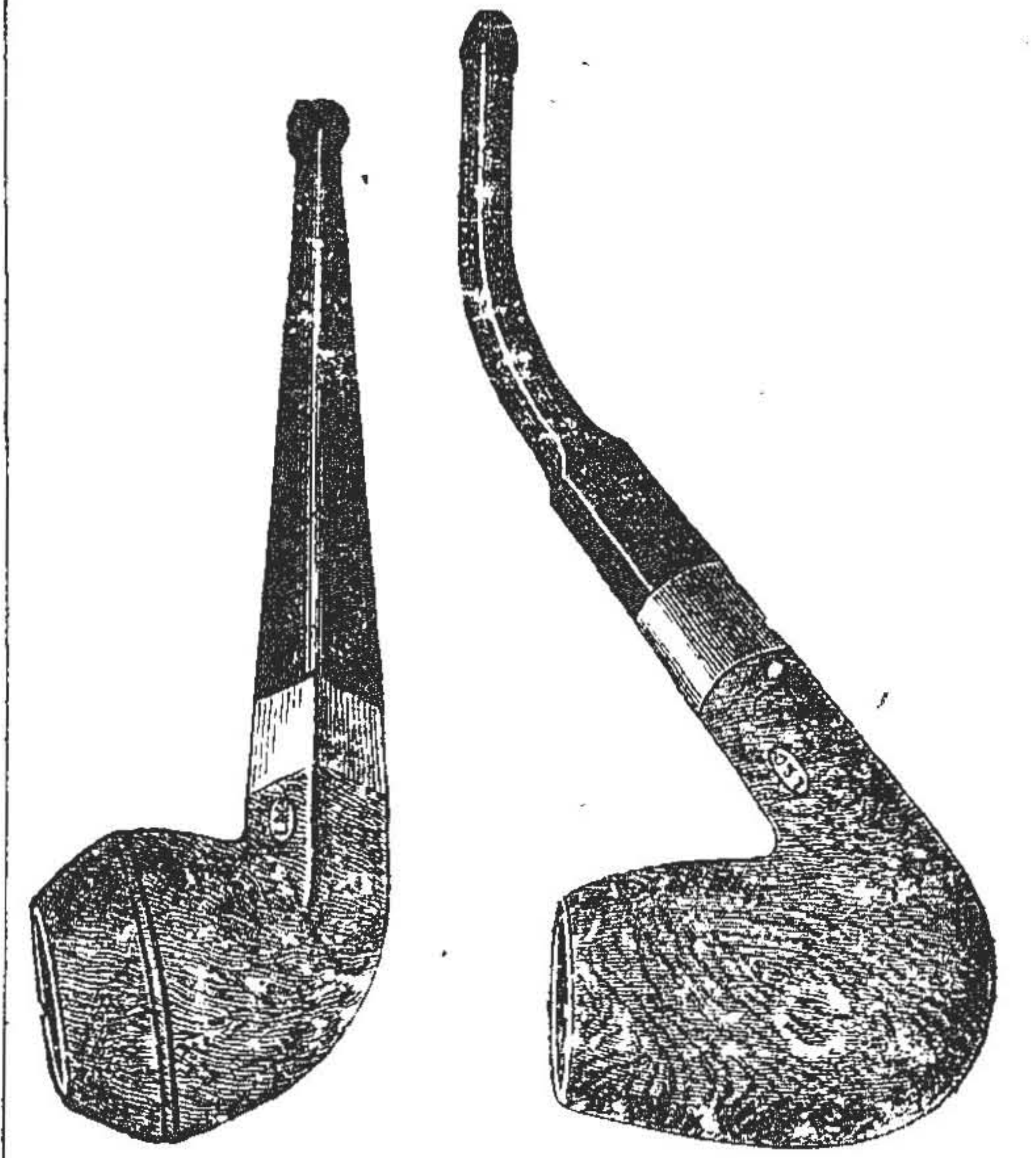
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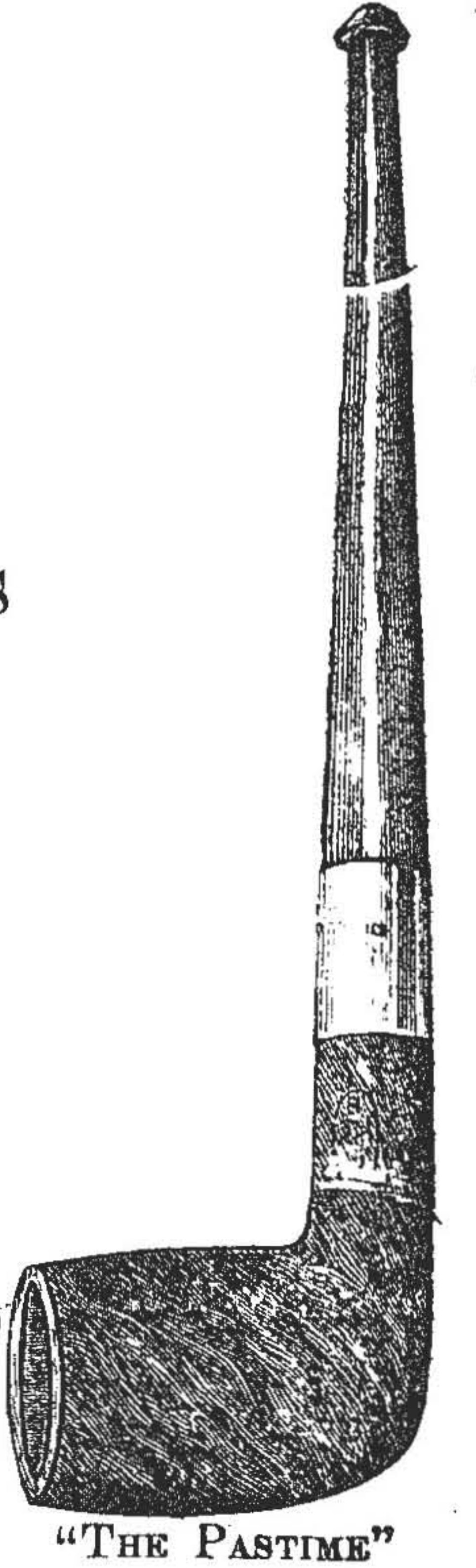
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## A FEW FACTS ABOUT THE STAGE.

If the few facts, which I have jotted down as they come to mind, serve to cool the ardent desire of many young people who are what is known as "stage-struck," they will have answered the purpose for which they were written. Many people, in fact the generality of the outside public, have wonderful and peculiar ideas of what goes on behind the scenes. They imagine an actor's life is a sinecure. To the multitude the footlights are a species of impassable gulf or abyss, and across which the actor is invested with a cloak of romance or mystery.

It shall be my endeavour in the following lines to relate a few of the trials and incidents of an actor's life, and briefly sketch how I personally made my debut on the stage. My father died suddenly, and instead of finding myself a rich man, I was soon cognisant of the fact, that after his debts had been paid, I had only some hundred pounds wherewith to face the world.

Thus thrown on my own resources I had to look about for employment of some sort, and as my father had always gathered round him a goodly circle of artistic and literary friends and acquaintances, my thoughts gravitated towards the stage, for which I also fancied I had some little talent. Armed, then, with sundry letters of introduction to managers and agents, I hunted about to try and obtain an engagement in the Provinces with a travelling company. It was useless to seek an opening in London, as it takes years of hard work in the Provinces learning one's business before the average actor can obtain a remunerative London engagement, and even then one must have interest and talent. Many were the disappointments and curt refusals I had to endure.

My interviews with the managers were generally to this effect. I would be ushered into the agent's private room, who would introduce me as follows: "This is Mr —, I think such and such a part would suit him."

Mr Manager would then look me up and down, and in nearly all cases first question me as to what experience I had had, and what I had been doing last. To these I could only reply, "nil," and mumble something about amateur theatricals and my earnest desire to work. Mr Manager generally shook his head, shrugged his shoulders, and with a few words expressing regret, the interview terminated.

I may here mention that had I been willing to pay a premium, and accept no salary, scores of managers (generally of bogus companies) would have jumped at me, experience or no experience. But I had been strongly advised against this.

However, my persistence was at last rewarded, and on going to Whitewash's the agent's, rooms one morning, he told me to meet him at three o'clock the following afternoon. Next day, with rather a heavy heart,

only natural after so many previous disappointments, I was introduced to Mr —, who was going to take out his new and original drama in five acts: "A Life's Revenge, or His Heart's Blood", on a trial tour of three weeks, to include the Whitsuntide holidays, and to thoroughly test its merits with a view to a long Autumn tour. After humming and hawing for a long time he at length decided to engage me for a small part at the enormous salary of fifteen shillings a week and travelling expenses, and even this I did not obtain without his impressing on me the great risk he was taking upon himself by engaging an actor with no previous professional experience. I then received my part in MSS., and was told to attend a rehearsal at the Parthenon Theatre on the following Monday. I now felt I had really got my foot on the first rung of the Thespian ladder, and that it would be no fault of my own if I did not steadily ascend to the top, and eventually become an Irving or a Toole.

Needless to say by the following Monday I had my part at my finger's ends, but having never seen the play, and the part being in MSS., with only my own lines and cues (i.e., the last three or four words of the preceding speech) marked, I had only a vague idea of what it was all about.

Fired with the zealous ardour of a novice, I was of course the first to turn up at the stage door of the Parthenon, and feeling very shy and ill at ease, I anxiously awaited the arrival of the remainder of the company.

The first person that met my eye was a clean shaven gentleman of short and obese proportions, in a wide-awake hat and Wellington boots drawn up over his trousers. Seeing my MSS. in my hand, he greeted me cordially, and asked me what part I was playing, and announced that he was to undertake the low comedy role. The manager and the other members of the company by degrees made their appearance, and we were in turn introduced to one another.

On seeing the ladies, my idol was rudely shattered. I, who had expected fairy forms, visions of beauty and other charms, was confronted by four very commonplace looking females, dressed in bad taste, and of untidy personal appearance. All were most palpably painted and otherwise made up, and their hair gave one the idea that it had not been brushed or curled for weeks, so awry was it. Experience has taught me, however, that these are characteristics of most provincial actresses, and tell it not in Gath, some London ones as well, but notwithstanding their distinctive untidiness and want of neatness, their hearts are generally in the right place, and a better natured, more maligned class of women do not exist.

And now while we are on the subject, a word about the so much talked of immorality of the stage. I speak from experience, and state that it is for the most part greatly exaggerated. Of course there are black sheep in every fold, and in the profession there is doubtless a degree of licence and familiarity in the social intercourse between the sexes that strikes outsiders. This, though, is purely the outcome of acting, and being thrown together so much on and off the stage, but at that it generally stops, and "boni soit qui mal y pense."

To resume, while sitting in the wings intently watching the rehearsal, I was startled by hearing my name called by the stage manager. Hearing my name, I walked on to the stage, and seeing everybody reading their parts from the MSS., I thought I had better do the same, although I knew my words. I got through my scenes creditably enough, with the exception of making it palpable to the rest of the company that I was a novice, by turning my back to the audience and kneeling on the wrong knee. For this I was pulled up by the stage manager, who put me into the right way of doing things. As luck would have it, he was gentlemanly and courteous, not a boor as so many of them are. However, it was over at last, and I felt more at my ease as the stage manager called us for rehearsal the next day at 11, and requested us to be perfect, i.e., know our words, on the Wednesday.

I can pass over the rehearsals, which were very tedious, and say simply that the piece shaped well, and things were pretty smooth on Saturday, when young H., the light comedian, passed his arm through mine and suggested that we should go and have a look at the "Train Call." On arrival at the stage door the following notice confronted us:—

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Next day, Sunday, and theatrical companies generally travel on that day, more from necessity than choice, we met on the platform at the appointed hour, and were there introduced to our acting manager, who showed us our compartments, and murmured something about hoping we should do good business. The railway companies kindly reserve compartments for companies, and thus we are to a certain extent shielded from the prying eyes of the multitude, to say nothing of the additional comfort derived thereby. The ladies and gentleman of a company, too, travel separately, each in their own compartments.

A short journey brought us to the town where we were to open the following night, and on the platform was the agent in advance, whose duty it is to work up business, and see the town is properly billed, and the piece well advertised generally. He handed us some addresses where we should find lodgings. The munificent salaries now paid to actors in the provinces, do not permit of them living "en prince" at the best hotels, and so for the most part they take rooms for the time they are to remain in the place. In all theatrical towns where companies are continually coming and going there are what are known as "professional lodgings," where for an average price of about ten shillings a week, the actor can obtain a fairly comfortable bedroom and sitting room. He can then either let his land-

lady obtain what he orders for meals, or he can purchase for himself. The latter is the better plan, as the good lady invariably adds on a few pence to the price of every article she buys, and thus swindles her not too wealthy lodgers. Landladies, on the whole, though, are good to members of the profession, and do their best to make them tolerably comfortable, and in my heart of hearts I have a sneaking regard for the class, as we know only a few of the trials they have to put up with, such as being swindled, continually worried, found fault with, and having to get accustomed to different people's ways and habits every week, to say nothing of their own domestic cares. There is only one thing which is inexcusable, and that is want of cleanliness.

Next day there was a rehearsal in the morning, and after stumbling up dark passages, knocking my hat out of shape against projecting beams, and getting covered with dust and dirt, I at length found myself on the stage of the Royal Opera House (save the name) V —, where I was that evening to make my debut as a professional. The stage manager was busy rehearsing the scenes and giving the band their music cues, but we went through the drama hurriedly, and were enjoined to try our best at night.

How I got through that performance I cannot tell to this day. The whole passed like a nightmare. But I was told afterwards that I spoke my words all right, and as I did not break down or miss a cue I passed muster. After another rehearsal or two to correct mistakes, and work up the "business" or action of the piece, we were dismissed school.

Now came the question as to what to do with myself during the day, and this was a somewhat difficult one to solve. After finishing my modest marketing in the morning, I found I had the whole day to get through. With plenty of money this would doubtless have been easily accomplished, but of course riding, driving and such like amusements were entirely beyond my slender means. How did the other members of the company get through their spare time? This was easily answered. Most of them spent their leisure hours wandering from one hotel smoking or billiard room to another, drinking small beer, chatting promiscuously with the occupants of the room, and wasting their money. Others, who I regret to say were in the minority, went out for a regular daily walk, and tried to improve their minds by reading, writing, and other intellectual pursuits. This applies only to the bachelors, the married members of the Company, whose wives were on tour with them, were of course, to a certain extent, engrossed in their family affairs, and the grass widowers could not afford to fritter away their money with a wife and family perhaps solely dependent on them. Of the ladies I saw nothing except when I happened to meet them by chance in the town or elsewhere. Personally, I never had been much inclined to consume strong waters and to meander round the town, into one bar and out of another, mixing with the society one meets in such places, was certainly not to my taste, so at the risk of being thought unsociable and proud, I determined against it.

Acting on my new resolution, I paid a modest subscription to a circulating library, and with the aid of the "Piano Made Easy" and some correspondence I managed to while away the time. Very dull at first were those hours when I was thrown entirely on my own resources for amusement and killing time. Luckily, the weather was fine, and I was able to go for a long walk every day. Young H., who was living with me, did not understand my ways and habits, and his whole mind not soaring much above baccy, beer, and billiards, we parted company amicably after the first week.

Shortly, a brilliant idea struck me. I would work at my new profession. To this end I bought myself an acting edition of Shakespeare and some of the old stock plays such as the School for Scandal and Lady of Lyons. These I studied thoroughly, and committed various parts to memory as well as I could. As it turned out, this was afterwards of great assistance to me, as my next engagement was with a stock or repertoire company, where the piece is changed nightly, and had I not happened to have studied at that time, when I had the chance to do so at my leisure, the work would have been extremely trying to one with so little previous professional experience as I had then acquired.

"A Life's Revenge" was not a success, and even the pit and gallery, the main supporters of melodrama, did not appreciate it, and so it is hardly necessary to state that business was bad. It was disheartening work playing to comparatively empty benches. We only had one good house, and that was on Whit Monday, the opening night in the second town, and a Bank Holiday. When the curtain fell on the last act, however, there was more hissing and hooting than applause, so we knew we were doomed for the week to play to bad business. Notwithstanding that we were losing money steadily, our manager was safe, and salaries were paid regularly, which is unhappily not always the case. Very often on Saturday night the cry is:—"How much can you do with?" or "My dear fellow, I really can't let you have any more this week as we have only just got enough cash in hand to pay the railway fares to-morrow," and "It'll be all right next week, as we are going to —, where we are certain to do good business."

And so it goes on from one week's end to another, the poor actor waiting patiently for arrears of salary, pawning his effects, and often half starving himself to make both ends meet, with the vain hope of seeing business improve, until at last the manager makes a clean bolt of it, pocketing the proceeds and leaving his wretched company stranded in perhaps some north country town, to struggle back to London as best they

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may. Then very likely in next week's "Era" we see a Mr. Fitzroy Robinson advertising for a company in Aberdeen, it is our old friend turned up again under another name, ready to carry on the same old game. The unfortunate part of it is that actors and actresses have no remedy against these monsters. They may sue them (the managers), but legal proceedings are not attended without expense, and besides, after all, one cannot draw blood from a stone.

