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## HOME NEWS

## RACING

Unfortunately rain fell heavily on the last day of the Manchester Meeting, Saturday, November 25th, and quite spoilt the great event of the week, the November Handicap. With regard to the finish of the race, which is already known to our readers, we read that La Fleche
made a gallant effort, but collapsed at last under her great burthen; and her stable companion was also hopelessly beaten before the inclosure was reached. Golden Drop won with great ease from Simonian, who, coming with a rush in the last few strides, beat Son of
a Gun by a short head for second place. Aborigine, a Gun by a short head for second place. Aborigine,
who began slowly, was making up his leeway rapidly, who began slowly, was making up his leeway rapidy, hoisting of the winner's number evoked no enthusiasm, hoisting of the winner's number evoked no enthasiasm,
and the "all right" was received by the multitude in solemn silence.
Manchester November Handicap, of 1500 sovs; Cup
Course, one mile six fourlongs. Course, one mile six fourlongs.
Mr M. D. Peacock's ch $g$ Golden Drop, by TertiusGolden Fringe, 4 y, 7 st, 7 lb........S. Chandley
Col. North's Simonian, 5 y, $8 \mathrm{st}, 4 \mathrm{ib}$.....G. Barrett Duke of Beaufort's Son of a Gun, $3 \mathrm{y}, 6$ st 13 lb Mry A. Taylar's Aborigine, 3 y, 6 st 7 lb (car. 6 st 8 lb ) Baron de Hirsch's La Fléche, $4 \mathrm{y}, 9 \mathrm{st} \underset{\mathrm{J}}{\mathrm{G}} \mathrm{I}$. Watts Mr Ellis's Red Eyes, 4 y, 9 st 4 lb (inc. 5 lb extra) Sir J. B. Maple's Pilot, $4 \mathrm{y}, 8$ st 3 lb ........Finla Mr P. Buchanan's Newcourt, 5 y, 8 st $3 \mathrm{lb} \ldots$ Colling Sir J. Thursby's Paddy; 4 y, 8 st 1 st $1 \mathrm{lb} . . . .$. Calder
Ifre. Hobson's Burnaby, 6 y, $i$ st $13 \mathrm{lb} .$. .F. Sharp
 Mr Brodrick-Cloete's Cereza, 5 y, 7 st 4 lb (car. 7 st Sir F) Johnstone, Shelley, $3 . y, 7.3 .1 .$. T. Loates Mr Aleackley's Aneajano, 4 y, 7 st.........Allsopp Mr Manten's Broad Corrie, $4 \mathrm{y}, 6 \mathrm{st} 12 \mathrm{lb}$. Huxtable
Mr T. Jennings, jun's, Montezuma, $3 \mathrm{y}, 6$ st 12 lb Mr J. L. Dugdal's St, Oyr, 5 y, 6 st 9 mb . E. Hunt Tord Harewood's X Xlophone, $8, y, 6$ st 51 h . W. Pratt Tord Bradford's Cattlestone, 5 y, 6 st 4 lb . H. Toon Betting-5 to 1 each agst La Fléche and Aborigine 11 to 2 agst Cereza, 100 to 12 agst Newcourt, 100 to 8
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each ag Pit Paddy, Simonian, sand Broad Corrie, 83 to
each agst Red Eyes and Xylophone, 40 to 1 each agst
Golden Drop, Burnaby, Ancajano, Montezuma, and Golden Drop, Burrabs, Ancajano, Monteza ma, and
Cutlestone, 50 to 1 agst Son of a Gun, and 66 to 1 each Cuttiestone, 50 to
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$\begin{array}{rlll}100 \text { to } & 6 & \text { Arcano (t \& o }) . \\ \tilde{5} \text { to } & 1 & " & \text { Ravelston (t). }\end{array}$
An inauguration steeplechase meeting on Mr Harry held most successfully on November 30th. Steepleheld most successfully on November 30th. Steeple-
chase meetings never have been poplar at headquarters but this new and interesting venture bids fair to hold its own and supply what is certainly a deficiency.
It was expected that the once famous flat racer, Miland his original entry had been corrected under Rule 84 by payment of the fine; but before the races it had never been registered under National Hunt rules, so that at the last it was impossible for him to take part in the race

Many of our readers will regret to hear of the death of Cceruleus which took place at the Baumber Park Stud on November the 1st.

## ATHLETICS

The representatives of the Cambridge University Athletic Club and the London Athletic Club met on December 2nd. The Cantabs had the best of the match, winning six firsts, three of which were secured by
Blues. The year before the tables were turned, the Londoners winning by five events to four. Cambridge won the 100 yards, throwing the hammer, one mile (which Lutyens finished in $4 \mathrm{~m} 201-5$ secs), putting the
weight, long jump, and three miles; the L.A.C. only securing the high jump, quarter mile, and hurdle race.

## FOOTBALL

Yorkshire and Lancashire played their annual match this season under very adverse conditions as to weather at Bradford on Nov. 25th. Nevertheless ten thousand
persons witnessed the game, and so the great interest taken in it may be judged. Yorkshire started favourites on account of their previous excellent pertormauces, and the game ended in a victory for them by a goal and two
tries to a try, or eleven points to three. The surprise of tries to a try, or eleven points to three. The surprise of
the match seems to have been the way in which the the match seems to have been the way in which the
Lancashire forwards plaved up, and they showed themLancashire forwards played up, and they sh
selves much superior to Yorkshire in front.

Devon and Cornwall, as well as Hampshire and Sussex, played matches in the Rugby Union County Champion-
ship on Nov. 25 th and Nov. 29 th. Nevon won the former by four goals and six tries (thirty-eight points) former by four goals and six tries (thirty-eight points) teat. Sussex were beaten by Hampshire by three goals and two tries to a goal.
Appended is a full summary of results in the third round of the qualifying competition of the Football Association Challenge Cup:
Division 1. - Middlesbrough beat Tow Law, at Middlesbrough ( $3-0$ ) ; Rendel v. Willington Athletic or Blyth, at Rendel.
Division 2.-Bury beat Fleetwood Rangers, at Bury ( $2-0$ ) ; Soutl Shore beat Southport Central, at Southport ( $4-3$ ).
Division 3.-Grimsby Town beat Grantham Rovers, at Grantham (6-2); Gainsborough Trinity beat Worksop, at Gainsborough $(3-2)$.
Division 4.-Sheepbridge Works beat Ilkeston Town, at Sheepbridge ( $7-0$ ) ; Heanor Town beat Chesterfield Town, at Heanor (3-1).
Division 5.-Loughborough beat Rusbden at Loughborough ( $1 \ldots 0$ ); Leicester Fosse beat Mansfield Greenhalgh, at Leicester (5-0).
Division 6 .-Brierley Hill Alliance beat Walsall Town Swifts, at Walsall (2-1) ; Burton Wanderers beat Hednesford Town, at Burton (7-2).
Division 7.-Crewe Alexandra beat Macclesfield, at Crewe (3-2); Stockport County beat Wrexham, at Stockport (3-2).
Division 8.-Reading beat St Mary's, Southampton, at Reading ( $2-1$ ); Swindon Town beat Weymonth, at Weymonth (4-0).
Division 9.-Sherwood Foresters beat Wolverton (L. and N. W. R.), at Wolverton (3-0); Luton Town beat Norwich C. E. Y. M. S., at Luton (5-1).
Division 10.- Woolwich Arsenal beat Millwall Athlatic, at Plumstead $(2-0)$; 2nd Scots Guards beat Highland Light Infantry, at Tufnell Park (1-0)

One of the best Association matches this season was Leyton on Nov. 25th. Only once before, on Nov. 7, 1885, had thsee clubs met in London, and then the Corinthians lost. This time they won, a most pleasant and interesting match, by two goals to one.
Mr G. Rowland Hill, Hon. Secretary of the Rugby Football Union, has published the following ruling of the Committee:-"A referee having given a decision after blowing his whistle cannot, under any circumstances, alter it. The act of a player taking the ball off the ground with his feet in a scrummage does not constitute 'picking up' in a scrummage within the meaning

Weather spoilt many of the matches in the Football League on November 25, and some of them had to bo postponed altogether. The following
record to Monday, Nov. 27 (inclusive):-

Aston Villa..... Blackburn Rovers. Blackburn Rovers.
W. Bromwich Albio Burnley. Derby County Sunderland. Wol'pton Wa Notts
Stake.
Everton
Preston North End Bolton Wanderers Sheffield Wednesd Newton Heatb. Darwen.

More than ordinary interest was taken in the widand Counties v. Surrey match on December 2nd in the Rugby Union County Championship as the right to represent the South-Eastern Division in the County Championship the South-Eastern Division in the County Championship
depended on it. The game proved a good one and the depended on it. well sustained throughout, the Midland Counties winning by one goal and a try to two tries, or eight points to six. Surrey lost the match through eight points to six.
faulty place kicking.
A match for the avoidance of the lowest place in the South-Eastern group in this same comperition curiously enough furnished a contest in point of excellence not far removed from any in the series. The game was between Kent and Middlesex and the sides were wonderfully keen. Kent literally won on the post, for it was in absolutely the last half minute of the game that they deprived Middlesex of a lead they had held almost throughout by scoring a goal which made them winners by eleven points to ten, a goal and two tries to two goals.

A match between Cornwall and Crloucestershire in the Championship, as both counties had been beaten by Devon and Somerset, had no bearing upon the compe-
tition. (iloucestershire won by two goals and two tries (sixteen points) to nothing.

The third round of the qualifying competition of the Football Association Amateur Challenge Cup was played on Saturday, December 2nd, and with the following results
Division 1-Leadgate Exiles beat Berwick Rangers, at Tweedmouth $(2-1)$.
Division 2-Whitby v. Loftus, at Whitbs ; South Bank Blue Star v. South Bank, at South Bank.
Division 3.--Rushden beat Wellingborough Town, at Wellingborough (4-1); Beeston, a bye.
Division 4 (Sub-Division A).-Home Park, Plymouth, beat Bristol St. George's, at Plymauth 2-1i; (Sub Division B) Reading drew Maidenhead, at Reading (3-3).
Division 5.-Old Etonians beat Old St. Marks, at Leyton $(5-2)$; Old St. Stephen's beat Old Wykehamists, Division 6.-Ilford beat West Herts, at Ilford (2-0); Clapham Rovers (a bye), Tottenham Hotspur suspended
Division 7.--Folkestone drew Sheppey United, at Folkestone ( $1-1$ ); Royal Ordnance Factories beat New Brompton, at New Brompton (2-1).
Division 8.- Wrarrington St. Elpheus and Rhos (byes).

