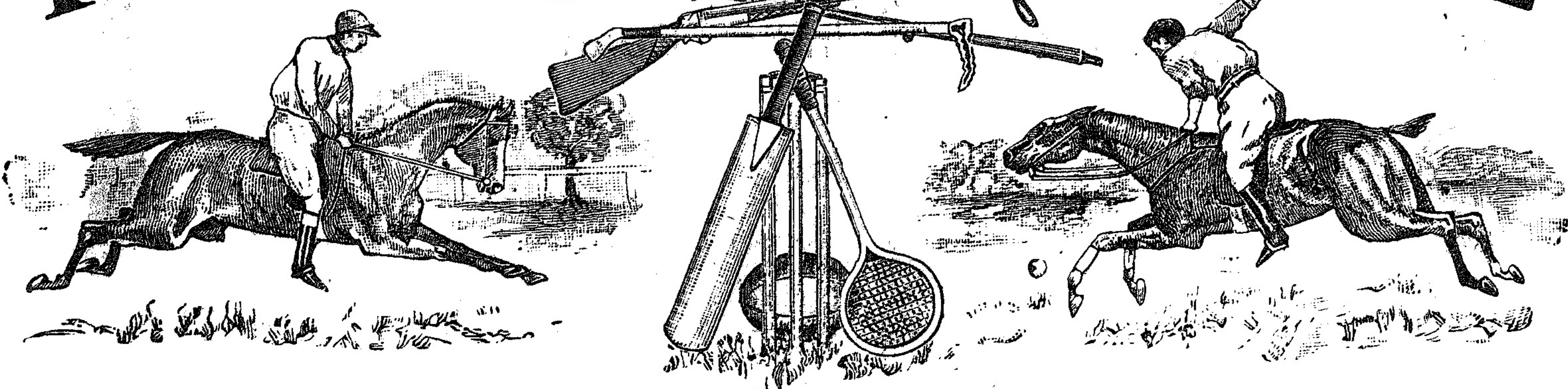


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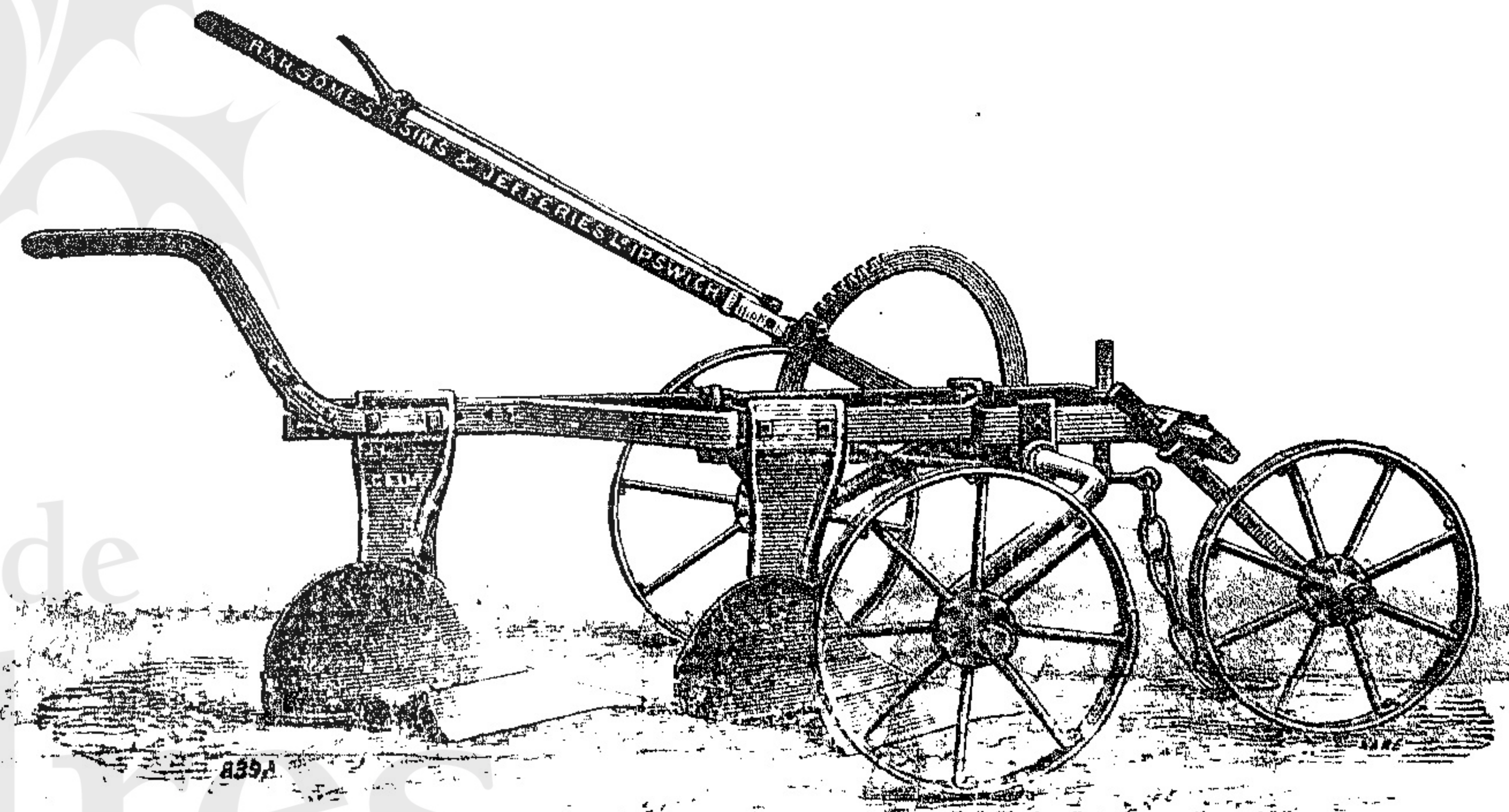
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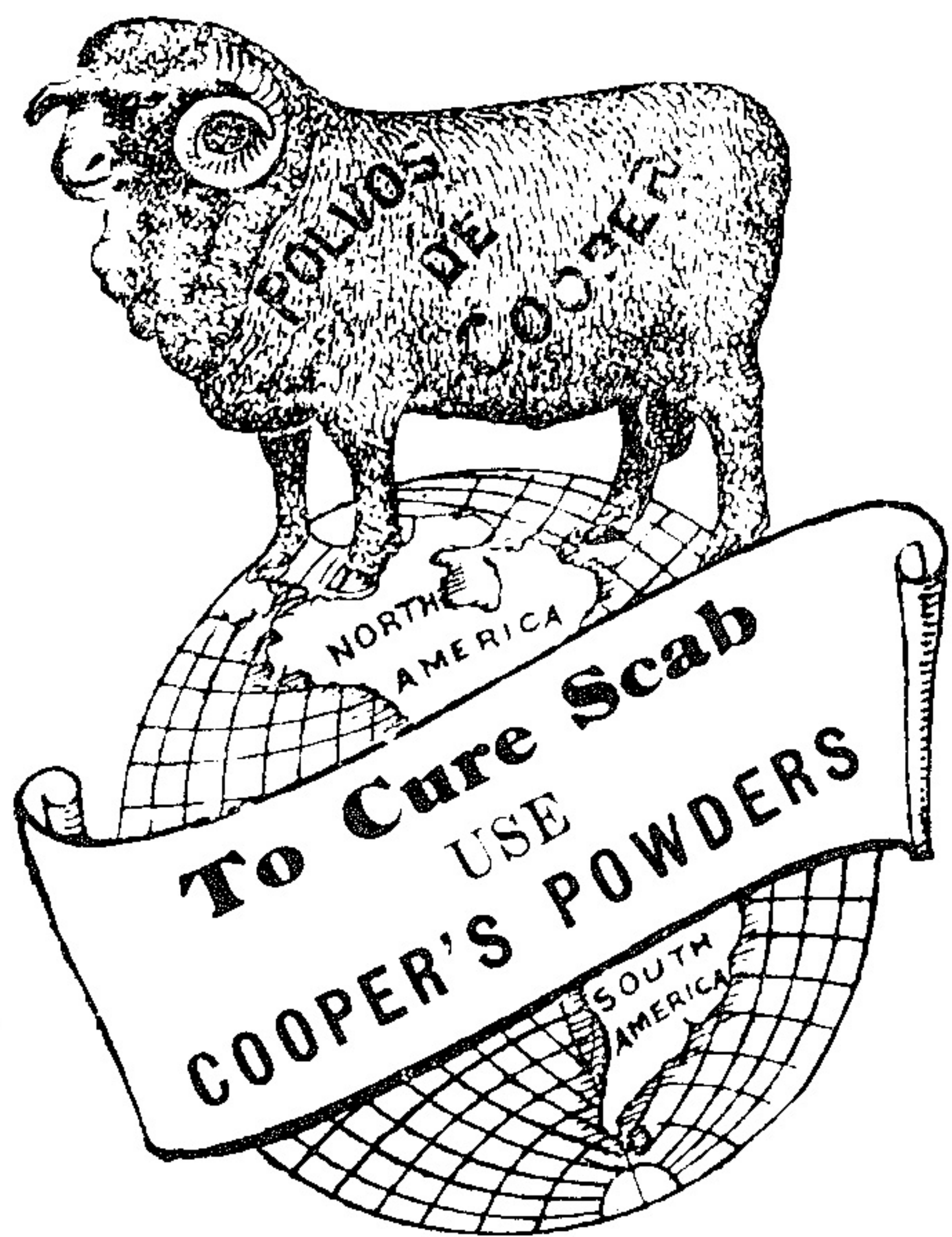
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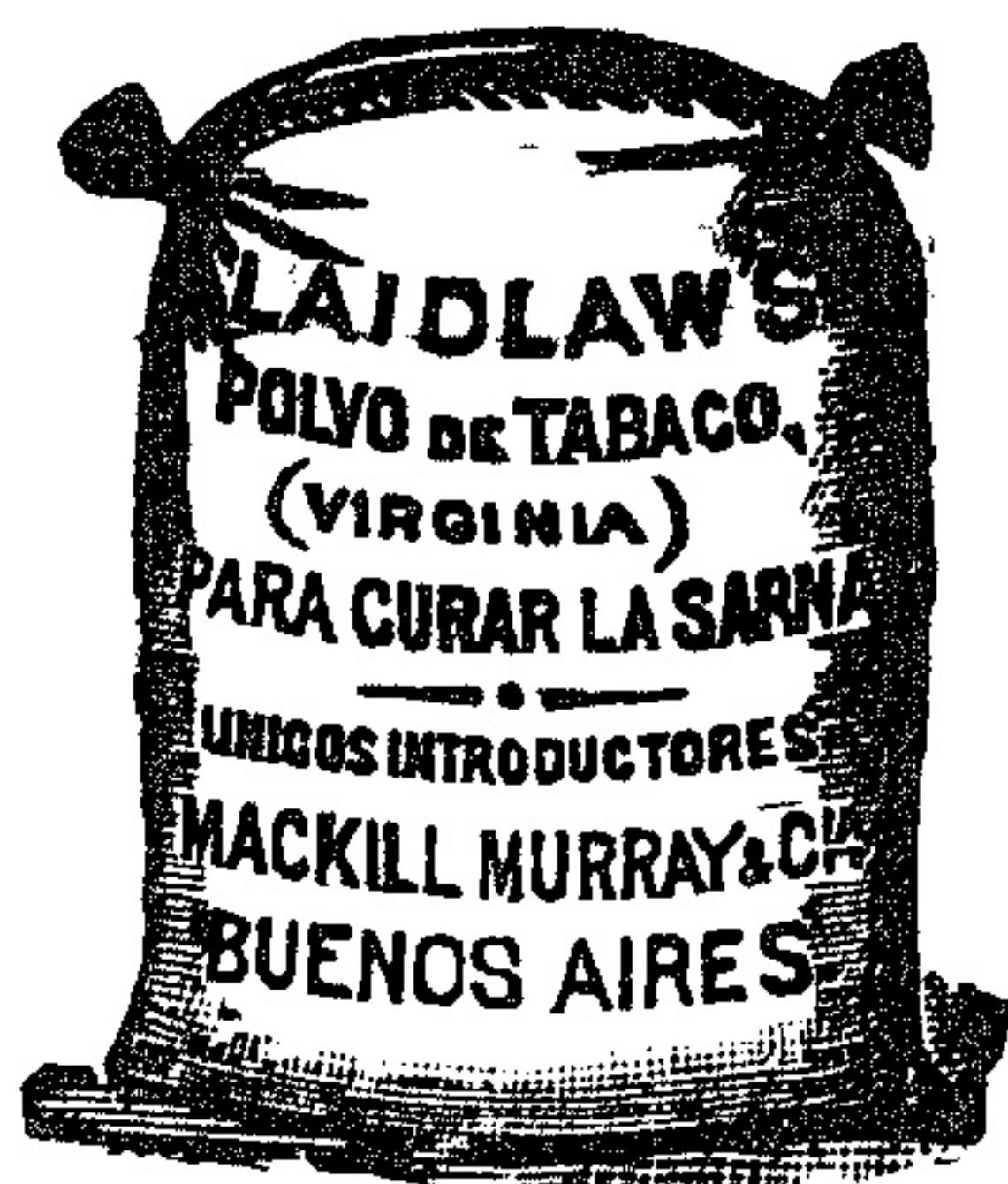
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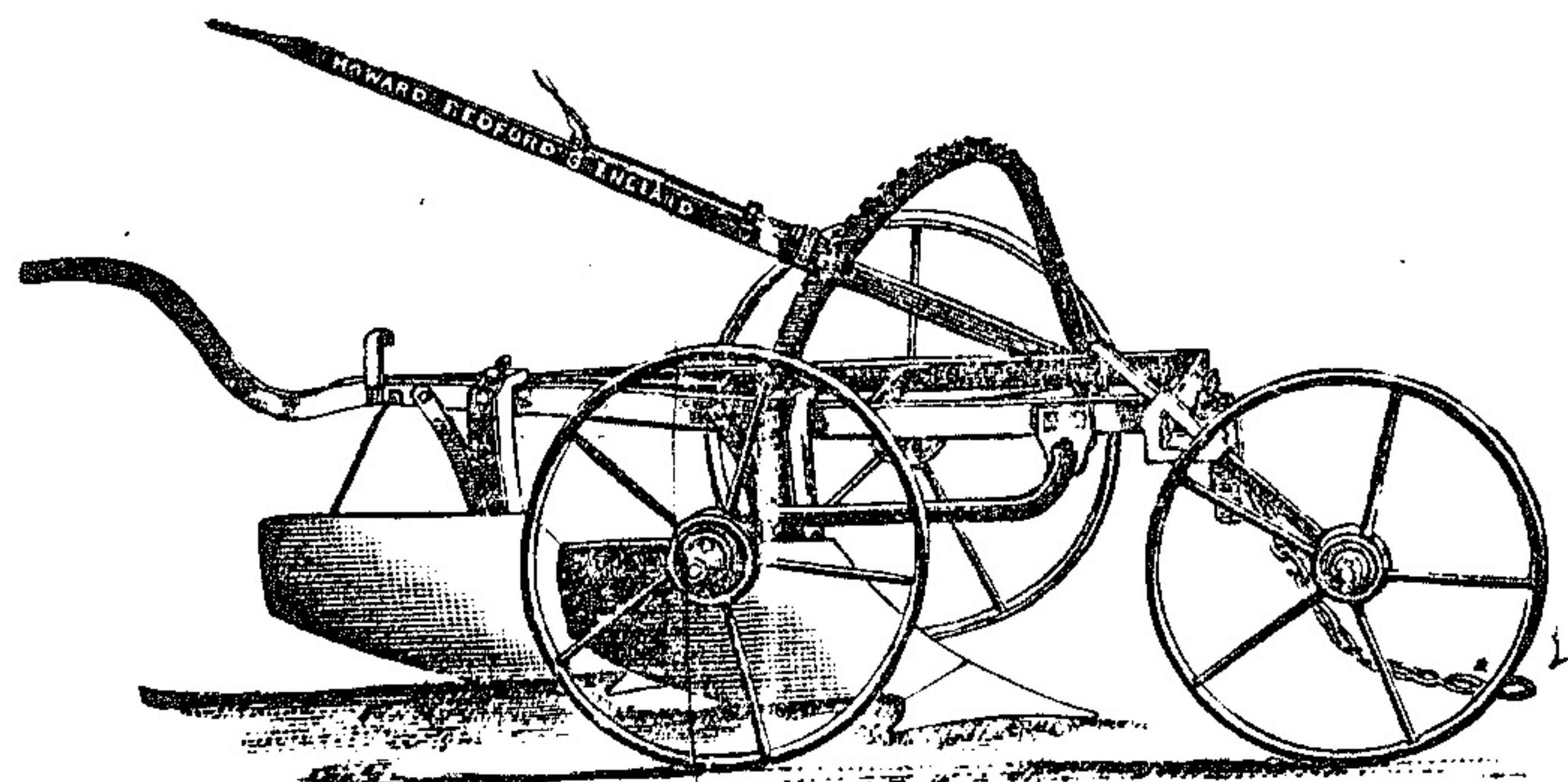
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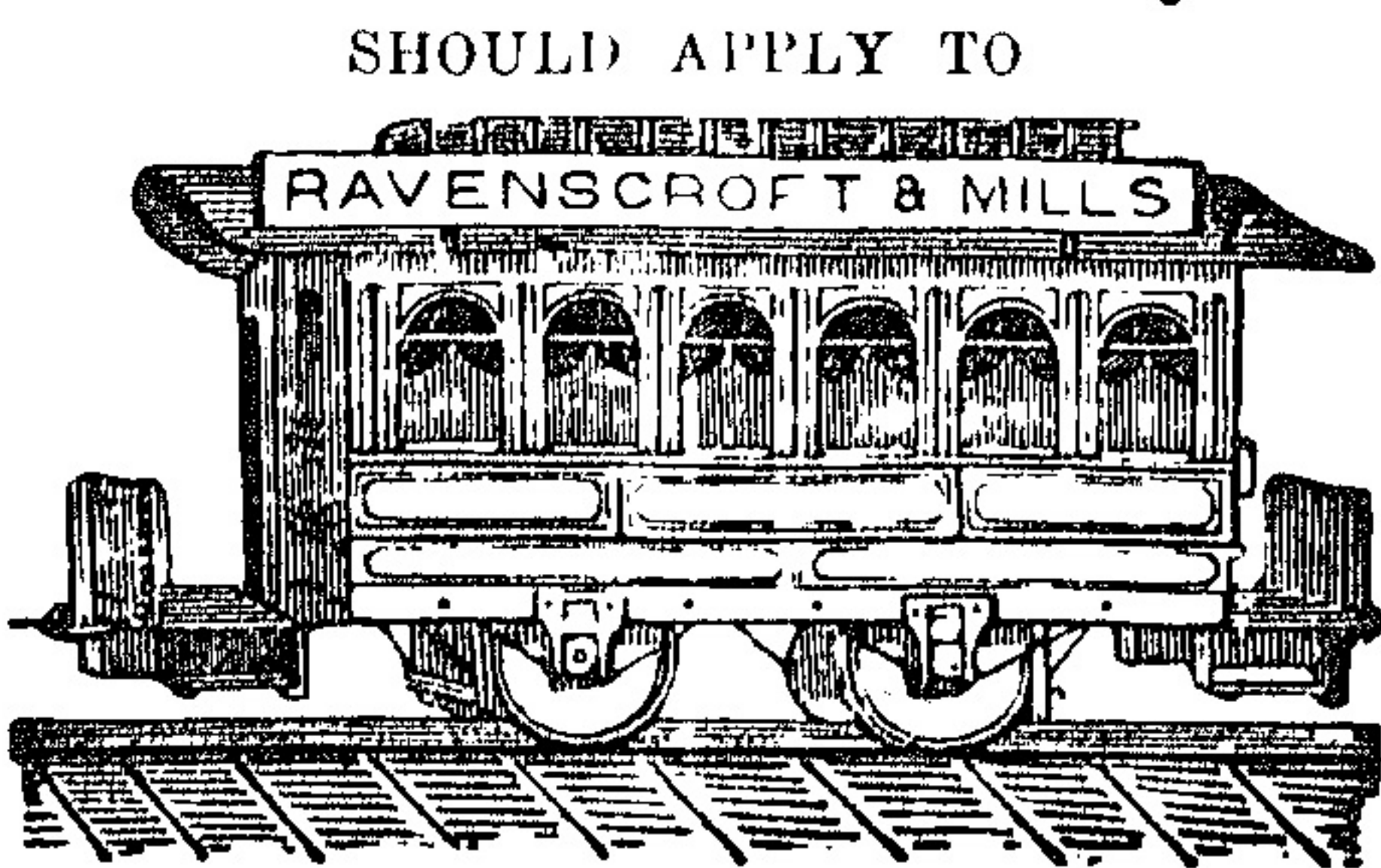