The short tour soon came to a close, and I found myself one Sunday evening back in London, with the certain knowledge that on the following day I should have to recommence the same old weary round of bothering agents and managers to obtain an engagement. There is an infinite amount of luck, too, in this. It may be three days, it may be three weeks, before you are at work again, or it may be three months.

I was once asked how actors without private means, and who are entirely dependent upon the profession live during the time they are out of an engagement. I will endeavour to answer the question. Generally they have managed to save a little money from the previous tour, and this carries them on for a certain time, but when the little hoard is exhausted, nobody but themselves know the struggle it is for existence. Everything is perhaps sold or pawned with the exception of one decent suit of clothes, which is kept for interviews with managers. Breakfast, dinner, and lunch are to be taken in one, and consist perhaps of bread and water, and thus the battle of life rages until another engagement is obtained.

Again, as a rule, actors generally marry in the profession, and thus there are two bread winners. But it seldom happens that husband and wife are engaged in the same company, and this continual separation is another of the many hardships of a calling which bristles with them.

Actors are very generous towards one another, and willingly stretch forth a helping hand to a brother professional in distress. As an instance of this generosity and charitableness amongst members of the profession towards one another, I may cite the numerous benefits that take place during the year for professionals who have fallen on bad times, or met with any accident or mishap, and at which the most eminent actors and actresses willingly give their services.

In conclusion, I wish to point out to would-be aspirants to dramatic honours, that the stage is not the sinecure the public deem it. The life is a hard one, and it is for many years a hand-to-mouth existence. Success is only to be gained by work, solid hard work and marked ability, and it is a profession with more than its average share of trials and disappointments.

My advice to young people with a hankering for the footlights is Punch's—don't.

ham Gibb (Clydesdale), J. Turnbull (Dumbreck), D. Macfarlane (Vale of Leven), W. E. Dick (Ed. E.R.V.), J. Mackay (Granville), J. Macintyre (Eastern), and R. Gardner (Queen's Park).

The original rules were somewhat modified and defined, for you must know, my football readers, that in the games the Q. P., Granville, and Hamilton played long ago touches behind goal used to count as points, and the four aside competition scoring in a similar manner is by no means so new as many think. That same season, for I was present at the meeting, the Challenge Cup Competition was formed. "The Cup" which some clubs have long striven for and gained, and others struggled manfully, but unsuccessfully, and never had within their grasp—that cup, I am certain, was never meant to be competed for by professional football players. It is all very fine to think of the old proverb about the times changing and people with them, but if one wishes to be honest and fair the circumstances must be considered. At that time the hat was sent round, as it had frequently to be, and primitive football players, like the Scottish cricketers of to-day, were proud to contribute their mite to the great amateur winter game. By the way, the players of that time thought nothing of paying railway fares and all necessary expenses only to "have the honour of being included in the First Eleven." What a change now! Training expenses, drinking expenses, new clothes, beefsteak breakfasts, 2s. per hour for lost time, 30s. per week for a traiper, cab fares, from the ground to hotel, dinner and tea, professional element in team (rare players can't be done without) £3 per week each, and—why, it's all right; don't ask any questions. Is this our grand old amateur game? I never thought it would come to this!

Well, to the story of the Cup. The necessary funds were soon forthcoming from the capacious pockets of the new-born enthusiasts in the Association game and their friends, and the cup was brought forth—a plain but genuine article. The draw was taken with great enthusiasm, and after 16 clubs had faced their opponents, the final tie fell to be played between the Queen's Park and Clydesdale, and on old Hampden Park, of blessed memory, the premier club beat their honourable opponents by two goals to none.

This, in brief, is the infant life of the great competition. When it was instituted I cannot for the life of me think for one moment that the silver handle of the trophy was ever intended to be touched by the hand of a professional football player. In fact I am certain that it was not, and I cannot help being emphatic on the point, that if the gentlemen alive to-day who subscribed to the cup funds twenty years ago were consulted, not a single one of them would be in favour of allowing professional football players to enter the competition. As a genuine guarantee that what I assume is correct, I may mention that three or four years after it was instituted the Scottish Football Association actually disqualified the Vale of Leven in a tie with the Clydesdale because they allowed a member of the team, who had won money prizes at athletic meetings, to play for them. This was just a shade too strict, but the promoters were determined to have the competition a purely amateur one, and no mistake. The question comes to be then—"Is it legal for paid players to compete for the Scottish Football Association Cup?"

Another question is—"How will professionalism affect Scottish football?" and a third—"Will there be two cups—one for amateurs and another for professionals?" I have seen quite a number of players and members of the Association lately, and, while opinion is divided about the question, some deploring that the meeting should have sanctioned the alteration of rules, and others showing surprise at the majority which favoured the abrogation of the amateur rule, all agree that *something had got to be done*. An old member, strong in his belief in the purity of amateurs, said it was all very well to do the best to keep up the amateur status, but if they could not get clubs to play them, what could they do? They had apparently to propitiate something to save themselves from extinction, and that fetish was professionalism. A strong club like the Queen's Park, said he, could choose their opponents among the few clubs that are determined to remain amateur against all comers, and prosper, but the country clubs would soon go to the wall for lack of support. "How will it really effect the country clubs?" said I. "Well, you see, suppose a good country club has a couple of fine players, who have been offered English gold (for I assume you are well aware what professionalism over the Border has done to cripple our country clubs), you can scarcely blame young men—bakers, joiners, blacksmiths, mechanics, &c.—accepting double the wages they earn in the town for considering the tempting offer of English professionalism. Would it not be as well to keep them at home and pay them out of the club funds? All the difference it will make to the club will not be much. Mind you must not be led away with the idea that all the players in the club given you as an illustration will be paid men. Not at all. You will, however, know, by a system of registration, who are paid men and who are not. The Association will see to that. At present you have no means of knowing for certain whether or not you may be playing against paid men; but the register will disclose the whole thing. Another old member of one of the original committee clubs considered the Association would have considerable difficulty in working the new rule, and said that while discussing the point at the Association meeting on Tuesday evening, some remarks had been passed about professionalism in cricket, golf, athletics, and even Volunteering, which had little or no bearing on the case. In football, a man finishes his game generally on a Saturday afternoon in an hour and a half; but it takes three days to complete a game at cricket. In 1869 the Scottish Football Association were dead

against professionalism in any form, and the following appears in the annual report.—

"The Scottish Association has still been able to hold its own in legislating with this matter, but it entailed much time and anxiety. Thirteen special meetings were held to overtake the business. Amongst other work, 25 players were reinstated, 11 suspended, while four players had their sentences reduced. At the beginning of the season the committee found that the one month's residential jurisdiction under other associations was being grossly abused by players going and returning within the time to evade the rule which caused the committee to adopt the very drastic bye-law whereby a player taking part in any match under the jurisdiction of any other association than this cannot take part in any match under our jurisdiction without permission, and so successful has this measure proved that in the proposed alterations it is submitted as a permanent rule; and so long as future committees tackle professionalism with a firm hand, its onward course may be stayed."

In that same year the following also appeared in the Association constitution and rules, and this is the actual rule which the meeting on Tuesday set aside:—

"II.—That no player shall receive any remuneration whatever, either directly or indirectly, over and above his actual expenses, which shall be his travelling and hotel expenses, and not more than one day's wage in any week for lost time. A day's wage in any case shall not exceed 5s. But players must not be paid for more than the actual time lost. Lost time can be paid to players off work through injuries sustained while playing, provided a medical certificate be obtained for production, in case committee should desire it. Club committees shall satisfy themselves, as far as practicable, that players have actually expended or lost through absence from work, money to the extent asked for, before payment is made. Players found guilty of professionalism shall be suspended for such time as the committee may deem expedient. Clubs found guilty of knowingly securing the services of any player under such circumstances, or of admitting any player to their membership during his term of suspension, shall be liable to expulsion from the Association."

By next season the professional player will be seen on the football fields of Scotland in all his glory, and his advent will no doubt be awaited with anxiety.

D. D. BONE.

## EN PASSANT.

Some years ago Punch had an excellent skit on the spread of advertising in general, the moral of which was to be deduced from the title "Bamboozle'em." Up to date it has generally been agreed that Brother Johnathan bears off the palm in this particular line, but here in Buenos Aires we are making no mean strides in the art and appear to be endeavouring to follow once more in the footsteps of the great Republic of this Northern Continent in another of these imitations which are the sincerest form of flattery.

Strolling down to Calle Florida the other night I was struck by the proportions advertising was beginning to assume in this city. Even in this cold weather a little knot of people were gazing at the alternate pictures and advertisements reflected by the magic lanterns, and again the hideous luminous screens opposite the Aguila were not without their patronisers and, shall I say admirers? Lately, too, the arc lights across the streets, which had languished in obscurity since the palmy days of the boom have once more come to "light" again for the purpose of bringing somebody's wares to the notice of the passer-by. Though the latter form of advertisement may perhaps not be to the advantage of the promoters, it is to be nevertheless commended because of the additional light and cheerfulness it imparts to the thoroughfare and I trust it may repay the outlay incurred if only "pro bono publico" in their walks by night.

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Anent the above remarks I was much amused some months ago by the attempt of an enterprising insurance agent to call public attention to the advantages of the Company he represented during his stay at Tandil. Thinking that the Municipality might be suffering from the prevailing complaint of unpecuniosity remarkable to the governing bodies of Argentine towns in general, he gravely proposed to the Intendente of Tandil that for a certain yearly quota his Company would be happy to have its name and merits illustrated in prominent characters on the famous rocking or moving stone, situate just outside the town. The idea was worth of consideration, but unfortunately did not meet with the appreciation of those in power.

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Verily hath a change come o'er the spirit of the scene "chez la Maison Georges Mercier." This restaurant, never too renowned for the brightness of its interior, had gradually begun to

## Professionalism in Scotch Football.

The following article in the "Glasgow Weekly Mail" will be found of peculiar interest to our Association football players, many of whom hail from Scotland. The article was called forth, as will be gathered whilst reading it, by the action of the Scottish Football Association in altering their rules so that professionals can now play for the Scottish Challenge and Charity Cups. It is a matter to be greatly deplored, and offers a field for much reflection, that without the aid of professionals more than half the Association Clubs in Scotland would go to the wall and would be unable to put decent elevens in the field. Why Association Football at home is so "professionalised" and played by quite a different class of men to those who play under Rugby Rules is difficult to understand, and would at first appear to prove that Association is the more scientific but less popular game than Rugby, though this we very much doubt. Mr Bone's article we print "in toto," as follows:

It as come at last. The grand old amateur winter recreation, about which the Association and players and patrons of the past were so proud, has been "professionalised," and the present players, by a system of registration, are to be paid for their work out of the club funds. I have long advocated the desirability of keeping the game strictly amateur, and my opinions being already well known, I have no desire to parade before the public on the present occasion further than is necessary to prove that the Scottish Football Association are taking upon themselves a grave responsibility in connection with the Challenge Cup and Charity Cup ties, and whether they are really acting legally in allowing professional football players to compete for these trophies. Since the formation of the League the tendency has undoubtedly been towards professionalism, and the disclosures and grave irregularities openly hinted about players in certain clubs being paid has brought out the present question.

I do not wish to take up too much time in this age of transition to make an explanation which nine-tenths of the Association football players may treat with indifference, and even contempt, if they like, but it has to be done all the same. It is necessary, however, to go back a little bit for the benefit of those who attended Tuesday's meeting. The Scottish Football Association was formed on the 13 March, 1873, by our premier club's hon. secretary, then Mr Archibald Rae, calling a meeting of representatives of all clubs (sixteen) playing Association rules, and a hearty response was given by eight clubs, viz.:—Queen's Park, Clydesdale, Vale of Leven, Dumbreck, 3d L. R. V., Eastern Rovers, and Granville. These clubs were represented on the Committee afterwards appointed by Mr Archibald Campbell (Clydesdale), president; Mr William Ker (Queen's Park), hon. treasurer; Mr Archibald Rae (Queen's Park), hon. secretary; and Messrs Ebenezer Hendry and Wil-



assume a yet more gloomy and deserved aspect as many of its former habitues had begun to seek fresh woods and pastures new at the approach of the dinner hour, till a bright idea influenced the proprietor to engage the service of Furlotti's orchestra every evening from 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. and now the place is transformed. Arriving at 7 sharp on Thursday evening with the intention of dining, there were but three tables vacant and it was appetising to see a number of pretty faces of the opposite sex with their attendant squires that were there assembled. I am pleased to add also that the cuisine is adequately cared, and at the present moment it is the place to dine. The band which is not too loud to drown conversation, plays a good selection of operatic and other airs and neatly printed programmes are distributed at each table. Indeed a happy thought M. Georges!

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Societies for the prevention of cruelty to animals find that no creature stands so much in need of protection as the horse, which is at once the most useful and ill-used of the animals pressed into the service of man. With the view of lessening the discomfort and sometimes positive pain often caused by defective shoeing, the French Society of for the Protection of Animals opened last month in Paris an exhibition of various forms horseshoes, with the object of encouraging improvements in the present system of protection for horses's feet.

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My attention was last week called to the lack of good walks in Buenos Aires, the pedestrian having indeed nothing to fall back upon but the inevitable Palermo, extending his trip, if he have sufficient energy, as far as Belgrano. And in this case it is a long step before the land of brick and mortar is left behind. It is true that here, there are no, in the English sense of word, country walks where at the end of which a comfortable inn or hostelry awaits and welcomes the traveller wearied by his exertions. This is doubtless due to the flatness and unpicturesque aspect of the country and should the wayfarer extend his peregrinations farther afield he has to battle with bad roads and sparse population. It is also fatiguing to stick to the level and does not bring the muscles into play to the same extent as does a good tramp over hill and dale.

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Again there are no inviting suburbs to tempt the wanderer, whether he prefer the train or Nature's means of transit, this being more apparent in winter than in summer, for during the latter season there is certainly the Tigre and, last year the New Hotel at Adrogué, which offer a meed of attraction. This will, as the country increases in years and therewith becomes more populated, no doubt remedy itself in some measure and suburbs and environs such as Richmond Hampton Court near London, and Bougival, St. Cloud, Versailles, etc. at the outskirts of Paris, spring up, where a pleasant day may be spent. That they will lack the historical associations of their prototypes of the old world is not to be denied and may prove a stumbling-block in the way of their advance. Well, at any rate, half a loaf is better than no bread.

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And this in a round-about way brings me to the lack of good hotel accommodation in Buenos Aires. Others besides myself, for I lay no great claim to originality, have doubtless often pondered over this question asking themselves whether a good hotel built and managed on the lines of the Metropole or Grand in London, but on a smaller scale, would not yield a fair profit on capital invested, if erected in a good central position as, for example, the Avenida de Mayo. No later than last year, an acquaintance of some influence in the City at home, while on a trip to this country, studied the question as far as he was able with a view to interesting capitalists in London in the matter. Since then, I personally, have had no further news on the subject, but nevertheless feel assured that with skilful management such an establishment should pay. Some of the customs of the country would perhaps militate against success and the spectre of the deserted foundations of the building just outside the Central Station, which was to rival the finest hotel in Europe, has yet to be laid in public opinion.

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The "Cesar Cantú" has reached Montevideo, the first stage of its long and perilous trip to the United States. Sr. Fondacaro disgusted with the scant pecuniary and general encouragement his

foolhardy adventure has met on the part of the Argentine and Oriental Governments, has hoisted the Paraguayan flag, and without sympathising with this venturesome mariner in his rash exploit, I nevertheless trust that the national emblem of the tiny Republic may yet float proudly in the breeze of Brooklyn harbour and Sr. Fondacaro and his accompanying crew of three spirits, live to enjoy the Chicago exhibition. Once arrived at his proposed destination he may gain the notoriety which he has vainly striven to achieve in the River Plate, for after all nothing succeed, like success.

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The next Choral Union Concert is to be held on the 15th inst. The lady performers will include Mrs Lovett, Miss G. Every Pope, and Miss S. Lee; and amongst the gentlemen will be Mr Wilson, Mr Crowe, Mr Somerville, Mr Greenlees, and Mr Colquhoun, names which should ensure the Union a successful concert.

## RACING

### PALERMO—June 1st

There was quite an unusually large attendance at Palermo on Thursday last, when the weather and the course were all that could be desired for racing.

After running well up in the last two or three races in which he has taken part Liniers at last managed to win in the Premio Phoebus, in which he beat Buridan by half a length, with Cham third.

Orissa and Chilliarch ran a dead heat for the Premio Whitethorn in very fast time, a minute dead. In this race Falucho crossed his legs and came down, his jockey getting a severe shaking.

The invincible Etoile was opposed by Anzoleto, Lambare, Woodnymph, Day Star, Adrian, Bumblybuss, and Nana in the classic race of the day the Premio Luro, the \$500 of second money doubtless being the attraction as, except for an accident, none of them could have been expected to beat her. She did not get off well at the start, but before half the distance had been covered she was in front, and at the finish won as easily as ever, Bumblybuss, who may now fairly be considered the third best two-year-old of the year, finishing about two lengths behind her. As we have said before, except for one or two races in which she would have to carry enormous penalties, Etoile has the richest prizes of the year at her disposal if she keeps fit and well.