## CHASING THE WILD HORSE.

During the hot and burning summer preceding the breaking out of the late civil war, the Llano Estacado or Stake Plain, then considered a part of the Great American Desert, was a favourite refuge for the many bands of wild cattle and untamed mustangs roaming over the uninhabited portion of the far Southwest. The cattle industry had not yet become a business, and it was the custom of those who needed beeves and horses to go out on the vast free range of the Llano and capture them.
On a dry fork of the Prairie Dog branch of the Red River were encamped at this time a party of four experienced ropers, who had come for the purpose of rounding up any bands of the larger wild animals they might chance to encounter. Two of them were Mexicans, the other two genuine Texans, and all were superbly mounted upon beautiful strong-limbed mustangs that had been captured while yet mere ponies from some of the wild herds then so numerous in this portion of Texas, relates a St. Louis story teller.
The quartet of range riders had constructed a corral on a trail leading to a water hole, and this trail passed directy through a of brush and chaparral, wherein was located the corral. sides running out a distance of forty or fifty yards, and sides ruan or partly concealed by brush and stakes.

That night one of the Mexicans, Juan Garver by name, and one of the most experienced ropers and guides in the whole Southwest, had returned from a preliminary scout which he had undertaken for the purpose liminary scout which he had undertaken for the purpose about sixteen miles distant, among a pile of sand dunes (Continued on page 5).

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Escritorio No. 4
(for the Llano did have at times the appearance of immense sea billows in quiet repose), he had discovered a bunch of eleven mares and half as many colts apparent ly under the control and gaidance of an immense coal
black stallion. On the outside of the herd were a numblack stallion. On the outside of the herd were a num-
ber of other scraggy fellows and two mules, who made various attempts to join the circle and become members
of the big stallion's family; but the latter chased them all away, and kep

## domestic affairs

"I know the big feilow," spoke up one of the Texans. "He is called the 'Black Devil of the Llano,' and more than one attempt has been made to shoot or capture
him, but no one has been lucky enough to bag the rashim, but no one has been tucky enough to
cal yet."
"He has the finest mares with him, too," said "He has the finest maress we mound in all' Texas. "ther Mexican, "that are to be found ariat," said Gary "I would give a good ninety mo .
o get one good swing at him."
"It's no use," put in Merrill, try any of your dodges on that fellow. He is the test animal on the plains, and will round up and carry off his mares in spite of all the cowboys and ropes in North America.
"Look here, boys,", said Garver, "I'm going to try
or old 'Black Devil,' aud if we can get lim and his for old 'Black Devil,' aud if we can get him and his scout this summer. Let's have a try at him.
So a plan was agreed upon, and next morning, before dawn, the four stout, "sturdy fellows were in tie saddle and moving west ward across what is known as Briscoe
county in search of the wildest and freest band of muscounty in search of the wildest and freest band of mus tangs in all 'Texas.
They sighted them about noon, and (rarver, putting a few quarts of corn into one ot his saddle pockets, with a few days rations of his canteen with water, was ready for what after wards proved to be a very long and tedious risle.
By reason of the Mexican's many and varied experiences he was well qualified to be the leader of the
others, and they very willingly placed themselves under others, and they very willingly placed themselves under
his orders. He directed them to camp. where they were and have their horses saddled by daylight ready to relieve him, as her expected to pass by about that time. Then Garver started off alone, and as he approached the herd the big stalion scented him, neighed once or twice in a defiant manner, and then gathering up his mares and colts started off across the prairie Geft on all that afternoon until toward the evening, never losing sight
of his quarry at any time, nor allowing them one moof his quarry at any time, nor allowing them one mo-
ment of rest. He did not press them co close, but always kept about a quarter of a mile behind, and gave thein no opportunity to water or feed. At oid times he
would reach over and give his own horse a handful of would reach over and give his own horse a handful o-
so of corn, and occasionally refreshed himself with a bi of hard bread from the other saddle pocket.

As night came on the herd reached a water hole and attempted to drink, but the Mexican, with a loud shout, dashed after them, and the big stallion, with a warn ing neigh, hurried them on, while in the weantime their pursuer had come to the water himself, of which h allowed his tired and worn steed to drink his fill
It was amusing and almost pitiable to see those wild mustangs halt again less than 300 yards distant, and neigh and stamp and prance about in their earnest desire to reach that water. Garver watched them
quietly and muttered: "Now, my beauties, the game is quietly and muttered: "Now, my beauties, the game is
almost mine, and I will soon have you safe inside of the corral.'
He started after them again, but off they went on a brisk gallop, this time old Black 13evil, the stallion, in
the lead. A bright moon now came sailing up over the the lead. A bright moon now came sailing up over the
ocean of sand, which brightly outlined the prairie, and made objects almost as clear as in daylight. 'J'he herd had once more come to a halt, and when farver ap-
proached to within a few bundred yards of them he saw proached to within a few hundred yards of them he saw
that one or two of the colts were lying down, and that the others wero endeavouring to graze. Although very tired, he started them on a rum again, and when they
well off he dismounted, fed his horse with a little corn, well off he dismounted, fed his horss with a little corn were and threw himself on the grouud to rest awhite horse by a large detour, he was able to place himself beyond the herd, who were grazing peacefully, and had not detected his change of base.
Remounting, he dashed upon them with a yell which so startled and surprised the wares that they were soon his head about him and in the course of stallion had minutes had them fully bunched and under his control. Garver so shaped their course that they were travelling over the back trail and dire
Toward midnight his own horse becaine so completely worn out that the Mexican saw he would be compelled to rest, no matter what became of the chase; but as he mined to keep it up as long as possible in hopes that his own men might be on the alert to come out and assist him.

The wild ones had not indulped in a run for some plodding wearily behind, not one hundred paces in wican plodding wearily behind, not one hundred paces in their and halted stock-still in his tracks, whereupon Garver quickly slipped from his seat, removed the saddle and trappings, and turned his weary beast loose to graze shouting, in the direction of the wild herd, and completely stampeded them. The last he saw of the black stallion and the mares they wore bounding, away in the moonlight, and were soon lost to view in the dis-
tance and shadows of the prairie. Going back to his tance and shadows of the prairie. Going back to his own animal, he patted him affectionately and gave hin
and arranging the saddle for a pillow, he turned over
a pile of soft, loose sand, and was soon sound asle a pile of soft, loose sand, and was soon sound asleep. How long he slept he knew not, but when he awoke horse still nibbling the few spears of grass peeping sumed his journey over the back trail, keenly on the alert to discover any sign or sound of the herd he had been pursuing. Riding on and on in that still night, with not even a coyote bark or wolf howl to break the intense silence, the man would talk to his horse and pat him gently as a mere relief to break the utte silence of the desert.
Toward morning Venus rose up majesticaily from the plain, reflecting back the sparkling bits of sand like plain, reflecting back the sparking bits of sand like silvery beams.

Just then a faint noise came floating from far ahead Garver pulled up instantly, and both horse and rider bent their ears to listen. Louder and louder it grew too, the sound o: men's voices shouting and brallooing. 'Then in the dim light a black object hove in sight, with three horsemen in hot pursuit
"That's my game," muttered the Mexican in great excitement, "and now I'll have him," saying which he
quickly unslung tis long grass rope, and patting his horse encouragingly, made ready to cast as soon as h was within proper distance
On came the chase at railway sped (it was Black
Devil, the stallion), and not 200 yards behind the three men of his paty were urging their mustangs at the to f their speed and yelling like mad. The Mexican go ins lariat in position, and then began that long, gracefal swing, with the magic circle opening like an oval Straight at the man rushed tie stallion, but evidently discovering him when too late, made a bold
the left as if to pass by. Swish! then thromel the air spun the fatal noose, which dropped accurately in place, and settling snugly about the animal's neck and mane the stallion was a prisoner. Following up so th to ge palled up his horse suddenly was ready the herked the stallion: legs from under him.
The latter tumbled heavily, rolling over and over in he sand, but there was a sharp, ugly snap, as if somebeen broken by the fall. In a few minutes the lour men were grouped together, standing over the carcans of the king of the Clano, and eyeing it with a feeling of pit with magnificent mane and tail, and lis ebony fur wa is glossy and smooth as velvet
companions.
Why, they came Hying lown upon us about three hours ago," answered Morrill, "with this ohd bruiser in
the lead. We mounted and rounded them into the corpointing to the dead stallion wet this fellow in, tor," pointing to the dead stallion, "bot he was tro smart and
smelt a trap, and kept circling around neighing to his smelt a trap, and kept cireling around helghing to his gate on the others and g
ult as you see." Upon visiting the corral after daylight there were cund to be eleven mares, four colts, and iwo mules bear-
ing the brand U.S Tho latter were the same ones first seen by Garver, and had probably been abandoned by some Government expedition crossing the plains. They were the wildest and hardest to handle of them all. Two " the colts had evidently fallen by the wayside in she
exhanstion from the hard run they hail experienced. that many were missing and could not be found.

## An Australian Monte Cristo

Just now, when considerable excitement has been caused by the discovery of gold and the starting of mines in Rioja, to be followed doubtless at no dise date by the same thing in many other parts of the west
of the Republic, the following marvellous story, which comes from Australia, and is appearing in several Engish papers, will be read with peculiar interest.
The narrator of the story says that:
This queer country of ours is a prodigions lucky pag, out of which we are always fishing up some surprise. There is scarcely a nomadic digger who has not a hoard of red and blue and green stones which he the jewellers. Ife means to go home some day, and then he will get a price for then. Meantime he carries them about in a little gold-dust bag, sonctimes getting wheedled out of one or two by a barmaid, or going "on the tangle" and losing the lot. Occasionally one sees; in a breastpin or a ring a fine sapphire, vouched for as aative ; but the emeralds, rabies, spinels, and amanfnows the magniticent opal from our White Ciffs, and alk the world will soon have an opportunity to admire the superb turquoise found at Hedi, in Victoria; we ave pearl-fisheries; we have the biggest silver mine in times described as "a jeweller's shop;" but surely we have hit upon the goomes treasure-house when we have been such sentimental rumours of late concerning the diamond fields at Bingara, on the liorton, in New South Wales, that we had grown callously incrodulous, and are all the more astonished to find from the report of a special commissioner just returued to Sydney that
these rumours were less than the truth.