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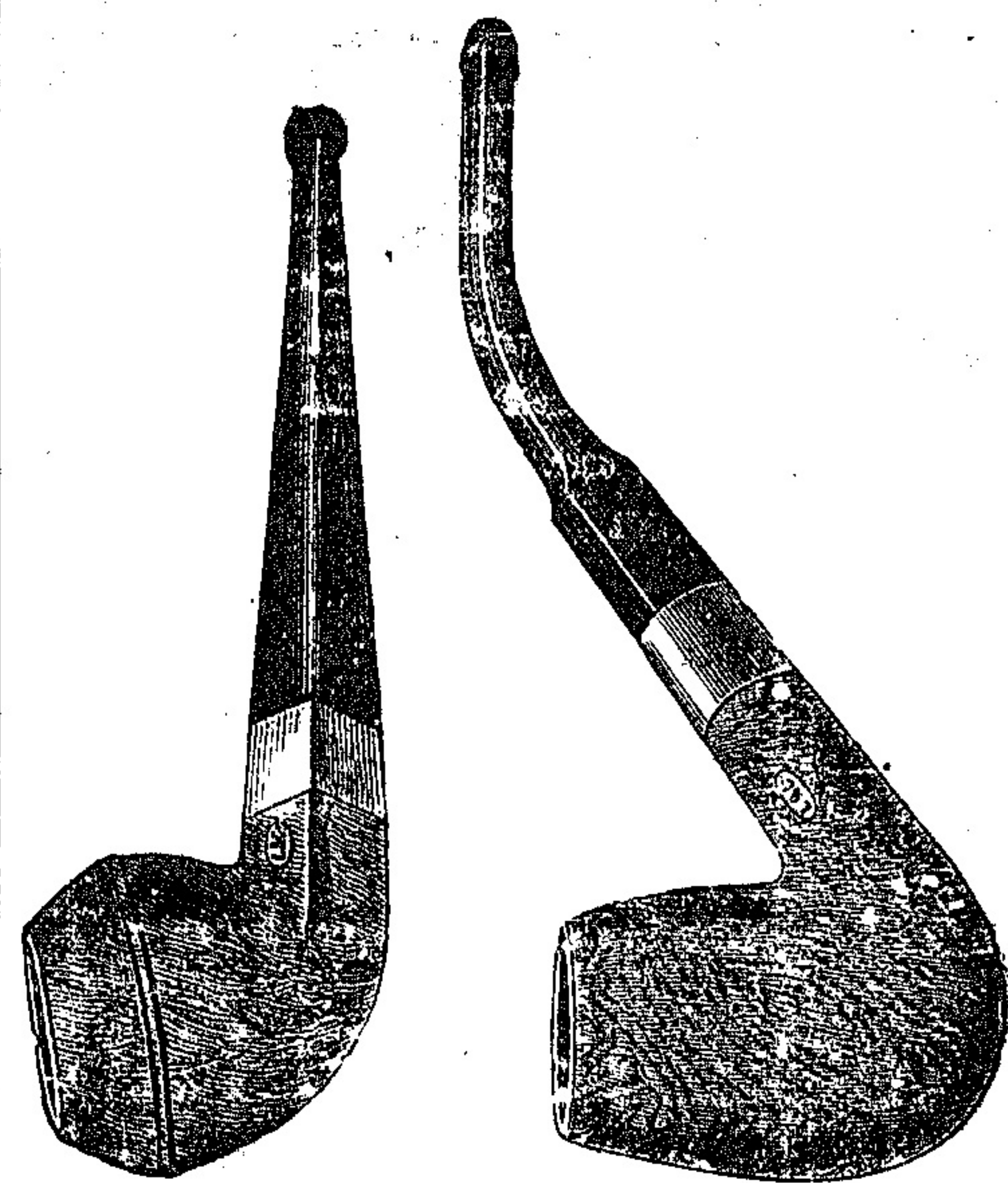
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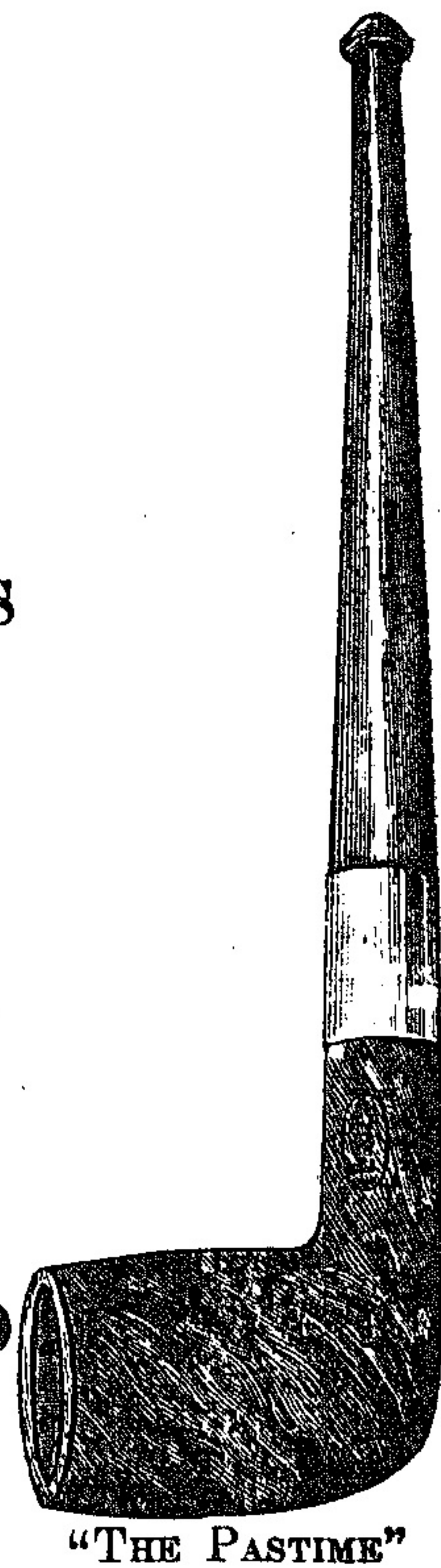
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RACING

Kempton Park, May 13th

The Kempton Park Great "Jubilee" Stakes, a handicap of 3000 sovs. Jubilee Course (one mile). Sixty-eight subs, 26 of whom declared.

Mr J. H. Houldsworth's Orvieto, by Bend Or
—Napoli M. Cannon 1
Mr John Charlton's May Duke C. Loates 2
Col. North's Simonian R. Chalover 3
Baron M de Tuyl's Leominster S. Chandley 4

Also ran—Euclid, Adoration, Cuttlestone, Gangway, Haymaker, Son of a Gun, Kilkenny.

Betting—7 to 2 agst Gangway, 75 to 20 agst May Duke, 7 to 1 agst Haymaker, 8 to 1 agst Leominster, 10 to 1 agst Orvieto and Simonian, 100 to 7 agst Cuttlestone, 20 to 1 agst Euclid and Son of a Gun, 25 to 1 agst Kilkenny, 30 to 1 agst Adoration.

After a slight delay the signal was given to a capital start. The quickest on his legs was Cuttlestone, who, in the centre, got away in front, and led for a hundred yards, when he was slightly headed by Haymaker and Gangway, the three being in close company just in front of Adoration and Leominster, with Orvieto, Simonian, and May Duke next, and Euclid last. Leominster took up the running, followed by Haymaker, Gangway, and Simonian, with Orvieto and May Duke next, and Cuttlestone at the head of the others. Leominster continued to show the way round the turn, but directly after entering the straight he was beaten, and with Haymaker also retiring Simonian was left in front of Gangway, Orvieto, and May Duke, but directly afterwards Orvieto shot to the front, followed by Simonian, Gangway, and May Duke. The favourite was beaten before reaching the distance, and Orvieto was resolutely challenged by May Duke and Simonian, but he kept them at bay, and won an exciting race by half a length; two lengths between the second and third. Leominster was fourth, Gangway fifth.

Newmarket Second Spring Meeting

Tuesday, May 16

The Visitors' Plate.—Mr Henry Milner's Lady Caroline (M. Cannon), 1 (started at 6 to 4); Clog Dance, 2; Tarantelle, 3; Poppy, 4. 10 ran.

The Newmarket Handicap.—Lord Ellesmere's Lower Boy (J. Watts), 1 (started at 3 to 1); Heremon, 2; Salamander, 3. 3 ran.

The Somerville Stakes.—Mr H. McCalmont's Portrush 1, (started at 15 to 8 on); Sweet Duchess, 2; King Charibert, 3. 9 ran.

The Breeders' Plate.—Sir J. Blundell Maple's Simon's Bay (J. Woodburn), 1 (started at 7 to 2); Lucy Cross 2; Missing Link, 3. 11 ran.

Selling Plate.—Mr Ellis's Cambus O'May (J. Watts), 1 (started at even); Redcoat, 2; Rightdown 3. 8 ran.
The Burwell Stakes.—Lord Durham's Ali (Rickaby), 1 (started at 13 to 8 on); Fatherless, 2; Bonne Sorte, 3. 4 ran.
The Exning Plate.—Mr T. Cannon's Melancholy (M. Cannon), 1 (started at 11 to 8 on); Grania 2; Red Sky, 3. 3 ran.
A Plate of 200 Sovs was declared void.

Wednesday, May 17

Maiden (at entry) Plate.—Mr H. McCalmont's Be Cannie (T. Loates), 1 (started at 6 to 4); Veruma, 2; Sir Oracle, 3. 10 ran.

A Selling Plate.—Lord Berkeley Paget's Val D'Arno (Bradford), 1 (started at 10 to 1); Quickthorn, 2; Dracena Filly, 3. 7 ran.

The Newmarket Stakes.—Mr McCalmont's Isinglass (T. Loates), 1 (started at 4 to 1 on); Phocion, 2; Ravensbury, 3; Montanvert, 4. 7 ran.

A Selling Plate.—Lord Rosslyn's Balm (Bradford), 1 (started at 5 to 2); Strathbrock Colt 2; Nada, 3. 14 ran.

The Spring Two-year-old Stakes.—Duke of Portland's Amiable (G. Barrett), 1 (started at 8 to 1 on); Rhythm 2. 2 ran.

A Plate.—Mr J. M. Hanbury's Cabin Boy (T. Loates), 1 (started at 7 to 4 on); Short Price, 2; San Giovanni, 3. 3 ran.

The Second Welter Handicap Plate.—Mr G. Haughton's Bungalow (T. Loates), 1 (started at 3 to 2); Philanthropist, 2; Weymouth, 3. 5 ran.

The Jubilee Stakes was of course the principal item of racing news brought us by last mail, and, although he started at ten to one against Orvieto's victory does not seem to have been very unexpected. The previous winners of the "Jubilee," as good horses by the way as the English turf has ever seen, are as follows:

1887—Bendigo, 9st 7lb.
1888—Minting, 5 y, 10st.
1889—Amphion, 3 y, 7st 11lb.
1890—The Imp, 3 y, 6st 11lb.
1891—Nunthorpe, 3y, 9st.
1892—Euclid, 3 y, 7st 4lb.

ATHLETICS

On May 6th S. Thomas beat George's four mile time by a fraction of a second, and on May 13th, at the Second Spring Meeting of the London Athletic Club, he wiped out the one mile and a half record made by George on the same ground nearly eleven years ago, by no less than four seconds. This feat was the more remarkable from his having to get through a very big field, and his times were—quarter, 62 sec.; half, 2 min. 11 sec.; three-quarters, 3 min. 21 sec.; mile, 4 min. 32 sec.; mile and quarter, 5 min. 44½ sec.; mile and half, 6 min. 53 3-5 sec.

E. C. Bredin was also the hero of a double event at the same meeting. In the 220 Yards Challenge Cup he beat a capital field in the splendid time of 22 1-5 sec., and as he evidently won with a bit to spare, he can probably do better. Then he carried off the final of the 440 Yards Handicap in 49 3-5 sec., this being the fastest quarter that has been run for some years.

CRICKET

The weather, which broke at last during the week ending on May 20th, interfered with most of the important matches played between the 15th and 20th, many of which had to be abandoned altogether.

WOMEN'S GOSSIP.

Dear Kate,—

Of course town rings just now with little else than the betrothal of the Duke of York and the Princess May, and as it is rumoured the wedding will take place at an early date there will by and by be some gay wedding gowns to tell you of. Was it not a pretty idea of the Duke of York to give that greatest tribute of admiration, imitation, to the taste in furniture and decoration of the Princess May?

All she does seem to be so admirable in his eyes that he has her favourite styles of furniture, decoration, and hangings reproduced in his apartments at St James' and when the bride goes to her new home she will find not only a charming proof of her husband's thoughtful tact and consideration, but a pleasant and abiding souvenir of her old home at the White House, Richmond, in the arrangement of her rooms.

The Duke sets a good example in this which many bridegrooms of less exalted rank might do well to imitate. It would be so much pleasanter for a young wife to feel that her likings and tastes had been noted and appreciated by admiring and observant eyes than to have her house furnished all over by the best of upholsterers, however costly and ungrudgingly the order given to the upholsterer had been. Everything new and good of course, but without those dainty little touches only a woman's brains and hands can give, and which make of a house not a dwelling place but a home. To feel that her fiancé had, in her old home, noted these things and cared to reproduce them in her new one, should certainly tend to make smooth the early road of matrimony there—whatever this callous and off-hand nineteenth century asserts to the con-

trary—little mutual courtesies and attentions go very far towards making life worth living.

There, that is almost a sermon, and all from the text of chairs, carpets, and curtains.

Another sermonette though might be preached with advantage while one is on the topic of this royal wedding, for the Duchess of Teck, herself noted for her kindness, her courtesy, and her charity has brought up her daughter, the Princess May, most excellently, and a good home training combined with a gentle and loving heart make England's someday Queen—let us hope in the very, very far off future—one of the best beloved women in existence.

When the Princess May leaves Richmond for her new home there will be mourning and desolation in the old one and its neighbourhood for, not only a loving daughter and sister, she is a charming and interested neighbour, and among rich and poor alike she is admired and beloved. Attractive in her appearance she is still more so in her manner, and her heart is full of that loving charity to all which makes it a genuine pleasure to her to do and say kind things, and already she is well known for the interest she takes in furthering every good and charitable work.

A royal lady, a true woman, and a patriotic daughter of Great Britain, who includes in her affections the Greater Britain over seas, and all the sons and daughters of British race wide scattered over the world, all English speaking men and women will give her loyal and hearty welcome when she enters the royal family, and as the wife of the only son of the Prince of Wales becomes third in that trio of royal ladies who, for charm of character, and grace of person and of manner, have never been equalled in history. The first of the three, Victoria, reigning sovereign over an empire on which the sun never sets, is as woman and Queen one of the best and most accomplished gentlewomen who have ever lived; the second, the lovely and charming Princess of Wales, is endeared to the hearts of the people not only by her beauty but by her tenderness as wife and mother, tried, like the Queen's, by serious illness and the shadow of death in her home; she too is a most accomplished woman, and fails in no grace nor charm of mind and manner that befits a Queen.

After these comes the Princess May, and far down the grey vista of the coming years, tinged here and there in life's greyness, let us hope, for the old world and the new, by the golden glory of noble deeds and of sunny happy hours—will come in the due course of nature the reign of Princess May, and she too, when she is called to take up her share of a great sovereignty, will not only be a king's consort but in herself a queen among women, as the two true women before her have been, and in her own life and personality will hold up and hand on to the years unborn the clear lamp of holy and noble womanhood: exalted in rank, but more exalted in goodness, in purity, and in clarity, the highest lady in the land, but one whose example her humblest sisters will find it a glory to imitate.

Quite a serious preaching you see. But I know you think with me that women cannot set for themselves too high an ideal, as example is more forcible than precept. There is something to learn from these royal lives, and substituting "women" for "men" in the first line, we may say with Longfellow—

Lives of great men all remind us
We can make our lives sublime,
And departing leave behind us
Footprints on the sands of time.

And now, lest you feel illused without some fashions and frivolities, here are some hints for headgear. In Paris small flowers are preferred to large ones, and as the heat comes on strings are less worn, but with you in your coming cold season they will be quite suitable. By the way is it ever cold enough with you for furs? I saw such a pretty costume of fine dark green cloth edged round the skirt and open jacket with beaver, and with a toque of the green cloth with little button-like rosettes of the beaver, the open coat was worn over a white silk frilled shirt, and the effect was charming and becoming.

Talking of the becoming, I hope you are judicious in your choice of parasols? They have much to say to a satisfactory appearance, I assure you, and a fair girl adds much to her attractions if her parasol has a delicately tinted pink lining, while a brunette should choose one of the many good shades of yellow or even, if she is very dark, of gold colour, and older and plainer people can throw a pleasant tint over the face by the careful holding of a parasol lined with a well chosen shade of red.

You know the absurd fashion of worrying celebrities for autographs, no matter how it may bother the hard-worked celebrities? Well, Miss Ellen Terry is making a clever use of this habit by asking her tormentors to subscribe a few pence, in return for the autograph, towards establishing a hospital bed, and as a result of her excellent idea has already had the pleasure of sending £20 as a first instalment for this good purpose to a hospital near her residence at Earl's Court.

Beds remind one that in some sanitary improvements to be made at St John's College, Cambridge, it will be necessary to demolish the rooms there once occupied by the poet Wordsworth in his undergraduate days, from 1787 to 1791, and in which one is told he used to draw his bed to the door of the little sleeping closet that he might see from it the top of the window in Trinity College Chapel, under which is the fine statue of Sir Isaac Newton, of which the poet writes in "The Prelude"—

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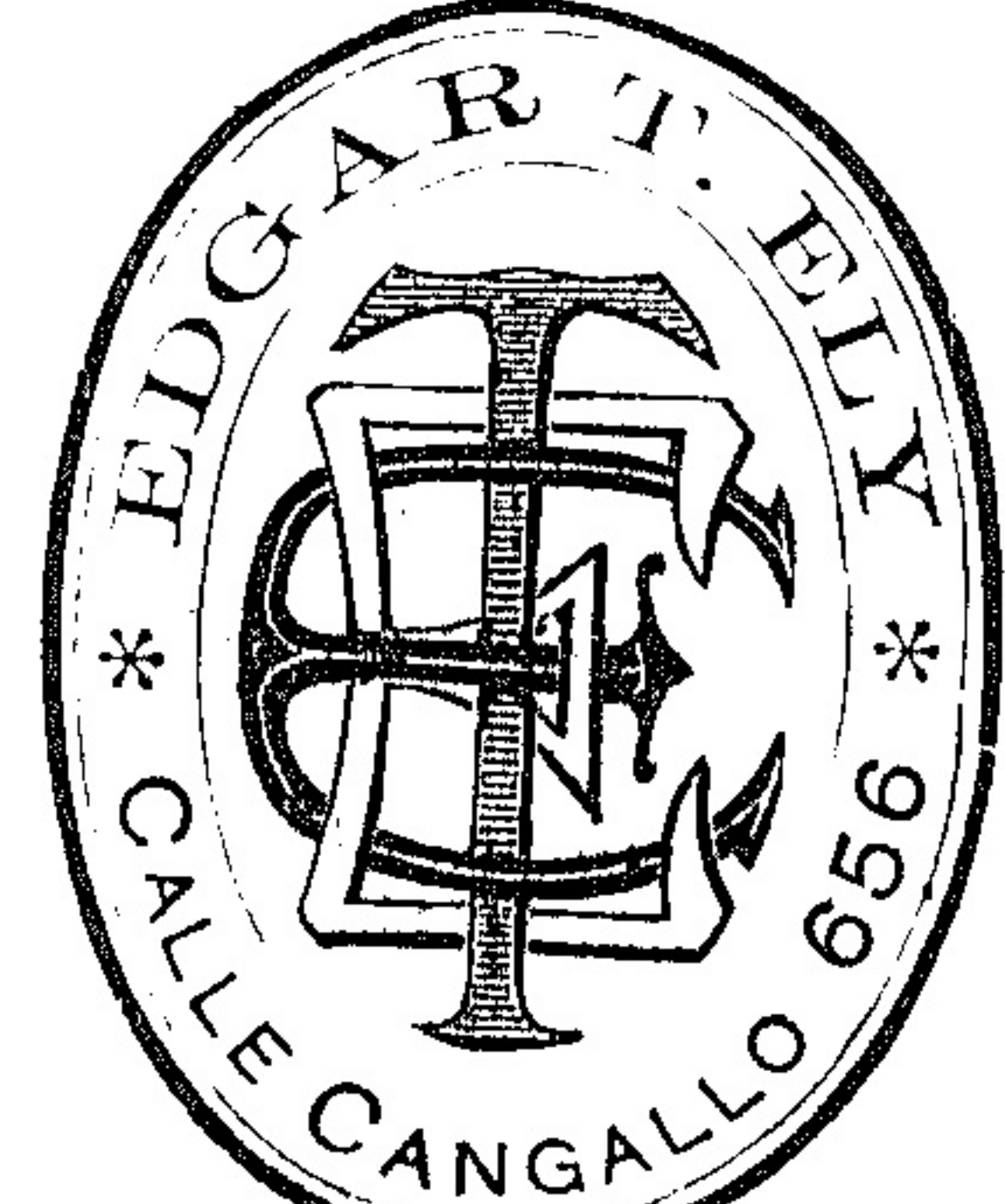
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THE BUENOS AIRES HUNT CLUB

That hunting in Argentina, even though it be only drag hunting, is attended with great difficulties was fully shown during the run of the Hunt Club's beagles on the 18th. Here a master cannot ask an owner of land for permission to take the hounds over his fields without about an hour's conversation to explain the why and wherefore of the whole thing, after which the landowner, probably thinking that every member of the hunt is a stark, staring madman or that his fences are going to be cut down without being put up again, generally refuses the favour asked for.