Thalia, Gattatore, and Puygaveau were almost equally fancied for the Premio Farandol, which furnished an interesting race. Gattatore made most of the running, but collapsed when near home, Puygaveau only beating Silex by about a neck for first place.

Farandol very easily disposed of his six rivals in the Premio Danton, Andarin, to whom he was giving seventeen kilos, being the nearest to him at the finish.

Alejandria took most people by surprise by the easy way she beat a certainly only moderate lot in the Premio Malakoff, and she gave us the idea she had not been herself when she ran before.

After his performance in the Premio Danton Farandol was of course a "snip" for the last race, which he won easily from Valiente.

The time for each race was exceptionally good, owing to the condition of the course, especially in those won by Orissa and Chilliarch and Puygaveau.

Details of the races follow:

**PREMIO PHOEBUS**, a handicap for horses which have not won \$5000, \$1500 to the 1st, 150 to the 2nd, 1600 metres.

Stud Winchester's ch h Liniers, by Philamon  
—Katerfelto, 5 y, 54 k ..... C. Calistro 1  
Ecurie Indecis' Buridan, 5 y, 55 k ..... J. Cardoso 2  
Stud José Maria's Cham, 3 y, 54 k ..... R. Garrido 3  
Stud La Confianza's Fortacho, 3 y, 55 k ..... P. Aguirre 0  
Stud Niño Dorado's Pertoldi, 6 y, 51 k ..... J. Martinez 0  
Ecurie Argentino's Frobisher, 4 y, 51 k ..... C. Braseco 0  
Stud La Prensa's Connetable, 7 y, 60½ k ..... J. Cardoso 0

Pertoldi led till just before reaching the straight, where Buridan took up the running. At the stands Liniers went to the front and won easily by two lengths, a length divided second and third.

Tickets—Liniers with 421 win and 371 place, Buridan 1538—1192, Cham 1249—1157, Fortacho 399—508, Pertoldi 473—670, Frobisher 760—786, Connetable 77—80, tickets 4920—4764.

Liniers \$20.88 win and 9.34 place, Buridan 4.28 place.

**PREMIO WHITETHORN**, a handicap; \$1800 to the 1st, \$180 to the 2nd; 1000 metres.

Ecurie Titan, b h Chilliarch by Childeric—Love-  
loch, 5 y, 54 k ..... P. Torres 1

Stud Winchester's gr f Orissa by Noe—White  
Rose, 3 y, 46 k ..... P. Carabajal 1  
Stud El Plata's Huracan, 5 y, 57 k ..... I. Cardoso 3  
Stud La Confianza's Riflero, 4 y, 60 k ..... P. Aguirre 0  
Stud Carpintero's Carpintero, 6 y, 59 k ..... S. Romay 0  
Sr J. M. Villanueva's Cautivo, 4 y, 50 k ..... E. Lopez 0  
Stud Puri's Lucia, 3 y, 48 k ..... C. Braseco 0  
Stud Las Ortigas' Fraise au Kirsch, 3 y, 47 k ..... R. Bastiani 0  
Stud La Prensa's Falucho, 5 y, 45 k ..... L. Gonzalez 0  
Stud Norte's Light, 4 y, 40 k ..... I. Saavedra 0

When the flag was dropped Lucia remained at the post, and after only a few metres had been covered Falucho fell. Orissa led till almost into the straight, when Chilliarch joined her, a hard race between the pair resulting in a dead heat, with Huracan third, a length behind.

Tickets—Chilliarch with 1167 win and 1361 place, Orissa 1974—2234, Huracan 502—440, Riflero 1155—641, Carpintero 664—640, Cautivo 1051—1336, Lucia 361—625, Fraise au Kirsch 901—948, Falucho 540—858, Light 84—136. Totals, 8399—9269.

Dividends—Orissa \$4.23 win and 3.28 place, Chilliarch 5.78 win and 4.10 place, Huracan 8.52 place.

**PREMIO LURO**, for two-year-olds, colts 52 kilos, fillies 50 kilos, winners 3 kilos extra; \$3000 to the 1st, 500 to the 2nd; 1100 metres.

Sr E. Acebal's ch f Etoile by Whipper-In—  
Dichosa, 53 k ..... P. Torres 1  
Ecurie Colon's Bumblybuss, 52 k ..... R. Garrido 2  
Stud Buenos Aires' Woodnymph, 53 k ..... I. Diaz 3  
Sr C. G. Palacios' Anzoleto, 52 k ..... P. Lara 0  
Ecurie Indecis' Lambare, 52 k ..... I. Cardoso 0  
Stud Puri's Day Star, 55 k ..... N. Grigera 0  
Stud Whipper-In's Adrian, 52 k ..... P. Baga 0  
Ecurie Rien's Nana, 50 k ..... I. Martinez 0

Lambaré was first away and was in front for the first five hundred metres, when Etoile took the lead and never being really pushed won easily by two lengths from Bumblybuss, who was a length in front of Woodnymph.

Tickets—Etoile with 3926 win and 4765 place, Bumblybuss 165—595, Woodnymph 622—1411, Anzoleto 91—183, Lambare 208—705, Day Star 234—550, Adrian 101—175, Nana 111—157. Totals, 5460—8576.

Dividends—Etoile \$2.50 win and 2.48 place, Bumblybuss \$5.41 place.

**PREMIO FARANDOL**, a handicap, \$2500 to the 1st, \$250 to the 2nd, 1900 metres.

Stud Tandil's b h Puygaveau, by Clocher—  
Portia, 6 y, 53 k ..... R. Garrido 1  
Ecurie Gladiateur's Silex, 3 y, 40 k ..... J. Silva 2  
La Petite Ecurie's Gattatore, 6 y, 54 k ..... P. Torres 3  
Stud Buenos Aires' Thalia, 4 y, 59 k ..... J. Diaz 0  
Stud Pnoeux' Fine Shade, 7 y, 47 k ..... J. Martinez 0  
Ecurie Indecis' Infernal, 4 y, 46 k ..... Pavon 0  
Ecurie Titan's Demos, 4 y, 43 k ..... R. Bastiani 0  
Ecurie Argentino's Fergus, 5 y, 43 k ..... C. Braseco 0

Gattatore was the first to show in front and made the running from the others which were running well together. Rounding the first bend Silex and Infernal ran up closer to the leader with Puygaveau lying fourth, and so they ran till well into the straight. Here Silex and Puygaveau made their efforts and, with Gattatore beat at the paddock. Puygaveau won by half a length from Silex who finished a length in front of Gattatore.

Tickets—Puygaveau with 2940 win and 2456 place, Silex 831—824, Gattatore 3149—2140, Thalia 2763—2163, Fine Shade 254—294, Infernal 1422—1917, Demos 525—639, Fergus 1159—1163. Totals, 13053—11596.

Dividends—Puygaveau \$7.99 win and 4.91 place, Silex 10.68 place.

**PREMIO DANTON**, a handicap for three-year-olds, \$2000 to the 1st, \$200 to the 2nd, 1600 metres.

Ecurie Gladiateur's b c Farandol, by Childeric  
—Fascia, 57 k ..... J. Sanchez 1  
Sr J. M. Villanueva's Andarin, 40 k ..... A. Saavedra 2  
Stud Entre Rios' Federal, 57 k ..... J. Garci 3  
La Petite Ecurie's Danton, 57 k ..... P. Torres 0  
Stud Buenos Aires' Clovis, 48 k ..... J. Diaz 0  
Stud José Maria's Cham, 47 k ..... J. Bayrardi 0  
Ecurie Argentino's Veterano, 44 k ..... C. Braseco 0

Farandol followed by Andarin got away best and never being headed throughout, won very easily, Federal made a late efforts and finished third.

Tickets—Farandol 2041 win and 1467 place, Andarin 1541—1582, Federal 2321—2025, Danton 1176—1108, Clovis 1317—1185, Cham 1430—1394, Veterano 1357—1310. Totals, 11183—10071.

Dividends—Farandol \$9.86 win and 6.10 place, Andarin 5.80 place.

**PREMIO MALAKOFF**, for maiden two-year-olds, colts 52 k., fillies 50 kilos, \$1800 to the 1st, \$180 to the 2nd, 1000 metres.

La Petite Ecurie's b f Alejandria, by Keir—  
Smirna, 50 k ..... P. Torres 1  
Sr E. Acebal's Barsac, 52 k ..... Muñoz 2  
Ecurie Azur's Rosemary, 50 k ..... A. Saavedra 3  
Sr J. B. Zubiaurre's Qaequen, 52 k ..... P. Aguirre 0  
Sr C. G. Palacios' Gondola, 50 k ..... P. Lara 0  
Stud Buenos Aires' Clothilde, 50 k ..... I. Diaz 0  
Stud Niño Dorado's Urania, 50 k ..... J. Martinez 0  
Stud San Jorge's Insula, 50 k ..... R. Bastiani 0

Barsac followed by Rosemary ran in front to the stands where Alejandria came away and won easily by a length; half a length separated second and third.



Tickets—Alejandria with 1753 win and 1477 place, Barsac 3306—2513, Rosemary 2223—2015, Quequen 1211—1039, Gondola 138—208, Clothilde 1099—732, Urania 633—650, Insula 625—453. Totals, 11091—9087.  
Dividends—Alejandria \$11.38 win and 4.83 place, Barsac 3.66 place.

PREMIO SANTA LUCIA, a handicap, \$2000 to the 1st, \$200 to the 2nd, 1600 metres.

Ecurie Gladiateur's b c Farandol, by Childeric  
—Fascia, 3 y, 46 k ..... I. Diaz 1  
Stud Las Ortigas' Valiente, 5 y, 57 k ..... G. Palacios 2  
Ecurie Azur's Paysandu, 6 y, 50 k ..... A. Saavedra 3  
Ecurie Talisman's Calandria, 5 y, 60 k ..... J. Cruz 0  
Sr J. M. Villanueva's Nubifer, 5 y, 58 k ..... J. Viera 0  
Sr J. B. Zubizarre's Guerrillero, 5 y, 53 k ..... P. Aguirre 0  
Stud El Plata's Salaam, 5 y, 52 k ..... J. Cardoso 0  
La Petite Ecurie's Clairon, 5 y, 55 k ..... P. Torres 0  
Stud Entre Rios' Satanella, 4 y, 59 k ..... E. Garrido 0

Salaam led to the last turn where Paysandu and Valiente took the head, when well in the line for home Diaz sent Farandol to the post and he finally won easily by a length from Valiente who was an head only in front of Paysandu.

Tickets—Farandol with 2488 win and 2199 place, Valiente 1813—2030, Paysandu 1127—1008, Calandria 633—456, Nubifer 845—601, Satanella 1636—1315, Guerrillero 2322—1643, Salaam 745—868, Clairon 2575—2050. Totals, 14139—12200.

Dividends—Farandol \$10.26 win and \$3.74 place, Valiente 3.86 place, Paysandu 5.79 place.

PALERMO—June 4th.

A much smaller attendance has to be recorded for Palermo on Sunday than on the previous Thursday though the weather was very fine and mild and the programme fairly attractive.

Limethorpe, a six year-old horse which did not run at all last year and which did not win a single race either in 1891 or 1890 though he occasionally ran into a place, carried off two races, the first and last in wonderfully easy fashion and he has evidently come back to the turf a very different horse to what he was when he temporarily left it. In each race before a couple of hundred yards had been covered he was leading by fifty, and in consequence he could not be caught in either over the 1600 metres, and earned for himself a heavy handicap penalty.

The most important race of the day was the Premio Las Haras, a 2200 metre race for mares, in which the jockey of Vendetta showed how really bad a horseman is the Argentine jockey however, good a rider he may be. He pulled the mare about so that whatever chance she had of winning was entirely destroyed, Golondrina winning easily in quite her old style, her first race for her new owners.

Farandol who is in rare fettle at present, won the Premio Ojo de Agua from Gettatore; and Jack the Ripper was hardly asked to gallop in the Premio Curumalan, in which the jockey of Silex gave another shocking exhibition of riding.

Alejandria, on her running of the previous Sunday was a good thing for the Premio Las Ortigas and she was made an equal favourite with Bumblybuss. The filly got off with all the best of the start and won easily, and with the exception of Etoile she appears to be one of the best of our two-year-olds.

As we have already said Limethorpe won the last race very easily. In this event Buridan ran second, an unenviable position he occupied in the finish of the second race, but he will undoubtedly win right out very shortly as he appears more than a useful horse. This brought a pleasant day's racing to a close wonderful to relate at the hour fixed in the programme. This punctuality was probably owing to the small fields which turned out for each event.

Details of the racing are as follows:—

PREMIO HARAS NACIONAL, a handicap for horses which have not won more than \$3000, \$1500 to the 1st, \$150 to the 2nd, 1600 metres.

Ecurie Sans Peur's b h Limethorpe, by Quicklime  
—Lady Dunthorpe, 6 y, 51 k ..... J. Bayardi 1  
Sr J. M. Villanueva's Andarin, 3 y, 51 k ..... J. Cardoso 2  
Stud Entre Rios' Vlagna, 3 y, 50 k ..... C. Bueno 3  
Stud La Prensa's Connetable, 7 y, 60½ k ..... J. Cardoso 0  
Stud Yuqueri's Yuqueri, 4 y, 60½ k ..... R. Bridges 0  
Stud Paranas' La Capital, 4 y, 50 k ..... C. Calistro 0  
Sr C. G. Palacio's Satis, 3 y, 48 k ..... R. Bastiani 0

Limethorpe at once rushed to the front and soon held a lead of about half a dozen lengths from the others, and maintaining this position to the finish, he won with ease from Andarin who was a length in front of Vlagna.

Tickets—Limethorpe 1410 win and 1139 place, Andarin 2120—1785, Vlagna 704—772, Connetable 61—55, Yuqueri 37—51, La Capital 506—357, Satis 469—536. Totals, 5808—4878.

Dividends—Limethorpe \$6.81 win and 3.28 place, Andarin 2.82 place.

PREMIO LAS ROSAS, a handicap, \$1800 to the 1st, \$180 to the 2nd, 1200 metres.

La Petite Ecurie's b h Clairon, by Royal Hampton  
—Shatemuc, 4 y, 58 k ..... P. Torres 1  
Ecurie Indecis' Buridan, 5 y, 45 k ..... C. Barseo 2  
Sr J. M. Villanueva's Manon Lescau, 3 y, 50 k ..... J. Cardoso 3  
Stud Revolution's Siva, 4 y, 54 k ..... J. Cruz 0  
Ecurie Titan's Cabala, 5 y, 47 k ..... J. Bayardi 0  
Stud La Noria's Noel, 4 y, 37 k ..... A. Saavedra 0

The light weighted Noel made the running to the last turn when he was beat and Clairon taking the lead there won very easily by a length from Buridan who finished half a length in front of Manon Lescau.

Tickets—Clairon with 822 win and 654 place, Buridan 1670—1378, Manon Lescau 2392—1953, Siva 1914—1676, Cabala 2339—2167, Noel 501—440. Totals, 9638—8268.

Dividends—Clairon \$21.10 win and 10.27 place, Buridan 5.92 place.

PREMIO LAS HARAS, for mares, weight for age, \$3000 to the 1st, \$500 to the 2nd, 2200 metres.

Stud Las Ortigas' br m Golondrina, by St Honorat  
—Verusta, 5 y, 58½ k ..... G. Palacios 1  
Stud Camors' Vendetta, 5 y, 58½ k ..... R. Garrido 2  
Stud Buenos Aires' Thalia, 4 y, 58½ k ..... I. Diaz 3  
Ecurie Avant Garde's Cantiniere, 3 y, 55 k ..... I. Sanchez 0

Vendetta was at once sent to the front, but was pulled back to Thalia after a short distance had been covered, and the pair ran together, Vendetta's jockey pulling her about in a shameful manner, for nearly the whole distance, Golondrina coming away halfway down the straight had no difficulty in winning by two lengths from Vendetta, who was half a length in front of Thalia.

Tickets—Golondrina 2936, Vendetta 3652, Thalia 6070, Cantiniere 1523. Total 14,181.

Dividend—Golondrina \$8.69.

PREMIO OJA DE AGUA, a handicap, \$2500 to the 1st, \$250 to the 2nd, 2000 metres.

Ecurie Gladiateur's b c Farandol, by Childeric  
—Fascia, 3 y, 56 k ..... I. Diaz 1  
La Petite Ecurie's Gettatore, 6 y, 54 k ..... P. Torres 2  
Ecurie Azur's Paysandu, 6 y, 48 k ..... J. Bayardi 3  
Sr E. Acebal's Apolo, 4 y, 58 k ..... R. Garrido 0  
Capitan Lopez' Robert le Diable, 4 y, 50 k ..... P. Aguilari 0

Paysandu led to the turn where Gettatore took up the running. Coming into the straight the five runners were close together, and when well in the line for home, Diaz sent Farandol along to win easily by four lengths from Gettatore; two lengths separated second and third.