Captain Rogers.
The diamondiferous tract is some thousands of acres in extent, and the mine, the Monte Cristo, already opened up, belongs to one man. He has been working
it by himself, determined to prove it before taking the ublic into his contidence, and that is why we have describing the field, some account of his career is due to his Australian Count of Monte Cristo. Mr (Captain by resolute, but now over eighty years of age After opening up tin mines in Tava, Penang, and elsewhere he came to Victoria in the first fush of its gold fever and gained his colonial experience in aeveral rushes His practical shrewdness was early demoustrated. He argaed that instead of following the alluvial, gold should be traced to its matrix. Acting on this conviction, in 1853 he opened in Watule Gully, Forest Creek, the first quartz reef in Victoria, being jeered at as a inadman for expecting to find yold in a lode. His xample was, however, quickly followed, and then came the difficulty of extracting the gold from the cruelly
hard quartz. The captain clain, to have erected the first quartz-crushing battery in Australia. By-the-bye, home people cannot imagine what a dazzlingly beantiful thing in the sun is pure white quartz crushed. The streets of Ballarat are metalled with it, and nake one
think of that little surprise the French King prepared for his mistress when he had the park avences spread with salt. Captain Rogers acted as manager to various mining companies, till in 1873 he was appointed expert
to a Sydney syndicate. He was sent to report on Binrara as a gollfield. It struck him the comntry was likely for gems, and he resolved to return at tis leisure and prospect it. It was not for eight years that this "leisure" moment came, but he had not forgottes. He came all the way from Ballarat, in the adjoining colony, and after two montlis' prospecting, found a leat which averagen three carats to the load. Althourh at this time speculators at once offered him $\mathrm{E} 3,500$ fur his clain. It was probably this want of defivite knowledge about the stone found here hat induced Roger's to accept the offer-a proceeding took up every acre of diamondiferous commry in the took up every acre of damondiferous commry in the
district. Were, again, the Cornishman's iunate shrewdness stood him in good stead. He alone knew the trend ness stood him in yood stead. He alone knew the trend
of the conntry, and the dead work needed to develop it. Ife argued that some of these mining leases would neviaty be lurfited, owimg to non-comphance with deceived him. As the leases fell through, he lodged his applisation and sured them. always keeping his eye wadis on t.at liw pham, the Mnate (risto block. He

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Thenthe went to work all alone, somethmes but seeing
another hmman being for months. He sunk a shaft, timbered it, fitled bags with the dirt below, climbed to the surface and hauled them :ip. He trowe and cross of very hat oxidised rement. How a man of his ago
could have done thi- heary work hamand is a marvel but of this drive ho wasted tifteen loads for a vieh of 2109 , liamonds, abd proved the drist to be ine commence-
ment of a deep lead. Aftor this ho sunk an air shaft, which was destroyed by hood, and before he could get
another one completed he succumbed to bat air. and was laid up for six montlis. As seon as he was able to work again, he followed up this drive with a tumnl ? (M) feet to test the extent of the drift, sunk a third satt, and
from this one opened up a shallow level so rich that be christened it the Bonanat So far, although sending parchristened it the Bonanza So far, althourn sondng par-
cels of gems to Dondon, daptam Rogers had kept his own counsels, but now, having proved lis ploperty, he
invited experts to visit it, and very astonished they were. They fom that this damtless vetogenarian had with his own hands aromplished the work of opening
up a great mine, displaying such great judgment that the upper level offered room for 206 men to start blocking; matrix (which crops out on an adjacent hill, and suffimatrix (which erops out on an adjacent hill, and suffi-
cient of the forty feet laid bare to rield a ton of diamonds! The whole of this hlift is diamom hearing; it is found to averate 200 stones to a one-horse loat of 24
cubic feet, and in one part yiehled $2.9(4)$ stone to the cubic feet, and in one part yiehled $2.5(\mathrm{t})$ stone to the
load. This one lease is |for twenty acres. The Monte Cristo mine itself is a veritable momatain of diamonds, pronounced by experts to be the richest mine ever
known in the worll. The stones are declared in Condon Amsterdam, and New York equal to the best Braziliau gems, but of so adamanting a fardness that special them. Its out put mast influence, if not goverm, the diamond market, which has already had to be nursed because o the influx of Cape stones. Should the matrix prove as rich as the surroanding country indicates, the mine will
worth a kingdom. The quite recent despath to Engworth a kingdom. The quite recent despath to Eng-
land of twenty sample bags of wash dirt taken trom all parts of the mino bas strengthened a report that Captain Rogers has received overtures from a great tionse believed to be the Rothschilds. His advanced age and
partial blinduess-which latter now compels him co have an assistant at the sorting table-are strong aryuments in favour of realising; but the plucky old fellow says if he were twenty years younger, or had a son to take his place, he would not accept two millions for the property. money is still scarco here the Monte Cristo mine will probably becone the property of Jew capitalists.
l'he Ausaraitan Diamond.
The commissioner, from whose report we glean these particulars, says the wash, when seen underground, is of
material. A dark green pabble, shaped like a kidneybean, runs through it like plums in a pudding, and wherever these pebbles are thick the diamonds are
thick also. Like that in the diamond mines of India and Brazil, the wash-dirt contains jaspers, quartz, agate sandstone discoloured by oxides, manganite, trimonite conglomerate, quantities of small gems, 1ubies, garnets, sapphires, zircons, tourmaline, and topazes; also gold and platina in sufficient quantities to contribute materially towards working expenses. In passing through the drives the commissioner noticed in parts the face o the lead disturbed "as if rabbits had been scratching there." "That's where the ladies have been," said the captain, who gallantly permits lady visitors (and you will not be surptised to hear he has a good many) to carry away souvenirs. 'The Bingara diamonds are white or yellow, but mostly white. Some red ones have been found, and one rare green one, which uufortunately some one took a fincy to. The largest, as a rule, are about two carats, but one of eleven carats has been found.
It is believed that large stones will be unearthed when the matrix is driven on. The price received up to the present is $£ 10 \mathrm{~s} .6 \mathrm{~d}$. per carat for white stones, and 7 s . 6 d . per carat for small off-coloured diamonds. The excessive hardness of the Bingara stones, which increases the cost of cutting, affects their price. A curweb formation in the stome of the diamonds have also been tound. Mr Warden Lawson, recently sent by the Mines Department to inspect the Monte Cristo, broke down sixty-five pounds of wash dirt, washed it in the presence of a party, and obtained from it sixty-five very nice stones. He broke down and sent unwashed a similar quantity of dirt to the chicago Exhibition, together with a number of diamonds. From the com-
missioner's account it is evident that Captain Rogers' missioner's account it is evident that Captain Rogers
methods of washing, sorting, etc., are primitive, and methods of washing, sorting, etc., are primitive, and
not adapted to deal economically with large bodies of not adapted to deal economically with large bodies of
the drift. He is just now inundated with visitors, the drift. He is just now inundated witn visitors,
and no doubt it is an interesting spot. A story is told of a learned professor who went to spend a day; on the ninth day be had to be dragged away.

## ESTANCIA AND COLONY.

News was received here on Friday last of a terrible fire which had occurred in the colony of San Salvador, Concordia, and which had destroyed an immense amount of wheat and growing crops, and through which several colonists had lost their lives.

The secretary of the Society for the Prevention of Cruel ty to Animals has lately reminded the managements of the Buenos Aires tramway companies of the order of the 9th of June last, which compels all their coaches and trollies to have a kind of cow catcher arrangement in front to prevent persons and animals from being run
over by their wheels. The Society also reminds owners over by their wheels. The Society also reminds owners
of two wheeled carts that these must not carry a load of over 900 kilos maximum weight.

The sale of the cattle on Sr. Pedro Adoqui's estancias, La Colorada and San Miguel, realised a total amount o $\$ 153,838$. The sale was effected by Messrs Funes and Lagos on the 24th and 26 th of last month.

The following table shows the progress of the sugar industry since the year 1855:

|  |  | Hectares under cultivation |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1855 | . | . | 228 |
| 1857 | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | 400 |
| 1875 | . | . | 3,000 |
| 1887 | $\cdots$ | . | 21,062 |
| 1889 |  | . | - |
| 1891 | . | . | 27,345 |
| 1892 | . | . | - |
| 1893 | . | .. | 30,069 |

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An American paper is responsible for the following yarn:-"A greybound bitch found a motherless pig the affection forkled and is rearing, displaying an of her own blood, which the pig seems to fully return. The little porker follows her all over the ranch and even goes with her on her rabbit hunts. When the bitch starts a jack rabbit, of course his baconship is left far behind, and soon gets lost; but as soon as the foster-mother gets through with the "jack" she hunts together.

TO RENT, EIGHT AND A HALF LEAGUES of SUPERIOR CAMP, with Norias, etc., on a five years' contract, Partido General Villegas ; and on the
same camp 6000 head of cattle, al corte, very well bred, will be sold.
W ANTED TO RENT, between LAS FLORES and of GOOD CAMP, Fenced and with Estancia buildings. Tenant will also purchase stock.

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A correspondent in Santa Fé writes from Cañada de

Gomez:-
The burning of wheat continues in the district from Cañada to Tortugas on each side of the railway to a most alarming extent. The late fires announced as occurring round Cañada proper, and causing much damage and misery, are now followed by others. These
seem almost inexplicable. You seek for information, seem almost inexplicable. You seek for information,
having heard of a conflagration, and you are met with having heard of a conflagration, and you are met with a thousand different explanations of the cause. One, a
likely one, is told to you by an intelligent-looking Italian, who says that after feeding at mid-day, one of their number, jumping up at the summons to work, threw down pipe, tobacco and matches. A wheel of the machine passing over the matches sets on fire standing wheats and stacks alike, with no hope of saving either no water and no idea of ploughing a few inches round each stack having entered the head of the colonist own er. This is a very feasible theory, the corn being as
dry as tinder, and wanting nothing more than a spark to set it ablaze.

But what think you of a theory advanced by an Itali an peon in my hearing, and his object expressed, as far as my limited knowledge of his horrible patois would allow me te convey to memory, was that these conflag rations had been caused, instigated and arranged by the different Insurance Companies, in order to show the
wheat grower how foolish and, even mad, it was not to wheat grower how foolish and, even mad, it was not to
insure. This is nonsense, we know, without arguing the point.

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Incediarism indulged in by the peones, can hardly be accepted, as they have been well paid, and I can hear of no quarrels between them and their employers. Be lately occurred around Cañada, there have occurred in the Armstrong district, fires of so serious extent and import, that surely official inspection and enquiry should be made. Only the other day $\$ 12,000$ damage by fire was done in the colony Santa Maria, "cause unknown" the machunery of several rancheros burnt, and an
old woman who refused to leave her humble abode was burnt to death. I hear of 600 or 700 squares of wheat being burnt apart from this, and the curious fact is that it is more or less in a ring

The F.C.C.A. seem now to be putting their best leg foremost in supplying wagons for loading up at ever station in a wheat centre. They expect an abnorma traffic this season, but so far as I can hear they are fully prepared for it. I have formed my opinion from seeing the preparations at many stations on their line, but as the first wagon-load of the season was consigned by Messrs Bantle and Co., of Armstrong, to Mr H. B. Cotfin, to Rosario, I was curious to see how Mr Gear vould cope with the enormously extended tratfic. carts came up were weighed, their freight transferre to wagons in waiting for them, guias made out warre hitched on to special or ordinary camp trains, and Armstrong station resumed its usual quiet, pleasant appearance.

Mr J. Ripley has lately sold to Messrs Moore and Tudor 110 cucharas and tame mules for shipment by th Copperfield for Demerara. The number of mules which has left this country during the past twelve months is very large, and breeders of these liybrids must have done good business.

At a small hamlet on the hillside above Old Blair, Perth, during the severe storms last November, the now drifted to such a depth that to reach the pigs in their styes the owners had to dig twenty feet in the frozen snow, and, strange to say, found the animals

Some keepers who had been storm-stayed in Glen Tilt, when battling their way homewards the day after the storm, came on a stag standing motionless, with the snow so frozen over its face as to render it blind and stupefied. On knocking the snow from its eyes the reature bounded away at once.
It is reported that, great as has been the destruction in the woods around Perthshire, the most wholesale has been almost left desolate of timber

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It is calculated that no less than $20,000,000$ kilos of wool is lying in depesit at the two markets and in priate warehouses. This wool comes from Buenos Aires Entre Rios, Corrientes, Cordoba, Santa Fé and the national teritories.