Then, again, the majority of those following the hounds have never ridden over a country before, and bestride animals which have never jumped anything bigger than a small ditch, so that the crush round even a three feet six hurdle during a run gives those who can and really mean to jump no chance whatever of getting over.

In time all these difficulties will no doubt be overcome, landowners will understand the sport and, when they see that no damage is done to their fences, or when such be the case that they are immediately repaired, will be glad to see the hounds cross their lands; the members of the hunt will learn courtesy in the field, allow every one a fair chance at a fence, and will also we hope ride horses which they know can, and will, jump a fair sized fence. With the jumps in Palermo Park, among which by the way are some hurdles like those used by the Hunt Club for placing against wire fences which have to be crossed during a run, always open for horses to be schooled over, there is no excuse now for the last mentioned difficulty, at present perhaps the greatest.

The club from its commencement has been ridiculed, and is having a lot of cold water thrown upon it like every other novelty here which any one has sufficient energy to start, but by next season we have no doubt that the hunt will leave little to be desired, not only as regards the sport it will show but also in the way it will show it. It is a purely sporting affair, conducted on as purely sporting principles as possible; it does not pretend to be more than it is and to do more than give its members an excuse for a gallop with, to some of us at any rate, the old familiar music in front, and a few fences to cross to relieve the monotony of the country and to give the little hounds a chance to get away from the horses.

Several throwers of the afore mentioned cold water have said to us "Why have beagles, why not get out some foxhounds?"

The club has two very good reasons in having sent home for beagles. The first is that as it is so difficult to get a line at all, and much more so a long one, that beagles are better than foxhounds, which would race over a five miles' point in about fifteen or twenty minutes; the second is that most of the members of the club ride ponies and cobs the pace of which is well suited to beagles, and from which foxhounds would run clean away on a good scented day.

After the above remarks, which we have written simply because we have heard the club lately sneered at, we will describe the run of the 18th.

The hounds met at Rosario station at 9.30 a.m., when a field of some twenty or thirty horsemen assembled. The hounds were laid on in the Belgrano Polo Club's ground, against the fence of which at one corner were placed hurdles. These stopped most of the field, the only four to get over being Stallard, Messrs Balfour, Cassels, and Morgan. Turning sharp round through a field near Mr Sanguinetti's house, the hounds ran to Saavedra station, where they were stopped to allow the field to come up. It transpired however that they had been prevented from crossing the fourth fence by the owner thereof, and so after waiting some ten minutes or so the hounds were laid on again. Crossing the railway the line took us round under the railway bridge, and out into the Saavedra common. Here a wire stopped the few followers, whose number was by now increased to six, and by the time they could get round again by the station the hounds had gone on about half a mile ahead.

There was a capital scent, and the pace the little hounds travelled was wonderful. Over a couple of rails, and another flight of hurdles against the wire fence running round the "potrero" on the west side of Saavedra park, the line ran straight towards Mr White's farm on the top of the hill overlooking Rivadavia. Going down this hill the hounds obtained another lead, and were running close alongside the river before the small field were on terms with them again. Over the numerous brooks crossing the

country which lies alongside the railway the hounds began to tail somewhat, the pace they had travelled at to this point telling on some of them. However, the run was nearly over, and jumping the rails into the road we saw the man with the drag close to, and in a few more minutes had come up with him at the back of the Buenos Aires Sud's stables.

For the few who were in it this was one of the best gallops the club has yet shown, and the pace the hounds travelled at was extraordinary. The ground too was very hard, and as dry as a bone, so it was wonderful how well they kept to the line.

Mr Still had a nasty fall at the first hurdle but luckily no damage was done, and several horses came down at the brooks near the river, which at present are rather trappy obstacles to negotiate.

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ESTANCIA AND COLONY.

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

An ingenious electric apparatus has lately been devised by a Yankee electrician, with designs on the prosperity of the rank vegetation that flourishes along the sides of railway lines, more especially in tropical countries. The dynamo and engine, or batteries, are carried upon a locomotive, and an irresistible current, applied by means of a brush, withers up the unfruitful vegetation. This invention has also proved to have been of great benefit in exterminating weeds growing upon arable land.

A new adjustable bit, of American origin, should appeal to our camp friends. The cross bar has threaded openings at either end, and the cheek pieces have "sleeves" sliding from or towards each other at will. In this way one bit may serve for any sized horse or mule, which is sometimes a very great convenience, and the adjustable parts are covered in such a way that they cannot by any chance injure the animal's mouth, or get clogged with dust or dirt.

Talking of weed exterminators in a former paragraph, calls to mind an automatic weeder, introduced by the Acme Chemical Co., of Tunbridge, which, it seems, can really be relied upon to get to the root of the evil. This instrument consist of an ordinary steel cutting blade, at the end of a hollow handle, which is filled with a supply of weed-killing solution. As the root is severed, a clever mechanical action permits a sufficient quantity of the poisonous liquid to flow from the handle, sufficient, that is to say, to bring the plants' career to an abrupt conclusion.

The Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals have of late taken up the cases of the shipment of live cattle to Europe and Brazil. The Society complain that the animals exported from here are not allowed sufficient room on board ship for their comfort and that the Captains of steamers constantly violate law No. 2786 with regard to this. As Messrs. Samson very rightly point out in a letter to the "Prefectura Maritima" it is naturally in the interests of shippers to make the cattle as comfortable as possible and that during the long time their firm has been exporting live stock they have only lost one or two animals on the voyage. The Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals are however not satisfied that there is no cruelty to the animals exported from this port and they have given notice that they will stop any ship sailing with animals on board which are not comfortably housed.

We have certainly seen great cruelty in many instances amongst cattle shipped from here to Rio when the shippers seem to have thought that for the short voyage any sort of accommodation was good enough, but the animals sent to Europe are always very comfortably stabled with plenty of room to lie down and move about and with good coverings over their heads. Several ship loads of cattle for Rio last summer were so tightly packed that the wretched animals had large pieces of skin rubbed off them by the sharp edges of boards, or by part of the rigging under which they were jammed, no covering was made for them over head and they must have suffered terribly from the fierce rays of the sun. Added to all this the animals, as are most of those sent to Brazil, were very wild and knocked themselves about in a terrible manner. The cattle sent to Europe are generally tied up for some time before shipment and fed by hand so consequently they take matters on board, from the first, fairly quietly.

A correspondent from the other side of the River writes that the drought still continues in the Banda Oriental, at all events in the Department of Colonia, and cattle seem likely to be almost exterminated, even now butchers have great difficulty in getting animals fit for slaughtering. Horses are very poor, except those fed on maize, etc., and consequently the Camp Polo Club there has not enjoyed its usual number of meetings.

Still, the drought has had the effect of concentrating snipe and duck in certain swamps, as the following bag made near Colonia by four guns, Messrs R. and H. Wilson, L. Edwards, and G. A. Ripley, will show, viz., 180 snipe, 44 duck, 6 swans, and 3 partridges.

On the estancia of Sr. Don Mariano Marengo, at San Nicolas, Santa Rita, many mares are slipping their foals already. Several mares in foal to Finance have slipped, and the disease is taking alarming proportions in the stud.

The following telegram was published in yesterday's newspapers:

"Edinburgh, June 19.—In view of the great increase of emigration from Scotland to Brazil, and the possible consequences for the industries and agriculture of Scotland, the authorities have profusely circulated the Consular reports to the Foreign Office, warning emigrants against going to that republic. This has considerably cooled the general enthusiasm, and numbers of intending emigrants have resolved to remain at home."

In pleasing contrast to the lamentable accounts which come in from all parts of the camp of the fearful havoc the want of rain and the severe frosts are creating amongst live stock, we are told that at Trenque-Lauquen the camps are looking well and cattle are in very fair condition. In most parts, however, cattle and sheep are dying by hundreds from cold and starvation.

Next week we propose to give an account of the trade done in the export of live stock by the Anglo-Argentine Live Stock Agency since it commenced operations here. To show how well the agency has been managed we may mention that during the five months it has been working it has loaded thirty steamers with live stock, numbering some 3000 head of cattle, 10,000 sheep and 200 horses, out of which large numbers only 6 bullocks, 15 sheep, and 2 horses have been lost.

The plague of locusts, which has for several years wrought such mischief in Algeria, does not seem likely to be less disastrous this year. A telegram from the Lemcen states that the train from Sidiben Ablias to that town was stopped by the locusts on the line. It remained in distress for two hours at the Oued Chonly Station and to get through the bed of locusts the engine dragged half the train to Ain Tezzo and came back for the other half.

The Agricultural Department of New South Wales has been making a series of interesting and useful inquiries as to the plants most visited by bees in the various districts of the colony. It has been clearly proved that the flora of Australia includes honey-producing trees, shrubs, and plants of a high standard of excellence; the honey produced by bees in the near neighbourhood of the forest being of the finest quality, and having few (if any) faults. While a gum-tree is in bloom the bee will pass over the most tempting plant in a garden and wing its way to the borders of the bush; but on the other hand, a field of maize in tassel is a source of the greatest pleasure to the busy little workers, who swarm in countless numbers, collecting the pollen so necessary for their wants. The plants which next seem to have the greatest attraction are the fruit trees, familiarly called summer fruits. Clover (both red and white) yields a large quantity of first-rate honey, and bees kept at places where clover grows never fail to visit the modest flowers of that plant; dandelion, also, is a valuable honey-yielding flower, and is noted in all districts from Albany to Tenderrfield.

The experimental shipment of fruits packed in cork dust, sent by the Victorian Department of Agriculture by the R.M.S. Britannia, has been opened by Mr D. Wilson, the Victorian dairy expert, who recently arrived by the R.M.S. Cuzco. The plums and pears were found to be rotten, and the grapes and the tomatoes were damaged. The apples have, however, arrived in good condition, and have sold at 19s 6d per case.

The "Live Stock Journal" publishes an admirable portrait of the celebrated hackney stallion General Gordon (2084), the property of Mr W. W. Wingate-Saul, Fenton-Cawthorne House, Lancaster. We read that General Gordon is a brown horse of splendid proportions, just 15 hands, and a grand mover. His dam was Lucy (1678), by Lord Derby II., so that he is a fine sample of the combination of Denmark and Lord Derby II. blood. He was a first prize winner at Sutton-on-Hull, first at Garstang, first at Ulverston, and at the recent Hackney Horse Society he was first in his class and reserve for challenge cup and gold medal for the best stallion in the show, there being no less than 219 competitors. As a two year-old he sired Mr Tom Mitchell's Sarah Ann and Dewdrop.

Commenting on the shorthorns now standing at Messrs Bulrich's yard in Calle Alsina, the "Daily News" of May 19th says:

"A number of shorthorn cattle of the well-known herd belonging to the Earl of Bective, and descended from the famous breeds of Booth and Bates, are being shipped this week to Buenos Aires by Messrs Lamport and Holt's

ss Copernicus from Liverpool, having been purchased through Messrs Raggio, Carneiro and Co., of Winchester House, Old Broad Street, E.C. They are handsome animals, and have been procured at considerable cost. Cattle breeders in the River Plate will find them a finely selected group of beasts. In the introduction of such high-bred stock the Argentines are believed to be doing the best thing possible for the development and progress of their country.

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A correspondent who is interested in the new tobacco plantations in Santa Fé writes to us asking where Santa Rosa is situated. Santa Rosa, as are the other colonies, viz, Vera, Avellaneda and Ocampo, where tobacco has been planted, are situated in the north of the province, more or less, touching on the lands of the Santa Fé Land Company, and on the Reconquista line of railway. We may here say that Señor Lacroix, the manager of the Ocampo Colony, has sown this year 180,000 plants, 40,000 of which are Havana leaf and the remaining 140,000 Paraguayan tobacco. We have no doubt that after the success met with by those who have already tried it, tobacco will soon be very extensively cultivated by colonists in the north of Santa Fé.

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During recent years, says Mr Gilbert Murray in the "Live Stock Journal," there has been some diversity of opinion as to whether the washing of wool on the sheep is conducted with profit to the owner. In many cases the operation is carelessly and inefficiently performed, and the means within the farmer's reach are frequently unsuited to the purpose. Where the flock has been wintered on grass land there is not the difficulty in freeing the fleece from an accumulation of foreign matter that there is in the case of sheep that have spent the winter on the tillage land. In many districts there is another obstacle in the way of clean washing, and that is the peculiar properties of the water. Soft water is much to be preferred to hard. Where it is available, a running stream is best, not only on account of its higher and more uniform temperature, but by exposure to the atmosphere it gradually becomes softened, and during the early season it does not endanger the health of the animals. The stringent regulations of the rural sanitary authorities have nearly put a stop to sheep-washing in running streams.

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The wash-pit should be not less than 4 or 5 feet deep, and of sufficient capacity to hold at least half-a-dozen sheep at the same time, hence, by swimming about for some time, the fleeces become thoroughly soaked and the dirt more readily removed. When they reach the washer, who is usually placed in a watertight compartment on one side of the pit, the sheep are guided to his hand by an attendant using a light pole or shepherd's crook. Every sheep is turned on its back by the washer; the water flows from a higher level through a spout falling direct on the sheep; the washer meantime is busy rubbing the wool; when deemed sufficiently washed the sheep is passed under a bar placed across the outlet, which communicates with an inclined plane, where the sheep are drained as they proceed to the enclosure. The work should be carefully and not too hurriedly performed, and care should afterwards be exercised to keep the sheep on a clean pasture. If the weather continues fine for the next ten days or a fortnight, the wool will be in prime condition, and should be shorn at once. How often do we see instances where the washing has been most carefully carried out, and then, whilst still in their wet state, the sheep are driven a mile or two over dusty roads, until their last state is worse than their first. We cannot help thinking that where the wool is cleanly washed and carefully made up, the enhanced price obtained fully compensates the farmer for his extra trouble and expense.

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In many localities there is great difficulty in obtaining shearers, and, when found, they are often of an inferior class. They flay the sheep, whilst in other cases they leave wool enough to pay for the shearing. We much prefer the machine to the sheaf, not only as being more expeditious, but as doing the work more perfectly. With the present low prices, some prefer holding over for the chance of a rise. When this is done the wool is generally stored in the garret or highest room in the house. Where this course is adopted, I care not how skilfully it may be packed, there is invariably a considerable loss of weight. Wool should be stored on the ground floor of a room with a northern aspect, or in a thoroughly dry cellar. The only necessary precaution in either is to place it on a layer of slates or loose boards, raised some 4 in. above the floor, and protect it from the walls in the same way. Cover it with a sheet to exclude the air, and it will keep for years.

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Mr John Forbes, of Schonberg, has this week sold 150 novillos to Messrs Nelson, for shipment to England, at \$30 gold, delivered on the estancia.

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The exportation of mules has of late spurted considerably. Last week Messrs Samson and Co. chartered the Leamington to embark five hundred mules at Rosario for the Mauritius, and the Brazils are taking large numbers.

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We read that the suspension of work in the saladeros of Rio Grande has increased considerably this year that done in the saladeros on the borders of the Uruguay.

According to the figures of men who know of what they speak the saladeros of Paysandu, Casas Blancas, Santa Maria, and Guaviyu will have during the season killed a total head of about 160,000 cattle. The saladero of Arroyo Negro, managed by Mr Croker, which before has done but little work this year, is now very busy and has already slaughtered some 40,000 head of cattle.

All these saladeros have been paying good prices for their cattle, which have almost entirely been sent from Entre Rios. At Liebig's factory at Fray Bentos have been slaughtered 288,931 head up to the 15th of this month, and the establishment has in its paddocks other 5000 head. The killing will continue up to the end of this month. Like the other saladeros mentioned almost all the cattle killed at Liebig's establishment came from Messrs Unzué's estancias in Entre Rios. To show the magnitude of this factory we may mention that during last month 58,800 gold dollars were paid there in wages, and this sum is more or less the same as for other months during the season.

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The slaughter of animals in the River Plate and Rio Grande has been as follows up to the 15th of the month, compared with the same date last year:

	1893	1892
Buenos Aires.....	371,700	438,800
Entre Rios.....	325,800	290,400
Uruguay.....	492,000	398,600
Montevideo.....	266,700	273,500
Rio Grande.....	440,000	485,000
Head.....	1,896,200	1,836,300
For extract of meat..	185,500	273,400
For jerked beef.....	1,710,700	1,612,900

In the province of Buenos Aires the total number of animals killed is divided as follows:

Zarate.....	10,300
Lazaro Repetto.....	57,000
Fernandez.....	35,500
Rocca.....	132,000
J. B. Repetto.....	70,000
Tuyu.....	38,000
Dolores.....	12,000
Lujan.....	4,900
Bahia Blanca.....	12,000

and in Entre Rios:

Mocoreta.....	20,000
Concordia.....	38,000
Colon.....	46,000
Concepcion.....	4,000
Spangenberg.....	47,000
Garbino.....	13,800
E. R. (extracto).....	41,000
Santa Elena.....	28,000
San Javier.....	85,000

Total head.... 325,800

and in Uruguay, Banda Oriental:

Mercedes.....	16,500
Fray Bentos.....	146,000
A. Negro.....	48,000
C. Blanca.....	44,500
Nuevo Paysandu.....	55,000
Guaviyu.....	59,000
Salto (H.).....	58,000
Cuareim.....	65,000

Total head.... 492,000

The 185,500 head killed for extract and preserved meat are divided thus: Santa Elena, 23,000, San Javier, 11,500, and Fray Bentos, 146,000.

For the above figures we are indebted to "La Prensa."

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Messrs Bullrich and Co., on Friday last sold a lot of pure Durham cows, imported and bred in the country. Some of the prices realised were as follows:

Red Duchess.....	Mr B. Villanueva..	\$1000
Her bull calf.....	"	550
Sunshine IV.....	"	650
Her cow calf.....	"	400
Esmeralda.....	Mr Escurra..	650
Her cow calf.....	"	250
Europa.....	Mr J. M. Ortiz de Rosas..	650
Clara.....	Mr Arning..	650
Her cow calf.....	Mr Escurra..	300
Crocus.....	Mr Arning..	550
Her calf.....	Mr Escurra..	250
Jane Hading and calf.....	Mr Arning..	950
Leona Dare.....	"	600
Her calf.....	Mr Escurra..	420
American Beauty.....	Mr Arning..	750
Alma Viva.....	Mr B. Villanueva..	550
Purity.....	Mr Arning..	850
Her bull calf.....	Mr Escurra..	670
Beatrice.....	Mr Arning..	700
Her cow calf.....	Mr Escurra..	470
Paradise.....	Mr J. N. Ortiz de Rosas..	400
Her cow calf.....	Mr Escurra..	300

The sale, which included several other animals, realised \$13,377. The Durham cows averaged \$688.46 and the calves \$388.

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Attention has recently been directed to the application of electricity to farming operations, and the designing and introduction of suitable dynamo-electric machinery for this purpose would no doubt be profitable both to the manufacturers and the farmers. Early in 1892 an electric power system was installed at the farm of the Agri-

cultural Experiment Station, Auburn, Ala., the current being brought from the college laboratory by a line three-quarters of a mile in length, conducted by the students themselves. A 10 horse-power motor was used for ginning and pressing cotton, thrashing grain, cutting up feed stuff, etc., and gave entire satisfaction.

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In every community where there is water-power, electricity could be economically generated and used not only for the above-mentioned purposes, but also to run saws, planing machines, pumps, lathes, grindstones, cider presses, sorghum mills, churns, sewing machines—in short, for everything requiring power. What farmer would not welcome the exchange of smoky lamps for electric lights? The arc light may also prove useful in market gardening, some recent experiments made in France having shown that it has a marked effect in stimulating plant growth when sunlight is not to be had. Where sufficient water-power is not available, windmills might be used in connection with a system of storage batteries. Such a utilisation of the now wasted energies of nature would put off the coming of the coal famine that threatens future generations.

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Some of our railway companies who own so much land on either side of their lines might do worse than imitate this Austrian idea:

At the close of 1891 there were 11,218,000 basket willows planted along the Austrian railways—an average of 1156 per mile of road. The value of the willow cut is given as £1130, but only about one-third of them were sold, the rest being used on the railways.

RACING

PALERMO—June 18th

Sunday was such a miserably cold day, especially in the afternoon, that though the usual 'habitues' of the Palermo course were all there very few of the true pleasure seekers put in an appearance.