Tickets—Farandol 5035 win and 2408 place, Gettatore 2706—1717, Apolo 2297—1618, Paysandu 1838—1673, Robert le Diable 1349—1229. Totals 13,195—8645.

Dividends—Farandol \$4.71 win and \$3.51 place, Gettatore \$4.12 place.

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

Stud Las Ortigas' ch c Jack the Ripper by Star  
—Jeannie, 55 k ..... G. Palacios 1  
Stud Phoenix' Phlegethon, 49 k ..... I. Diaz 2  
Ecurie Gladiateur's Silex, 45 k ..... R. Silva 3  
La Petite Ecurie's Darton, 57 k ..... P. Torres 0  
Ecurie Radames' Sensacion, 50 k ..... P. Lara 0  
Sr J. M. Villanueva's Andarin, 45 k ..... G. Laporte 0

Jack the Ripper got the best of a somewhat bad start and led round the first bend, here he was joined by Silex, whose jockey however pulled him back before reaching the final turn, when Jack the Ripper increased his lead to one of about three lengths, an advantage he kept easily to the finish; Phlegethon beating Silex for second place by about a length.

Tickets—Jack the Ripper with 4292 win and 2526 place, Phlegethon 1702—1836, Silex 4001—2557, Darton 926—687, Sensacion 477—482, Andarin 1013—986. Totals, 12,411—9374.

Dividends—Jack the Ripper \$5.20 win and 3.61 place, Phlegethon 4.21 place.

PREMIO LAS ORTIGAS, for two-year-olds, colts 52 kilos, fillies 50 kilos, winners extra; \$2000 to the 1st, \$200 to the 2nd, 1100 metres.

La Petite Ecurie's b f Alejandria, by Rein  
—Smirna, 50 k ..... P. Torres 1  
Ecurie Colon's Bumblybuss, 50 k ..... J. Bayardi 2  
Stud Gitano's Chimpance, 55 k ..... J. Cruz 3  
Ecurie Avant Garde's Sebastopol, 52 k ..... P. Orona 0  
Sr E. Acebal's Financista, 52 k ..... J. Diaz 0  
Ecurie Indecis' Dolphin, 52 k ..... R. Garrido 0  
Ecurie Gladiateur's Clermont, 52 k ..... J. Figueredo 0  
Stud Pari's Day Star, 55 k ..... G. Morales 0  
Stud Santa Rosa's Milagro, 52 k ..... Reis 0  
Stud Gitano's Maria, 50 k ..... P. Lara 0  
Ecurie Azur's Baretty, 50 k ..... J. Saavedra 0

Alejandria got off well and led from Baretty to the turn, when the latter was beat, and Bumblybuss came right through his horses into second place. In the straight the filly always held her own, and won very easily by three lengths, a length separated second and third, the others close up.

Tickets—Alejandria with 2558 win and 32100 place, Bumblybuss 2987—3191, Chimpance and Maria 868—1000, Sebastopol 1282—1466, Financista 724—819, Dol-

phin 881—1612, Clermont 1039—785, Day Star 478—606, Milagro 994—1180, Baretty 261—261, totals 12172—14130.

Dividends—Alejandria \$3.24 win and 3.10 place, Bumblybuss 3.11 place, Chimpance 5.54 place.

PREMIO CHACABUCO, a handicap for horses which have not won more than \$10,000, \$2000 to the 1st, \$200 to the 2nd, 1000 metres.

Ecurie Sans Peur's b h Limethorpe, by Quicklime—  
Lady Dunthorpe, 6 y, 47 k ..... J. Bayardi 1  
Ecurie Indecis' Buridan, 5 y, 54 k ..... R. Garrido 2  
Stud Principiante's Pluton, 5 y, 53 k ..... A. Navarro 3  
Ecurie Argentino's Frobisher, 4 y, 52 k ..... J. Cardoso 0

Limethorpe rushed to the front from the start, and held a lead of nearly fifty yards in the bottom stretch. In the straight Buridan took second place, and finished some four or five lengths behind Limethorpe, who won in a common canter.

Tickets—Limethorpe 7738, Buridan 4421, Pluton 2132, Frobisher 1172. Total 15,463.

Dividend—Limethorpe \$3.59.

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

PREMIO CORDOBA, for horses which have not won more than \$5000, 1400 metres

Remorse	The Gasman
Cassagnac	Limethorpe
Pertoldi	Silex
Never Mind	Simpleton
Melpomenes	Nada
Frobisher	Gualeguay
Florista	Fortacho
Liniers	Breton
9 de Julio	

The weights for this handicap are not yet framed.

PREMIO MENDOZA, a handicap, 1200 metres

Nautilus	59	Folie	51
Carpintero	57	Buridan	44
Brandy Snap	56	Cautivo	48
Whitethorn	52	Rivarola	48
Terminacion	53	Fraise au Kirsch	45
Guerrillero	53	Pirata	40
Danton	53	Corresponsal	39
Sa. aam	52	Politica	39
Siva	52	Noel	37
Myosotis	51		

PREMIO SAN JUAN, for two-year-olds, colts 52 kilos, fillies 50 kilos, winners to carry 3 kilos extra for each race won, 1200 metres

Bumblybuss	Brown
Dolphin	Simoun
Rosemary	Maybloom
Malakoff	Maraton
Alejandria	Clermont
Sebastopol	Cero

PREMIO SAN LUIS—2000 metres

Puygaveau	58	Cantiniere	48
Apolo	56	Paysandu	48
Gettatore	55	Phoebus	45
Don Carlos	53	Zangano	45
Robert le Diable	50	Silex	42
Infernal	49	Erato	40

PREMIO CATAMARCA—1000 metres, for maiden two-year-olds colts, 52 kilos, fillies 50 kilos.

Lambaré	Gallo
Baretty	Financista
Bumblybuss	Gondola
Urania	Siempre viva
Baco	Isly
Chino	Bay Rum
Quequen	Clermont
Alhambra	

PREMIO JUJUY—1600 metres, a handicap.

Calandria	59	Limethorpe	51
Brandy Snap	57	Paysandu	48
Gettatore	57	Fortacho	47
Nubifer	56	Gualeguay	44
Alerta	56	Silex	44
Promoteo	54	Pluton	42
Guerrillero	53	Noel	40
Siva	52	Email	40

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In connection with these, it is worthy of remark that it has been asserted that a well-known prize winner at the above meeting attributes his phenomenal success mainly to the fact that he trained for the occasion in one of the noted "English" Pyjama Suits, specially procured for that purpose. The renowned "English" Warehouse is the only place where these requisites can be obtained, together with all descriptions of Sporting and other Outfits for Gentlemen. Athletes should bear in mind the above, and "go and do likewise!"

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## River Plate Sport and Pastime

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7, 1893.

## SPORTING NOTES

A general meeting of the Buenos Aires Hunt Club will be held in these offices on Friday evening, at 8.30 p.m.

There will be a meeting of the Argentine Association Football League at the English High School, Calle Santa Fé, on Thursday evening next at 8 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of drawing for the ground on which the third round of the competition is to be played.

An extraordinary general meeting of the Quilmes Club will be held on Thursday the 15th inst. at the Café Rosales, Quilmes, for the purpose of reconsidering the decision of the last general meeting regarding the amalgamation of the Lawn Tennis Club, and also to consider the amendment to Rule No. 7.

At the last Committee Meeting of the Kennel Club, Mr G Mallison was elected to take the place on the Committee left vacant by the retirement of Mr E. Danvers.

The new rules of the Jockey Club will come into force on the 15th of this month, and after the first of July no trainer who has not received a license will be allowed to train horses which race under the Club's jurisdiction.

A telegram received here on Wednesday night announced that the Derby had been won by Isinglass with Ravensbury second and Raeburn third, exactly the same positions as those occupied by the three in the Two Thousand, and positions which correspond to their order of favoritism in the betting of May 6th, the latest date up to which we have received mails.

It has, I think, never happened before that the first three in the Two Thousand, at Newmarket, have occupied exactly the same positions over the long course in the Derby at Epsom. Isinglass, as my readers already know, belongs to Mr McCalmont and is by Isonomy out of Dead lock; Ravensbury is the property of Mr Rose and is also by Isonomy out of Penitent; and Raeburn belongs to the Duke of Portland and is by St. Simon out of Mowerina.

This is Mr H. McCalmont's first Derby, and Isinglass is the second Derby winner sired by Isonomy, Common being his first representative to win the blue riband. The result of the Oaks has not been telegraphed; and I may remark here that the winner of the One Thousand, Sifheuse, was not entered for that event, though every other starter, except Halma, was left in. Tressure from her One Thousand form should have gone very near winning.

At the Annual Meeting of the Santa Fé Polo Club, held on the 4th inst., Mr McNaughton of

La Independencia was elected secretary, vice Mr J. Benitz, who has resigned. Mr Benitz, during the long time he has been secretary of the Santa Fé Club, has done much for it. A keener or more popular player does not exist in Santa Fé, and that is saying a great deal.

I am sorry to hear that Mr Peter Dale met with an accident on the 4th whilst playing polo which, though only a small matter, was attended with serious consequences, concussion of the brain having resulted. Up to the present Mr. Dale still remains unconscious.

The general meeting of the Hurlingham Club was held yesterday afternoon at 559 Piedad when the following sub committees were elected. Cricket—Messrs. J. R. Garrod, E. R. Gifford, and J. Stuart.

Racquets and Fives—Messrs. R. A. Sumner, F. Furber and T. A. H. Foide.

Sports and Track—W. P. Drabble, H. M. Mills, and A. Lace.

Racing, Polo, Racecourse and Stables—Messrs. F. J. Balfour, H. H. Ewen, and T. E. Preston.

Lawn Tennis, Golf and Grounds—Messrs. F. Clunie, T. Lees and J. Gibson.

Reception Committee—Messrs. F. Carlisle, J. Gibson and J. K. Cassels.

The base ball match which I mentioned last week as likely to be played at Belgrano on Sunday was a great success. Buenos Aires won, to the surprise of most, and some useful play was shown by both sides. Base ball is a game I do not understand, but from watching it I should imagine that it is a real good game to play, and one about which it would not be difficult to become enthusiastic.

The Kennel Club propose to hold their first Dog Show on the 7th, 8th, and 9th of September, and the Rural Society have verbally promised to lend the Club their premises at Palermo for the purpose. By the way, I am asked by the Secretary of the Kennel Club to say that copies of the Club's rules may be had on application, and also that he would be very glad to receive the subscriptions of those members who have not already paid them.

The Buenos Aires Hunt Club met on Sunday last, at the Belgrano Station of the Rosario Railway, the hounds being laid on near the Saavedra Station of the same line. The dragman's horse refusing a fence rather spoilt the run, as the hounds caught up the drag not very long after the start. The line took the field in the direction of San Martin, the run, however, finishing nearer home.

An Argentine sporting contemporary has an amusing paragraph in its last issue, to the effect that the jockeys are about to strike against clean shaving. To Argentine eyes a jockey with a huge moustache and badly shaved chin may not appear quaint looking, but to an Englishman he certainly does, and it would be a very good move if all the jockeys, black, white, and yellow, were to shave clean, and another improvement would be to enforce them, at any rate, to put on their clothes properly, if not wear correct racing kit.

A race meeting will be held on the little used Rosario racecourse, on July the 9th, on the programme for which is a race for any horse, over 1200 metres for a prize of \$800. The entries for the meeting close on the 23rd inst., at 437 Calle Rioja, Rosario.

Messrs Fernandez, Estrada and Maschwitz have bought a two-third share in Camors, Vendetta, and Zangano from Sr Elortondo, and these horses with Cero, Nada, and Ninguna will run in future in the name of the "Ecurie Vendetta," and in the colours of the Ecurie Rien. The stud will stand in the boxes of the Ecurie General Rivas.

With a view to perfect the members of the Club in the art of sailing, the Yacht Club Argentino's Committee have decided to have a meeting of the Club on the first Sunday of every month in the South Darsena. The first of these meetings was held on Sunday last, when a fair number of members assembled, and the Gladys,

Gaviota Emma and Hartensa yachts took part in the subsequent manoeuvres. The weather was very favourable, and the slight breeze blowing allowed the yachts to carry all their sail, the effect being a very pretty one.

An old man named Goodrich is now living in Pennsylvania, U. S. A., who can boast of killing over three thousand rattle snakes. Goodrich, who is 65 years of age, is six feet high, and weighs a little over eleven stones. His mother it seems suffered from cancer on the face and as the Indian doctors told her the only cure for it was the oil of rattle snakes, which is a most expensive article, Goodrich thought the best thing he could do was to procure it himself, an undertaking in which he would appear to have been exceedingly successful.

From all accounts of those who have seen him gallop, Amianto is again going well, and though he lost his action almost completely for a long time after his unfortunate accident, he has evidently quite recovered it again, and may yet be seen this year in some of the back end meetings.

A match for the sculling championship of the world has been arranged between James Stansbury, of New South Wales, the present champion, and Jacob Gandaur, the American sculler. The match will be rowed in the autumn.

Mr Whythes' yacht, the St. George, which left here the other day encountered such heavy weather on her voyage up to Rio Janeiro that she has had to put into that port for repairs, so much damage did she receive.

The Smoking Concert held on Friday last in connection with the Argentine Association Football League, at the Salon La France, was a great success. The Hall was crowded by a most appreciative, if at times a rather noisy, audience, which was at the same time a most enthusiastic one when pleased. Mr Permain carried off the honours of the evening in "Our Armonic Club," "In me 'And," "They Drew His Club Money This Morning," and "Mrs 'Enery 'Awkins," songs in which this gentleman's talents have full scope. Amongst the performers were Messrs Somerville, Greenlees, E. L. Wilson, Pickering, Davis, Pettinger, Espin, Nicholson and Nazhten, whilst Mr Crowe accompanied on the piano. Mr Watson Hutton, the President of the Association, was in the chair, and found some difficulty in keeping a few of the audience in order, in fact, the proceedings at times threatened to become rowdy, at one time particularly, when a performer was rewarded, or otherwise, with some coppers, which were thrown to, or at, him on the stage.

I see that the principal proprietary clubs of New South Wales have just concluded an arrangement which, while it does not actually mark the advent of the professional steward, brings that colony a step nearer this much-to-be-desired consummation. The associated clubs, viz., Rosehill, Warwick Farm, Moorefield, and Canterbury-park, have decided upon having one set of stewards to preside over all their meetings. Inasmuch as these gentlemen are to give their services gratuitously, they will still enjoy their amateur status, but the regularity of their duties will give them facilities for the satisfactory discharge of the office which are not enjoyed by gentlemen who merely act in a desultory sort of way. The action of these clubs may be regarded as a sign of the calling into existence at no distant date of the paid steward in New South Wales, at all events, and it is to be hoped that such a much to be desired reform may not be a very far off one in Argentina were the turf suffers more from amateur management perhaps than in any other country in the world.

The "Uruguay News" says that the New Skating Rink in Palacio, as it is ambitiously called at the "Establecimiento Balneario" No. 2 Calle Piedras, Montevideo, was opened on Wednesday evening last. More than 600 people accepted the invitation to be present and among them were all the best known families in Montevideo, ladies and gentlemen. "High-life" was the term used for the gathering. Everyone was there including the most important representatives of the Press. The Ladies baths have been devoted to the rink and the spacious and excel-



lent floor occupies nearly the whole of the Pilet. Lighted by electricity and with the discourse of sweet music, the Rink which opened most auspiciously is sure to be a success. Ladies only can practice from nine to eleven o'clock in the morning and the general public are admitted from two to half past four, and from eight to eleven in the evening. Don Aurelio Velasquez of the baths and Mons. Amand deserve every encouragement, says our authority, in finding amusement for the winter evenings, and they have not neglected the inner man as there is a most excellent Buffet for those who need refreshment. Truly skating has caught on in the River Plate to a marvellous degree.

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Why are some men, who profess to be bel polo players, so ready to sell a good pony when they have a fair offer made to them for him? It is through its members doing this that one club at least that I know of is not a brilliant success, and to take an instance to the contrary, the Quilmes Club owe their success in nearly all their late matches to the excellence of their ponies. Remember that a good player on a bad pony is not so useful to his side as a moderate one on a good pony, and to a polo player who has a good pony my advice is keep him, even if a humble sandwich has to take the place of the daily breakfast at the Brunswick in order to do so. It is very easy to save twenty dollars a month, and if polo is worth playing at all it is worth a few sacrifices in the way of luxuries. The game cannot be played properly and with safety except on good ponies.

BOOTS.

FOOTBALL

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JUNE

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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—Rosario v. Buenos Aires, at Rosario.  
Sun. 9—B. A. and R. Ry. v. Quilmes C., at Belgrano.  
Sun. 9—North v. South of the Riachuelo, at Lomas.  
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.  
Tues. 15—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.  
Wed. 30—Lobos A.C. v. Quilmes C., at Quilmes.

SEPTEMBER

Sun. 3—Lomas A.C. v. Quilmes C.  
Fri. 8—B. A. E. H. School v. Quilmes C.  
Fri. 8—Flores A.C. v. B. A. and R. Ry.