The Rural Society is again busily engaged at present rying to obtain reduction on freights of cattle which have to be removed fromone part to
of the drought, in search of pasture.

## H. SCOTT ROBSON

GENERAL COMMISSION AGENT
Camp, Live Stock, House Property
Bolsa de Oomeroio INO. 8

Last February, it may be remembered, we noticed a consignment of horses which had left in the British the horses, eleven in number, arrived after a four months $\boldsymbol{s}^{+}$ voyage fresh and in considerably better condition than that in which they left. The horses had stalls in the hold of the ship, but were allowed fo run loose on the sandy earth ballast which the ship carried, and were fed almost entirely on hay. The horses sold well, but the arrival of the French in the river made the Siamese frightened to take possession of them for the tume being.

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The New South Wales correspondent of the Australasian "Pastoralists' Review" writes that in consequence of the great influx of camels and their Afghan drivers into he ourke district, an anti-alien movement has been set atoot by the Bourke Municipal Council, which has adopted and when the latte $i$ is ne when the later is presentea, vhe house wil probably be asked to resolve itself into a comsitee of the whole, to consider the expediency of bringing in a bill to
regulate the use of camels. A public meeting is to be held at Bourke on the 13th inst., at which several members of Parliament are expected to devote their talents to squelching the Asiatic. The fact is that those who have goods and products to load found the rates of the European carriers so exorbitant, and their demands so inreasonable, that they were forced to treat with the camel proprietors, and the latter have succeeded so well
with their work that they have practically monopolised with their work that they have practically monopolised
the carrying trade. They have obtained possession of the carrying trade. They have obtained possession of
several of the chief roads into Queensland, with the result that, it is stated, a large number of European carriers are beginning to sell up their homes and leave the district. It is satisfactory to note that, so far as can be seen, the agitation is against the Afghan driver, and not against the camel, which most people recognise as a necessity in many parts of the drought stricken western country, and the trouble. would probably be overcome if
the European carriers faced the difficulty they have brought upon themselves by agreeing to undertake the care and driving of the camels.

A machine, called the Wolseley Automatic Sheep Branding and Counting Machine, has lately
ented, and is finding much favour in Australia
This branding and counting machine is fashioned to represent a portion of an ordinary sheep drafting race, through which as the sheep run, leading from one yard to another, they are automatically branded and counted without any attention or manual assistance. The sides and bottom of the race are adjustable, to suit the sizes of the sheep to be branded, thus it is equally suitable for lambs, weaners, and grown sheep. When it is desired to use the race as a counter only, the branding apparatus can be thrown out of gear, and the sheep as they run through are unerringly counted.

One of the largest, if not the largest, hay prassing establishments in Chili is situated on the Pirque estate, near Santiago, and belongs to Don José Jesú Carvajal, who, we have no doubt, will be remembered as a former merchant of Valparaiso, and with whom we had the pleasure of shaking hands a tew days ago.
Mr Carvajal has 1500 cuadras (nearly 6,000 acres) of land laid down with lucern (M. sativa), and the actual land laid down with lucern (M. sativa), and the actual
production is 1500 bales a day, and this will shortly be production is 1500.
The plant consists of 35 Champion mowers; 12 rakes; 60 carts each with a carrying capacity of 40 bales; 6 Edwards No. 12, chaff-cutters ; three machines for cleaning and separating the hay into classes; two French horizontal puraps; three American vertical force do.; four bydraulic presses, each with a pressure of 60 tons; and a 60 horse turbine by Klein of Santiago.
There are two sheds, each 70 by 20 metres, which contain the machinery and serve as stores for the pressed hay, and they are lighted by electricity. There are besides carpenter and blacksmith shops and storerooms.
There are on the farm 500 oxen for the carts; 220 horses for the mowers and rakes; and 200 for the use of the head waggoners and majordomos. There are in all, including animals for breeding purposes, 2,500 between
horses and cattle, and 8,000 sheep, to crop the tields in horses a
rotation

In the English House of Commons the other day, Mr Herbert Gladstone, for Mr Gardner, said, in reply to of Agriculture which would suggest that locusts were

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imported in Russian hay. Inquiries tended to show the paragraphsin the newspapers were based on the fact that dead locusts were found in bay from the Argentine. Chere was no apparent risk of the eggs. being
brought over in bay, and if they were the climate afforded no tacilities for the development of the pest.

From 'Messrs Gibson Brothers' valuable wool report From Messrs Gibsou Browers the month of December we gather the following The close of 1693 finds us with the wool markets and birracas tull of (produce, the greater part of which finds difficult exit. Loud complaints are heard on all sides a difficult exit. Loud complaints are heard on ansides offered by the railways for the transposal of same, but offered by these same grumblers would take a walk round the Central Market they would then readily understand that they themselves are the cause for complaint. The they of inferior wools, etc., sbowing neglect and indifference on the part of the producer, is anparent to difference on the part of the producer, is appare of the anyone interested in this branch of the produce of che country. A good aricleser at more than satisfactory for finds a ready purchaser, ador the satisfactory prices; but one ceases to wonder that the buyers do not show that keenness to complete their shipments
when one reviews the articles they have to deal with. The railway companies also come in for a large share The railway companies also come to coacentrate greater of abuse for not having the means to coacentrate greagequalities of produce; but, although railway managements are not always perfect, yet ive opine this year as an example, it would be a great calamity for the producer of the inferior article if the railway managers were to further assist to glut an already overcharged market. We are certain that, if the producer would only redouble his care and energy as regards the growth and the condition in which he puts his produce into the market, there would be little cause for complaint as regards slackness of business and tardy deliveries by the railways.

The following prices may be taken as closing prices for the year 1893

|  | South | West | North |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Mestiza fina, esp. | 8.20-8.70 | 7.00-7.70 | 6.70-7.10 |
| Do. sup. | $7.70-8.20$ | $6.50-7.00$ | 6.30-6.70 |
| Do. reg. | 6.80-7.70 | $6.00-6.70$ | 5.90-6.30 |
| Cruza Lincoln, esp. | 10.00-11.00 | 9.00-9.50 | 7.90-8.50 |
| Do, sup. | 9.40-10.00 | 8.50-9.00 | 7.40-7.90 |
| Do. reg. | 8.60- 9.30 | 7.40--8.40 | 6.90-7.40 |
| Borrega mes., fina | 7.00-7.80 | 6.40-7.20 | 6.00-6.80 |
| Do. Cruza Lincoln | 9.00-10.00 | 7.50-8.10 | $7.20-7.80$ |
| Negra, s/calidad | $5.50-6.00$ | 5.50-6.00 | 5.00-6.00 |
| Barriga, silimpieza | 3.50-4.50 | 3.00-3.80 | 2.50-3.50 |
| Corral | $1.50-2.00$ | 1.50-2.05) | 1.00-2.00 |

## WOMEN'S GOSSIP

Dear Kate,-
I am told by a friend who is an adept as to all things fashionable, that fur and lace combined are the most correct wear just now, but really in the midst of your hot season, I fancy you will be inclined to dispense with the fur, as even the look of it is hot in hot weather. However, if you prefer fashion to comfort you may edge your gowns with fur; evening gowns as well as day ones a
of it.
One lovely tea gown had its full fronts draped with lace and edged with sable, and the sleeves were lashed with lace, and had strips of fur between the lashing:
Lace in the form of yokes of edging and of insertion is as popular as ever. A very pretty black evening wear, or for a small dinner party, it had the black satin skirt entirely covered with a deep flounce of fine biack ace, on which was dotted little stars of jet, the satin bodice was cut low, and had a V-shaped waistcoat of jet round the shoulders, into which was gathered a piece of the fine black beaded lace, which entirely covered the skin to the neck, where it was finished with a full race ruffe set above a narrow band of jet insertion. The sleeves were very pretty bell shaped puffs of transparent black lace, falling from a fan-like arrangement of lace on the top of each shoulder, and reaching to the eibow, where a band of the jetted insertion caught the sleeve proper, and divided it from a deep soft frill of arm. It is a useful style of dress, as one might easily arm. It is a useful style of dress, as one might easily
remake a half worn black silk or satin dress in this remake a half worn black silk or satin
fashion, and it looked both cooland pretty.
Brocades, velvets, moiré antiques, and handsome silks of all shades are as popular as ever, and have rather taken the place of the satin so much seen in spring and summer. Moiré antique is both prettier and more durable than the ordinary moire
A pretty linen gown is an accordian pleated pale blue silk dress, with a plain skirt and bodice of
the accordian pleating, and with pale blue silk braces the accordian pleating, and with pale blue silk braces that end at the waist in a point, and are caught there with a belt and a diamond buckle. Those buckles of good paste or bright coloured stones are so pretty, and
become more and more fashionable. To return to the become more and more fashionable. To return to the
gown, the sleeves were accordian pleated, caught in above the elbow, and so forming a deep frill which partially covered the lower arm.
A smart Redfern frock was partly made of black vicuna cloth, but the skirt from the knees down was of violet velver, the two materials being joined by a narrow band of fur, the short bodice was of violet velvet edged with jet, and a line of sable came round the neck to the waist in front, where the vicuna was crossed over a vest of the velvet. Rather too hot for you this

Just now, I fear, so you will have more u'se for the style of gotw which bas a blouse of any pretty material you woolen fabric. The heliotrope, and black and electric, and black shot silks make lovely hlouses, and look nice with the fullness caught in at the waist with draped velvet band, and a small hand of the draped velvet also of colour to match the blouse, as the little arrangements of sprigs and clusters of spots
Hats are still large, but toques also hold their own nd feathers are the principal trimming. One hat of he identical shape crowned and broad brimmed, with lovely bas feathers drooping over ach side and fastened at very edge in trout with a broad paste buckle.