The racing commenced with the Premio Secretario, which was started disgracefully, as were several others of the events. Monk turning up the winner in a field of fifteen.

Limethorpe after his double victory of the 11th was made a hot favourite in the Premio Mrella, but either he was "not meant" or else the distance was a little too short for him as he did not even earn his backers place money. Paysandu, Huracan, and Lucia, finished in the first three places in the order mentioned.

The invincible Etoile was opposed only by Maybloom, Carnot, Saudades and Charmante for the Premio Competencia, the big race of the afternoon, but they never gave her any trouble to beat. The celebrated daughter of Whipper In finished a good three lengths in front of Carnot and quite four or five separated Carnot and Maybloom yet the official time of the race was 1 min. 21 secs., which equals the record for 1300 metres, so some idea of the filly's fine turn of speed may be gained from the race.

Thalia won a real good race in the Premio Ecueme for which she started an equal favourite with Apolo, less than a length only separated the first three, and it was quite the best race of the day.

We always fancied Alhambra as a nice filly and our opinion was well sustained by her performance in the Premio Patria for two-year-olds, which she won from Mr Gilmore, a colt which had he been better started and ridden might have perhaps beaten her, and the brother of San Martin with Rosemary, Dolphin, Isly and Simoun in the rear.

Limethorpe very easily carried off the Premio Niobe. This makes the fifth race Limethorpe has won for the Ecurie Sans Peur within a fortnight, his winnings amounting to the respectable sum of \$9000.

Financista won the last race from a big field and so closed a rather interesting day's sport which was again marred by the wretched starts for some of the races.

Details:

PREMIO SECRETARIO, a handicap for horses which have not won \$5000, \$1500 to the 1st, \$150 to the 2nd; 1400 metres.

Stud Niño Dorado's b h Monk, by Garrard—	
Santa Rita, 4 y, 53 k.....	P. Torres 1
Capitan Lopez' Melpomenes, 3 y, 51 k....	P. Aguilari 2
Sr. J. M. Villanueva's Andarin, 3 y, 52 k....	G. Ales 3
Stud Yuqueri's Yuqueri, 3 y, 60 1/2 k.....	Bridges 0
Ecurie Colon's Cassagnac, 4 y, 55 k.....	Gandulfo 0
Ecurie Gladiateur's Silex, 3 y, 54 k....	R. Figueredo 0
Ecurie Vendetta's Nada, 3 yrs, 52 k.....	I. Diaz 0
Stud Entre Rios' Gualaguay, 5 y, 52 k....	J. Cardoso 0
Stud La Confianza's Fortacho, 3 y, 51 k....	S. Gil 0
Stud Santa Fé's Santa Fé, 5 y, 51 k.....	L. Diaz 0
Sr. E. Casal's Gorrión, 4 y, 50 k.....	E. Garrido 0
Ecurie Titan's Corresponsal, 3 y, 50 k....	C. Pacheco 0
Stud Titan's Hierofant, 4 y, 47 k.....	Allende 0

Stud General Paz Putu, 4 y, 45 k. L. Gonzalez 0
 Stud Whipper-In's Roughwater, 3 y, 43 k. A. Saavedra 0

Gualeguay got all the best of a very bad start and led to the straight where he was beaten. The field was well together at the paddock, where Monk drew out to win easily by a length from Melpomenes, who was a like distance in front of Andarin.

Tickets—Monk with 598 win and 967 place, Melpomenes 253—343, Andarin 312—244, Yuqueri 4—5, Cassagnac 27—24, Silex 669—923, Nada 664—1083, Gualeguay 633—432, Fortacho 107—763, Santa Fe 204—135, Corresponsal 56—593, Hierotant 498—87, Putu 256—622, Roughwater 687—687. Totals 5389—6764.
 Dividends—Monk \$16.22 win and 5.12 place, Melpomenes 10.81 place, Andarin 14.38 place.

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

Ecurie Azur's b h Paysandu, by Thuringian
 Prince—Miss Skelton, 6 y, 51 k. P. Aguilari 1
 Stud El Plata Huracan, 5 y, 56 k. J. Cardoso 2
 Stud Puri's Lucia, 3 y, 46 k. S. Gonzalez 3
 Ecurie Indecis' Holland, 6 y, 60 k. S. Gil 0
 Sr. E. Acebal's Nautilus, 3 y, 59 k. L. Diaz 0
 Stud Carpintero's Carpintero, 6 y, 59 k. R. Garrido 0
 La Petite Ecurie's Danton, 4 y, 53 k. P. Torres 0
 Ecurie Sans Peur's Limethorpe, 6 yrs, 57 k. I. Diaz 0
 Stud Monte Grande's Florido, 3 y, 50 k. J. Bayardi 0
 Sr. J. M. Villanueva's Cautivo, 4 y, 47 k. G. Ales 0
 Stud Las Ortigas' Fraise au Kirsch, 3 y, 44 k. A. Garcia 0

Stud Niño Dorado's Pertoldi, 6 y, 43 k. C. Bueno 0

Lucia held a slight lead to the turn, with the others close up. In the bend Paysandu went to the front and drawing away easily in the straight won by two lengths from Huracan, who finished a length in front of Lucia.

Tickets—Paysandu 910 win and 1262 place, Huracan 668—903, Lucia 178—391, Holland 509—626, Nautilus 660—782, Carpintero 282—384, Danton 390—517, Limethorpe 3377—2518, Florido 1308—1237, Cautivo 805—1125, Fraise au Kirsch 187—213, Pertoldi 55—226. Totals 9349—10184.
 Dividend—Paysandu \$18.49 win and 5.49 place, Huracan 6.87 place, Lucia 13.26 place.

PREMIO COMPETENCIA, for two-year-olds, colts 52 kilos, fillies 50 kilos, \$3500 to the 1st, \$500 to the 2nd; 1300 metres.

Sr. E. Acebal's ch f Etoile, by Whipper-In—
 Dichosa, 50 k. P. Torres 1
 Stud Buenos Aires' Carnot, 52 k. I. Diaz 2
 Stud Red Lancer's Maybloom, 50 k. J. Bayardi 3
 Sr. A. E. Salguero's Sandades, 50 k. J. Acosta 0
 Stud Carpintero's Charmante, 50 k. R. Garrido 0

Etoile, as usual, made nearly all the running, and won by three lengths from Carnot, who was about four lengths in front of Maybloom at the finish. The time for the race was 1 min. 21 secs.
 Tickets—Etoile with 5715 win and 3354 place, Carnot 276—560, Maybloom 484—1201, Sandades 76—109, Charmante 229—333. Totals 6780—5537.
 Dividends—Etoile with \$2.13 win and 2.32 place, Carnot 3.94 place.

PREMIO ECUME, a handicap, \$3000 to the 1st, 300 to the 2nd; 2500 metres.

Stud Buenos Aires' ch m Thalia, by Whipper-In—Mnemosyne, 4 y, 57 k. I. Diaz 1
 Stud Las Ortigas' Jack The Ripper, 3 y, 55 k. G. Palacios 2
 Ecurie Indecis' Infernal, 4 y, 49 k. J. Cardoso 3
 Sr. E. Acebal's Apolo, 4 yrs, 60 k. R. Garrido 0
 Ecurie Gladiateur's Silex, 3 y, 40 k. A. Saavedra 0
 La Petite Ecurie's Gattatore, 6 y, 53 k. P. Torres 0
 Ecurie Vendetta's Zangano, 4 y, 46 k. P. Carabajal 0
 Ecurie Sans Peur's Phoebus, 3 y, 43 k. L. Gonzalez 0

Silex, with Gattatore in close attendance, ran at the head of affairs till opposite the railway platform; here Gattatore took up the running and, with Silex beaten at the turn, Jack the Ripper went to the front before coming to the straight, but when well in the line for home Thalia came with a rush and won a capital race by a half a length from Jack the Ripper, who was run to a head by Infernal at the finish.
 Tickets—Thalia with 3720 win and 3202 place, Jack the Ripper 2089—1716, Infernal 825—1264, Apolo 3337 2310, Silex 739—730, Gattatore 1080 and 1046, Zangano 640—794, Phoebus 442—511. Totals 12872—11573.
 Dividends—Thalia \$6.22 win and 3.71 place Jack the Ripper \$5.20 place.

PREMIO PATRIA, a handicap for two-year-olds which have already run, \$2000 to the 1st, \$200 to the second; 1200 metres.

Stud Carpintero's ch f Alhambra, by Star—
 Alumette, 53 k. R. Garrido 1
 Ecurie Indecis' Mr Gilmore, 48 k. S. Gil 2
 Stud Las Ortigas' General Las Heras, 51 k. L. Diaz 3
 Ecurie Azur's Rosemary, 50 k. P. Aguilari 0
 Ecurie Indecis' Dolphin, 49 k. J. Cardoso 0
 Ecurie Sans Peur's Isly, 48 k. I. Diaz 0
 Sr. C. G. Palacios' Simoun, 45 k. C. Brasesco 0

General Las Heras ran in front to the last turn where he was passed by Alhambra; in the straight Mr Gilmore took second place, but made his effort too late to catch Alhambra, who won by about a length; two lengths separated second and third.
 Tickets—Alhambra with 1453 win and 1470 place, Mr Gilmore and Dolphin 1962—2020, General Las He-

ras 2935—2133, Rosemary 1270—1381, Isly 704—906, Simoun 713—612. Totals 9037—8522.
 Dividends—Alhambra with \$41.19 win and 4.82 place, Mr Gilmore, 4.06 place.

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

Ecurie Sans Peur's b h Limethorpe, by Quick-lime—Lady Danthorpe, 6 yrs, 57 k. I. Diaz 1
 Stud Jefferson's Jefferson, 6 y, 46 k. D. Castillo 2
 La Petite Ecurie's Alerta, 5 y, 55 k. P. Torres 3
 Sr. J. B. Zubiaurre's Guerrillero, 5 y, 54 k. I. Cardoso 0
 Ecurie Azur's Paysandu, 6 y, 51 k. P. Aguilari 0
 Ecurie Indecis' Folie, 3 y, 48 k. S. Gil 0

Folie, followed by Paysandu, made the running at a good pace to the turn, where the former cried enough. Good Paysandu went on with the lead. When well in a straight Diaz sent Limethorpe along, and easily thong to the front he won at the finish by two lengths from Jefferson, who was half a length in front of Alerta.
 Tickets—Limethorpe with 4129 win and 2600 place, Jefferson 1466—1011, Alerta 1724—1291, Guerrillero 1381—1305, Paysandu 2966—2652, Folie 830—732. Totals 12499—9591.
 Dividends—Limethorpe with \$5.22 win and 3.98 place, Jefferson 6.96 place.

PREMIO SOLEIL, for two-year-olds which have not won a race, \$1800 to the 1st, \$180 to the 2nd; 1000 metres.

Sr. E. Acebal's b h Financista, by Pan—Fortuna, 52 k. P. Torres 1
 Stud Santa Rosa's Milagro, 52 k. C. Ries 2
 Stud Floresta's Siempreviva, 50 k. Alberti 3
 Ecurie Argentino's Tartarin, 52 k. Lassallietti 0
 Ecurie Avant-Garde's Sebastopol, 52 k. J. Bayardi 0
 Ecurie Azur's Friedland, 52 k. A. Saavedra 0
 Ecurie Sans Peur's Bayard, 52 k. S. Gil 0
 Stud Montfenand's Sideral, 52 k. N. Cirolini 0
 Stud Lavalle's Lavalle, 52 k. L. Gonzalez 0
 Stud Pichiman's Prim, 52 k. B. Pavon 0
 Ecurie Indecis' Marioni, 50 k. I. Cardoso 0
 Estancia Santa Maria's Mariposa, 50 k. P. Aguilari 0
 Stud Niño Dorado's Urania, 50 k. L. Gonzalez 0

Friedland was first away but was caught by Milagro in the turn, and the latter in turn was passed by Financista at the paddock, to be beaten by two lengths: half a length separated second and third.
 Tickets—Financista with 3723 win and 2956 place, Milagro 1288—1526, Siempreviva 433—435, Tartarin 310—270, Sebastopol 1579—1496, Friedland 514—381, Bayard 1495—1361, Sideral 141—195, Lavalle 47—66, Prim 184—260, Marioni 587—726, Mariposa 650—981, Urania 513—752. Totals 11467—11455.
 Dividends—Financista with \$5.54 win and 3.20 place, Milagro 4.33 place, Siempreviva 9.34 place.

The following handicaps have been framed for the meeting at Belgrano on Saturday next:—

PREMIO VICENTE LOPEZ—1900 metres

Jack The Ripper	62	Marionette	52
Liniers	54	Gualeguay	49
Phlegethon	53	Frobisher	48
Gauloise	52	Pertoldi	47
Monk	52	Breton	42

PREMIO SAN ISIDRO—1900 metres

Golondrina	60	Clairon	56
Santa Lucia	60	Fergus	47
Jack the Ripper	56	Frobisher	40

PREMIO NUÑEZ—1000 metres

Nautilus	59	Lucia	46
Carpintero	58	Cautivo	46
Huracan	57	Fraise au Kirsch	43
Paysandu	55	Smiling Lass	41
Florido	49	Noel	40

PREMIO EL TIGRE—1600 metres

Nubifer	60½	Sobremonte	49
Alerta	60½	Never Mind	48
India Muerta	58	Forbisher	47
Myosotis	56	Email	45
Marius	52	Noel	42
Fine Shade	51	Roughwater	40
Clovis	50		

The meeting at Palermo on the 25th, the following weights have been allotted:

PREMIO RAEBURN, 1600 metres

Jefferson	61	Nada	56
Cham	60	Fortacho	56
Cassagnac	60	Demos	55
Sobremonte	58	Marius	54
Marionette	58	Putu	51
Andarin	58	Noel	47
Gualeguay	57		

PREMIO LE NICHAM—1200 metres.

Vendetta	61	Sa aam	56
Holland	60	Egbert	52
Nautilus	59	Siva	52
Carpintero	59	Florido	50
Clairon	58	Gualeguay	50
Paysandu	56	Cautivo	47
Guerrillero	54	Noel	40

PREMIO RAGOSTKY—1900 metres

Ituzaingo	61	Infernal	59
Thalia	60	Robert le Diable	50
Apolo	59	Frobisher	48
Jack the Ripper	57	Zangano	45
Nubifer	55	Email	43
Gattatore	53	Fergus	43
Don Carlos	53		

The weights for the Premio Isinglass of 1200 metres, and Premio Ravensbury of 1600 metres, were not adjudicated at the time of going to press.

HURLINGHAM—JUNE 29.

The following are the entries for the Meeting to be held at Hurlingham on Thursday the 29th:

A HACK RACE, for Horses the property of Members of Hurlingham or the Buenos Aires Hunt Club which have not won a race this year; catch weights not less than 75 kilos; 2000 metres; a Sweepstakes of \$20 each with \$100 added.
 Mr H. Anderson's Lady Bird.
 Mr G. Potts' Zangano.
 Mr J. J. Keevil's Jonathan.
 Mr A. Dyson's Sultan.

AN OPEN HANDICAP, for Ponies 56 in. or under; 1500 metres; \$200 to the winner; entrance \$20.

Mr W. D. Campbell's El Gateado.
 Sr. Sosa's El Guarango.
 Mr E. Hick's Whitelegs.
 Mr H. Ewen's Macuco.
 Mr J. Ravenscroft's Daiman.
 Mr R. R. McIver's Bar One.
 Mr G. Paats' Flecha.
 Mr R. R. McIver's Bon Bon.
 Mr H. Scott Robson's Moloch.

MIDGET STAKES, of \$10 each with \$50 added; Handicap for Ponies 53 in. or under; 700 metres.

Baron Heintze's Countess of Hohenan.
 Mr H. Henry's Bantam.
 Mr M. G. Fortune's East Neuk.
 Mr F. M. Still's Chico.
 Mr H. Scott Robson's Oscuro.
 Mr F. J. Balfour's Newty.
 Mr J. Bennett's Compadrito.

POLO HANDICAP, Sweepstakes of \$10 each with \$100 added, for Polo Ponies 56 in. or under; 2000 metres.

Baron Heintze's Turriddu.
 Mr R. R. McIver's Bon Bon.
 Mr J. Ravenscroft's Daiman.
 Mr H. Scott Robson's Peter Flower.
 Mr H. Scott Robson's Moloch.
 Mr F. J. Balfour's Newty.
 Mr F. Furber's Sir Hugo.
 Mr R. R. McIver's Bar One.
 Mr F. Furber's Nigger.

SELLING RACE, Sweepstakes of \$10 each with \$50 added, for ponies 56 in. or under; ponies to be sold for \$100 to carry 70 kilos, for \$75 65 kilos, and for \$50 60 kilos; 1000 metres.

Baron Heintze's Countess of Hohenan.
 Mr H. Scott Robson's Oscuro.
 Mr F. Furber's Sir Hugo.
 Mr F. Stalard's Nambi.
 Mr J. Ravenscroft's Tiddlywinks.

OPEN HURDLE RACE, Handicap Sweepstakes of \$20 each with \$100 added, for ponies 56 in. or under; 1600 metres, over five flights of hurdles.

Mr R. H. Morgan's Let In.
 Mr A. Mackill's Tommy.
 Baron Heintze's Turriddu.
 Mr W. D. Campbell's El Gateado.
 Mr E. Hick's Whitelegs.
 Mr H. H. Ewen's Macuco.
 Mr G. Paats' Flecha.

All races to be ridden by members of an affiliated Polo Club or the Buenos Aires Hunt Club.

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To the Editor of River Plate Sport and Pastime.

Dear Sir,—
 In your issue of June 7th you tell a good tale of the late Mr Abington's father; it reads well but is very inaccurate.
 It was not his father but his uncle James Baird of Cambusdoon who gave, not £100,000 but £500,000 to the Church of Scotland. He was no hypocrite but a man of dry Scotch humor, who enjoyed a joke most heartily. He lived in anything but a frugally furnished bed-room—quite the reverse. Merry the "blunt Englishman" was a genuine Scot of humble origin like the Bairds.
 The Bairds were merely mineral tenants on Gartsherrie; where they built their first blast furnace, the estate itself having been in the possession of the family of the present owner of more than 500 years.
 One who knew the Bairds well.

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 1893.

SPORTING NOTES

A meeting of wheelmen was held on Friday night last for the purpose of forming a cycling club. A club was established with the name of "Club de Velocipedistas," which during the next spring and summer intends to organise a series of long rides and race meetings. All those interested in the club and who wish to join should write to Calle Cangallo, 495.

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The following are the office-bearers of the new club:

President, Sr Eugene Chavance; Vice-President, Mr E. Robinson; Secretary, Mr Curuchet; Treasurer, Mr A. Boca; Captain, Mr P. Dulhom; Vice-Captain, Mr W. Sloper; Committee, Messrs F. Mestrallet, Ramondene, Fenillan, Radam, G. Chavance, and Cohen.

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The Jockey Club's new rule enforcing all jockeys to shave, and which came into force on Sunday last, is described by an Argentine contemporary as "muy inglés, pero simplemente ridicula." English jockeys do not shave because they are forced to do so by rule, but simply from a custom which undoubtedly increases in their appearance a nattiness which is essential to those who are connected with horses.

**

The Quilmes Club's Concert on Saturday evening was a great success both artistically and financially, and was immensely enjoyed by the many members and friends of the Club present. It is a far cry to Quilmes on a cold winter's evening, yet many ladies and gentlemen in the interest of Sport travelled there to help, and they may be sure that their kindness is very gratefully appreciated by the Club.

**

By the way the second general meeting of the Quilmes Club held for the purpose has passed the amalgamation scheme with the Tennis Club which the former meeting threw out by an overwhelming majority, so once more Quilmes is united. The one thing now remaining for the club is to take more interest in Athletics than it has hitherto been able to do.

**

Thursday the 29th is the anniversary of the inauguration of the Buenos Aires Lawn Tennis Club, and to celebrate the event a Tournament on a small scale will be held, in the Club's courts, consisting of Ladies Singles, Ladies Doubles, Mixed Doubles, and Gentlemen's Singles. The entrance fee for each event will be two dollars, and entries must be sent to the secretary of the club, at Calle 25 de Mayo No. 149, on or before Tuesday the 27th. The entrance money will be given in prizes. The Committee will draw the partners in the Doubles. Play in the tournament will commence at ten o'clock p.m.

**

The date of the Lawn Tennis Match between the Rosario and Buenos Aires Lawn Tennis Clubs has been definitely fixed for August 15th, when

the Rosario Club will send down a representative team of eight players to meet an equal number of men of the Buenos Aires Lawn Tennis Club.

**

The finals of the Ladies and Gentlemen's Double Handicap were played off at the grounds of the Buenos Aires Lawn Tennis Club on Thursday last.

The unfinished tie between Miss Thompson and Mr Still and Mrs Carlisle and Mr Boyd ended in an easy win for the latter pair. Mr Still not playing in anything like his usual form.