RUGBY FIXTURES

JUNE

Sun. 18—Buenos Aires F.C. v. London Bank F.C. at  
Sat. 24—London Bank F.C. v. Lomas A.C., at  
Thurs. 29—Buenos Aires F.C. v. Rosario A.C., at Rosario

JULY

Sun. 9—England and Ireland v. Scotland and Wales.  
Sun. 16—Buenos Aires F.C. v. Rosario A.C., at Buenos Aires.  
Sun. 23—London Bank F.C. v. Quilmes C., at Quilmes.  
Sun. 30—Buenos Aires F.C. v. Lomas A.C. at Lomas.

AUGUST

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ASSOCIATION

THE INTERNATIONAL.

ENGLAND AND WALES v. SCOTLAND AND IRELAND

The above match was played on Sunday, the 4th, on the ground of the Flores Athletic Club, at Flores, in fine football weather. About 250 spectators, including many ladies, witnessed the game. The colours worn by the teams were—Scotland and Ireland blue, England and Wales white.

England and Wales won the toss, and at 2.35, D. Muir, for Scotland and Ireland, put the ball into play, and passed to Gahan, who in combination with G. Leslie, carried the ball down to the whites' goal, but Bridger tackling well, spoiled Leslie's shot, though he had to concede a corner kick. The ball was well put in from the corner flag, and Wilson sent in a pretty shot, which was well saved by Fothergill fisting it out. Knox got on to the ball and sent in another shot, which was also saved, but W. Leslie, after some fine play, sent in a shot which beat Fothergill, and scored the first goal for the Blues a few minutes after starting. On the ball being again put into motion, some give and take play resulted, Buchanan and Bridger playing hard and tackling well, but if anything Scotland and Ireland having the best of the play, assisted by the wind, which was fairly strong. Scotland again got the ball well down to the Whites' goal, till Buchanan sent in a shot which just failed to score. From the kick off Syer got on to the ball, passed well to Guy, and those two players carried it well down to the Blues' goal, but Knox tackled well, and returned the ball to the centre, where it was kept for some time. Guy and Jacobs were now working well for the Whites, but not improving England's position much, till Jacobs received a neat pass, ran the ball up his wing in grand form, and passed to H. Anderson, who sent in a pretty shot, which was just saved by Knox's conceding a corner kick, from which, however, nothing resulted. Guy now ran up, but playing badly in front of goal, missed a rare opportunity; Murphy just managed to return the ball, but Tucker got on to it and sent in a good shot, which was well saved by Carter passing out to Jacobs, who in return sent in a shot which was badly missed by Carter, and so gave the Whites the first point. On restarting, Jacobs and Anderson played up well on their wing, assisted by Bridger, who was also playing well, till they got the ball dangerously near the Blues' goal, when H. Anderson sent in a couple of shots in succession, which were saved well by Carter, but soon after Tucker sent in one which just beat him. Muir now got on to the ball, passed to W. Leslie, who was playing a splendid game, took the ball well up to the Whites' goal, but his shot was just spoiled by Reynolds, who sent it into touch. A. Buchanan threw the ball well in, and W. Leslie again receiving it sent in a shot which was just saved by Fothergill. Muir now on the ball passed to Leslie, who in return sent a pretty pass to Lamont, who failed to score: Muir again got the ball and sent in a "daisy cutter" which was well saved by Fothergill. Anderson now changed matters by having a run down the wing, and passing well to Jacobs who in turn passed to Guy, but Knox again did the needful, though he had to concede a corner kick. The Blues, however, got clear away, till Tucker tackled well, passed to Anderson, who again ran down, but W. Leslie proved too much for them, holding his own against three men in a scrimmage at the corner flag, and cleared the ball, which was again returned by Bridger passing to Anderson, who sent in a fine shot, but which was well saved by Carter. Shortly after this, half time was called.

After 10 minutes' interval the ball was again restarted and a good deal of give and take play ensued, the Whites if anything getting the best of it, although the wind had died down a good deal and rendering little or no assistance. Anderson now broke away, and, passing well to Jacobs, sent in a bad shot; from the goal kick Muir got on the ball, passed to Buchanan, but Bridger again tackled well and returned the ball into the centre. The whites now began to play up better, and certainly had the best of the game, till W. Leslie, playing in good form, got away and carried the ball well into the Whites' territory, but Singleton, who had been doing some useful hard work, took it from him and returned the ball well up the field. But Knox kept them from doing any damage till Reynolds sent in a capital long shot, which just missed the top bar by about an inch. For some time after this the game seemed to fall off a little, but Syer passed well to Guy, who ran up, then passed to Jacobs, who sent in a dangerous shot which Carter saved in grand style, though he had to concede a corner. At this point there was a scrimmage in front of the Blues' goal, everybody having a kick, till G. Leslie broke away, dribbling and passing splendidly but without much result, McAdam watching too well and playing a hard and useful game. The ball was now kept pretty well in Scotland's quarters for some time, Murphy at back showing up well, Murphy's right place is at half back, but on account of P. Rath naving slightly sprained his ankle and therefore being unable to play he had to be put back for this match. Singleton and Reynolds were now doing well, but Muir and Leslie again got away, and managing to carry the ball right away brought it down to the Whites' goal, where Syer sent in a shot which went through, but unfortunately a hand had been claimed and the point was not allowed. From the free kick Gahan got the ball, and sent in a beauty, which beat Fothergill and made the second point for the Blues. The game was now even, two goals each having been scored by the teams. Shouts for the Whites then the Blues and even some for Ireland only, made the players put a little more life into the game, the Whites now getting the best, and playing up well. Reynolds and Syer working hard together several times had hard luck in not scoring. Bridger backing up well passed to his wing, who ran the ball well up, and from a scrimmage in front of goal Syer sent in a shot which scored the third point for England and Ireland. It now seemed a bad look out for the Blues as the Whites were playing much better and keeping the ball well in their opponents' quarters, Gifford finally sending in a pretty long shot which scored, and raised England's score to four. Shortly afterwards time was called, leaving England and Ireland winners by 2 goals, a well deserved victory, as they had by far the best of the second half.

For England and Wales, Jacobs and Anderson played a splendid game, passing and tackling well. Bridger proved himself a hardworking player, and put in some splendid work. Tucker also played a good hard game. Gifford played in good form, but Reynolds was not up to his usual standard. Fothergill in goal saved some wonderful shots, McAdam at half played, as he invariably does, a hard game, and rendered good service to his side.

For Scotland and Ireland Knox was the best man, he played in good form and saved his side from a much heavier defeat. J. Murphy also played well, but he is better at half. Rath's absence was very much felt. Of the half-backs, Wilson if anything was best, although I have seen him play a better game. Buchanan played hard and well; S. Murphy played up well in the second half; W. Leslie played a splendid game, passing the ball very well indeed and the same may be said of G. Leslie. J. Gahan played hard but Lamont and Muir did not play up to their usual form, although Muir sometimes broke away well. Carter in goal is a good man, he saved well, but he might have done better.

Mr R. W. W. Rudd performed the unpleasant duty of Referee to the entire satisfaction of both teams.

Mr Whithworth and T. Bridge acted as linesman.

Mrs John C. Bell very kindly provided tea to all comers after the match was finished.

The teams were:—

England and Wales—  
Goal: F. W. Fothergill.  
Backs: C. Reynolds and J. Singleton.  
Half-backs: A. E. Tucker, P. L. G. Bridger, M. Mc Adam.  
Forwards: B. B. Syer, B. Guy, J. Gifford, T. Jacobs, H. Anderson.

Scotland and Ireland—  
Goal: T. Carter.  
Backs: J. Murphy, T. Knox.  
Half-backs: S. Murphy, A. L. Wilson, A. Buchanan.  
Forwards: A. Lamont, W. Leslie, L. Gahan, G. Lys'ie, D. Muir.

ST. ANDREWS v. QUILMES ROVERS

The above match was played on Thursday last, 1st inst., on the ground of the former at Lanus, and resulted in a win for the home club by six goals to nil. St. Andrews winning the toss played against a slight breeze. On the ball being started some very good play was witnessed on both sides, after which the home forwards broke away, and Nobili passing the backs scored the first goal. The Rovers' forwards made several good attempts to equalise but were well checked by the backs. Another good rush by the Saints resulted in a second goal being notched. Nothing further had happened, owing to the splendid defence on both sides, when the whistle sounded for half time.

On restarting, the Saints made an attack on the visitors' goal, which was kept up throughout the game, and during which four more goals were added to their score, Nobili and Davis being responsible for them. The Rovers tried very hard to score but their efforts were in vain. At the call of time the home side were left victorious by six goals to nil.

Although the Rovers forwards played a good passing game they require to shoot quicker when near goal. Cobby and Biscucca played very well, whilst Clarke at back was a host in himself and cleared in fine style, saving his goal from falling on several occasions. Tracey in goal saved some good shots.

All the home team played well, especially Davis, Wright and Nobili.

The teams were as follows:—

Quilmes Rovers—  
Goal: W. Tracey.  
Backs: R. Clark (Capt.), A. Brown.  
Half-backs: G. Beckwith, B. Taylor, H. Marrs.  
Forwards: F. Cobby, R. Leam, W. Cunningham, H. Wilson, G. Biscucca.

St. Andrews—

Goal: C. Smiles.  
Backs: T. Bridge, D. Gibson.  
Half-backs: J. Sturgeon, J. Wright (Capt.), F. Horton.  
Forwards: T. E. Greenlees, A. Perkins, J. Davis, H. Fones, L. Nobili.  
Referee: Mr R. A. Brooking.

ALBION F.C. v. H.M.S. SIRIUS.

MONTEVIDEO.

This match was played on Thursday last, the 1st inst., at the Blanqueada (by kind permission of the M.V.C.C.), before a goodly number of spectators, in splendid weather, and resulted in a win for the Albion by three goals to nil, after a most enjoyable game.

H.M.S. Sirius winning the toss, elected to play with their backs to the sun. Barker kicked off for the Albions at 2.15 p.m. The game continued to be more or less even, the Albions having a slight advantage, when half time was called without any score for either side.

On resuming play the Navy had the disadvantage of the sun which struck them right in the face. From good passing by Lichtenberger and Barker the latter scored the first point from the Albions. For the Navy Sargent made a splendid shot which was well saved by Garcia, the ball going over the posts. The corner kick was resultless. The next shot at goal was made by Woodcock, who eluded the Sirius backs, but was stopped by Moore at goal, who kicked away.



Two more points were then scored for the Albions in rapid succession, by Barker and A. Clark respectively, both from scrimmages, thus leaving the home team the winners.

For the Albions Barker was in very good form, Lichtenberger helping him well in the passing. Adam and Hogge as backs were excellent.

For the visitors Sargent and Hutchinson on the right wing played an excellent game, but were not well supported. Gruitt played well as half back and Moore in goal was conspicuous.

The Navy team were out of practice, as they had not played for a long time, though the Albions worked hard, and well merited their victory.

The teams were:—

ALBION F.C.

Goal: Garcia.  
Backs: Adam and Hogge.  
Half backs: J. Clark, Maclean, Stewart.  
Forwards: Lichtenberger, Thomas, Barker, A. Clark, Woodcock.  
Linesman: Mr R. G. Tubers.

H.M.S. SIRIUS.

Goal: Moore.  
Backs: Williams and Clarke.  
Half backs: Payne, Gruitt, Jackson.  
Forwards: Sargent, Hutchinson, Campbell, Wiseman, Morris.  
Linesman: Mr R. Gilbert  
Mr H. C. Lichtenberger acted as referee.

RUGBY

LOMAS v. UNITED BANKS.

This match between the above clubs took place at Lomas on Thursday last, and resulted in a win for Lomas by five tries to one goal.

The Bank were unfortunate in turning up three men short, G. A. Thomson being one of these whose absence was, on account of his tackling powers, particularly felt.

Lomas winning the toss elected to play with the wind. Corrie-Smith kicking off for the Banks. For the first quarter of an hour, the Banks, notwithstanding their minority, managed to keep the ball dangerously near the Lomas goal line, Lees on two occasions nearly getting behind.

The Lomas three-quarters however relieved their side by some good play, and took the ball to half way; when from a pass by Gwyther, who had been playing well and unselfishly, Jacobs obtained the first try, but he failed to convert. Soon after the drop out Bath obtained possession, and passing to Norwood, the latter, managed to cross the line; but very near the touch line, the place again being unsuccessful. After the drop out from the twenty-five, play continued for a short time in the centre, when Rowland getting possession, by a splendid dodging run, obtained the third try. The try to convert an easy one, was again unsuccessful.

On changing ends at half time, the Banks again pressed the Home team; but Gwyther, running and passing well to his three quarters, brought the ball to the Banks' twenty-five, where Jacobs again, after a smart run, grounded the ball between the posts; again the place was unsuccessful.

On re-starting, the Banks worked up well and Goodfellow getting in a strong run right through the Lomas team obtained the first try for the Banks, which was converted by Corry Smith.

Gebbie kicked off and was well followed up, and Rowland again managed to get through, though running perilously near the touch line. The place this time taken by Gebbie was unsuccessful. Time was then called leaving the game as above mentioned.

Lees for the Banks played splendidly, Goodfellow in his new place played a plucky game; but these players were heavily handicapped by having no reliable men behind them. The forwards all worked hard. For Lomas, their three quarters well fed by Gwyther contributed most to the winning of the game, while amongst the forwards most noticeable were Gibson, Frost, Gebbie and Cook.

The following were the teams:—

Lomas.

C. Reynolds, back.  
F. Jacobs, P. M. Rath, E. P. Rowland; three quarters.

C. C. Gwyther, O. Norwood; half backs.  
C. Hannay, T. Gebbie, F. Cook, S. Gibson, J. Rohan, J. Mollett, A. Leslie, C. Tupholme, J. D. Frost.

United Banks.

Gibeau, back.  
W. Leslie, McReddie, E. P. Kinch; three quarters.  
T. M. Lees, A. A. Goodfellow; half backs.  
G. Anderson, J. Earnshaw, J. B. Farran, J. Zimmerman, W. S. Mayne, F. X. Carter, L. Corry Smith.

The Rugby football match between Quilmes C. and Buenos Aires F.C., which was to have been played on Sunday next, has been postponed till Sunday, August 27.

POLO.

QUILMES v. LOMAS

On the 1st inst the Lomas polo team came over to Quilmes to play their return match. It was a lovely day and seldom have we seen a better attendance on the ground, both from Lomas and Quilmes; there must have been some two hundred people present. The

match was of special interest as twice have Lomas beaten the Quilmes Club in succession.

The game started pretty well up to time at about 2.20 p.m.

In the first quarter, immediately after the start, Lomas scored a goal, but Quilmes managed to make one shortly afterwards, and before the quarter was over they scored another, and so left the score 2 to 1 in their favour.

In the second quarter only one goal was hit and that by Lomas, so the game was therefore even at 2 all.

In the third quarter Quilmes scored 3 goals more, whilst the visitors only scored one, so the game stood 5 to 3. In the last quarter Quilmes had it pretty much their own way, hitting 3 more goals whilst no score was made on the other side, thus Quilmes remained the winners by 8 goals to 3.

For the losers the three brothers Mohr Bell played a hard and useful game, their combination was very good indeed, and the clean hitting of the two eldest was very noticeable; had their ponies been more equal to those of Quilmes the victory perhaps would not have been so great. H. Anderson wanted practice badly; no player can be expected to do very much in practically his first game of the season. We may safely predict in a few years hence to see the Lomas team composed entirely of the Mohr Bell family, as there is another brother almost ready to begin playing, and when he does this their combination ought to be the very best.

For the winners there is no one to particularise, they all played well, although in the 1st quarter there was a lot of wild hitting. F. J. Bennett ought to have scored at least two goals, and Hope seemed to be rather out of his place at times, but the team soon settled down. Murray made one or two capital runs, and J. Bennett always seems to make the team work hard, as he rides so hard himself. F. Bennett and Hope as Nos. 2 and 3 in the last three quarters played well, but where the Quilmes men outclassed the visitors was in their ponies; J. Bennett's Compadrito and his bay, were too quick for the Lomas back altogether, Murray's labuno played very well indeed, and Hope's black, and A. M. Hudson's chestnut, Chico, were very nippy on the ball, and the same may be said of F. Bennett's Rover.

Mrs Pembroke Jones kindly presided over the tea arrangements, and Messrs Bethell and Hulson umpired to the satisfaction of both sides.

HURLINGHAM

A capital practise game of three aside was played on June 1st.

We were glad to see Mr Musgrave of Cañada fame in the saddle again. Both Wilmot and Chaloner showed marked improvement, though they have yet to learn with others to hit the ball straight up and down the ground and not across. Lacey's side won by one goal to nothing.

The teams were:

Clunie Chaloner and Wilmot  
Musgrave Smith  
Lacey Clarke

A match between the first and second teams of Hurlingham and Belgrano will be played at Belgrano on Sunday next. The second teams will commence playing at one o'clock and the first teams at three o'clock.

Hurlingham will be represented by Messrs Ravenscroft, E. Robson, H. S. Robson, G. Anderson, T. Lees, E. Danvers, F. Clunie and Lacey.