Three-cornered hats and the old curé shape are much orn, and look nice trimmed with black bows when the elt is of a pretty bright colour.
Cheneille spots to match the shade of the hat trim ming are to be seen on some veils with borders of rea Brassels appliqué lace in cream, the same applique being used to edge the brim of the hat. I warn you,
however, that coloured cheneille spots on veils are however, that co
rarely becoming.
Bonnets are still very small, many of them are of the Dutch shape and several have open work crowns of jet or steel.
Here is an amusing note from a copy of the first cotsman issued, which shows that fashions in those days were deemed worthy of notice in the new paper which devotes a small paragraph to the "Paris modes." Very wonderful these modes were, and we have reason to rejoice that our evening headgear is less burdensome. parties and are worn of blue velvet or red crape orna mented with diamonds or pearls, or the velvet of deep red. This last colour is preferred by brunettes while ladies of a fair complexion adopt sky blue. A comb is sometimes used wibh the turban. Red and white silk is more considerable. The greater number have a white border. Bouqets á la jardiniére, composed of a large rose, surrounded with hyacinths, jasmin, and other small flowers or roses of two colours have become very fashionable. Hats are sometimes worn with a narrow forder, flat and of the same size all round made of black velvet or of white satin, or sometimes with folds like a cap. Some riding coats of blue cloth liave three rows in front of small yellow buttons. The epaulettes and facings have other rows and those of blue cloth and facings have other rows and
have buttons of red or blue velvet
I wonder if you all know of the most valuable earcap for children sold by Mr Claxton, 62 Strand, Jondon, W. C. It costs three sbillings and sixpence, and the
measurements to send, when ordering, it are the number measurements to send, when ordering, it are the number
of inches round the head above the ears, and from the bottom of the lobe of one ear over the liead to the botom of the lobe of the other ear.
Already Christmas cards, Christmas books, and Christ mas nick-nacks of all sorts, are being busily sold in the shops for foreign mails, so I suppos, one must thus early wish you a Merry Christmas ant all the orthodox enjoyments of the festive season. And
ever,-

## CORRESPONDENCE

Buenos Aires, December 27.
To the Editor River Plute Sport cund Pastime.
Dear Sir,
I shall be obliged if you will give me your decis:on on the following question (basing it on Cavendish rules) viz.:
In
左
In a game of dummy whist, at the commencement o a rubber, dummy's partner dealt for himself instead of for dummy, and the adversaries allowed the trump card to be turned up without challenging the deal and the hands were taken up. Dummr's partner claimed a no deal, under the rule that "Duminy must deal, at the commencement of each rubber," whereas the alversaries claimed that the hands should be played out under Rule No. 48 for ordinary whist, to the effect that "anyone
dealing out of tura may be stopped before the trump dealing out of tura may be stopped before the trump card is turned up, after which the game must proseed a if no mistake had been made." - Yours truly

Lemas, December 31
To the Editor River Plate Sport and Pastime
Dear Sir,-
There seems to be an opinion gaining ground here hat if an innings to each side (in a one day cricke match) has been finished there is no necessity to play out time. As you will see by the scores of our matchLomas $\nabla$. Lanus-we almost succeeded in playing out
two innings, although at the end of the first innings apiece Lanus informed me that it was not compulsory to play out time.
Law No. 2 of Cricket distinctly states that "No match is won unless played out or given up;" whilst under with the subject
Will you please, in the interest of sport, draw atten tion to this, as nothing can be more unsportsmanlike than to see a cricket eleven haggling about fielding for truly,

## DRAMATIC AND MUSICAL NOTES

The past year has been a brilliant one in Buenos Aires in as far as regards music and the drama. Quality, quantity and variety have been abundant, as will be evident frons a cursory summary of the theatrical companies which have invited the public to sample their wares during the preceding twelvemonth. Of stars there has almost been a plethora, notably Sarah Bernhardt, Vico, Emmanuel, Tubau, Reiter, Boe'ti-Valvasura in drama, and Cremonini, Scotti, Mariacher, Engel and Brambilla, Tetrazzini, elc., have appeared on the lyric stage. Fourteen theatres have opened their doors to the public, viz., Opera House, Politeama, Odeon, Nacional, Onrubia, Zarzuela, Comedia. San Martin, Apolo. Alhambra, Doria, Folies Forlets, Pasatiempo (now the Teatro Lirico), while the new Rivadavia theatre was inaugurated in September, and shortly afterwayds the Teatro de Mayo in the avenue of the same name.

The opera season of the past year will stand out as remarkable in that there were produced three new works, upon which the Buenos Aires were able to pass judyment before they had been produced in many of the large European capitals. Puccini's Manon Lescaut, Yerdi's Falstaff, and Leoncavallo's I Pagliacci were all three favourably received, and due credit was given to the excellent interpretation the operas received at the hands of the ar!ists engared by Ferrari.

Falstaff was unfortunately produced but shortly before the close of the: season, and was given only twice or three times. Verdi's latest composition vied in popularity with Manon Lescaut, while I Pagliacei did not find so much favour in the eyes of the public. Leoncarallo's score is not as masterly and artistic as the music of Verdi and l'uccini's works. The melodies lacking in originality smacked somewhat of plagiarism, while there was but scant variety of orchestration, and the opera-going audience were discriminating enough to observe that I Pagliacci did not attain the high artistic standard of the other product ions, despite the fact of it possessing a powerful and dramatic libretto.

The young tenor Cremonini may he said to have been the star of the company which was ar excellent one and credit is due to the enterprise of Ferrari, the empresario. So much for the Opera season. At the Politeana there has as usual been a great variety of spectacles. Mariani's circus troupe gave place to an Italian Dramatic company of which the particular star was Sra Boetti-Valvasura, an actress who though somewhat stagy was nevertheless very acceptable in her pourtrayal of tragedy. Financially the tour wasfnot successful and a weak zarzuela company, whose term was shortlived, took the boards after which the curtain was again rung. up on the reappearance of Sarah Bernhardr, who for the second time visited Buenos Ailes. It is superfluous to state that the great actress but enhanced her reputation and was hailed with showers of applause albeit her triumph would have been yet more marked but for the disturbed state of the political atmosphere and revolutionary outbreak in the Province of Buenos Aires which endured throughout her visit. As Cleopatre, Jeanne d'Arc and in "On ne badine pas avec l'amour,'' the diva had not appeared before the Portcño public and her success was most signal in the former role. As usual she was badly supported and among a mediocre entourage bady supported and amongr a mediocre ently artist whose acting called for any remark.

Sr . Antonio Vico, an actor of renown in Spain, followed at the Politeama stage after the departure of Sarah Bernhardt and played to at imes almost empty benches, notwithstanding that he was enthusiastically applauded by his
compatriots on hiy first appearance. Handicapped by a weak and poor voice his delineations were exaggerated and proved that the Spanish school of acting is entirely different from the French and English where the style is subdued, but on that account the more effective and artisic. From Señor Vico's acting it is apparent that the Spanish exponent of the drama relies for his success on strained and exaggerated gestures and mannerisms rather than careful and studied acting or in other wotds it may be described as Rant versus Art.
(To be continued.)

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## River Plate Sport and Pastime

Wednesday, January 3, 1894.

## SPORTING NOTES

On the 14th inst. there will be a lawn tennis match between the Flores and Lomas Athletic Clubs, on the ground of the latter club. Each club will send four couples, and the match will be played on the American tournament system.

The only sporting event of any importance during the past week was the cricket match between the Bolsa Brokers and Mr Palmer's Flores eleven. The Brokers won on the first innings, though they would probably have been beaten had the match been a two days' one in spite of the wonderful staying power they are always credited with possessing.

There will be another race meeting for the benefit of a charity next Sunday, at Palermo if all goes well. By the way it must strike the good people at home rather curiously to read of horseracing being held on Sundays for the benefit of various charitable societies and institutions.

Last week I was shown one of the badges presented by the Argentine Association Football League to the winners of last season's competition, the Lomas Athletic Club's eleven. The badges are very neatly engraved by Mr J. Bryson, of Edinburgh. On the back the Argentine Arms are shown, and on the front is the date, the
name of the winning club, and the moner name of the winning club, and the monogram of the League with a football in the centre.

The badges will be presented formally to the winners on the evening of Thursday the 11th, at a smoking concert to be held at the La France rooms, when a great supply of local talent will be on hand to entertain. The occasion will probably be a most gay and festive one in every way.

Next week will be published the programme of next season's racing at Hurlingham. The first meeting will probably ve on the 2nd of February, and [meetings will be held on most of the same days as last year. The Polo Association cup will be run for shortly bofore the championship tournament at Hurlingham in April.

There are a couple of two-day cricket matches for Saturday and Sunday next, the one between Buenos Aires and Rosario at Palermo, and the other between Lomas and Hurlingham at Hurlingham. For the benefit of those playing in the latter match sleeping accommodalion for forty has been arranged at Hurlingham. Those who
wish to stay there on Saturday night must notify wish to stay theretary at Piedad 559 .

My readers will be glad to learn that Mr Denny Stokes, who was laid up in Valparaiso from the effects of a slight injury to his arm caused by a fall from his mule whilst crossing the Andes with the cricket eleven last November, has returned to Buenos Aires, and will, it is hoped, soon be quite well again.

A correspondent has written asking me to publish a list of all the polo matches played in the last seven years between Santa. Fé and Hurling ham, with their winners. Before "Sport and Pastime" was published nearly three years ago there was no regular record of matches played between the clubs mentioned, and I know of nobody who has one. The cup, won right out by Hurlingham at the last tournament, is the fisst challenge cup of the Polo Association, which was established on March 4, 1892.

The Polo Association's Cup was first played for at the Polo Tournament held under the auspices of the Association at Hurlingham at the beginning of April last year. The cup has to be won twice by any ciub before becoming its absolwo property, and so, as there have only been two championship tournaments, and Hurlingham have won them both, the cup now belongs to them.

Another cup will of course be played for this year, when it is to be hoped a longer competition will result, as at present the Association has not nearly enough funds to supply a cup every year If Santa Fé have won a cup, it must have been one presented by some individual or club for one particular tournament, of which I have no record.

It is curious to note that without counting in the five huudred Argentinos and the "objects de arte" won by Ituzaingo the two great rival stables, Sr Zubiaurre's and Sr Acebal's, have won this season amounts almost equal, the former having $\$ 106,605$ and the latter $\$ 106,905$ to its credit. Sr Acebal, however, with Etoile owns the horse which has won most money during the year, as the celebrated filly has netted $\$ 75,529$ against $\$ 55,942$ won by Buenos Aires the second biggest winner.

Whipper In easily tops the list of winning sires for the past year. His eight representatives having won $\$ 143.891$ between them. Phoenix comes next with $\$ 76,430$ won by thirteen of his sons and daughters. Chivalrous' get have won $\$ 59,442$, all of which, except about four thousand, belongs to Buenos Aires. Keir stands fourth with $\$ 26,510$, Orbit has $\$ 18,590$, and Star $\$ 12,390$. Last on the list are Gay Hermit and Saint Mirim, the former with only $\$ 4160$ and the latter with $\$ 3960$.

The Buenos Aires horses to run for Montevidean International at Montevideo next Sunday Camors, Buenos Aires, Malakoff and Ituzaingo, with $\mathrm{Sr} \mathrm{J} . \mathrm{B}$. Zubiaurre, his trainer Leandro and jockey, P. Aguirre, left by the Venus last week and arrived safely. In other races on Sunday at Montevideo several other Argentine horses will probably run, viz., The Masher, Monk, Revolucion, Sem and Cham. Reverie will be the most formidable opponent to the Argentine horses in the International, as report says she is going well and strong again.

Estancieros in those parts of the province which are suffering from the terrible drought have experienced some great disappointments during the past few days. Once or twice the weather has looked extremely like the breaking of a tremendous storm but after a little thunder and lightning, a few drops of rain and a few hours' wind no real rain storm has come, and the weather has become as dry and sultry as before.

Three matches were decided at Hurlingham on the 31st, in which two well-know Hurlingham ponies figured and were beaten. The three galloways which ran against them came from Bel-
grano, but it was impossible to get at their ownerships. The first match was between Flecha and an overo pony over 1,000 metres, the second between Whitelegs and a good-looking black over 400 metres, and the third between Flecha and a dun horse over 2,000 metres. In all three the unknown ones won as they liked.