The final tie between Miss Pakenham and Mr Ker Seymour and Mrs Carlisle and Mr Boyd was very interesting, each pair winning a set at 6-4, 6-3 respectively. The deciding set was played in a very bad light and was won at 6-3 by Miss Pakenham and Mr Ker Seymour after a good game.

The ladies played very well, and both made their full share of winning points, indeed as an exhibition of double play the three sets of this match were played in much improved style.

The tournament throughout has excited considerable interest, and the courts have been well attended by members and their friends during the different matches.

**

The Annual General Meeting of the Amateur Athletic Association was held at these offices on Wednesday last. There was a good attendance, though the Quilmes Club was unrepresented. Rule No. 2 was altered as follows: "That the Association be governed by a head committee composed of separate representatives of every affiliated club, one third of the committee to form a quorum; the Head Centre of the Association to be in Buenos Aires. N.B.—The representative of a club on the committee need not necessarily be a member of the club he represents." The Hon. Secretary of the Association was instructed to send a circular to the secretary of each affiliated club asking him to name a representative of his club to serve on the committee in Buenos Aires.

**

At this meeting the records of the past year were read and accepted, and the balance-sheet, showing a sum of \$202 85 in hand, was presented and approved. I have before referred to the very useful work done by the Association during the past year, and hope that it may have even a more successful year in the season to come.

**

Edmund Peter Dale, who died on Sunday from concussion of the brain, caused by a fall on the polo ground at Rosario, owing to his pony putting his foot in a hole and rolling over him, on the 4th of this month, was a general favourite and a good sportsman, who will be much missed by all those who knew him. His love for stock, which he used to breed at Bomborough Hall, brought him out to this country eight years ago. After learning his work at Guaminí, with Mr C. J. Terly, he bought an estancia in the South with Walter Congreve. Having put that in good working order, he took the post of Manager of the Santa Fe and Cordoba Land Co., which he has held for five years, and where he will be missed as much as in the social circles he frequented.

**

I see that the abolition of the offside rule was seriously discussed at the adjourned annual meeting of the Scottish Football Association. One man stated at the meeting that "he had seen a game played without the offside rule, and a more ludicrous exhibition he had never seen," and I can quite believe it. The proposal to abolish the rule did not pass, but it was intended to recommend the International Board that a player shall be offside when there are not two (instead of three as at present) of his opponents nearer their goal line.

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Next week a photograph of the elevens, which represented respectively England and Ireland and Scotland and Wales in the International Association match on the 4th inst. at Flores, will be published in "Sport and Pastime." The photographs, which were taken by Mr A. Lundstrom, and are being reproduced in phototype by Mr A. S. Witcomb, are as good as any that have yet been published in this journal.

**

For Sunday week (the 2nd) a team of Association football players called the s.s. Eleanor Invincibles would like to arrange a match with

any other eleven willing to play them. The s.s. Eleanor Invincibles, who judging from their name should make good opponents, may be addressed through "Sport and Pastime."

**

On Saturday the 24th there will be a race meeting at Belgrano, when a Free Handicap of 2200 metres will be the chief event of the day. On the 25th there will be races at Palermo, and on Thursday the 29th at Belgrano, so racing men have plenty of sport to look forward to during the next ten days.

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The energetic sportsman who walked to La Plata a fortnight ago in nine hours wants now to back himself to do the distance in eight! As the record for fifty miles is under eight hours and a half, and as the much disputed distance to La Plata from Buenos Aires is not much over thirty miles, he will probably win his match if he is anything of an athlete and able to find somebody to back time.

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The second dance given by the Belgrano Polo Club, as I mentioned last week, will come off on Friday the 23rd inst, and will be sure to be a most enjoyable one as band, floor, and supper are in most capable hands.

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The entries for the Hurlingham Meeting on Thursday, the 29th, will be found in another column, and a pleasant day's racing may be confidently looked forward to there. Unless the weather breaks between now and then I am afraid, however, that the going will be rather hard.

**

I am asked to say that Mr J. F. Ballesty of Rojas is this week bringing in from his estancia four or five first rate polo ponies, which can be seen playing at Quilmes on Saturday, the 24th, and following day. This is a chance not to be lost by anyone requiring good polo ponies. Mr Ballesty's ponies have always turned out excellent players.

**

Women have always most eccentric reasons for backing particular racehorses, for instance, for the Jubilee Handicap, run at Kempton last month, a lady entrusted her money on Simonian "for a place" because the first person whom she had seen at Waterloo was Colonel North, the first whom she encountered on entering the paddock was the same gentleman, and the last on whom her eyes rested as the horses went out to parade was also the "Nitrate King." "Therefore," she said, with charming ill-logic, "Simonian must be in the first three." And as it proved her investment was a good one, Simonian obtaining third place.

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Writing of Colonel North reminds me of a story told of him in the "Westminster Gazette." Sir Blundell Maple, M.P., was said to have been walking up the platform at Waterloo station one day, going to a race meeting, when he espied Colonel North seated in a firstclass carriage. The Colonel's stocks had fallen rather seriously, and Maple, popping his head in at the carriage window, exclaimed—"Hullo, North? How are nitrates?" "Down," replied North; "how are slop-pails?" The gallant owner of Simonian may be said on this occasion to have scored.

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Why will our newspaper young men always give a person's full trade, profession, or calling when mentioning in their newspapers that he has met with an accident, whether serious or otherwise, received at some game or sport. For instance how often do we see paragraphs of this sort: "Upon enquiry yesterday evening we were glad to learn that Mr John Thomas Jones, Manager of the One Horse Bus Company, was comparatively little the worse for his apparently very nasty accident at marbles on Sunday." Mr John Thomas Jones probably does not mind the directors of the One Horse Bus Company at home knowing that he plays at marbles on Sundays, but he would probably rather not have the fact thrust under their noses by every newspaper they receive from here.

Boors.

FOOTBALL

ASSOCIATION FIXTURES

JUNE
 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.
 Sat. 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
 Sat. 24—United Banks F.C. v. Lomas A.C., at Lomas.
 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
 Sun. 6—London Bank F.C. v. Lomas A.C., at Lomas.
 Tues. 15—England and Ireland v. Scotland and Wales.
 Sun. 27—Buenos Aires F.C. v. Quilmes C., at

RUGBY

ROLDAN C. v. ROSARIO A.C.

This match was played on Sunday the 11th inst. at the Plaza Jewell, Rosario, and resulted in a victory for Rosario by 2 tries (4 points) to 1 try (2 points). The game, which was witnessed by a number of spectators, was a very exciting one, and some excellent play was witnessed. During the first half there was some give and take play on both sides, but from a rush Rosario headed through and from a scrimmage on the line Fitzgerald scored a try. Stewart took the place kick but failed to convert. Score at half time—Rosario 1 try, Roldan nil.

On resuming, Rosario kicked off and very soon afterwards Francis from a line out ran clear down the touch line and scored a very easy try. Stewart again took the kick but the ball fell very short. The securing of this second try seemed to put the Roldan men on their mettle, as from then till the call of time the ball was seldom out of the Rosario twenty-five. After some good play on the part of the forwards Pilkington at last scored for Roldan. Wilkinson took the place (a very good one) but failed to convert. Roldan still assumed the aggressive but failed to make any further score. It was a great pity that the forwards did not heel out and give the three-quarters a chance. They had many easy opportunities of scoring but never seemed to be able to secure the ball. The following were the teams:

- Rosario—**
 Back—B. Carmen.
 Three-quarter backs—F. Boardman (captain), Westray and another.
 Half backs—R. C. Baines and F. Francis.
 Forwards—Dale, Stewart, Beaumont, Neil, Fitzgerald, Eggington, Schwarz, Thompson and Davis.
- Roldan—**
 Back—G. W. Pumfret.
 Three-quarter backs—Wilkinson, Penman, Ellery and Maclachlan.
 Half backs—Pilkington and Tilley.
 Forwards—R. B. Rowbotham (captain), J. D. Pryce, T. H. Wilson, O'Connell, Graham, Morris, Wharton and Dorning.

On the 29th, when the Rosario and Buenos Aires clubs meet at Rosario, the game will be well worth witnessing. There has been more practice this season than ever has been remembered, and we think that Santa Fé this year will be able to give a very good account of herself against Buenos Aires.

The following will represent the Buenos Aires Football Club in their annual fixture with Rosario on Thursday the 29th:

- Back—F. E. Jones (captain).
 Three-quarter backs—F. W. Fothergill, F. H. Jacobs, E. L. Wilson.
 Half backs—G. A. Thomson, T. M. Lees.
 Forwards—G. S. Anderson, L. Corry-Smith, G. C. Kennard, J. D. Frost, P. Gebbie, E. P. J. Kinch, J. Earnshaw, A. G. Thornton, A. A. Goodfellow.

Through the courtesy of Mr Wibberley, the general manager of the Buenos Aires and Rosario Railway, a special sleeping-coach has been placed at the disposal of the team, which will leave for Rosario on Wednesday evening, 28th inst., by the 9.30 p.m. train from the Central Station.

UNITED BANKS v. LOMAS.

This match will be played on the ground of the Lomas Club on Saturday next, 24th inst., on the arrival of the 1.15 train from Plaza Constitucion. The following will represent the Banks:

- Back—F. X. Carter.
 Three-quarter backs—G. A. Thomson, J. Earnshaw, J. Elburn.
 Half backs—A. A. G. Goodfellow, T. M. Lees.
 Forwards—G. S. Anderson, W. S. Mayne, J. Hardman, J. B. Faram, E. P. J. Kinch, Gibaud, O. Squire, J. Zimmerman, L. Corry-Smith.

ROSARIO v. SANTA FÉ CAMP

A match under Rugby rules between Camp and Town was arranged last year but it fell through. However this season was opened successfully, mainly through the efforts of Mr Kinchant, Mr Parry, and Mr T. A. Hall.

The meeting took place on the new polo ground at Las Rosas on Sunday the 18th inst., and ended in the defeat of Camp by two goals and a try to one goal. In justice to the Camp men it must be said that they had not previously played together for some time, but again it is certain that they were the heavier lot, and every credit is due to the Rosario team for their victory.

On the ground were many ladies, and say a hundred natives, who took a lively interest in the game, which was full of excitement throughout.

T. A. Hall and W. Hill were linesmen and A. W. Towse referee.

The match was looked upon as a trial for the meeting of Rosario against Buenos Aires. From Sunday's play B. A. will have to put their best leg foremost if they wish to win, but Rosario must pass with more judgment and less excitement if they score.

To the game. Towse kicked off, and scrimmage and loose play followed. Pumfret got the ball and passed to Westray, who after a good run was collared by Bury, then Stewart had a run, but no result except scrimmage and scrimmage followed. Pilkington when the ball was out got hold and passed to Pumfret, who in turn passed to Anderson, and Anderson to Boardman, who got in and secured a try. The shot at goal entrusted to Stewart failed. Anderson now used his feet in excellent manner, dribbled and passed. Pumfret got the ball and had a good run, but was taken and held. In loose play after scrimmage Camp was inferior to Town, but Kinchant playing hard and well saved a disaster, and really carried the ball back to Town territory. Watt was here in good form, and not being able to pass put the ball over the side line. Chapman, Pumfret, Ellery, and Rowbotham showed good play, and the half ended.

On resuming Kinchant kicked off for Camp, and a lovely high kick and a catch and return caused a scrimmage. Ball over line, then a maul in Rosario goal. Camp were now much better together, but Pumfret with an excellent catch and run passed just as he was being taken. A difficult scrimmage in which the weight of the Camp told was, to the credit of the Town, taken when the ball was loose by Pumfret, who was only collared right on goal. Ball at once in touch. Lumsdaine made a great effort to get through, but was foiled. A most pretty run by Westray resulted in a try, which he subsequently converted into a goal. Goal and try to Town.

Kinchant again kicked off, Anderson caught and returned with a long drop, and Boardman secured a try. Wilkinson was entrusted with the kick, and from a long cross shot secured another goal. 2 goals and a try to nil.

After kick off scrimmage in town goal, and a try gained by Kinchant. The task was entrusted to H. Bury, who justified his selection by scoring. Time was almost immediately called, and so ended a good game, well won and well lost.

For the winners, Pumfret and Westray were best, they certainly seem to me to be fitted for any team in the republic. Rowbotham, Ellery, and Wilson were also good.

For the losers I can hardly mention names. Bury perhaps was first, his passing, dribbling, and kicking were fine. Watt was really good when he had to work, and Ridley, Chapman, and Kinchant were all there. They can play, but they were not together. Lumsdaine's play surprised me, it was consistently good throughout.

The teams were as follows:

- Rosario—**
 Back—B. Wilkinson.
 Three-quarter backs—H. Westray, F. Boardman (capt.), E. W. Pumfret, A. Anderson.
 Half backs—H. Pilkington, J. Davis.
 Forwards—J. Beaumont, J. D. Pryce, J. M. Ellery, A. Stewart, A. O'Connell, M. Graham, R. B. Rowbotham, T. H. Wilson.

- Camp—**
 Back—H. Bury.
 Three-quarter backs—H. Chapman, J. Smythies, G. Lever, R. Verschoyle.
 Half backs—J. Watt, F. Kinchant (capt.).
 Forwards—G. Lumsdaine, R. Hearne, E. Dobbs, L. Ridley, W. Sykes, F. Bradney, H. Doddington, M. Fea.

ASSOCIATION.
HIGH SCHOOL 2nd XI. v. QUILMES ROVERS 2nd XI.

This match was played at Palermo on Saturday, and owing to some very good play on the part of the boys, resulted in a win for the High School team by 6 goals to 0.

In the first half the School, with the wind at their backs, kept the Rovers in their own goal, and Quilmes never looked dangerous. F. Guido, E. Potter and Kruls were conspicuous in the forwards, whilst Brown and Lea at half, and Hill and Lea full back, put in some good work. At the end of the first half the School led 5 goals to 0.

Against the wind the School were hard pressed at first, and were repeatedly saved by the good kicking of the backs, at last, however, the forwards got together and took the ball into their opponent's half, where, after some good passing, Kruls shot a goal. No further scoring resulted, and the game ended in a win for the School as stated above.

For Quilmes 2nd the backs played well, but the forwards were far too slow.

For the School the backs were most conspicuous, the Lea Brothers and Hill Brothers being most prominent; of the forwards F. Guido was by far the best, and he with Kruls and Potter put in some splendid work.

This makes the fourth match the School's 2nd team has won this year.

- High School Team:—**
 Goal: C. Hill.
 Backs: P. Hill (captain), J. Lea.
 Half backs: N. Lea, G. Brown, A. Rose.
 Forwards: W. Malm, G. Kruls, F. Guido, E. Potter, G. Potter.

The following will represent the High School in their League fixture with Flores on Saturday at Flores:—

- Goal: J. McKechnie.
 Backs: T. McKeon, H. Davies.
 Half backs: H. Jordan, R. W. Rudd, W. Buchanan.
 Forwards: W. Jordan, Mr Hutton, T. Moore, S. Murphy, G. Minturn.

- The Flores team will be:
 Goal: Fowler.
 Backs: G. Knox, F. E. Gordon.
 Halves: G. Gifford, M. Macadam, S. Murphy.
 Forwards: R. Gifford, G. Gahan, J. Garrod, B. Guy, B. B. Syer.

The match will commence at 2.30 p.m.

LOMAS v. B. A. and R. R. A. C.

This match was played at Belgrano on Sunday 18th inst. before a very few onlookers, for the day was rather too cold for anyone except a football enthusiast.

The Railway having won the toss, decided to play with the wind, and the ball was set in motion by W. Leslie for Lomas whose forwards quickly carried it near their opponents' goal: the Railway backs tackled well and returned the ball to the centre of field where a little loose play took place in which the Lomas forwards again did good work, and were several times a source of danger to the Railway and obtained more than one corner kick but without any result. Here the home team chiefly owing to the efforts of their back division made a rush right up to the Lomas goal but failed to score, being well tackled by Reynolds and Bridger. The Lomas forwards had here quite a time putting in shots at goal, but owing to the splendid defence of Niel in goal, could not score. At this point from a neat pass W. Leslie put in a hot shot which Niel fisted against the goal post, the ball however rebounded through thus scoring one goal for Lomas.

From now till half time neither side had much the best of the game.

From the kick off the Railway were almost always on the defensive for about fifteen minutes when Jacobs shot goal number two very neatly; but after this until the end of the game the Lomas team could not again score although they decidedly had the best of the play; the few runs made by the Railway were well met by the Lomas backs in every case. Result a win for Lomas by two goals to none.

For the winners Bridger, Nobili and Anderson showed good form and for the Railway Niel and Roberts played well, the latter appeared in fact to do as much work as any other two; the Railway forwards were an exceptionally poor lot, totally lacking in combination, the wings especially failing each time when the ball was passed them to make hardly any ground at all.

The Lomas forwards play loosely when right in front of goal, and instead of making bad shots from impossible points would do well to occasionally, when within 25 yards of their opponents goal, try to "rush" a goal instead of passing to the corner of field thus giving time for a good "block" defence to be formed.

- The teams were as follows:—
Lomas—
 Goal—Carter.
 Backs—Bridger and Reynolds (captain).
 Half-backs—Bridge, Hall, Buchanan.
 Forwards—Anderson, Jacobs, W. Leslie, Nobili, G. Leslie.

- Railway—**
 Goal—Niel.
 Backs—Singleton (captain) and Whitworth.
 Half-backs—Todds, Roberts, Shaw.
 Forwards—Clarke, A. Nother, Cripps, Thurman and Mallet.

Mr Flint acted as Referee to the satisfaction of everyone in a very able manner.

Mrs Russell has to be warmly thanked for so kindly giving tea in spite of the bitterly cold weather.

Amongst the onlookers we noticed the two well known backs P. M. Rath and J. Ireland, both of whom are suffering from injuries received on the football field.

QUILMES C. v. FLORES A.C.

The match in the second round of the League series between the Quilmes and Flores Athletic Clubs was played on the 18th at Quilmes, and a capital game ensued.

Both teams were very evenly matched, but Flores were better in front of goal and scored twice whilst their opponents were unable to notch a single point. Guy kicked the first goal for Flores, whilst the second was obtained from a free kick which Gahan headed through, Flores eventually winning by two goals to love.

The result of the game was a little unexpected on the part of the friends of the Quilmes eleven but there is no doubt the better team won on the afternoon's play. The result of this match will make a considerable difference in the relative positions of Lomas and Quilmes who hitherto have been running each other very close in the competition.

The teams were as follows:

Flores—Fowler, T. Knox, F. Gordon, J. Gifford, M. Macadam, J. Murphy, R. Gifford, J. Gahan, J. Garrod, B. Guy, B. B. Syer

Quilmes—F. W. Fothergill, W. S. Penman, F. Francis, J. Beaumont, E. L. Wilsan, E. Moffatt, A. E. Tucker, A. Lamont, C. D. Moffatt, Caldwell, E. Muir. Referee, Mr R. W. Rudd.

P O L O.

QUILMES.

The Quilmes Club arranged a match for the 18th between a team of B's and all comers. The B's were represented by Messrs F. J. and J. Bennet, F. Bethell, and W. D. Bailey, whilst all comers were Messrs A. M. Hudson, T. Murray, J. Lean, and C. Hope.

The game was very even till after the third quarter, as after the first period each side had scored a goal, and the score stood two goals all at the end of the second. In the third quarter the B's only scored, and led by two goals at its close, and keeping their advantage to the end, won by five goals to three. The goals were scored for the B's by Messrs F. J. Bennett (4) and Bailey (1), whilst for the all comers points were made by Messrs Lean (2) and Hope (1).

Special mention should be made of Bethell's play as No. 1 for the B's, and of F. J. Bennett's useful game as No. 2.

During the game Mr J. Bennett received a nasty smack on the knee, from which, however, nothing serious has resulted, and we hope he will soon be in the saddle again.

Cañada de Gomez,
June 16, 1893.

To the Editor *River Plate Sport and Pastime*,
Dear Sir,—

I have read Mr Dickson's letter on the matter of the alleged foul riding at the Local Tournament. I have only to say that I expressed my opinion, as a reporter, I take it, should do. That opinion was amply corroborated, and to it I adhere. Further I cannot go.—Yours faithfully,
YOUR CORRESPONDENT.

LAWN TENNIS.

The finals in the Mixed Doubles Tournament of the Buenos Aires Lawn Tennis Club were played on Thursday last and after some very interesting games were won by Miss Pakenham and Mr. V. Ker Seymer.

The play in the last two matches of the tournament are referred to elsewhere so we will here only give the scores in full:—

First Round—

Miss F. Thompson and Mr. F. M. Still ($-\frac{1}{2}$ 30) beat Mrs. O'Connor and Dr. J. O'Connor ($+\frac{1}{4}$ 15) 6-4, 6-1.
Mrs Carlisle and Mr A. Boyd ($-\frac{1}{2}$ 15) beat Miss Thompson and Mr H. Evill ($+\frac{1}{2}$ 15) 6-3, 6-5.
Mr Pakenham and Mr V. Ker Seymer ($-\frac{1}{2}$ 30) beat Mrs Mills and Mr T. A. H. Forde ($+\frac{1}{4}$ 15) 6-3, 6-2.
Mrs Robson and T. V. M. Knox ($-\frac{1}{2}$ 30) beat Mrs Boadle and Mr T. S. Boadle ($+\frac{1}{4}$ 15) 6-3, 6-4.