Belgrano by Messrs F. M. Still, F. Furber, J. K. Cassels, E. Richards, R. McIver, J. M. Mullaly, F. J. Balfour and another.

On Sunday at Hurlingham a match was to have been played between Messrs H. S. Robson, E. Robson, J. K. Cassels, and J. Ravenscroft, and F. Furber, F. Still, F. Sartoris, and F. Balfour, but it fell through owing to two of the last mentioned team not being able to play. A pick up game was played in which the following took part. Messrs J. Ravenscroft, E. Robson, H. S. Robson, J. K. Cassels, E. Danvers, F. Clunie, F. M. Still, and F. Sartoris.

At the annual meeting of the Santa Fé Polo Club, held on June 4th, Mr McNaughtan, of La Independencia, Las Rosas, was elected secretary of the club.

Cañada de Gomez,  
June 1st, 1893.

To the Editor *River Plate Sport and Pastime*,

Dear Sir,—

As the correspondent who sent you the report of the local polo tournament held here, I must write to you in my defence, although no defence is really required. Mr Robinson called upon me to-night to inform me that he should write you to the effect that no foul play was practised by the team of Mr Kinchant. By foul play, I mean the lifting of the knee or foot in riding off, as Mr Robinson was not playing, and as certainly not closely watching at the time to which my remarks referred, he can hardly be a clear judge.

I said, I say, and I repeat, that not I only, but others whose names I will mention if desired, saw that the natives lifted both leg and foot.

I was on the ground the whole time of the tournament, with the exception of the time which was mal-advised, and I was there for the purpose of looking on and reporting.

That I am not as good a judge of polo is certain, but still "lookers on see most of the game." In the match against Mr Parry's team they, the natives, most certainly practised this trick referred to.—Yours truly,  
YOUR CORRESPONDENT.

BASE BALL

U.S.S. YANTIC v. BUENOS AIRES

The base ball match which took place on Sunday last in beautiful weather proved a great success in every way, the spectators who were very numerous showing great interest in the game which is so little known in these parts, the fair sex especially were well represented and we noticed several of the best families present.

The game which was called for 2 o'clock commenced in good time, the Buenos Aires team electing to go to the bat. The wind which was rather strong aided the batters a good deal, especially as the out fielders had the sun in their eyes, and their fielding was hardly up to the mark. Considering the want of practice and the time which has elapsed since any game has taken place, the play on Sunday may be considered as first class, both teams showing that with a little practice they would prove hard opponents. The Buenos Aires team eventually proved themselves the stronger by 8 runs and an innings, the scores standing at 26 to 18.

The batteries on both sides were excellent, Raymond pitching and Doherty catching for Buenos Aires, and Scanlon pitching and Fardale catching for the Yantic all through the game; the in fielders on both sides played well, the most conspicuous being Ensign Mitchell, Ensign Kaiser, and Walker for the Yantic, and Hammil, Shepherd, and Wettlaufer for Buenos Aires.

The best hits of the day were made by Hammill, Todd, and Shaw who secured home runs for Buenos Aires.

A vote of thanks was passed for the gracious manner in which the Bs. Aires and Rosario Ry. Athletic Club kindly lent their ground for the occasion, and also to Mr John McNally for his excellent umpiring.

The teams were as follows:

Buenos Aires—  
Raymond (pitcher) battery.  
Doherty (catcher)  
Hammill, 1st base.  
Shepherd, 2nd base.  
Wettlaufer, 3rd base.  
McKinnell, short stop.  
Wilson, left field.  
Shaw, centre.  
Todd, right field.

U.S.S. Yantic—  
Scanlon (pitcher) battery.  
Fardale (catcher)  
Mitchell, 1st base.  
Ensign Mitchell, 2nd base.  
Walker, 3rd base.  
Ensign Kaiser, short stop.  
Hayward, left field.  
Moran, centre.  
Sullivan, right field.  
Umpire: J. McNally.

The scores were as follow:

U.S.S. Yantic		
Walker	3	runs 2 outs
Moran	3	" 3 "
Scanlon	1	" 4 "
Kaiser	2	" 3 "
Mitchell	2	" 4 "
Howard	1	" 4 "
Mitchell, G. T.	2	" 4 "
Cummings	3	" 1 "
Lynch	1	" 2 "
Buenos Aires		
Raymond	5	runs 2 outs
Todd	4	" 2 "
Shepherd	4	" 2 "
Hammill	4	" 2 "
Doherty	2	" 3 "
McKinnell	1	" 2 "
Shaw	2	" 4 "
Netlanfe	4	" 1 "
Wilson	0	" 6 "

Score by innings

Yantic..... 6, 1, 1, 1, 3, 2, 2, 2—18 runs  
Buenos Aires. 3, 4, 0, 3, 10, 1, 4, 1—26 "

ROWING

SAN NICOLAS REGATTA

Never has the well known beach at San Nicolas presented a more animated appearance than on the afternoon of the 25th May, when the last regatta of the season was held. The boat house and premises were gay with bunting and floral decorations. A grand stand capable of accommodating 300 persons had been erected for the occasion, for the convenience of members, their families, and the guests of the club. On a pyramidal stand in the centre were displayed the handsome prizes generously presented by Messrs Dawney, Iturburn, Noble, and Spongia, also those presented by the club in the ladies races.

The races were all well contested, and though the form was not all that might be desired it was notably better than in the last regatta, and for a new club was very fair.

Owing to the unavoidable absence of one of the crew the most interesting race of the day, the senior randans, did not take place.

In the fourth event, senior sculls, the red flag would undoubtedly have won had the crew not been obliged to row with short sculls, those ordered for their boat not having arrived in time, as it was it was the closest race of the day, the winners leading at the finish by a short quarter.



The fifth race, ladies' outrigger pairs, was very exciting, the Misses Morris and Maldonado getting home after a splendid finish, which nearly wrested the victory from their stronger opponents Misses A. and F. Elicechi.

This is a young club and has many difficulties to deal with, but when in possession of racing boats may, and we all hope will, be heard of some day in the international regattas.

At present our ambition is to become possessed of two outrigger fours. The only boats we have at present are three half outriggers, and two randans, some of which I recognise as old friends which I have known at the Tigre many years ago.

Rob.

#### Details:

Randans, 500 metres (up stream).

1. A. Peralta (bow), A. Balbini (sculls), A. Carvajal (stroke), A. Leyva (cox).
2. G. Vazquez (bow), J. Ordubini (sculls), P. Viña (stroke), M. Vazquez (cox).

Outriggers, 250 metres (down stream).

1. Miss M. Rojas (bow), Miss J. Gard (stroke), Mr J. M. Catala (cox).
2. Miss F. G. Vazquez (bow), Miss A. Rojas (stroke), Mr D. Valdes (cox).

Outriggers, 650 metres, (up stream).

1. R. J. Nieva (bow), W. Morris (stroke), J. Benaglio (cox).
2. J. R. W. Tucker (bow), G. Moyano, jr (stroke), A. Fayo (cox).

Outrigged Pairs, 250 metres (down stream).

1. Miss A. Elicechi (bow), Miss F. Elicechi (stroke), Mr M. Vazquez (cox).
2. Miss E. Morris (bow), Miss A. Maldonado (stroke), Mr W. Morris (cox).
3. Miss C. Morris (bow), Miss A. Moyano (stroke), Mr T. Morris (cox).

Single Sculls, 400 metres (up stream).

1st heat.

1. J. M. Catala.
2. G. Moyano, jr.
3. J. Viña.

Single Sculls, 2nd heat.

1. W. Morris.
2. G. R. W. Tucker.
3. R. J. Nieva.

Single Sculls, final heat.

1. J. M. Catala.
2. W. Morris.

## ESTANCIA AND COLONY.

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

Mr John Ripley, the well known "tropero Ingles," has just sold to Messrs Brookhouse and Colson of Bellville 100 and odd mules, which he bought up north, at \$46 a head. Two hundred others, wild and tame, he is consigning to Brazil, and has sold them, delivered in Rosario, at \$40. These can be said to be "chucards."

There seems to be much trade in the hands of Mr Ripley at this time.

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A telegram, dated St. Petersburg, May 3, says: A complete denial is given in well-informed circles to the unfavourable reports published in England regarding the prospects of the coming harvest in Russia, as well as to the statement that the Government would in consequence again prohibit the export of rye. The Government, it is declared, would never again take this step. The present condition of the crops, although unsatisfactory in the governments of Podolia, Kieff and Ocheron, is described as excellent in the Caucasian Don territory, and governments of Kharhoff, Ekaterinoslav and Poltava.

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Several exporters of jerked beef to Brazil have received a telegram from Rio de Janeiro advising them to suspend shipping for the mean time owing to the high rates of exchange and the heavy freights now being charged by the shipping companies.

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During the month of May nearly six million kilos of wheat and one and a half million kilos of linseed were exported from the port of Villa Constitucion, Santa Fé.

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Tobacco from Tucuman is at the present moment finding plenty of buyers. Makers of cigars and cigarettes here are buying at from \$13 to 14 for first and second class, prices which have been improved upon up to \$14 to \$15. Three hundred bundles of tobacco from Salta were sold the other day at \$4.70 the ten kilos, and it is believed that if more of the same quality is put on the market it will fetch as much as \$12.50, of such excellent flavour and mildness is it for cigarette making. Corrientes leaf is selling according to class at from \$12 to \$17.

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Speculation on Rio Negro lands is at present rather brisk in the Bolsa. The lands which are part of those conceded to the army which fought there, are selling at about thirty-six dollars the hundred hectares at which prices they should prove good investments.

From Tucuman we hear that frost at night has done great damage to the tobacco crops, some of which have been totally destroyed.

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A recent hurried visit to the South gave us the impression that an immense quantity of wheat still awaited transportation from some of the colonies. The galpones of the stations on the two southern branches from La Gama and Juarez to Bahía Blanca are filled with wheat waiting transport to the port, and there are also large piles of grain lying alongside the line.

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Recent statistics show that Bahía Blanca will export eight thousand tons of wheat more this season than last, calculating that thirty-five thousand tons of the past harvest will be exported.

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In view of Dr Zeballos' visit to the United States the stock on his estancia, El Carmen, in Lobos will be sold, by private treaty. Sr Manuel Zeballos has charge of the sale, and those interested should apply to him in the Bolsa.

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Mr Moore, of the firm of Pritchard, Moore, and Cruit, the English representatives of the Anglo-Argentine Live Stock Company, arrived by the Clyde on a visit here for the purpose of extending the business of the agency. Breeders of well bred stock have every reason to thank the Anglo-Argentine Live Stock Agency for the way prices of cattle, horses, and even sheep suitable for exportation have risen since it commenced operations but a short time ago, and for the all round fillip it has given to the trade. Any breeder of good stock need never have the least doubt now as to a market for his animals, as the agency is loading two steamers per week, and cannot buy as much stock of the right class as they want.

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From the "Australasian" we learn that among the passengers by the R. M. S. S. Arcadia, which arrived in Australia last April, was Mr M. Stephenson, a representative of the firm of Nelson Brothers, Limited, of London, who are very large importers of Australasian frozen beef and mutton for the English markets. Mr Stephenson, who is again visiting Australia to see what further developments can be arranged for the extension of the trade, has had every opportunity of gauging the feeling in England with regard to frozen meat from Australia, and he states that the prejudice which has existed against it is rapidly dying out. If the meat can be sold in England at about 3d per lb., as it has been, he considers that the consumption will soon be enormous. At one time, indeed, prices touched 2½d. per lb., which left a loss to the importers but served as a good advertisement for the meat, the low price stimulating consumption, while buyers recognised the excellence and purchased steadily.

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The demand for the mutton lies to a great extent with the large section of the population of England belonging to the middle classes, and also with those who have to study economy owing to the general shrinkage in incomes. With regard to the conduct of the industry itself, it has been found that one of the great difficulties which has to be contended against lies in the proper management of the thawing process. The beef when thawed in the ordinary way, by being exposed to the natural temperature of the air, is apt to become damp, and scientists have been engaged in making an exhaustive series of experiments in thawing at the new stores of the firm of Southwark. With the satisfactory solution of this difficulty the future of the trade is considered assured, especially as far as the Queensland beef trade is concerned.

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With regard to frozen mutton, it is pointed out that the shipments from Australia heretofore have not been as carefully graded as they might have been, but shippers soon recognised the fact that the charges are the same on sheep of good quality as on animals of indifferent quality, whereas there is a marked difference in the selling prices. Messrs Nelson Brothers, Limited, are taking active steps to find fresh outlets for the meat, and look forward before long to finding buyers on the Continent as well as in England. Negotiations are now pending for supplying frozen meat to the troops at Malta and Gibraltar, and no doubt when this is carried out it will give a general impetus to the trade. New South Wales, it is pointed out, has decided advantages over Victoria in its larger territory and vastly greater flocks, but there is no reason why a good business should not also be established in this colony, especially as the bulk of the sheep exported from Melbourne are drawn from the Riverina and shipped from Melbourne in bond.

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Mr Lean has lately sold to Mr Thomson, of the Estancia Maipu, 600 Lincoln sheep (capones), for shipment to England. We hear that the price is one of the highest yet paid.

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The veterinary surgeon of the department of the Pas-de-Calais (France), in his last annual report, mentions that the existence of sheep-pox in that district was first recognised on January 8th, 1892, in the Commune of Longuenesse. Inquiry proved that it had been brought there by sheep bought in December, 1891, in the department of the Nord, which animals, had some days previously been imported from Algeria, for which reason only, so the veterinary surgeon considers, they

should have been looked upon with suspicion, as nine times out of ten sheep coming from that country bring the sheep-pox with them. Although it may be true that by privilege of race they themselves have the disease in a very mild form, they invariably convey it to the local breeds, amongst which it assumes the grave character by which it is known in the north-west of Europe. The official above-named attributes all outbreaks of this disease to the infection taken to France by the sheep constantly being imported from Algeria.

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Goose-breeding is a long established industry in the provinces of Padua, Treviso and Venice. The peasant receives from the money-lender an advance of 50 lire (£2) for the purchase of fifty goslings. When, in the course of five or six months, the geese are fattened, the peasant-farmer, in addition to the repayment of the loan in cash, gives the money-lender one fat goose, worth 5 lire (4s.), out or every ten, or at the rate of 100 per cent per annum. If any geese die during the fattening, the loss is borne by the peasant. In the contract of "Soccida," under which a third party supplies cattle to the farmer, receiving half the profits derived from the raising of stock and some other special dues, the gain to the lender is reckoned at about 40 per cent. The contract may be fair or not, according to circumstances, but in many cases it presses heavily on the farmer, who has to bear all the losses while dividing the profits. It is observed, however, that the peasants, despite the high rate of interest they pay to the money-lenders, generally contrive to make some profit.

## SPORT IN PARAGUAY.

Asuncion, May 20, 1893.

We are sitting in a ring like the sailor men in the ballad, but instead of singing, sport and camp life in Paraguay was the subject of our discourse. Half a dozen Englishmen had met together at the favourite rendezvous in Asuncion, Pedro Montero's café, which faces "the post." By the water's edge the Platense boat was discharging cargo into the galpon known as the custom-house, further along a line of girls were loading oranges from a railway wagon, and the mule tramways were going and coming every few minutes, making quite a busy scene, but the assembled Britishers were off business for a time and had seated themselves round a marble-topped table which almost bent with the weight of soda water bottles and refrescos, nothing stronger, as everybody knows, being acceptable in such company. Don Pedro's tame tiger, which paced up and down its six by four wooden cage had started the talk by growling for its breakfast, and it was unanimously agreed that live animals of that description were unprofitable species. There is one man, a native who makes his living by hunting and sending down skins from the Paraguayan Chaco to Buenos Aires, but as he has been for many years engaged in this occupation and has only bagged fifty tigers, he is still a poor man, as a tiger skin here will not bring more than twenty-five Argentine dollars, in the green, while carpinchos only fetch 40, and deer skins less than 50 cents a pound.

Perhaps the sport compensates him, although there are those who assert that hunting the "big cat" is not so exciting as is usually imagined.

Everybody hunts with dogs, and as the dogs tree the animal, it is like potting at tethered cow.