Amateur, or so-called amateur bicyclists in England, are undoubtedly becoming every day mone professional, but what price the Yankees, if their niethods may be judged of from the folowing remarks in the New York "Spirit of the Times" of November 11th:
American wheelmen have invented and developed a new game, which consists in taking up their residen-

Ces at some espeoially fast track, raking, dragging, and bowling alley, gathering to is as smooth and hard as a bowling aliey, gathering together a staff of expert pace
makers, human and equine, equipping these pacemakers makers, humar and equine, equipping these pacemakers with tandems, driplicates, quadruphcates, and bicycle sulkies, waiting for a warm, windiess day, and then riding various distances in various styles, faster than all of these colonies have been established - W. W. Wingfield and troupe at Springfield, Mass. A. A. Zimmer man and party at Hartford, Conn.; and J. S. Johnson and Co. at Independence, Iows. At each of these places new records have been made at all sorts of odd and unusual distances, but Johnson seem* to be the chief as he fairly rode a full mile, last Wednesday, in 1 min . 55 3-5 sec., which surpasses not only all previous genuine records, but also all the lies that have been told by unscrupulous wheelmen and track managers.
The mile record of $1 \mathrm{~min} .553-5 \mathrm{sec}$. here alluded to, was made by Johnson from a flying start; for the first third of the distance he was paced by a running horse, harnessed to a sulky, and for the remaining two-thirds by a quadricycle.

Photography has now become usefui in so many wonderful wass that it is not surprising to read that the camera is taking the place, as it were, of the clerk of the course at race meetings. At the spring meeting of the Victoria Amateur Turf Club, in October, the three placed horses for the principal handicap, the Caulfield Cup, of 3000 sovs., were Tim Swiveller, Sainfoin, and Oxide. An objection, however, was immediately lodged against the winner for crossing, which the stewards immediately dismissed, whereupon there was an appeal to the leading turf authority, the Victoria Racing Club. This latter body upset the ruling of the V.A.T.C. stewards, and disqualified Tim Swiveller, the stakes (2000 sovs.) going to Sainfoin, and 700 sovs., second money, to Oxide. A strong point in the evidence was an instantaneous photograph of the finish for the race, taken for the "Australasian," which plainly depicts the cross. The occurrence and its climax created much excitement, seeing that Tim Swiveller was a rank outsider, whilst Sainfoin was in the second rank of the favourites, the ring finally paying over the latter.

Boors.

## CRICKET

## CRICKET FIXTURES

## January

Sat. 6-Quilmes v. Flores, at Flores.
Sat. 6, Sun. 7-B. A. C. C. v. Rosario, at Palermo. Sat. 6, Sun. 7-Lomas v. Hurlingham, at Hurlingham. Sun. 14-B. A. C. C. v. Quilmes, at Quilmes.
Sun. 14-Lanus v. Hurlingham, at Lauus.
Sun. 21-B. A. C. C. v. Flores, at Flores.
Sun. 21-Western Ry. v. Lomas, at Lomas.
Sun. 28-Lomas v. Rosario Ry., at Belgrano.
Sun. 28-B. A. C. C. v. Hurlingham, at Palermo.
Sun. . .-Rosario A.C. v Las Rosas C.C., at Rosario.

## February

Fri. 2-London Bank v. Lomas, at Lomas. Fri. 2-Hurlingham v. Quilmes, at Hurlingham. Sun. 4-B. A. C. C. v. Western Ry., at Tolosa.
Sup. 4-Rosario Ry. v. Lanus, at Lanus
Sun. 4-B. A. C. C. v. Montevideo, at Palermo.
Mon. 5, Tues. 6 (Carnival)-Rosario v. Lomas, at Lomas Sun, 11-London Bank v. B. A. C. C., Palermo.
Sun. 11 -Lanus v. Lomas, at Lanus.
Sun. 18-B. A. C. C. v. Lomas, at Lomas.
Sun. 18-Flores v. Rosario Ry., Flores.
Sun. 18-Western Ry. v. Lanus, at Lanus
Sun. 25-London Bank v. Hurlingham, at Hurlingham.
Sun. 25-Lanus v. Quilmes, at Quilmes.
Sun. 25-Western Ry. v. Rosario Ry., at Belgrano.

## March

Sun. 4-Loudon Bank v. Flores, at Flores.
Sun. 4-B. A. C. C. v. Lanus, at Lanus.
Sun. 4-Lomas v. Western Ry., at Tolosa
Sun. 11-B. A. C. C. v. Rosario Ry., at Palermo.
Sun. 11-Quilmes v. Hurlingham, at Quilmes.
Sun. 18-London Bank v. Rosario Ry., at Palermo.
Sun. 18 -Lomas v. Flores, at Elores.
Thurs. 22 (Holy Week)-B. A. C. C. v. Montevideo, at
Fri.23,Sat. 24(Holy Week) - Rosario v. Lomas, at Rosario Sun. 25-Flores v. Lanus, at Lanus.

## April

Sun. 1-Flores v. Hurlingham, at Hurlingham.
Sun. 1-London Bank v. Lanus, at Palermo.

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Sunday, Jan. 28-Albion C. C. v. C. C.
Sunday, Feb. 11-A to K. v. I to Z.
Sunday, Feb. 25-Peñarol v. C. C.
Sunday, March 4-Over 26 v. Under 26.
Sunday, March 18-Eleven v. Twenty-two.
Sunday, April 1-North (U. K.) v. South (U. K.)

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| B．B．Syer | 18 | 464 | 3 | 87\％ | 30.93 |
| J．R．Garrod | 21 | 605 | － | 115 | 28.84 |
| A．Anderson | 5 | 140 | － | 47 | 28. |
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| G．A．Thomson． | 18 | 397 | 2 | 77＊ | 24.81 |
| A．Boyd | 14 | 288 | 1 | 51 | 22.15 |
| ＇T．V．M．Knox | 5 | 81 | 1 | 27 | 20.25 |
| R．W．Badd | 12 | 219 | 1 | 96 | 19.90 |
| F．Bennett． | 7 | 133 | － | 99 | 19. |
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| H．Anderson | 14 | 159 | 3 | 45＊ | 14.45 |
| C．W．Thompson | 15 | 197 | 1 | 46＊ | 14.06 |
| J．Bennett | 6 | 77 | － | 25 | 12.83 |
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| J．F．Macadam | 7 | 57 | 2 | 35＊ | 11.40 |
| T．Howson | 7 | 65 | 1 | $46^{*}$ | 10.83 |
| R．L．Halstead | 10 | 101 | 1 | 46 | 10.10 |

＊Signifies not out．
5 innings and an average of 10 and upwards entitles batsmen to a place in this table．

HURLINGHAM v．BUENOS AIRES AND ROSARIO
The following are the scores of the match played on the 24th November，between the Buenos Aires and Rosario Railway and Hurlingbam Clubs which we were unable to publish last week：－

Rosario Ry．1stinn R．W．Rudd，l－b－w，b M．E．Fitzgerald，b La
B．B．Syer，$c$ and $b$ Stuart
J．Graham，b Fortune．
W．J．Bond，b Fortune A．Nicholson，b Lacey． W．Neil，b Lacey
F．F．Webb，b Lacey． A．Brodie，run out．．．． A．Brodie，run out．．．

Extras．

Hurlingham C．C． 1 st inn J．Stuart，c Syer，b Neil 8 M．G．Fortune，b Neil．． 11
E．L．Rumboll，c Fitz－
L．Jerald，b Ruydan，．．．．．． 28 L．J．Hutton，c Syer，b Rudd．
S．Francis，b Rudd E．Danvers，b Noil．．
F．C．Wilmot，b Rud F．C．Wilmot，b Rudd．： J．O＇Ryan，b Nicholson W．Russell，run out． R．J．Curtis，not out．

Extras．．．．．．．．．．．． 20
Total．．．． 138

［ LOMAS A．C．v．LANUS C．C． 1
This match was played at Lomas on Sunday，31st uit．， and resulted in a win for Linus on the first innings by
19 runs，though had there been five minutes more for play in all probability the result would have been re－ versed．Lanus batted first，and except Rudd and Jones， who both played well，nobody did much．Rath captured six wickets for 29 runs．
Lomas started well，but Tupholme found a spot and the eleven were all disposed of for 46，Tupholme taking seven wickets for 15 runs，Rowland and Halstead being the ouly ones to make double figures．
Lanus went in for the second time，and were disposed of for 50 ，Rath taking five wickets for 17 runs．Tup holme att the close hit hard for his 14 ．
Lomas were left with． 70 runs to make，and with 40 minutes to make them in．Rath and Rowland were soon out，but with H．Anderson and Halstead together they looked like getting the runs，till，with 37 up， Anderson was run out．A．Anderson did not stop long but Jacobs helped the score to 52 ，when he was also run out through being too anxious．At call of time Lomas wanted tuns and had two wickets to go down，so ex


QUILMES A．C．v．B．A．AND R．RY，A．C．
As will be seen from the following scores the Quilmes
Club beat the Buenos Aires and Rosario Railway in their match on Sunday，31st ult．，by 89 runs：
B．A．\＆R．Ry．A．C．1st inn Quilmes A．C．1st inn B．B．Syer，b Morgan．． 1 W．Bailey，b A．Nichol－ A．Nicholson，b J．Ben－
L．Justican，c Bailey，b Howsol：
J．Sheppard， c Howson， H．Nicholson，b Howson F．Webb，b J．Bennett． P．H．Taylor，b J．Ben nett そそ W．Wraham，b J．Ben－
nett．
．Mallett，not out
Extras．
Total．．．． 8 H．Wobster，b Taylor． J．Bennett，run out．．．． 8 F．J．Bennett，run out． E．Morgan，b Webb． C．Dav F．Bocquet，bA．Nichol－ T．Jones．b Taylor A．Caldwell，b Taylor A．Brodie，st H．Howson，not out

> Extras

Total．．．． 170

BOLSA BROKERS y．MR PALMER＇S ELEVEN
Considerable interest was taken in a match between an eleven of Bolsa Brokers and Mr Palmer＇s Eleven， played at Flores on the 31st of December．The game resulted in a win for the Brokers，on the first innings，
by 17 runs，Mr F．M．Still being decidedly the hero of the day both in the batting and bowling line，though Mr J．K．Trotman also contributed a good deal towards the success of his side．Mr Avery played a useful innings
and took four of Mr Palmer＇s team＇s wickets，and Mr F． and took four of Mr Palmer＇s team＇s wickets，and Mr F．
Carlisle scored the next best total．As will be seen from the following scores，the Brokers did not bat so well in their second innings as in their first．

Bolsa Brokers 1st inn J．F．MacAdam，b Palmer ．．


H．H．Leng，b Palmer
J．Hogg，b Palmer．．．．．
F．M．Still，st Gahan，b Avery
R．O．Watson，b Gahan．
A．M．Barton，b Charles
G．Phillips，not out ．．．．
J．Zimmerman，b Avery．
J．C．Bell，b Avery．
Extras．
c Murphy b avd inn
c Marphy，b Palmer
b Palmer
b Avery
c Murphy，balmer
$b$ Avery
b Avery
st Clarke，b Palmer
t Clarike，b Palmer
b Palmer
not out
Extras．