Second Round—

Mrs Carlisle and A. B. Boyd beat Miss F. Thompson and F. M. Still, 6-3, 3-6, 6-0.
Miss Pakenham and V. Ker Seymer beat Mrs Robson and T. V. M. Knox, 6-3, 6-4.

Final—

Miss Pakenham and V. Ker Seymer beat Mrs Carlisle and A. B. Boyd, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3.

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QUILMES CLUB.

A General Meeting of the above Club was held on the 15th inst. for the purpose of reconsidering the decision of the last General Meeting of the 15th ult., regarding the amalgamation of the Quilmes Club with the Tennis Club.

After a little discussion it was decided unanimously that the decision regarding the non-amalgamation be rescinded, and that the amalgamation as arranged by the committees be confirmed, the secretary being instructed to write to the Committee of the Tennis Club advising them of this decision, and also that the terms of the amalgamation already agreed upon by the Committee of each club some time back remain as before.

It was also decided at this meeting that any member of the Club outside the partido of Quilmes be a camp member, except those actually living in the city of Buenos Aires, who will have to pay the full subscription. The meeting was then closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman, Mr Louis J. Lowe.

The Committee of the Quilmes Club wish to thank very heartily all the ladies and gentlemen who so kindly gave their services for the concert held last Saturday evening. To have come the distance some of them had to travel to Quilmes for the purpose was by no means a small undertaking, especially in this weather, and the Committee are exceedingly grateful to them for having done so.

DRAMATIC AND MUSICAL NOTES.

At the Savoy Theatre, Mr D'Oly Carte, pending the completion of Gilbert and Sullivan's new work, has produced a comic opera by Messrs Barrie, Doyle, and Ford, entitled "Jane Annie," the plot of which has apparently been favourably received despite the collapse which has lately marked this class of entertainment. The plot is somewhat fresh and unconventional, which alone is a strong argument in favour of its success. Jane Annie is a hypocrite whose efforts are directed in winning the school good conduct prize and having obtained it, she casts off the cloak of deceit, and appears in her true character of a very naughty girl, hypnotising the school mistress, whom she then induces to issue invitations to a band of undergraduates and a troop of lancers. The comic element is supplied by the former, who after the establishment of the Chair of New Journalism at the University, dog the footsteps of the Rector, notebook and Kodak in hand, where in the school they shut him up in the clock case, and eventually is found with a boa belonging to one of the girls. Not to be forgotten, too, is a Caddie, the pageboy, height 4 ft. 6 in., whose adventures and precocity in protecting a stalwart officer of lancers, offering his heart and hand to the heroine, and who on being refused lapses into melodramatic despair, would appear to have taken immensely. Among the cast are Miss Decima Moore, Miss Dorothy Vane, and Mr Rutland Barrington. Also is included Mr Fische, whom many will remember as one of the members of the last Cleary Company in Buenos Aires. He is cast as the Officer of Lancers, and the papers speak of him as a rising young baritone likely to make his mark ere long on the London stage.

Messrs Burnand and Solomon have set themselves to parody "Cavalleria Rusticana," and the result should, judging from the former efforts of these gentlemen in their respective lines, be decidedly humorous. The parody of the Intermezzo is said to be particularly funny, and indeed the whole work admirably lends itself to parody. Their burlesque is now in course of rehearsal at the Trafalgar Square Theatre.

At the Odeon on Tuesday last, "Le Songe d'une Nuit d'Été," by Ambrose Thomas, the composer of "Mignon," was produced for the first time in Buenos Aires. From the title one might be led to believe that it was Shakespeare's beautiful play "A Midsummer Night's Dream," but though the poet figures in the play it is as himself and not as the author and beautifier of the heathen mythology. First produced at the Opera Comique in Paris in 1850, it was revived at the same theatre in 1886. The libretto, which is extremely weak and fanciful, is by Rosier and Levens, who have taken a very problematical incident in Shakespeare's life wherewith to indulge their fancy, enlisting at the same time the services of Falstaff and Queen Elizabeth to complete the idea.

The music is pretty, and of the Italian school, which is not surprising, in view of the rage for Donizetti and Bellini's works at the epoch when

"Le Songe d'une Nuit d'été" was written. The choruses, too, notably the male chorus at the opening of the second act were effective, but the whole performance was too long and protracted. Mdlle. Marcolini in the part of Queen Elizabeth, had excellent opportunities for displaying her well trained voice, and especially shone in the mezzo themes, though a falling off was perceptible in the higher register, where she at times sang both flat and false. This lady has just missed being a fine singer, and it is to be regretted that in grand opera she is uncertain and hardly able to do full justice to the score at the critical point. The character of Falstaff is generally associated with a broad vein of humour, and albeit M. Angier was acceptable vocally, his efforts at comedy were the reverse of mirth provoking. Needless to say M. Engel as Shakespeare was excellent, and in a great measure responsible for the partial favour with which the piece was received by the public.

The concert of the Buenos Aires Choral Union on Thursday at the Operai Italiani was a great success, and a special feature was the correct singing of the chorus, which were deservedly loudly applauded. Encores were elicited for the songs of Mrs Everley Pope, and Mrs Cooper, and for the duet by Mrs Lovett and Mr Crow—"Maying"—the latter gentleman also being similarly favoured for a very pretty romance by Rodney. The infant prodigy Ernest Drangosch has made notable progress in his pianoforte studies, and though precluded by youth and lack of strength to endow Weber's Polish Dance with the necessary force and brilliance, nevertheless played Mendelssohn's "Frahlingslied" very correctly, and was not at a loss in his recital of Chopin's Nocturne No. 2 Op. 15, also on being recalled was very successful in his exposition of the by no means easy passages of Weber's Ronde Brilliant.

"Manon Lescaut" was even better received at its third representation on Thursday than at the two previous ones, and a second audience but serves to confirm the favourable impression produced by the first.

"I Pagliacci," Leoncavallo's new work, is now in course of rehearsal, and the public will have had an opportunity of testing its merits probably on Tuesday.

Frank Brown still continues to draw crowded houses to the San Martin, and the reappearance of Rosita de la Plata on Sunday night was hailed with a perfect ovation by the public who have not forgotten the popular ecuyère. The show is further enlivened by a new acrobatic troupe, whose tricks, though not novel, are yet neatly and skilfully performed. After the departure of the circus troupe, it is, I believe now definitely settled that the Tomba Company are to once more take possession of the San Martin Theatre, now reinforced by new artists from Europe, among whom figures Madame Spinelli, the dainty prima donna, whose husband was an unfortunate victim to the flames some two years ago when the theatre was burned to the ground.

The second concert of the Santa Cecilia Society on Monday evening was the occasion of an excellent display of the amateur talent which lies in our midst. The hall of the Operai Italiani was filled by a select gathering of Porteño and foreign society, amongst those of our own nationality being Mr and Mrs Mills, Dr and Mrs Hanley, Mr and Mrs Cox, and others whom I cannot recall to mind.

The programme was carefully selected and offered a pleasing variety, commencing with the overture by Mendelssohn, Fingal's Grotto, well rendered by Ismael's orchestra, following which Sra Luise Wilcken sang Majulli's romance "Fior di notte" with good effect, to the composer's piano accompaniment.

After a duet on the harp by Sras Eva Gonnet and Anasilda Nolasco, and Schubert's "Ave Maria" played by Sr Panizza, Madame Dunant favoured with "Le chant Boheme" from Bizet's Carmen with a perfection and grace that many a professional artiste might well envy. A well deserved encore resulted. This was succeeded by the card trio, correctly rendered by Mmes Dunant and De la Baria, and Miss Nicholson.

The second part was again opened by Ismael's orchestra, who played William's "Premiere Overture," which was well received by the audience, as its faultless execution merited.

Owing to the indisposition of Sra Jezzi the two following numbers on the programme were omitted, and Sra Anhel followed with an excellent recital of Saint Saen's 2me concert for piano and orchestra, most conspicuous in which was Sra Anhel's fine touch and on being recalled gave "Airs de Ballet" by Chaminade.

After Bizet's "Jeux d'enfants" suite d'orchestre, a most enjoyable and successful entertainment was brought to a close by the very correct rendering of the "Inflamatus" chorus from Rossini's "Stabat Mater," in which the solos were sung by Sra de la Barra.

These concerts, and those of the Club Catolico, are unmistakably the best of their kind in Buenos Aires, and lovers of good music correctly executed should not miss them.

EN PASSANT.

The Cinderella Dance last week was by all accounts as great a success as the previous one, though perhaps not quite so well attended, also Furlotti's orchestra appeared to give more satisfaction than Ismael's, though I heard several differences of opinion as to the time of the valse music. It is quite impossible to give satisfaction to all and more so here than elsewhere where fashion does not exercise her fickle sway so despotically as at home. The supper too was very much more recherché and better served than before. Great thanks are due to the committee of these pleasant reunions who spare no pains and do all in their power to render them successful and all carpers and cavillers, who rather lay themselves out to pick holes, asking, "why is this that and the other not done?" be good enough to remember that were it not for the efforts of these few, who in their labour of love devote time and trouble to the task, there would be probably no dance at all. It is but thoughtlessness and I feel sure that by all, who take the trouble to think on the matter at all, their kindness is not unappreciated, nevertheless man is but mortal and a few words of thanks, though unsought by the recipients, cost nothing and engender the pleasant sensation that stimulates to further exertion in the future.

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At the end of last week, I received a circular from the Committee of that excellent and deserving institution, the British Hospital, and despite the fact of its already having appeared in the leading English papers of this city, I feel bound to comply with their request, inasmuch as too great publicity cannot be given to so meritorious an object. The Hon. Secretary's letter speaks for itself:—

Buenos Aires, June 16, 1893.

To the Editor *River Plate Sport and Pastime*.

Dear Sir,—

The Committee of the British Hospital are, according to the usual custom, sending out Subscription Lists for the current year to those friends who have hitherto assisted them in collecting for the support of the Hospital. It has been reported to the Committee that in some quarters an impression exists that, due to the great success of the Bazaar held last year, the Hospital now needs less aid than formerly. As the exact converse is true, I am desired to explain that the whole of the sum derived from the Bazaar was raised exclusively for the extension of the Hospital building accommodation. It was deposited in the name of Trustees with this object and the Committee have neither the power nor the desire to touch this fund for current expenses. It will be obvious then that the brilliant success of the Bazaar has increased not diminished the need for generous support.

In a few weeks time the New Female Ward containing 19 beds will be open, and the present Female Ward with 11 beds will be available for the reception of private patients of limited means at a modified rate. There will also be a New Ward of 10 beds for special cases that it is advisable to remove from the general ward for separate treatment. These extensions of the charity which will give at least 30 additional beds—making 90 beds in all—will entail a corresponding increase in the working expenses and the Committee have every confidence that the funds for this work will be heartily given.

The Committee endeavour to place an opportunity of subscribing before every member of the British community but they are painfully aware that their efforts in this must fall far short of success and therefore they take this opportunity of asking you to make known to your readers that they will be very grateful if any of them will be willing to assist them by sending a subscription or by taking charge of a subscription list.

Thanking you in anticipation for giving this the wide publicity of your columns,

I have the honour to remain
Yours truly,

WILLIAM GOODWIN.
Hon. Sec.

A weekly Spanish contemporary is trying to promote a Beauty show among the fair sex of this city, the prize to be \$500 and decided by photographs of competitors which must be taken by a certain native artist, who is presumably a friend of the Director or Editor of the journal.

This appears to be on the face of it, a very specious form of advertisement in that it appeals to a very strong passion of the human race and said to be predominant in woman, also a very excellent idea to bring before the public the photographer, to whom the competitors must forcibly sit and whose talents, previous to discovery, and doubtless subject to a commission, by the enterprising management of "La Semana" have perchance hitherto languished in modest obscurity.

This would appear to be the latest phase of modern journalism in the Argentine and distinctly proves, as I remarked a short time ago, in these columns, that here in the South we are not very far behind our Northern friends of the United States in the art of advertising Beauty Shows, since the famous one at Spa some four years ago and which, as far as my recollection serves me, was won by a Hungarian damsel, hard pressed by a fair Creole lady, have latterly not "caught on" with the public. Is it that their morale is not to be commended and that the rivalry they promote does not prove to be a wholesome one?

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For the solace of those of the weaker sex whose beauty may consist in subduing the stern heart of the male by temptations in the perfections of the culinary art, I give the very latest recipe from Paris for preparing potatoes. Place the potatoes in their jackets in the oven and when sufficiently cooked cut them lengthways taking out the meal which is beaten up with the yolk of an egg and butter. Replace in the shells with a piece of butter on the top, and brown in the oven for four minutes.

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The latest illustrated papers from home are full of sketches and engravings of the opening of the Imperial Institute and the average Londoner whose taste for pageant is insatiable must have found a comparatively new, pleasing and interesting item in the detachment of Bengal Native Cavalry who swelled the escort of the Queen Empress. Not only to the Londoner but to by far the greater portion of the English Nation, is India still a very vague term and to those who have never had the pleasure of a trip to the East, the native contingent of our army there is quite an unknown and imaginative quantity. At the great Delhi review and manoeuvres now nearly ten years back, the Bengal Cavalry were pronounced by competent foreign military authorities to be the equal of any Europe could produce and in horsemanship they are second to none, while their fine physique and appearance is greatly enhanced by the picturesqueness of their uniform. As regards the Infantry, the Sikh and the Ghoorkha can hold their own with any troops in the world as has been amply proved by the annals of Indian campaigning. Fear is to them quite unknown, it being moreover the religion of the Sikh never to flee in the face of an enemy. The Ghoorkha is more closely allied to the British soldier than any other of his native confreres and the firm friendship that existed between the 3rd Ghoorkhas and the Gordon Highlanders during the famous march of Sir Frederick now Lord Roberts from Kabul to Kandahar is now traditional in the army. These sturdy little Nepanese warriors are also no mean adepts at hockey and football which they have taken up with keen zest.

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Among the Indian potentates who were England's state guests on the occasion of the opening of the Imperial Institute and who formed a conspicuous feature in the assembly within the hall, were the Maharaja of Bhaunagar, the Raja of Kapurthala and the Thakore of Gondal, all three men of culture and advocates of progress, which they have proved by the works of public utility and philanthropic benefit which they have and are ever ready to carry out for the welfare of their states.

I may add that the first named was the first chief in Western India to contribute to Imperial defence.

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Messrs Mackern and Shine have issued circulars to the effect that the circulating library which they are about to open is already progressing rapidly. The catalogue of magazines and periodicals at which I have glanced, is most complete, and should the selection of books be as varied, subscribers will have no cause for grumbling.

The idea is a good one and will supply a long felt want to those who take a delight in reading, and it is to be hoped that it will not be abused. I would suggest to the promoters that they obtain some of the standard works of reference also, as being of general utility, especially to members of the fourth estate. At present I know of no place where a date, quotation, or other snacks of knowledge, which are always forgotten at the moment one wishes to make use of them, can be obtained.

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"Truth" is of opinion that the Argentine Republic mean to make use of Mr Jabez Spencer Balfour. His financial "ability" makes him far too valuable an individual lightly to be parted with. Before long we may hear of his having been made Argentine Minister of Finance.

Can it be that the Government were sized with the same brilliant idea and therefore kept shortly in the letter of the law in refusing to grant a warrant for the extradition of this criminal schemer?

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The Spanish edition of "Tit Bits" entitled 'Bric á-Brac,' the first number of which appeared last Thursday, is full of readable matter and interesting items, humorous and otherwise. The proprietors of the English journal amassed a vast fortune therefrom, and properly conducted as its Argentine contemporary appears to be, there would seem to be no reason why success should not crown the efforts of its enterprising promoters.

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The following effusion over the signature of "Orapronobonus," was left at the office of this paper last week, whether for publication or private circulation only I am unable to say. Deeming it fully worth publication, however, I take the risk and print it. It runs as follows:—

A's the Accountant, who sits by himself,
B is the Bill, which is changed into pelf,
C is Conversion, long monthly return,
D is the Discount, progressive, we learn.
E's the Exchange, on which brokers are wrecked,
F is the Form first initialled, then checked.
G is the Guide for accountant and staff,
H is Head Office, at which 'tis well not to laugh.
I is the Interest that yearly is made,
J from the Juggins' by whom it is paid.
K is the Knock which the customer takes,
L on the Loans, at exorbitant rates.
M is the Manager, proud and austere,
N is the New Cuum, who enters with fear.
O is the Overdraft, to the staff quite unknown,
P is the Postage, each clerk pays his own.
Q is the Query—How is it you're late?
R the Returns, always kept up to date.
S the small Salary, for his toil and good-will,
T is the Tomb, the clerk finds in Brazil.
U, Underpaid, overworked with scant thanks,
V, all poor Victims in large foreign banks.
W's the Wisdom, assumed by the Board,
X the Xcess and the profits they board.
Y is the Year; and the shareholder's meeting,
Z for the Zest with which they give the staff greeting.

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A serious accident with fatal result on the polo field, occurred last week at Rosario, when Mr Peter Dale received a fall from his pony, resulting in concussion of the brain, and who, I much regret to add, succumbed to his injuries on Sunday night. This is greatly to be lamented, but happening before Mr Dale had entered the game, it gives the milksop brigade no chance to cry out against dangers which hitherto out here has not afforded them an opportunity of throwing cold water on a manly recreation. It is hardly to be expected that they will let such a chance slip, in view of the outcry that recently was raised against football, when one of the players unfortunately happened to break his leg during the course of a game. My sincerest sympathy for Mr Dale's relatives and many friends, among whom he was so deservedly popular.

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THE AMERICAN TROTTING HORSE.

Time was when in England—especially in the eastern counties—trotting was a favourite form of sport, but the increase of population and the changes in the systems of road-making put an end to it. The quick trotting movement of the horses seems to suit the go-ahead characteristics of the American people; the country was adapted to this form of recreation, and at the outset it was particularly favoured by leaders of opinion as being less subject to immoral influences than racing on the flat. Be these matters as they may, it is a fact that the Americans took up the trotter and trotting where we left them off, and by the skilful utilisation of English and native materials they have improved the animal and established the sport with remarkable success. There can be no question, as we have said, that in the end of last century trotting was largely practised in England, and when our American cousins commenced their work of breeding trotting horses it was to us that they resorted for the foundation stock on the male side. To the scientific breeder there is no more interesting study than that which is afforded by the history of the American trotter, nor is a consideration of the subject, without useful lessons in regard to our own methods of breeding, inasmuch as it shows what can be accomplished in the production of a special purpose breed; and it also proves that valuable results can be produced by breeding stock with a view to the perpetuation of individual merits, even though pedigree and close breeding may not be very strictly attended to. "Success of the dams is the test of value, and, speaking generally, from £500 to £1000 is a reasonable price for a yearling or untried two-year-old. The value of the produce of the dam increases according as her previous offspring rise in the trotting ring." In conducting trotting races, the chief requirements is that "every horse to secure an official record should trot a mile on a course measured three feet from the pole, with one hundred and fifty pound in the sulky."

The following are the world's trotting records up to the present time:—

	Date.	Time.
Lady Suffolk, one mile.....	1849 ..	2.28
Flora Temple, "	1859 ..	2.19 3/4
Dexter, "	1867 ..	2.17 1/4
Goldsmith Maid, "	1874 ..	2.14
Rarus, "	1878 ..	2.13 1/4
St. Julien, "	1880 ..	2.11 1/4
Maud S., "	1885 ..	2.08 3/4
Sunol, "	1891 ..	2.08 1/4
Nancy Hanks, "	1892 ..	2.04

A DAY AFTER GUANACO.

To the Editor of *River Plate Sport and Pastime*

Dear Sir,—
I and a friend were kindly asked some short time ago, (early in June) to go and "have a try" at Guaiaco, in the Curumalan range of Mountains. I do not intend to take up much of your valuable space, but I should like other sportsmen, who are so inclined, to know what good sport there is to be had there altho' the work is not at all easy.

We left Buenos Aires by the Southern Railway, on a cold June night, and arrived at Curumalan on a still colder morning, but the utter discomfort of the journey was very quickly forgotten, in the kind welcome accorded to us by Mr. Eric Smith, manager of the Curumalan estancia.

It was Wednesday morning when we arrived, and on Thursday afternoon we were driven to Pigue, a small town about seven leagues from Curumalan, where we were to spend the night, or half of it as it turned out.

Our guide informed us, we should have to be ready to start by 4 a.m. the next morning, as we had still about 7 leagues to cover before reaching a "puesto" where horses had been sent on for us, to ride the remainder of the distance to the foot of the mountains. We were on the alert then at 3 a.m. and after hot coffee, etc, were ready for our day's sport.