Close to Asuncion very little shooting of any kind can be had. Over the other side of the river, which is here more than half a mile wide, the low lying Paraguayan Chaco offers fair sport in ducks. Not long ago one of the gossipers round the table had brought in some "patos reales," a bird that roosts in the trees and is closely allied to the Muscovy, one of them weighing over 13 lbs. and could hardly be beaten for the table; partridges are found all over the camps, and there were those present who maintained that in no part of South America was snipe to be had in greater numbers than in the neighbourhood of Villa Rica. When the railway prolongation was in full swing, some of the employees who are known in Argentina the Duff brothers, Thomas, and a native photographer, San Martin, four in all, started out one morning before sunrise to shoot these long-billed birds and returned at eleven o'clock with a nice little bag of 126, on the camp the birds and men were photographed so that when the actors relate this story they are enabled in the absence of witnesses to produce the testimony of the camera, an instrument which they affirm can't lie. Thomas the crack, maintains there is only one way of shooting snipe. In their wave-like flight they poise for one instant before taking another sweep, follow them with your gun and wait for that moment, then, if your eye is true, you pull the trigger and the dog does the rest. A good dog often means good temper and a full bag, and our friend the crack had an English pointer, one of those animals you hear about but seldom see. Everybody knows that duck, partridge and snipe require different methods, but that dog knew how to treat each bird, rising one, pointing another, and notifying with a quick or slow wag of his tail how near the water birds were. It was certified by those present that the dog in question had only to be shown a gun and cartridges the night previous and he would paw the intending sportsmen an hour before daybreak so that they would not oversleep themselves; two misses at the commencement and that dog would refuse to work any more on the day. On one occasion Messrs J. Duff and Thomas made a match for a sovereign a shot from 8 to 12. At twelve o'clock both had shot 59 birds each making one miss; a deer was sighted on a hillock 800 yards away, and as one of the peones in attendance carried a Martini-Henry, Thomas chanced his shot and holed it right through the head. May



had shot tapirs and deer, wild pigs and ant-bears, but they are not to be had every day. The latest book on Paraguay deals with hunting and the author Dr Bourgade was an enthusiastic sportsman in his way, and must have been more fortunate than the men one usually meets up here. He says that though one hears much of hunting in Africa, and there are exciting tales of chasing gazelles and laying ambushes for elephants, but the story of hunting in Paraguay has yet to be told and it needs a Baldwin or Selous to immortalize it. With Henry Rochfort and some other French friends he went up towards Matto Grosso and describes the shooting of huge crocodiles and tiny parrots, brutes of jaguars and slender antelopes. This sort of thing would incline men to come up here for a few days and then return to their Southern homes grumbling. It may all be true if you have time to travel through the wild districts, with plenty of good dogs and a vaqueano who knows his business.

I well remember the disappointment I experienced in going up the River Paraguay for the first time. One is led to expect that the "huge crocodiles which line the banks" are from ten to twenty feet long, but the puny saurians met basking on the banks appeared to me from three to six feet. We potted at them with Remingtons and Martinis as the boat steamed along, but it was guess work right through as to whether the bullets went home.

One of my round table friends had a little fun the other day. They were in a small steamer coming down the river and when quite near the bank, a tiger came crashing through the bamboos, plunged into the stream and swam for the opposite bank. What a rush there was for guns when the captain consented to give chase. Turds were taken to fire at the brute who was swimming as few other animals can swim, and it fell to a man who could only muster a revolver.

But to digress a little, not long ago I had the occasion to visit the interior of Paraguay, and as our way lay through the tiger country a little excitement was worked up, and a couple of carbines carried by some enthusiastic sports, but one who knew the most carried a double barrelled shot gun loaded with big swan-drops, although the native hunter mentioned above satisfied himself with a revolver and a machete, not forgetting his dogs; but as we travelled with only one of these hairless pups common to this country, the result was one hare, a little monkey and three parrots. What we lacked in game was made up in stories of adventures, for our vaqueano was an old hand at the business and had some story to tell of every cross we passed by the wayside. It is the custom of this country to erect wooden crosses to every person who has the misfortune to "die in his boots," and as one cannot ride a league without encountering one of these "recuerdos," with a heap of stones at the base and a white linen scarf fluttering at the cross-piece, the inquisitive traveller will be entertained with gruesome stories of death by flood and field.

We were riding along the banks of the Rio Tebicuary intending to cross by what is known as the Paso Patria, then proceed North-East to Caguazú towards the Alto Paraná. The Tebicuary is one of the most important affluents of the Rio Paraguay. It rises in the centre of Paraguay and was running like a mill steam in spite of the fact that there had been no rain for a considerable time. Although hardly wider than the Tigre at the railway station we found it difficult to cross without a boat, and the crazy little punt, half-full of water, leaked like a sieve. So we unsaddled the horses and drove them in where they could drift down to a landing place on the other side, carefully wrapped up our smoked beef and galletas, piled them on the saddles on the punt, and swam across. It is a sort of helpless feeling one has in struggling against a strong current, and it was quite a relief when shore struck our feet.

On getting up the barranca quite an array of crosses were planted round, reminding one more of a cemetery than of a "camino real." These were in memory of the many travellers who had met their death while attempting to cross when the river was in flood.

Most of the waterways here overflow their banks at certain seasons of the year and to catch the unwary stranger in search of land he is always shown round in the dry season—a hint this for anyone who comes here on business interests. We found ourselves in a nice level potrero with the grass succulent and sweet, average cattle grazing round about, but all the houses built up the hill side. Perhaps this was not through fear of floods, but because all agricultural land here consists of cleared timber land, the trees and thick scrub growing on the hills oddly, while the level land is left to the cattle, being usually of black loam, yet as experience has proved, hardly suitable for crops, certainly not for tobacco, sugar and mandioca the chief things grown here; so that before starting to grow anything there is heavy work to be done, as it takes at least a month to clear even one square. This is one reason out of many why European immigration has not flooded Paraguay. As for the native grower he is quite content to cultivate about an acre and a half, out of which he manages to raise enough to keep body and soul together, and what is more, like the man honoured by Squire Bantam in "Dorothy," is content with his lot and never sighs for what he has not. This is the very note of his character, therefore those who preach such doctrines must be prepared to similar results. Such was the remark of our capitan as he handed round the caña, and watched the peones saddling up the nags.

We travelled along through similar country for many leagues and then made for higher ground, cutting our way through semi-tropical jungles which often rose like a wall of verdure before us. Cedar and lapacha, palms and bamboos, being as common as dirt,—but a further account of that trip I will leave for another occasion.

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## The Australian Vaulting Record

At the Horsham Sports on December 27 J. Horn, of Creswick-road, Ballarat, vaulted with a pole the remarkable height of 11ft. 1in., which stands as a record in Australia. The Committee for the sports meeting, by way of showing their appreciation of the feat, have since presented Horn with a suitably inscribed gold medal. In order that they may not in the future be any dispute about the record, a certificate signed by the president, the judges, referee, and secretary of the club, has been forwarded to the "Australasian" which sets out that the height of 11ft. 1in. was duly vaulted by Horn.

## FIXTURES

### RACING

Sunday, June 11—Hipodromo Argentino, Palermo.  
Thursday, June 29—Hurlingham Club.

### FOOTBALL

#### ASSOCIATION

Sunday, June 11—Quilmes C. v. Lobos A.C., at Lobos.  
Sunday, June 11—Flores A.C. v. Lomas A.C., at Flores.

### POLO

Sunday, June 11—Hurlingham and Belgrano first and second teams, at Belgrano.

## PRICES

Price of gold on the Bolsa from May 23 to June 6 inclusive—

	GOLD PREMIUM
Wednesday	319.00 %
Thursday	—
Friday	319.80 "
Saturday	321.00 "
Monday	322.50 "
Tuesday	320.50 "

The prices at the Corrales during the past week have been as follows:

Bullocks	\$65.00—75.00
Novillos (special)	37.00—54.00
" (ordinary)	20.00—34.00
Cows (special)	43.00—85.00
Cows (ordinary)	15.00—25.00
Calves (regular)	6.00—14.00
" (small)	4.20—6.00
Sheep	4.20—8.00
Maize (morochó), 100 kilos	5.75—6.80
" (amarillo), 100 kilos	5.80—6.00
Wheat (barleta), 100 kilos	7.00—8.00
" (French), 100 kilos	6.60—7.70
" (Saldomé)	6.40—7.00
Hay, 1000 kilos	28.00—38.00
Wool	6.00—7.50
Novillo Hides	7.50—11.50
Cow Hides	5.50—8.00
Sheepskins	0.55—0.85

The following story has lately been told of Mr "Abingdon's" father:

The only fit of generosity ever known to have surprised the old Gartscherrie ironmaster himself was the time that he gave the princely sum of £100,000 to the Kirk of Scotland, a donation which some wicked wag designated as the largest fire-insurance policy ever taken out.

The story is told that shortly after this gift to the Scottish Church, the donor and Mr Merry, another wealthy ironmaster and one of England's most famous turfmen, met in a train at Carlisle. Old Baird began to take the latter to task for his sporting proclivities.

"You old hypocrite," retorted the blunt Englishman; "for all your cant, I'll bet £1,000 that you're not able to say the Lord's Prayer right through."

"I'll tak' ye up; I'll tak' ye up," eagerly snapped Baird. The bet was made, and old Baird began, in a nasal, monotonous tone he deemed suitable for the solemn occasion, on the psalm, "The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want." "Stop!" said Merry, so the tale goes, "that's enough! You've won, but I'm d—d if I thought you knew it."

Whether Baird was so delighted by his proving his religious principles to the Philistine Merry that he determined to keep the sum won as a souvenir is not known, but it is certain that for many years the only adornment of his frugally-furnished bedroom was a Bank of England note for £1,000, which he kept framed over his bed, paying on a moderate computation the annual sum of £40 for the privilege of having a small fortune on hand above his bed's head.

## List of Clubs with their Secretaries

### ATHLETIC CLUBS

AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION OF THE RIVER PLATE—  
*Blue and White*—E. Danvers, 559 Piedad.  
B. A. AND R. RY.—*Yellow and Black*—F. Tebbutt, 248 Avenida de Mayo.  
CAMPANA—B. J. MacCullagh, Campana.  
CORDOBA—J. C. Bowden, Gerencia, F.C.C.C., Córdoba.  
ENGLISH HIGH SCHOOL—*Red and White*—Percy Hill, 3502 Santa Fé.  
FLORES—*Light Blue, Yellow, and Dark Blue with narrow White Stripes*—B. G. Henderson, 89 B. Aires, Flores.  
HURLINGHAM—*Blue, Red and Yellow*—E. Danvers, 559 Piedad, Buenos Aires.  
JUNIN—H. J. Whitfield, Junin, F. C. Pacifico.

LOBOS—*Blue and Red*—James P. McKee on, Lobos, F.C.S.  
LOMAS—*Blue and White*—P. L. G. Bridger, Casilla de Correo 1121.  
Montevideo—J. Harvey, Club Inglés, Montevideo.  
QUILMES—*Dark Blue and Orange*—A. M. Hudson, 423 Rivadavia, Buenos Aires.  
ROLDAN—T. H. Wilson, Roldan.  
ROSARIO—*Claret and Light Blue*—Thomas A. Hall, 2 Plaza Jewell, Rosario.  
TUCUMAN—A. S. Reade, Tucuman, F.C.N.O.A.

### CRICKET CLUBS

BUENOS AIRES—*Black and Red*—A. Lace, Banco Británico, Buenos Aires.  
CENTRAL URUGUAY—*Black and Orange*—A. N. Davenport, Talleres, F.C.C.U., Montevideo.  
FISHERTON—J. Beaumont.  
HURLINGHAM—*Blue, Red and Yellow*—E. Danvers, 559 Piedad, Buenos Aires.  
Lanus—D. Duncan, Plaza Constitucion, F.C.S.  
London Bank—R. L. Rumboll, Banco de Londres.  
MONTEVIDEO—*Black and White*—A. Gair, Club Inglés, Montevideo.

WESTERN RAILWAY—*Dark Crimson*—F. T. Parkes, Tolosa

### FOOTBALL CLUBS

ALBION—*Blue and White*—A. Maclean, c/o Messrs F. L. Humphreys and Co., Montevideo.  
Argentine Association League—A. Lamont, Plaza Constitucion F.C.S.  
BUENOS AIRES (Rugby)—*Blue and White*—T. M. Lees, London Bank.  
HURLINGHAM—*Blue, Red and Yellow*—E. Danvers, 559 Piedad, Buenos Aires.  
ST. ANDREWS—*Blue and White Stripes*—T. Bridge, Plaza Constitucion, F.C.S.

### KENNEL CLUB

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### LAWN TENNIS CLUBS

BUENOS AIRES—*Light and Dark Blue and Yellow*—T. S. Boadle, 25 de Mayo 149.

### POLO CLUBS

Association of the River Plate—F. J. Balfour, 559 Piedad.  
BELGRANO—*Black and White*—J. K. Cassels, Lavalle 108, Belgrano.  
CAMP OF URUGUAY—*Pale Blue*—L. Edwards, Barrancas Coloradas, Colonia.

CAÑADA DE GOMEZ—*Red and Yellow*—J. S. Robinson, C. de Gomez, F.C.C.A.

CASUALS—*Crimson and White*—R. McC. Smyth, Venado Tuerto.

Guaileguay—R. Gordon, Guaileguay, Entre Rios.  
HURLINGHAM—*Blue, Red and Yellow*—E. Danvers, 559 Piedad, Buenos Aires.

LA MERCED—*French Grey and Cerise*—P. H. Cawardine, La Merced, Chascomus.

LEZAMA—*Red and Black*—E. J. Craig, Estancia Las Barrancas, Lezama.

MEDIA LUNA—*Pale Blue with Crescent*—T. C. Fair, Soler, F. C. Pacifico.

MONTEVIDEO—*Chocolate and Green*—Fred. A. Christie, Club Inglés, Montevideo.

North Santa Fé—R. S. Foster, Chiru Traill, F. C. C. and R.

Roldan—W. Ellery, Roldan, F.C.C.A.  
Rosario—W. F. Christie, F.C.C.A. Rosario.

San Jorge—C. H. Hall, San Jorge, Estacion Molles, F. C. C. del Uruguay, Montevideo.

SANTA FE—*Red and Blue*—J. McNaughtan, La Independencia, Las Rosas, F.C.C.A.

SANTIAGO DEL ESTERO—*Green*—Dr. Newman Smith, La Banda, Santiago del Estero.

Strangers—G. H. Isaac, Venado Tuerto.  
Tuyú—H. Gibson, Los Ingleses, Ajó, F.C.S.

### ROWING CLUBS

BUENOS AIRES—*Blue and White*—Piedad 852.  
MONTEVIDEO—*Blue and Black*—J. Murray, Banco Británico, Montevideo.

NACIONAL DE REGATAS—*Sky Blue and White Hoops*—Manuel Rey, Piedras 166, Montevideo.

ROSARIO—*Dark Red and White*—E. W. Newte, English Bank, Rosario.

TRUTONIA—*Blue and White*—F. Lindheimer, Chacabuco 73

TIGRE—*Black and Golden Yellow*—W. E. O. Hazell, 423 Rivadavia, Buenos Aires.