Total．．．．$\overline{80}$
Total．．．．$\overline{41}$
 Fas called．

## Polo，Cricket，and Racing at La Merced．

A Lomas A．C．polo team，consisting of Messrs G．S． Anderson（back），H．Mohr Bell（No．3），T．M．Lees（No．
2），and R．W．Anderson（No．1），played a couple of 2），and R．W．Anderson（No．1），played a couple of
matches on Sunday and Monday，Dec．the 24 th and 25 th， matches on Sunday and Monday，Dec．the 24th and 25th，
at the estancia La Merced，Chascomus，Mr P．Cawar－ at the estancia La Merced，Chascomus，Mr P．Cawar－
dine＇s．On the Sunday the team played a game，which dine＇s．On the Sunday the team played a game，which lasted for two quarters only，against the four Messrs
Killion，and were beaten by them by six goals to four Ned Killion did most work for the winners，and Mohr Bell for Lomas
On Monday，when all the rank and fashion of the neighbourhood was present at the side of the polo ground，a match of four quarters was played against the following team：Messrs P．Cawardine，T．K．Fair E．Killion，and P．Killion．In this game the Lomas men were more successful，and in the end won by six goals to three．
Besides polo there was a small race meeting and a cricket match at La Merced．

The following are the results of the races ：－
The Chascomus Derby，for polo ponies played in either of the above matches，four squares．
Mr T．K．Fair＇s Belgrano．
Mr H．Mohr Bell＇s Overo．．．
Mr T．M．Lees＇Diablo
Mr G．S．Anderson＇s Petaca．
Mr R．W．Anderson＇s Snowball ．
The La Merced Scurry Sweepstakes of $\mathbb{\$ 2}$ each，for polo ponies，catch weight，owners up，three squares．
Mr R．W．Anderson＇s Kitty
Mr ＇T．K．Fair＇s Belgrano．．．．．．
Mr G．S．Anderson＇s Carpincho
Mr G．S．Anderson＇s Ca
Mr T．M．Lees＇Tommy
Mr P．Cawardine＇s Old Tom
Mr H．Mohr Bell＇s Dandy

The cricket match was entitled Town v．Camp，and resulted in a win for the Town team，as will be seen from the scores which follow ：－
C．McKean，c Mohr Bell，b inn
2nd inn
P．G．S．Anderson．．．．．．．．．．．
son，b R．W．Anderson．．．© b G．Anderson ．．． 13 H．Ricketts，b Permain．．．．．12 b G．Anderson ．．． 5 W．A．Forbes，b G．S．Ander
T．K．Fair，c and b G． 16 b R．Anderson ．．． 25 Anderson b G．Anderson ．．． 1 Total．．．$\overline{34} \quad$ Total ．．．． 49
Town 1st inn 2nd inn
R．W．Anderson，c Forbes， b Ricketts

| G．S．Anderson，b Ricketts．． | 4 | b Cawardine ．．．．．．． |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| T．M．Lees，c and b Ricketts | 9 | 9 |
| not out ．．．．．．．．．．． | 19 |  |

H．Mohr Bell，b Forbes
P．Permain，run out． not out．
did not bat
did not bat

Tatal．．．． 49
Total．．．．．$\overline{42}$

## RACING

## BELGRANO－Drcember 31.

A meeting for the benefit of the Sociedad de Beneficencia Hermanas de Dolores was held at Belgrano on Sunday last and in spite of great heat，and a hard dusty course，resulted in a success financially，the society receiving as its share some four thousand dollars．
The meeting should surely have been a success， $a 8$ on reading down the list of officials on the pro－ gramme we counted over seventy names．
As regards the racing there is nothing much to say，except that probably several owners regret ever rumning their horses on such a course，even in the cause of charity which．however，should always begin

## The following are details of the races

Premio Caridad, for tbree-year olds that have run without wimning before the day of the race. Colts 57 kilos,
fillies 55 kilos. $\$ 700$ to the 1 st, 100 to the 2 nd fillies 55 kilos. $\$ 700$ to the 1 st, 100 to the 2 nd , 1100 metres.
Stud Niño Dorado's br f Urania by Pibuen-

Pretoria, 55 k .
Stud Misterio
Stud Misterio's Simoun, 57 k ...
Stud Carpintero's Charmante, 55 k
Ecurie Gladiateur's Valeroso, 57 k
Stud Orissa's Bogey, 57 k.
Stud Orissa's Bogey, $57 \mathrm{k} .{ }^{\text {. }}$.
Stud Lavalle's Lavalle, $57 \mathrm{k} \ldots \ldots .$.
Stud Floresta's Pensamiento, 57 k
Stud Florestais Pensamiento, $5 t$
Sr J. B. Zubiaurre's Quequen...
Stud Terminacion's Argentina, 55 k
Stud Capitan Loper' Ideal, 55 k
length from Simoun, who finished half and wou by a of Charmante.
Tickets-Urania with 179 win and 303 place, Simoun and Bogey 1085-1049, Charmante 202-260, Valeroso 223-281, Lavalle 33-93, Pens

8-215. Totals 2876-3659.
Dividends - Cirania $\$ 26.92$ win and 5.69 place, Simoun 3.06 place, Charmante 6.31 place.

Premio Hermanas je Dulores, an open handicap. $\$ 1000$ to the 2st, 100 to the 2nd; 1600 metres.
Stud Red Lancer's ch f Maybloom, by Whipper In
-May Blossom, 3 y, 52 k .
.P. Torres
L. Calistro
.L. Diaz
L. Bellino
G. Palacios
P. Aguirre
J. Bayardi
P. Aguiler
length in front Stud Argentino's Veterano, 4 y , 42 P. Carabajal Ecurie Les Ardennes' Email, 5 y, 42 k..A. Saavedra Stud Capitan Lopez' Cantiniere, $5 \mathrm{y}, 49 \mathrm{k}$. P. Aguileri Sr J. M. Villanueva's Cautivo, 5 y, 48 k .L. Gonzalez Stud Paine's Lucifer, 6 y, 47 k
A. Garcia

Sebastopol ran in front to the paddock, where he was joined by Maybloom who won easily by a length, half a length separated secund and third.
Tickets-Maybloom with 921 win and 1063 place, Sebastopol $784-852$, Veterano $306-525$, Email 567 618, Cantiniere 615-537, Cautivo 557-574, Lucifer 60f 694. Totals 4356-487t

Dividends-Maybloom SB.j1 wi:1 and 4.32 place, se-
bastopol 4.96 place. bastopol 4.96 place.

Premio Asilo, a handicap for three-year-olds that have Remo ASILo, a than $\$$ not mon before the day of the race, not won more than $\$ 100$ before the day of
$\$ 900$ to the $1 \mathrm{st}, 100$ to the $2 \mathrm{ad}, 1200$ metres.
Stud Paine's ch m Opal, by Phoenix - Topaze, 3 y, 56 k Ecurie Sans Peur's Bayard, 3 y, $22 k \ldots .$. P. Torres Sr M. Carabajal's Loadstone, $\underset{y}{ } y, 5 \bar{i} \mathrm{k}$. . G. Palacios Stud Sultan's Anzoletto, 3 y, 56 k
Stud Terminacion's Washington, 3 y, 48 k. A. Murio
Opal made all the running at a rare pace and won by three lengths from Bayard, who was a length in front of Loadstone.
Tickets-Opal 831 win and fiou place. Bayard liand 1276, Washington $005-598$. Totals $48+7-4: 53$
Dividends-Opal $\$ 10.54$ win and 4.95 place, Bayard 3.56 place.

Premio Beneficencia, a handicap open to all horses that have not won more than $\$ 5000$ before the day of the race, $\$ 7000$ to the 1st, 100 to the 2nd; 1600 metres. Stud Santa Fés ch h Santa Fé, by Phoenix -
 Stud La Tablada's Jit Capital, 5 y, 47 k . . C. Braseco Stud La Tablada's Lit Capital, $5 y, 47 \mathrm{k}$.. C. Braseco
Stud Terminacion's 'Treagle, 5 v, 57 k .... Bayardi Stud Serminacion's T reagle, 6 y, $57 \mathrm{k} \ldots .$. J. Bayardi Stud Monf's Gaviota, $7 \mathrm{y}, 415 \mathrm{k} \ldots . . . \mathrm{K}^{2}$. F. Galvan

Treagle led for half the journey, Santa Fe taking the lead at the turn, and going on in front won with the greatest ease by three lengths from Junio, who finished two lengtbs in front of La Capital.

Tickets -Santa Fi with 1395 win and 1103 place, Junio 1232-990, La (fapital 966-1022, Treagle 619-664, Chiquito 200-222, fariota 335-292. Totals 4807$\pm 20$.
Dividends-Sunta Fi: $\$ 62^{\circ}$ win and :3.60 place, Junio 88 place

Premig Esperanat, an open handicap, $\$ 800$ to the ist, 100 to the 2nd, 1100 metres.
Stud Santa Fe's bl h Sud America, by South-ampton-Rose Noble, ; $y, 58 \mathrm{k} \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$......... Sosa Stud Radame's' Sensacion, 4 y, $40 \mathrm{k} \ldots \ldots \mathrm{P}$. Aguirie Ecurie Les Ardennes' Tristan, 4 y, $59, \mathrm{k}$. G. Palacios Stud Revolu Copez' Whitethorn, $4 \mathrm{y}, 50 \mathrm{z}$.P. Aguiler Stud Revolucion's siva, 5 y, 55 k..........J. Cardoso
Stud Colon's 'I:artas, 4 y, 53 k Stud Colon's 'Tirtas, 4 y, 53 k Stud Temerario's May Blossom, $4 . \ldots \ldots$. A. Balla Stud Argentino's Vet rano, 4 y, 41 k.....C. Braseco
Sensacion led for a couple of hundred metres when Sud America, who had been laying third, went to the front and eventually won very easily by two lengths, hall a lergth separated second and third.
Tickets-Sul America with 643 win and 685 place,
Hollave 1463-14503, 'ensacion 84-231, 'Tristun 509-526, Whitethorn 1342-1353, Siva 810-1223, Tartas 73-125, Saeta 313-389, May Blossom 265-202, Veterano 241398. Totals 5843-6735.

Dividends-Sud América $\$ 16.35$ win and 5.44 place,

Premio Huerfanos, an open handicap, $\$ 1000$ to the 1 st 100 to the 2nd; 1900 metres.
Stud Indecis' br h Infernal, by Zanoni-Faith, $5 \mathrm{y}, 5 \overline{\mathrm{k}}$. Stud Santa Fés Sussex, 8 y, $49 \mathrm{k} .$.
Stud Niño Dorado's Monk, 6 y 52 k Stud Nino Dorado's Monk, 6 y, $52 \mathrm{k} \ldots \ldots$.
Stud Capitan Lopez' Brandy Snap, 5 y, 55 k N Sosa P.

Brandy Snap made play from Sussex, till the latte Brandy Snap made play from Sussex, till the latter the finish let up Infernal who won by half a length.
Tickets - Internal with 3097 win, Sussex 1773, Monk 2228, Brandy Snap 1996 . Total 9094 win.
Dividend-Infernal $\$ 5.28$ win.