We arrived at "the base of operations" at about 7.30 or 8 a.m. and commenced a climb, which reminded one of the Rocky Mountains, and made it difficult to realise one was in Argentina.

Our party at start consisted of four guns including our guide, and four peons, which I thought rather a large order for a stalk, but no matter.

After we had climbed about 700ft. one of the peons "gave out" and returned back to the puesto.

We were at one very great disadvantage to my mind all the morning, viz. that we were working the whole time down wind, and that a very strong one.

I think our guide who knew the mountains perfectly, might certainly alter his method of stalking, for we went ahead, and upwards with the most alarming rapidity, and I think with not quite sufficient judgement, for at one time on rounding a bluff we saw nine guanacos removing themselves, and not slowly either; they had evidently got our wind and did not care to wait.

They were too far off to make a certainty of, so we did not shoot, neither did we go after them, especially as they went into ground out of our originally planned beat.

This put us more on the *qui vive*, and we resumed our upward course in a sadder but wiser manner.

We reached the highest point of our ascent at about 11.30 a.m. 2800ft. above sea level, as showed by the aneroid which I carried, and only about 300ft lower than the peak of "Curumalan Grande" which, I was told, is the highest of the range.

Here we partook of light refreshment in the form of iced and whiskey and stopped and spied the north side

of the mountains, which we could now see over, as all morning we had been climbing up the Southern slope.

I must here say that this northern side is far steeper, and more difficult to move about on than the Southern. After some time in spent spying we spotted game—five guanaco feeding about 1000ft. below us; keeping well out of sight, we held a consultation, the result of which was, that we sent two peons to the East of us, about half a mile to "heave rocks" down the hill side, to scare the guanaco towards a kind of pass we saw about three-quarters of a mile to our west. It took us the best part of an hour to reach this pass, as we had to make a considerable detour, and arriving there no sign of guanaco could we see, and began to feel rather blue in consequence, although we were nearly certain they were below us, but as far as we were concerned ungettable. We then held another council of war, resulting in the guide and one of the guns remaining where they were, and my friend and self going down hill a few hundred feet, where we parted company, he going West, and I going East, both of us getting over the rough ground as quietly and quickly as we possibly could. I should judge that we were about 400 yards apart, when I heard a shout from him, "Look out," and coming towards me, and inclining up hill, I saw four guanaco. "Brer fox he lay low," but I suppose "back fever" took me, for the first shot I missed clean, an old and well grown doe. I got her however on the run about 60 or 70 yards above me with my second shot. The remaining two (one had vanished) my friend and I rolled over between us, and after skinning our beasts with the aid of the peons, we wended our way back to the puesto, where we had left our trap in the morning. Arriving there about 6.30 p.m. We had the inevitable native dish asado off the spit, and very palatable it was, as we had had nothing to eat since about 7.30 a.m. I know we all enjoyed our day immensely, thanks to the kindness of Mr. Smith, and the sport was A 1, although it is "no picnic" climbing mountains when one has been some months on the plains. I should advise any body who has never tried the game to do so as quickly as possible. I fancy, the general idea held by most people of the Argentine is that there is but little sport to be obtained except what may be had with wild fowl and partridges. This also was my idea until my visit to the Curumalan mountains, and to those who may still think so I can only say, go and try for guanaco.

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Novillo Hides	8.50—11.50
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FIXTURES

RACING

Saturday, June 24—Hipodromo Nacional, Belgrano.
Sunday, June 25—Hipodromo Argentino, Palermo.
Thursday, June 29—Hurlingham Club.

FOOTBALL

ASSOCIATION

Saturday, June 24—B. A. E. H. School v. Lomas A.C., at Palermo.
Saturday, June 24 and Sunday, June 25—Rosario A.C. v. Quilmes C., at Rosario.

RUGBY

Saturday, June 24—United Banks v. Lomas A.C., at Lomas.

POLO

Saturday, June 24—Hurlingham v. Belgrano (1st and 2nd teams), at Hurlingham.

DEATH

DALE—On June 18, at Rosario, E. Peter Dale, aged 29 years.

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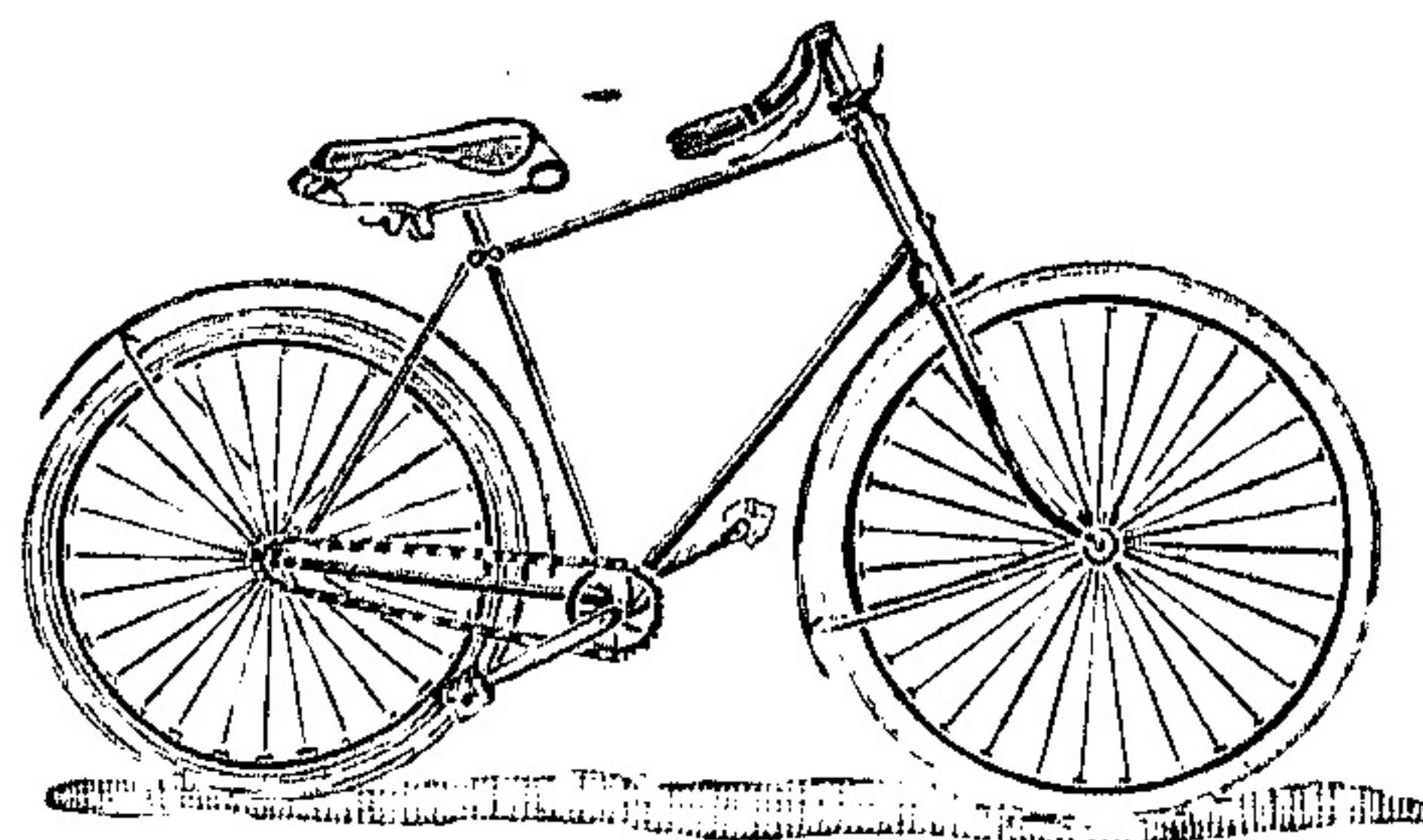
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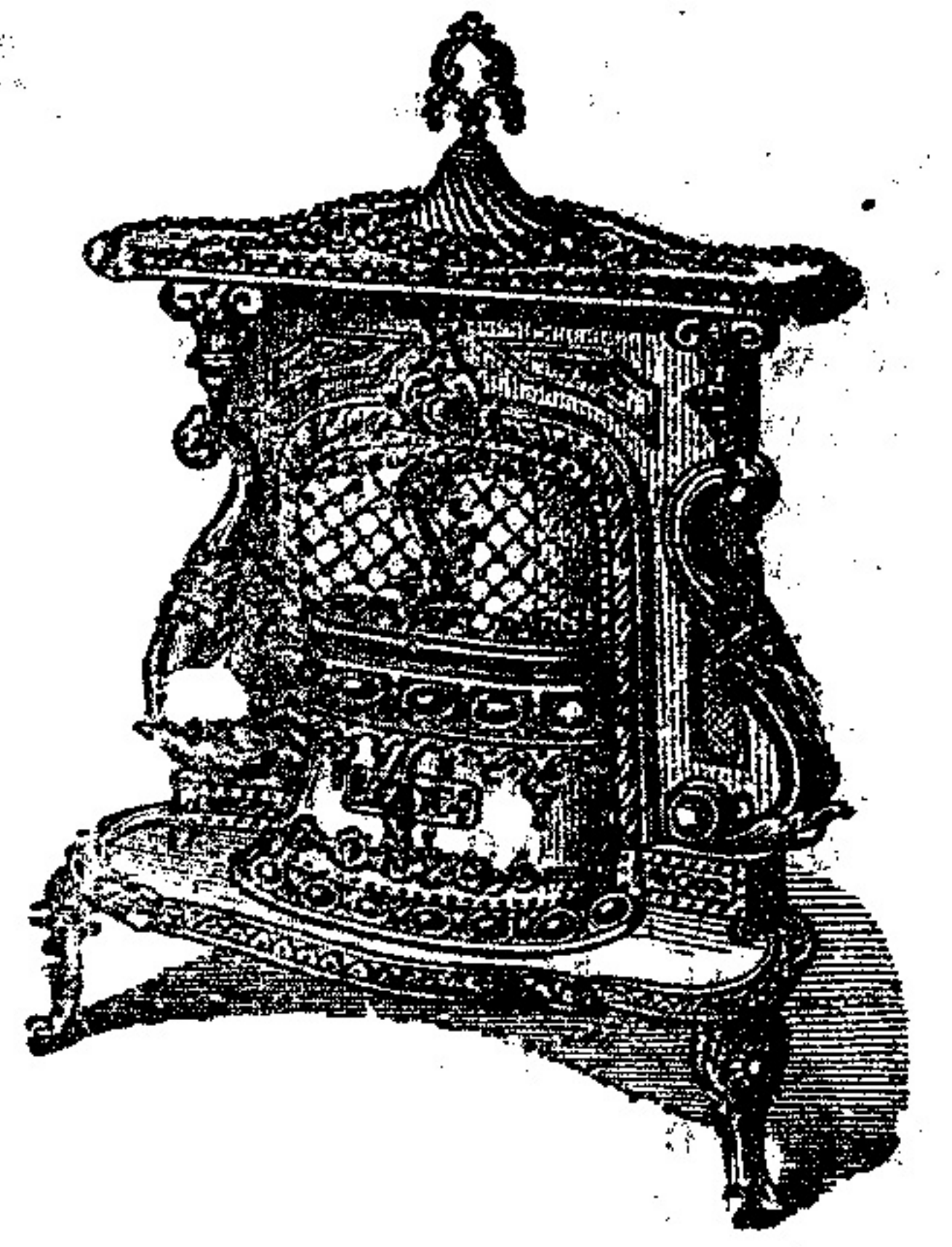
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When, about that time, I received a pressing invitation from a good sportsman, whose acquaintance I had made a short time previously in the hunting-field, to spend a fortnight at his residence in the heart of the Vale country, I accepted, never dreaming what was to prove the result of my accepting it.

"I want you to meet two American belles—sisters—who are staying here," the letter ran. "They are both excellent horsewomen. Come down for a couple of weeks, longer if possible, and bring as many horses as you like. There has been capital sport here for the last month.—Yours always,
LAVINGTON."

At that particular time there was, I remember, nothing much doing in town, and, being an abnormally keen sportsman, I lost no time in wiring my acceptance of the proffered invitation. What was my surprise, on arrival at the village station, to find my old friend Jack Villiers, whom I had not seen for several years, enveloped in a gigantic coaching-coat, waiting for me on the platform. After we had nearly wrung each other's hands off, I exclaimed:

"Well, Jack! Why didn't you tell me you were here?"

"Purposely, old fellow. (Jack was a man of few words). Thought it might prove agreeable surprise. Come up to the house, sharp, and see these girls, Frank. Positive stunners!"

My introduction to the Misses Creamfield took place that evening in the library, just before we went into dinner. Miss Hilda, the elder of the two, was a tall, dark, ruddy-complexioned girl of about five-and-twenty; with an attractive face and most expressive features. Her sister, Margaret, was petite, fair, with large grey eyes that seemed to be always brimful of mirth, and the most perfectly moulded figure that I remember ever to have seen possessed by a woman. It devolved upon me to escort the latter in to dinner. A more free and easy girl I don't think I ever met. We were soon laughing and chatting together as gaily as if we had known each other all our lives. Strangely Jack had been paired off with the sister and sat exactly opposite to ourselves. Two or three times during the meal I encountered Jack's gaze fixed intently upon my face, as if he would have read the very secret of my heart. At the time I attached no importance to this, and it was not until afterwards that I was able to put the true construction upon it.

In the drawing-room later I saw my companion of the dinner-hour seated alone in a recess, a book lying idle upon her lap, and looking excessively bored. What more natural than that I should have advanced to her side and taken up the thread of our conversation? I retired to bed that night feeling that I had passed a most pleasant evening, and when I sought in my mind for the reason of it the name of Margaret Creamfield stole unconsciously to my lips.

A week passed away. Sport there was certainly, and in plenty, but to me it seemed to have lost some of its old inspiration and go. I did not thoroughly enjoy a run unless she were "out," and my host had chaffed me good-humouredly several times about my so constantly dancing attendance upon the pretty Philadelphian. I had tried to convince myself that it was only a passing fancy—a harmless flirtation. But one day, however, it came forcibly upon me that I could not bring myself to give this girl up without a struggle, and that my feelings towards her were far stronger than I had imagined.

Entering the billiard-room soon after breakfast one morning, I found Jack idly knocking the balls about, a dreamy, sad look in his handsome brown eyes. I had noticed with regret that my friend had looked very haggard and worn at late; did not ride as much as he used, and had, in fact, not been like his old self during my stay at Coplestone Tower. We had hardly seen anything of each other since we had met on the afternoon of my arrival. As I entered, Jack looked quickly up, and I fancied I saw a frown come into his face.

"Frank!" he said, in a low, firm voice, "are you doing anything particular for the next few minutes? If not, I have something I should like to say to you."

"Certainly, old chap," I replied, laughing, though feeling, I scarcely knew why, very uneasy. "Spout away! I'm listening."

"Frank!" and his voice quavered in spite of himself; "you love Margaret Creamfield!"

I was thunderstruck. I blushed guilty red and stutted helplessly—

"No! no! Jack. At least, that is I—I like Miss Creamfield very well, but—"

"Don't deny it, Frank, for Heaven's sake. I have a pair of eyes. Would you talk to heaven I hadn't!"

"Come, Jack, if you talk in that strain I shall think you are in love with her yourself!"

"Well, I am. There, you have my secret! I do love her, and you, my best friend, are going to rob me of her!"

"Don't say that, Jack. You know I wouldn't spoil your game for worlds. We always acted fair and square to each other when boys at school together, Hang me! you were here first, knew her first, and so shall have first go in!"

I knew the words to be but mockery as I said them, for I felt that I could not have given up my chance of winning Margaret Creamfield to even my oldest and dearest friend.

"Frank!" replied Jack, "act fair and square with me. Confess you love her."

"I do!" I groaned.

"Then we both love her. Now what are we going to do? Be serious and help me think. We can't both marry her, that's certain. Tossing up is too trivial a test. What do you suggest?"

I racked my brains for some minutes, but could think of nothing. Presently Jack's face lit up with an inspiration.

"I have it, old fellow," he exclaimed, slapping me on the back. "Let's ride for her!"

"How do you mean?"

"Why, it's simple enough. You and I are equally good horsemen—there's nothing to pick between us. We'll arrange a stiff two mile course, and ride for a bogus stake. First man over the course shall be at liberty to propose to Miss Creamfield at once."

I thought a moment, then I said—

"Jack, I think I've hit upon a better idea than that. What d'ye say to this? To-morrow, you know, the meet is at Cracksley Gorse. We're sure to get a run from there. Now why not combine business with pleasure and settle that whichever sticks closest to the tail of the hounds during the first spin, shall be the victor?"

"Bravo! Frank, I don't give you credit for such ingenuity. Now that's 'on.' To make it fair for both, let's ride one of each other's horses. You pick first."

"Well," I replied, thoroughly entering into the spirit of the affair, "I'll have your bay mare."

"Right you are! She's not been out of the stable for a day or two, but she will go all right with you. I'll ride your grey 'the Parson.'"

"You'd better think twice about it, Jack," I replied. "Remember that beastly trick of his."

"What, never letting anyone remount him when they're once off his back? Oh! I'm up to that! Besides, it'll make me stick all the tighter to him! Come, is that settled?"

"Yes," I replied.

We sealed the compact with a vigorous shake of hand. For the rest of the day I bitterly repented of my rash promise. In the first place I knew Jack to be a better horseman than myself, though he was too modest to acknowledge it. And then to think that I was going to stake my chance of perhaps ultimately becoming happy with the beautiful Margaret upon the dire uncertainty of a few minutes' gallop across a difficult country, and on a strange steed!

The next morning at eleven o'clock our horses were brought to the door. As Miss Margaret just then declared herself to be ready to start also, we waited and acted as her escort, riding one on either side. Jack was, I remember, most amiable that morning. I don't think I ever heard him talk so much before. He impressed me, too, with the idea that he could be, if he chose, an exemplary 'ladies' man' and I began to feel positively jealous of my old friend. Arrived at the meet, we found the Master in earnest conversation with his huntsman.

"Good morning, gentlemen," he cried, in answer to our joint salutation. "I've got good news for you today. A fox was seen entering the Gorse an hour ago. Now if you can get him to break straight for'ard, there's no cover nearer than Buck's Beeches, ten miles as the crow flies."

I looked at Jack. Our eyes met. Instantly a feeling of set determination seized me to ride as I had never ridden before, for I told myself that I stood to win or lose a wife!

The pack was soon trotting leisurely down to the cover. Our Master's information had evidently been correct, for the leading hound had scarcely disappeared from view among the gorse bushes when he "opened," a long, low sonorous note that was soon taken up by the rest of the pack. Disturbed in his lair, the fox did not long deliberate as to what was his best course to pursue, but hastily shook the dust of Cracksley Gorse from off his "pads" and broke, pointing straight for Buck's Beeches. With a rush the field was off. Jack bawled into my ear,

"Is it first man to the Beeches wins?"

I nodded assent.

Side by side we kept for about a dozen fields, Miss Creamfield still in the middle. Little did she dream what that burst meant to both men pounding along on either side of her!

"We must be nearing Cracksley Brook, are we not?" she asked presently, as we were traversing a stretch of meadow land at full gallop, hounds in full view and a burning scent.

"Yes," answered Jack, who knew the lie of the land; "it is close here. See! there it is."

Straight ahead of us, shimmering in the bright sunshine, stretched a long narrow streak of grey, which on a nearer approach assumed somewhat alarming dimensions. However, I relied too implicitly upon Jack's choice of a mount to have much fear for my own safety. As for him I knew well enough that as a water-jumper the Parson had few equals in the old country, and I heartily wished myself upon that animal's back. But, with the exception that my steed "dipped" slightly with his hind quarters on landing the other side of the brook, I had nothing to complain of.

A couple of fields further on there was a sudden check. A flock of sheep huddled together in a corner speedily accounted for it. Just at this juncture Miss Creamfield accidentally let her hunting crop fall to the

ground. Jack was instantly by her side, and on the point of dismounting when I called out.

"All right, old fellow. Don't get down. Remember about that grey! Allow me, Miss Creamfield."

But heedless of my warning Jack had jumped off his horse and recovered the whip. Hardly had the girl taken it from his hands when there was a loud view halloo from the next field, and in a moment the pursuers were again in motion. I tried desperately hard to wait for Jack who was vainly endeavouring to remount the Parson, but his mare pulled so tremendously that I was compelled to give it up and let her have her head, when she carried me away at racing pace.

To cut a long story short, we ran our fox, without another check and always in full view, to Buck's Beeches as the Master had predicted; hounds just managing to roll him over when he was a few yards from a newly made "earth." It was generally acknowledged to have been the best run of the season. As soon as I had secured the brush for her, I ventured to suggest that we should return. She was nothing loath, so we turned our horses' heads and as we rode slowly homewards I pressed my suit victoriously. When we again entered the precincts of Coplestone Towers, Margaret Creamfield was my promised wife.