## PROGRAMME OF A RACE MEETING

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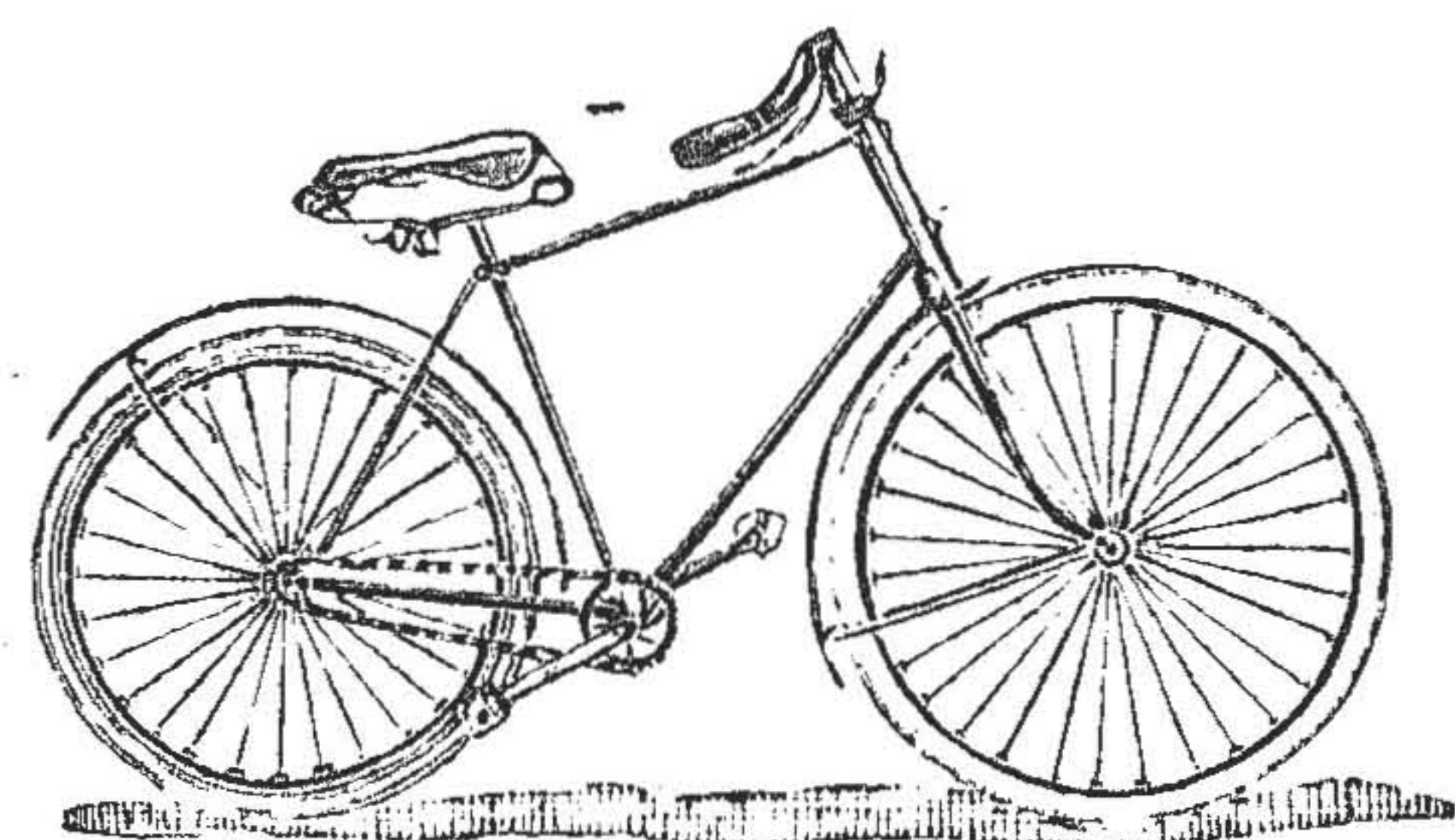
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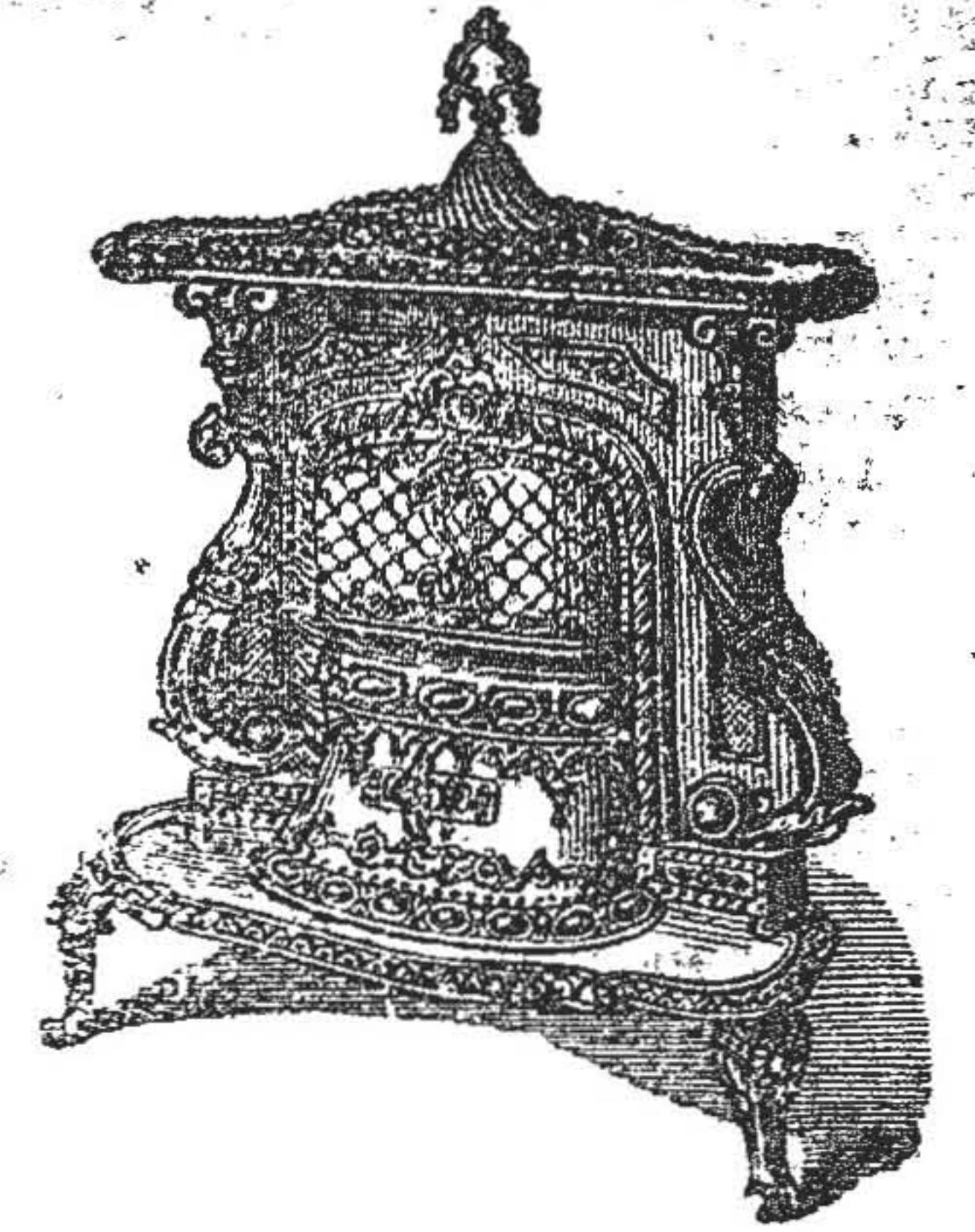
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## DRAMATIC AND MUSICAL NOTES.

In London lately the so-called collapse of comic opera has been a current topic in the theatrical world, many of the leading theatres devoted to this class of entertainment having been obliged to close their doors owing to bad business. I gather that there are two reasons for this decline, they being that the public want something new in comic opera, and the other, which seems to strike the right nail on the head, is the enormous salaries paid to the principals. Mr D'Oyley Carte, as good an authority on the subject as anyone, is especially strong on the latter point, and avers his intention of carrying on his theatre upon commercial principles, bringing, if need be, younger and fresher talent from his troupes in the provinces and elsewhere rather than incur that, which to all cautious men of business, must appear a certain loss.

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"Truth" has a very interesting paragraph on the subject which I may perhaps be permitted to quote, as being of general interest to readers of this column.

It runs thus :

I may perhaps be allowed to let the public so far into the secrets of the trade as to tell them that sound management demands that the total expense of production shall be recouped within two months, and afterwards that the total weekly expenses shall be slightly under half the seating capacity of the house. To take, for example, a theatre which holds £250 at its utmost and a piece which costs £2000 to mount, the whole expenses of every sort should not exceed £150 a night for the first nine or ten weeks (£30 a performance being due to the sinking fund), and £120 a night afterwards, even then there will be little margin for a period of depression, and there will probably be no profit. Anything over would be for the managerial good. If therefore the salaries of his leading artistes amount to £250 or more, his rent and advertisements to at least another £100, and he is loaded with the fees of author and composer, the salaries of band and chorus, his stage hands and administrative staff, and the hundred and one other outgoings, of which nobody who has not been ear-witness of an interview between theatrical lessee and treasurer has the slightest idea, the manager may take it for granted pretty well that he is hopelessly on the road so tersely described by Mr Micawber. It is well that the public who clamour for artists of the first rank and are ready with a light heart to damn a piece, should know these things.

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The same illustration applies in a great measure to Buenos Aires, and though the cheap prices which rule here in all theatres with the exception of the Opera, preclude to a great extent the importation of really good foreign artistes, yet there still must be a certain proportion which holds good. It remains to me a marvel how some of the theatres keep their doors open in view of the, in many cases, utter trash which is served up for the public delectation. This was forcibly brought to my notice last week at the San Martín theatre where, tempted by a flattering critique of "El Rey que Rabio," I was induced to purchase a seat. The theatre was practically empty, and curiosity prompting me to test whether a change in the bill would produce a better result, I was again the next evening met by the same array of empty benches. Either the management is showing a dead loss or the artistes are "living in hope" with regard to payment of salaries.

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As a rule this same public flocks to the representations of "zarzuela," and theatres where this class of fare prevails seem to do good business, but the paradox manifests itself when a foreign troupe appears on the scene, and the same people who applaud violently performances of this possibly lowest form of the drama, as indifferently acted and worse sung, should show themselves so critical and hard to please when listening to European artistes who though not often soaring above the mediocre are infinitely superior to the generality of the stock companies which make the round of the cheaper theatres and the provinces out here. It is discouraging to impresarios who know this audience, and until a little more moderation and less hypercriticism prevail, the public will themselves be the only sufferers. They would be discriminating and exacting—good, let them then first cast out the mote in their own eye before attacking the beam of their neighbours, for when all is said it is on England, France, Germany, and Italy that they have to depend for their theatrical education, and not upon Spanish and native efforts, which they look upon with such one-sided and narrow-minded toleration now.

Madame Tubau took her benefit on Wednesday night at the National, playing Marguerite Gautier in "La Dame aux Camélias." It is needless to say that she was received with the greatest enthusiasm and was made the subject of a special ovation by the Spanish colony, who presented her with a magnificent offering in the shape of a address and wreath of flowers, in the centre of which was placed a gold watch and chain studded with diamonds.

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As Marguerite Gautier, in Dumas' famous work and visibly affected by the very sympathetic audience assembled to greet her, Mme. Tubau gave a capital exposition of the part though again handicapped by her matronly appearance. The play is too well known to need a detailed critique and suffice to say that she was well supported by the rest of the caste. The company took its leave of Buenos Aires in the same piece the following night.

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For the first time in this city Mireille was given by the Odeon Company and met with but very partial success. The libretto which is based on this Mistral's poem, is weak and not at all adapted to the stage, the interest of the spectator being at no time awakened indeed unredeemed by Gounod's exquisite music, the opera would long since have been relegated to the realms of obscurity. The lion's share of the work falls on the soprano, and Mlle. Marcolini in the title roll acquitted herself on the whole fairly well but at times showed a tendency to sing flat especially in the higher register. The gem of the opera perhaps is the vocal valse with staccato movement in the first act which she sung with great taste. As Vincent, M. Dambrin, the tenor, doubtless acted according to his lights, which in this case were not brilliant and at no time could he ever render justice to the score. The orchestra and chorus were at loggerheads very often and the whole performance can in no measure be called a triumph, in fact it is doubtful whether the very best artistes could ever endue "Mireille" with more than an ephemeral popularity.

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The same theatre was packed on Friday by a very representative gathering on the occasion of the benefit in favour of the French Hospital, Mlle. Marcolini and M. Engel again distinguished themselves as Rosina and Almaviva respectively in the Barber of Seville, and were vociferously applauded. Also during the entractes M. Darman received an encore for a very pretty Tyrolese jodel song, as did M. Gardon who sang "Les Geneurs." Mlle. Deschamp too made her debut singing very prettily the duet from Man'zelle Nitouche, and thereby made a very favourable impression on the public which was substantiated on Saturday night when she gave a pleasing rendering of the title role in Miss Helyett. This lady is a decided acquisition to the troupe and it is to be regretted that she has hitherto been prevented from acting owing to illness.

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It was rumoured last week that the Tomba troupe were to return to the San Martín theatre but the news is apparently without foundation, as it appears Frank Brown is going to pay us another visit with his circus troupe. He will doubtless be as well received as ever and add to the reputation he has deservedly gained. The first performance is announced for Saturday 10th inst.

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On Friday next, 9th June, a benefit is announced at the Columbia Skating Rink, the proceeds of which are to be handed over to the British Hospital. This is amongst the English Community the charity which deserves par excellence every support and it is to be hoped that the hall of Calle Charcaç will be crowded. Here in Argentina, far from home friends and relations, many an Englishman has met with the timely aid and assistance which its hospitable walls are ever ready to proffer and the institution reflects great credit on the members of our English nation who gathered together on this foreign strand have in this instance united to raise up so worthy and charitable a national memorial. At no time since its foundation has the internal administration of the Hospital been better than it is to-day and thanks are due to the committee of management most ably seconded in its efforts by the zeal and popularity of Dr. O'Conor the resident medical officer supported by Miss Eames the matron and the whole nursing staff.

## FOOTBALL

BY A RANK OUTSIDER

The statistical fiend has been busy of late with football, and some weak-minded old women, led by the "Standard" here and the "Westminster Gazette" at home, have taken the alarm. It appears that during three years some four hundred odd casualties have resulted from the game throughout all the United Kingdom. It would be well if some capable person would make a proper comparison, without which statistics are useless and misleading.

For instance, how many tens of thousands of games have been played, and how many hundreds of thousands of players have been engaged in them?

When the statician is at it, let him tell us how many pedestrians are knocked down annually by tram cars in Buenos Aires, and then let him try and persuade us all to remain at home and by no means venture in the streets except in a cab or carriage, then some other statician will find that they also have an accident roll.

The sailor who went walking through the streets of London during a gale of wind, was knocked down by a flying chimney pot. By good luck he was not much hurt, but he was dreadfully frightened, and he hurried back to his ship, vowing that he would never more tempt the dangers of land in a storm. Lucky Jack to have a ship to shelter him and a gentle sea to sport upon.

Even our own editor has taken the infection, and tells us that all pastimes must be paid for by some physical penalty. He forgot to say that it was the abuse of the pastime—then ceasing to be a pastime—not the enjoyment of it, which exacts the penalty. Its enjoyment means virtue, health, happiness and beauty.

There are some members of the male persuasion to whom life is all beer and skittles. We do not address them, nor do we care much about them. But there is not and never was a young lady to whom life was all lawn tennis, love it as she may. Ply then your racket, dear young lady, without the slightest fear of the washerwoman's elbow. You may as well dread the housemaid's knee in saying your prayers.

But it is the attack made on football which is the cause of these remarks. Listen to what a dignitary of the Church says about it, and then let us hear no more of these puny complainings about a game which being unknown in their time is now the envy of the Olympiads:—

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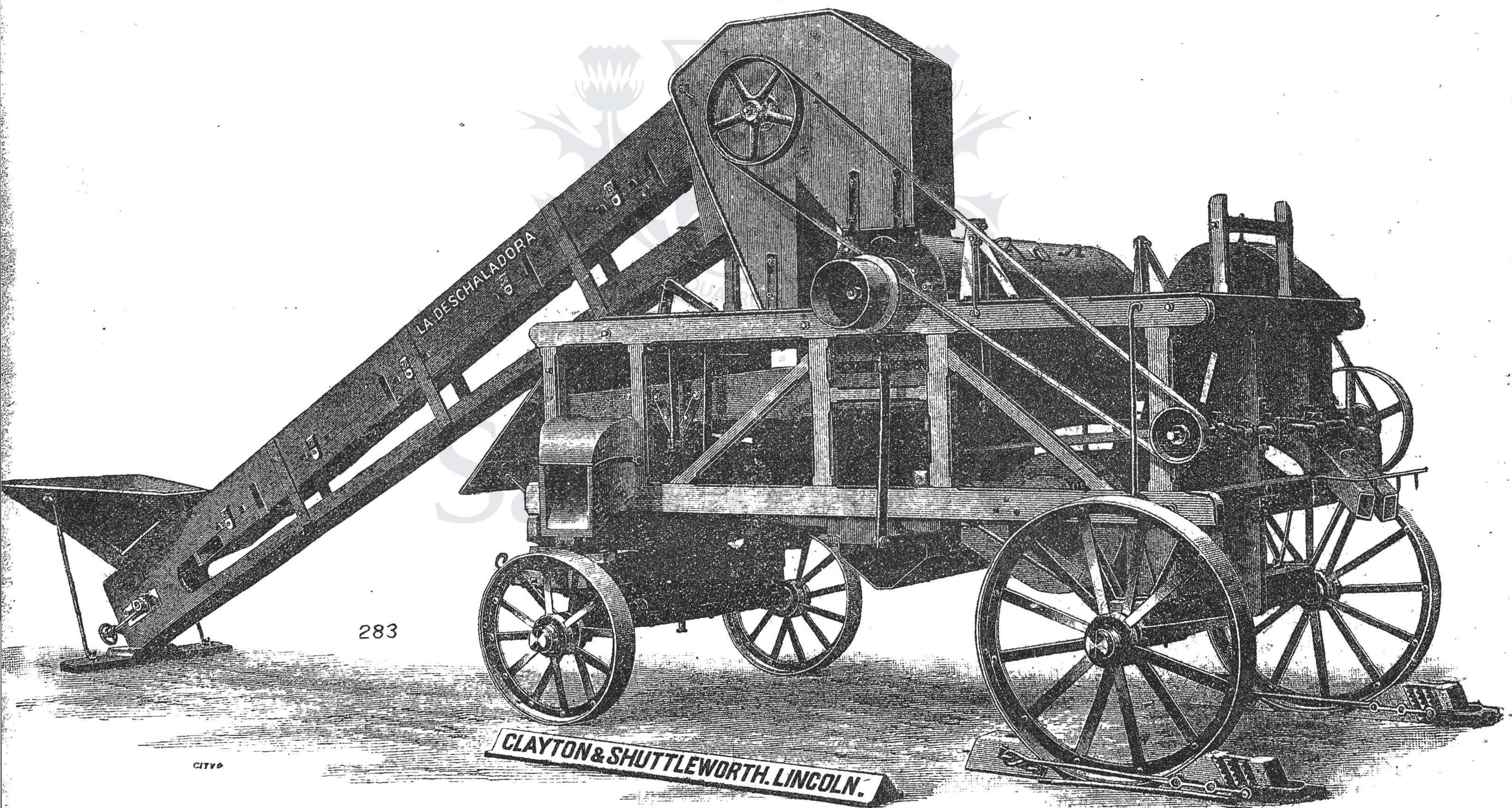
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