In the hall we encountered Jack. Margaret slipped away like a flash, evidently not wishing to meet her discomfited lover just then. As soon as we were alone Jack said good-humouredly enough, though I could see he was feeling very sick and disappointed:

"Well, Frank! you've done me fairly enough, and I'm not going to be a brute about it. Give us your hand to show that there's no ill-feeling between us."

I did so. "Why, Jack!" I said, "what made you get off the Parson—after I had twice warned you too?"

"I was a fool!" he replied. "Fact is, I was so infernally jealous that I couldn't bear to stand by and see anybody else pay a little attention to her. And what do you think? I've had to tramp the whole of the blessed way home thanks to that brute of a grey of yours! Well! Good luck to you, Frank, my boy!"

He turned with such a mournful expression on his face that I pitied him from my soul. An hour afterwards I saw him again. A great and wonderful change had come over the man. He was radiant, and his ruddy face was wreathed in smiles! Directly I felt sure that it was really he, I exclaimed:

"What has happened now, Jack?"

"Why, can't you guess?" he replied.

"You've not proposed to the sister, surely?"

"I have though, by Jove! And what is more have been accepted! Frank, we were made for each other, I feel certain. I've only just found it out, but there's no doubt about it. T'other affair was all a mistake. Congratulate me, old fellow!"

Poor old Jack! So out of pique he had gone off and, on the spur of the moment, proposed to Hilda Creamfield. He can't have been very much in love with my Margaret after all!

The "double event" came off most successfully a few weeks afterwards at St. Peter's, Eaton Square. Jack and I are now respectable married men, thoroughly domesticated, and fathers of families, which in Jack's case is no small quiver-ful! For my own part, I am extremely happy, and have never regretted my memorable "ride for a wife."

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PRODUCTS OF THE NORTH

Asuncion, June 10, 1893.

Many of the products of Paraguay and Brazil which find their way to Buenos Aires are, it is asserted, quite capable of being produced in Argentina itself. Rightly or wrongly it has of late been the policy of your Government to foster semi-tropical industries, hence, for example, the tax of 50 cents gold imposed, from the first of January last on Paraguayan tobacco. Therefore considering the number of Englishmen engaged at present, and likely to be in future, in developing the resources of Northern Argentina, it may not be out of place in the columns of *Sport and Pastime* to touch on these matters.

It is hard to obtain any reliable data of the amount of tobacco produced in Argentina. The Custom House returns are certainly misleading owing to the wholesale smuggling which has been going on since the New Year. One of the jokes on this subject in Paraguay is the productive power of tobacco in the Chaco and Misiones where, it is asserted, a single plant in the first place is capable of producing a whole bale, while in Misiones it produces two. Like mushrooms these bales spring up in a night,—usually a dark night, when little chatas are observed continually crossing the Alto Parana, above Posadas, the chief city of Misiones.

The hall-mark of land in Paraguay is that it was either the property of Lopez or a Jesuit settlement. Misiones, as is well known, was one of the chief Jesuit "redacciones" wherein the Indians were invited to resort to receive instruction and become members of a communistic settlement, having been driven out of their first colony of "Loreta" near the Great Falls, which were described some months ago in this journal. As they had the pick of such a vast area of land, and were shrewd men, they naturally chose the best, so that they might be able to say to the wandering natives "Come and live in abundance with us, we will teach you to exist in greater ease and comfort; we will instruct you in the ways of peace, security and bliss," and as an additional attraction to locating in these fertile regions, they promised that when life departed they would be transplanted to a place where "maize was sweeter, fruits more juicy, maté more abundant, the women more—"

numerous and amiable than it ever entered their hearts to conceive."

Judging from the stories I have heard from travellers who have lately returned from this part of Argentine territory, it would not require great exaggeration on the part of a colonizing company to issue a prospectus couched in a similar strain, only they might promise, when once the land was opened up, an enormous rise in real estate values, beautiful scenery, well watered camps, and fertile soil for tropical products. That this region will one day become thickly settled and the "garden of Argentina" seems quite within the bounds of probability, and although production is not great at present there is a steady advance in this direction.

Paraguayan tobacco owes its value and fragrance not so much to the climate as to the peculiar red soil on which it is grown, analysis proving that it contains almost the exact constituents of the plantations in Cuba where the high-class leaf is raised. Misiones has an abundance of similar land. Some of the choice samples of tobacco produced there is equal to the best Brazilian, but the "fragrant" weed grown in the Chaco and Corrientes is only worthy of being used for sheep-lip, at least so it appears to me, and I have smoked all three.

The slip-slop Paraguayan method of cultivating tobacco is, generally speaking, in vogue in all the places I have mentioned, where small profits and quick returns seem to be the order of the day. Instead of the tobacco being carefully dried in galpons it is hung on the fence in the sun and thereby contracts that bitter flavour which so much detracts from its value. An industrious man can cultivate about two squares, but the native contents himself with a mere patch along side his mandioca and beans. Here the seed is sown in May and June and a couple of months afterwards is ready for transplanting—up till December—reaching maturity in about ten weeks. During this time it requires constant attention in keeping the weeds down, killing the worms which perforate the leaves and pinching the blossoms off to prevent it running to seed. From daylight to dark some one requires to be at work if good results are to be obtained.

In the articles on tobacco-growing which have appeared in *Sport and Pastime* the Cuban and North American methods of cutting the entire plant is described, but here the natives allow each leaf to attain maturity on the stem.

There are seven classes of tobacco sent from Paraguay, and they figure in merchants "current prices" at from 5.50 to 15 Paraguayan dollars per arroba (25 lbs.) This present month's circular gives, Pito 5.50, Media 6, Regular 6.50, Buena 7.50, Doble 11, Pinton 13, and Para 15.

Pito, the cheapest, is gathered first, just before the blossom appears and consists of the small lower leaves; media, regular, and buena are classifications of the upper leaves, picked as they arrive at maturity, each plant, which is over 3 ft. in height, producing about four leaves of these various grades. The doble sort is then gathered three months after having been planted out, leaving then only five or six leaves for another eight weeks known as Para, the favourite of the natives—men, women and children smoking this leaf in thick manilla-shaped cigars. It is the strongest of all, containing 7 per cent. of nicotine, while ordinary Havana cigars only exhibit from 1.8 to 2.2 per cent.

When the leaves are gathered, the Paraguayans tie eight or nine together looping the bunches on a fibrous plant, which is as strong as string. The whole is then thrown across a fence and left to dry, or at the very outside taken into the front living room, which is open on three sides, and hung on a beam, where it is exposed one day to the moist winds of the North and the next to a crisp, dry breeze from the South. In other countries galpons with opening shutters are used, and the temperature carefully regulated.

If grown near Asuncion the tobacco is often sold in the municipal market, but usually in the country districts where most is produced, it passes into the hands of local bolicheros, through debts contracted, or is exchanged for cheap cotton goods to the same individual, who in his turn sells it to the buyers sent out by the merchants of Asuncion or even of Buenos Aires, when it is brought down, sorted, packed, and pressed for export, under the eyes of a Government customs official, who brands the bale and allows a reduction in export duty if up to standard, or, if below a certain rate, has it destroyed. This law has been passed owing to the frauds perpetrated on buyers in Europe who, after purchasing, found hunks of rock or rotting tobacco in the centre of the bales, and therefore gave the Paraguayan article a bad name.

South American tobaccos are considered stronger in nicotine than those grown elsewhere. This is no drawback when it is to be sold locally or in Buenos Aires, it is on the contrary an advantage, but European taste differs, and if an export trade is to be built up, lighter qualities will have to be grown, and other methods of curing adopted.

In the colony of San Antonio, which is administered by Mr Featherstone, who is well known in Santa Fé, some American Havana seed was sown this year, with splendid results; not only was the crop heavier, but it realized an average price of 10 dollars, or about 25 per cent. more than the native varieties. Havana and Virginia seed can be had at Dordoni's in Calle Florida, Buenos Aires, but the price is prohibitive, being 100 and 105 dollars (Argentine) per kilo, and I am told that if foreign tobacco is grown fresh seed is required each season. A little seed goes a long way, as it is so fine that when sowing on seed-beds it is customary to mix it with sand or ashes to obtain equal distribution. In Brazil the plants are often set out between the coffee trees as this protects them from the wind, the frequent storms there causing considerable damage to a tobacco plantation by tearing the leaves, thus depreciating the value of the crop. The best place to obtain Brazilian

seed is at Bahia, but Minas Geraes produces many excellent varieties of the weed.

About a couple of years ago an American colony was founded at San Pedro, Northern Paraguay, under the ill-fated Paraguayan Land Company, which was at that time backed up by the Rio de la Plata Bank, which suspended payment, and as the colonists were despirited from the very start by the concessionaires, nothing came of it. Mr Groyne, one of the administrators, is a specialist in a certain class of tobacco-curing, viz., gold-leaf, and he tells me there is no reason why this class of tobacco should not be turned out in Paraguay as well as in Northern Argentina. This plant is raised from "Oronoco" seed and grows best in North America on a rich, grey, sandy soil. The light golden colour is obtained by cutting the whole plant when ripe and quickly drying in a room where the temperature is brought up to 180 deg. Fahr. and then quickly cooled off, taking thirty hours of constant attention. As the plants do not ripen all together, this class of tobacco will only pay in large plantations, where a sufficient number of ripe plants can be obtained to make it worth while curing.

An ordinary crop will yield about 80 arrobas a square (i. e. 1.854 acres), and as it is only possible—at the very outside—for one man to look after a couple of squares, there is not so very much money to be made out of this industry as some people would have us suppose. Five or six months hard work, with the chances of failure, for 160 arrobas of tobacco, is hardly good enough, but worked on a large scale with improved methods something might be done in growing a superior article for the European markets. One firm here is already sending over a hundred bales a week to Bremen.

The Government lately received a report from London, stating that 104 bales of tobacco were in the English custom-house perforated by insects, which considerably depreciated the value of the leaf, but that even then it would fetch 4d. per pound. For better condition, it was said considerable advances in prices could be secured.

Tobacco goes well with coffee, both in growing and in consuming, and perhaps this is why coffee growing is attracting some attention up here. Paraguay exports very little coffee at present, nevertheless there is a large amount grown for home consumption, and judges of the bean assert that it is equal if not superior to the Brazilian variety. As the industry is in its infancy here, I wrote to a friend in Brazil for further information, who tells me that the greatest coffee-producing zone in the world is without doubt the State of Sao Paulo, Brazil, and the portion of this state most suitable for the growth of this useful and productive tree, is the recently opened-up district surrounding the town of Botucatu, connected with Sao Paulo by railway and some 200 miles S.W. of that city. This district has an average altitude of 3000 feet above sea-level.

Botucatu is a town of 4000 inhabitants, who live in dilapidated "adhobe" huts which line the uneven and dusty or muddy streets (according to the weather). These people are ignorant and primitive in their habits and show no signs of cleanliness or energy. Their freedom from sickness among such unsanitary surroundings speaks volumes for the healthy nature of the climate. Owing to the fertility of the surrounding country the town is rapidly gaining in importance and is likely to become one of the first towns in the state. All day long and nearly all the year, mule troops, sometimes numbering over a hundred animals per troop, may be seen entering the town, each animal laden with 250 lbs. of the precious bean.

During my correspondent's stay in this town he visited the largest of the neighbouring coffee "fazendas" and briefly describes it.

In the year 1891 this "fazenda" produced 20,000 arrobas of coffee, equal to about 300 tons. Year after year this production is increased and as fast as the virgin forest be cleared, new areas are planted. Great care has to be taken in the selection of land for coffee. The tree is delicate and its bearing powers are easily influenced for good or bad by local causes only appreciated by the experienced planter. For instance, trees planted on one side of a hill may be giving good returns, while others, planted in similar soil, but on the other side of the same hill, may be almost non-productive. This would most likely be caused by a difference in temperature, the one side probably being protected from the cold winds which prevail on the other side. Again, trees planted in bottom of a narrow valley or hollow seldom thrive owing to the excessive moisture which accumulates there in the rainy season. Some years, Sao Paulo is subject to an unusual low temperature. The effect of this is to cause an unequal crop, or better explained, some berries ripen before others and thus the trees need two or more pickings. On some "fazendas" in exposed situations this is a yearly matter but the drawback to rapid picking does not seem to be sufficiently serious as to prevent good returns.

A Señor Merryweather, at Botucatu, has a fine "fazenda" subject to this yearly partial ripening and yet he is rapidly making a fortune.

The preparation of virgin or other forest land for coffee is very simple. The best land is a deep, rich, red soil, supporting a heavy growth of virgin timber among which may be found trees growing from 100 to 150 feet high. The undergrowth and trees are cut down and as soon as dry enough are fired, when all is burnt saving a few of the largest trunks and branches. Without further preparation or removal of unburnt wood or stumps, hollows, about a foot deep and eighteen inches diameter, are scooped out in the soil at distances of from 12 to 15 feet. Most planters prefer the 12 foot space but really the 15 feet is preferable owing to the greater space allowed for the trees. The hollows serve to catch the moisture for and to protect the young plants from the sun. In the bottom of these hollows

are planted 4 to 6 berries and as soon as the young plants have been above ground a few days, all excepting three in each hollow are pulled up. These remain untouched for a few weeks after which they are again visited and all but the strongest plant in each hollow are removed. Beyond keeping the ground clear of weeds there is little to be done for four years, at the end of which period the first crop of berries appears. During these four years the unburnt wood has been rapidly decaying and serving as a fertilizer, and in another two years will have entirely disappeared.

The picking season begins in April and when labour is hard to get often continues for several months. In Brazil Italian labour is much used during the picking season but so far it has proved very unsatisfactory as the Italians require too much watching. The nigger and the Brazilian can do the work of three average Italians. The coffee berry as soon as picked is conveyed in bullock carts to a level yard paved with brick or cement. The berries are spread out and allowed to dry in the sun. When the pulp is sufficiently dry they are stored in a shed to await the process of hulling, separating and cleaning which is done by small water power machinery manufactured by a Sao Paulo firm. The separating machinery is very ingenious and separates the beans into the several classes so well known in the trade. After this is done all that is required is to bag it, convey it to the nearest railway depot from whence it is sent to a broker in Sao Paulo or Santos who for a "small" consideration exports it to Brazil's coffee customers.

A well worked coffee plantation is a pretty sight at all times, but the successful planter must find it especially attractive when he sees his trees bending under the weight of the cherry like fruit. To the average man it is most pleasing when in bloom. The long regular lines of trees stretch far up the hillsides, and their dark green leaves, frosted with delicate white and sweet scented flowers, contrast in a charming manner with the deep red soil, while the surrounding luxuriant tropical forest provides a fitting setting for so choice a gem.

I visited a few weeks ago a coffee plantation near Asuncion, owned by Sr Cañete, but although a fair success is experienced, the drawback alluded to above of some berries ripening before others, greatly detracted from its value as a payable crop. Three and four pickings were required, the work in this instance being done by women.

On the Alto Paraná, opposite Misiones, a Swiss colony is in course of formation for growing this product. The administrator, Dr Bertoni, who has had eight years experience in these regions, informs me that from his own personal experiments this crop grows better there than in other parts. Therefore this opens up another industry for Argentina, as what is suitable for land on the Paraguayan side is equally suitable for the Argentine side.

PRIMITIVE HORSES

In the Desert of Dzungaria, in small herds, roam horses which apparently represent the primitive stock of the domestic horse. This stock had, until a few years ago, been considered extinct. A few herds of tarpans descendants of domestic horses which have become wild, and bands of wild animals, not true horses, but more resembling the ass and the mule, are to be found on the steppes of Central Asia.

The Desert of Dzungaria, south of Siberia, from which it is separated by the valley of the Amoor, and north of the Thian Shan mountains, which separate it from China, had been almost unexplored until it passed from the dominion of the Chinese to that of the Russians. There, in 1861, the celebrated traveller Prejevalski, discovered a wild horse distinct from the tarpan, as well as from those wild species similar to the horse.

These wild horses live in herds of from five to fifteen individuals, under the direction of an old stallion; they are very suspicious, and rarely allow themselves to be approached within gunshot. Being extremely swift, they easily escape the best mounted hunters.

The remains of one which, after many fruitless pursuits, Prejevalski succeeded in capturing, are now in the Museum of the Academy of Sciences at St Petersburg.

The mane is short and straight, and the moderately long tail is terminated by a tuft of long hair. This horse has warts on the hind legs as well as on the fore legs, a peculiarity of the horse, distinguishing it from other species of the genus, which have warts only on the fore legs.

The hoofs are like those of the horse, and not compressed as in the other species; and, unlike the other species, the lower parts of the leg are furnished with long hair falling to the crown of the hoof. The external appearance of the animal is like that of a very small horse or pony.

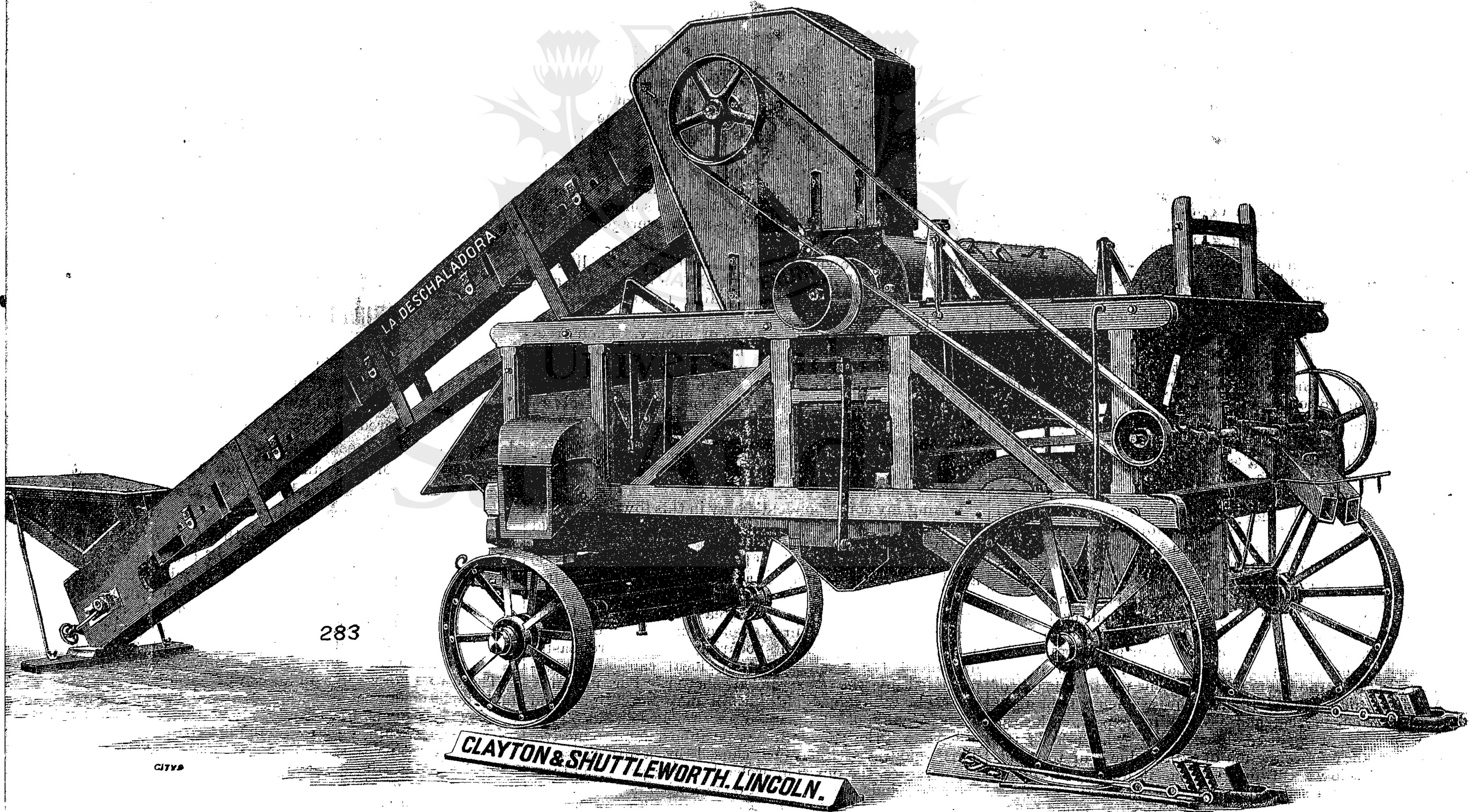
There are, among the representations of equidae of the quarternary epoch, engraved by primitive men on reindeer horn and ivory, and discovered by Mr Piette in the caves in the south of France, some very clearly representing a horse with a brush tail and short ears, like those of the Prejevalski horse.

It is, therefore, reasonable to assume that the wild horse of Dzungaria is the true primitive horse, representing the original of all the domestic races. It is, of all the species of the genus, the one having the most northern habitat. This fact explains why the domestic horse survives so well the winters of Northern Europe, while the ass is hard to raise in the north of France, and cannot live in Sweden.

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