## EN PASSANT

Le Roi est mort, vive le roi! 1893 is now a thing of the past, and all our hopes are with the infant '94. Looking back on the past year and retracing one's footsteps as it were is for many not the pleasantest of tasks and the things that have been left undone are apt to surge up in the memory conjointly with the things that one ought not to have done. Sins of omission and commission, I fancy, will, on an examination of conscience, force themselves into prominence in the minds of most of us though there are some happy individuals whose conscrences are sufficiently elastic as to permit them to banish unpleasant reflections and gloss over peccadillos with a smug sence of satisfac ion in their doings of the past year and proceed quietly on their way during the present with the full intention of holding on the same course. Happy mortals! New resolutions are not required in their case and there is no necessity for turning over the new leaf. With the rest of us though the leaf is frequently turnned, but... the fresh page is as often as not begun at the bottom as the saying goes. Weil, let us begin at all events the new year with fresh resolutions and intentions. Nell, by the bye, is paved with the latter, but I trust that my readers will be able to act up to their resolutions and that a goodly erop of felicity and happiness may result from the good seed suwn at the begining of the New Year.

Explosion! A most significant word and one that nox-a-dass is in everybody's mouth in Europe. When the Anarchists are resting from their unholy attempts to raze cities and buildings to the ground, and send harmless mortals on celestial journies in fragments, a boiler or powder magazine takes up the chase and keeps the ball rolling. By way of a little variation in the march of events, and after excitement has been allowed to subside over the last horrible catastrophe caused by dynamite or gunpowder a railway accident attended by the burning of the
whole train is rapped out on the telegraph whole train is rapped out on the telegraph
and so each day does not fail to bring its quora of sensational and tragic incident. Lately the cup of horrors has been brimmingover in Europe. Apparently the River Plate bas felt his watery bosom swell with an unwholesome indignation that such tragedies should be confined to effete and enfeebled Europe as it has been termed. The imitative faculties of Nather Plate have been then once again called into requisition, and as in so many previous cases has not proved advantageous to those that live by his shores.

A somewhat amusing incident occurred at the Tigre Hotcl, I am told, on Sunday evening, after dinner, during which Furlotti's orchestra per-
formed, the musicians proceeded to the pavilion in front where a programme of dance inusic had been arranged. IIowever, there seemed to
pervade the atmosphere of constrained self consciousness and althounh there were plenty of people, principally Argentines, apparently anxious to dance, nobody ventured to begin! Thus the programme was gone through in its entirety, without a single couple taking the floor. In contrast to this is the abandon which prevailed the preceding week when the members of a picnic party who had dined at the Hotel, commenced dancing immediately afterwards without waiting
for anyone to begin. But the latter were English people.

Why bother oneself to read the budget of English periodicals and magazines which arrive by every mail? That it is a supertluous task is evident from the excellent Xinas and New Year editions of the "Prensa" and "Nacion," which give a complete review of the whole events of the year throughout, the world. They are
doubtless very carefully compiled and well edited
numbers, but to wade through them is an ordeal which most people shirt, They will nevertheless be found most useful by many as references.

I am asked to state that this afternoon a reception will be held at three o'clock at the British Hospital, where all are invited to attend who take an interest in the establishment. The object of the gathering is to officially open and allow the public the opportunity of inspecsing the new wards and improvements which have lately been completed at an expense of $\$ 80,000$. It is superfluous to remark that the Bazaar of 1892 was organised for the purpose of raising funds sufficient for the alterations and enlargements, which have jusi been completed. It is gratifying to note that the whole amount of over $\$ 100,000$, which was the outcome of the Bazaar, has not been required. The surplus thus remaining is intended to form a future permanent building fund Briefly, the alterations consist of the building of a new female ward, with operating rooms and every necessary convenience attached, while the ward upstairs which had been previously occupied by female patients is now converted into a paying ward for those whose means do not permit of their paying the daily fee for private rooms. Various other improvements have been most ably carried out by the architect, Mr Basset Smith, and according to ideas set forth by Dr O'Connor'. Furlotti's orchestra will be in attendance from three to $6 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. , and tea and other refreshments will be served.

It is not the alert and giddy Argentine Republic that has this time tried to prove itself fin de siécle, but sleepy old Montevideo, which last week was rudely awakened from a siesta which has dated since the crisis. It has long been said hat the Banda Oriental was in need of a severe process of stimulation but the tonic was administered in a fashion hardly in accordance with the ideas of the inhabitants as to how the beneficent physic was to be given. The bottle was evidently labelled "to the well shaken before taken" but the doses do not appear to have been properly regulated. That no fa'al result accrued from the overdose of dynamite is no fault of the surgeon who prescribed the treatment but rather attributable to the influence of the proverbial ittle cherub who sits up aloft and was in this instance pleased to take mortal form in the shape a boy of some ten summers, and warn the neighbourhood that Mr Micawber's "something'"
was at length likely to turn up, in view of the was at length likely to turn up, in view of the
fact that thick smoke was rapidly raising from a dynamite store. Due to the latter fact it happened that at the Cerro it was mostly the earth that was "tumed up" and not the toes of the nhabitants towards the roots of the daisies, as in the case of the Santander disaster.

But to speak plainly the late explosion at Montevideo can be re;arded as litile shont of miraculous in that it was attended with no loss of life and that few indeed were the serious injuries inflicted thereby. For the benefit of those who may be unacquainted with the facts I may say that on the 26 th of December at a quarter past three in the afternoon a tremendous explosion took place on the slope of the Cerroclose to the cemetery. The alarm, I am informed by an eyewitness of the scene, was tremendous, and it was not for some time that the occurrence was explained. It turned out to be the dynamite store of E. Cooper and Co. which had blown up. There were in deposit at the time 600 cases of dynamite, each containing twenty kilos of the explosive and it is not to be wondered at then that the force of the shock was felt all over the town and that many buildings and houses had all their windows shattered. For a radius of ten squares round the deposit the earth was turned to the color of calcine. Crowds of people immediately harried off to the scene of the explosion and it was a long time ere public excitement had calmed down. The spit where the disaster took place was immediately surrounded by troops and the aulhorities were prompt to take action in the matter.

It was very shortly ascertained that there was no serious loss of life to lament, which transpired to be entirely due to the prompt action and presence of mind displayed by a lad ten years of age, by name Pedro Torre. The youth was seated on a plank looking towards the deposit, and suddenly saw a volume of smoke issuing. from the store. Divining the state of affairs he:
rushed off at ance to give the alarm, which the
inhabitants of the neighbourhood, who are all advised as to the proximity of the store of explosives, were not slow to act upon. Thus the boy was instrumental perhaps in saving hundreds of the explosion was caused by the criminal carelessness of a cartman, who charged with the task of removing some of the dynamite from the deposit, threw the end of a lighted cigarette close to
where the explosive was stored. Presumably Where the explosive was stored. Presumably
this was sufficient to ignite the whole stock. It goes without saying that the local damage caused was enormous, and amongst other buildings destroyed was the tannery of one Sambatgan, who became demented by reason of the loss he had sustained and the severe shock. In many of the almacenes in the town of Montevideo itself bottles and other articles were thrown from the shelves, while the windows of many houses and those of the premises of the Telephone Company, British and Nacion Banks, Bolsa, Hospital de Caridad, and the Central Market were shat tered.

Theodore Child, in his recent articles on the Republics of South America which appeared in "Harpers' Magazine," and are the best descriptwritten, remarked that the Argentine notion of art is as yet crude in the extreme and his ideas on the subject but very indifferent. This is not surprising, taking into eonsideration the fact that in this New World the inhabitants do not enjoy the advantages of their European eonfréres in the shape of museums, picture galleries, and exhibitions, besides the relics and souvenirs of a dead past which help to educate and teach the young idea as to what is artistic and the reverse. and assimilation with the true ideal, whether it be sculpture, painting, or music. With the latter a course of European study is not so essential as with the two former, as given good masters and proper nourishment the art of music can be acquired in the New World, but it is absolutely impossible, even with the best of Mentors, to become either a painter or a sculptor without a knowledge of the old masters whose chefs d'oeuvres are to be found in Europe, and where alone they can be studied. With the exception oi a few private galleries there are but few
works of art in the Argentine Republic which works of art in the Argentine Republic which
will bear a critical examination and whose value becomes gieater jear by sear.

Let the above be granted, I yet opine that most people will allow that it requires but trifing artistic capacities in order to set a picture down a mere daub or otherwise, although a critic might often class in the former category a work upon which an ordinary individual would set a higher value. I was much surprised then to read an article in "El Diario" last week vaunting the merits of the most worthless daub it has I think ever been my fate to behold. Tompted by the article in question, I betook myself to the Calle Cangallo, between San Martin and Reconquista, in order to gaze upon the masterpiece, the eulogies of which had been set forth in the above contemporary. "The title of the picture (save the mark) was "Saturday Night in a London Public House," if my memory serves me right, and it was with a mingled sense of pity and contempt that a man had had the audacity to display such a canvas and invite the attention of the public to gaze upon his efforts by seeking a "puff" in the columns of the leading Buenos Aires evening paper. I must conclude that the article in question was a puff, for it would be too painful to believe that the "art said enlightened organ of the press could be so utterly ignorant and endowed with the shocking taste as to thus lavish praise upon a worthless daub such as the picture in question, the subject of which is as revolting as the pourtrayal thereof.

## JEM'S JOKE

Everybody who goes racing, and many who don't, know Jem Adams, of Epsom, trainer and jockey,
Though not an old man, and still full of the bright vivacity of youth, Jem has been racing for over thirty years, having begun as a very small boy in the stables of William Day. In those days he used to ride under four stone, and when going to scale at about that weight was associated with many of the greait handicap coups for which Day was famous, and which he planned 60 patiently. After a time-that is when he was permitted to eat enougb, which in his eariy days was riding on the flat, and turned his attention to the cross
country business. On his many brilliant victories between the flags it is not my present business to expan
tiate; but he always rode a fine finish, and his pluck tiate; but he always rode a fine finish, and his plucy over the fences was sundaunted. No man has been more many bones broken, that his pet name on the turf is Bones," and the wonder is that he has any left.
Amongst practical horsemen, including jockeys, trainers, and others of the same genus, Jem has always
been noted for his wondertully fine " hands." Horses that pulled hard with others somehow forgot to pull gift. The other morning, for instance, on the Downs, I degree of determination. At least, Fred Hassall, who trained and rode the horse before he went into Adams' trained and rode that the sensation of riding Mazzard at the
stable, tells regulation ditches was not particularly exhilarating, as he raced at them line a steam engine, and sometimes, when he got there, forgot to jump, with consequences 'sasard's little peculiarities, I said to Jem, on seeing him perched on the back of that noble animal, "The old horse looks very well, does he pull much now ?
"Pull!" replied Adams, with some asperity dousn't know how to do it; he canters up the tan like a park hack, with the reins on his neck. Come along
And we started cantering up the tan-track side by side, and I hope I shall be forgiven when I say that I did all I could to fire the imagination of the ancient Mazzard and make him think he was racing, so as to induce him to ran away, But it was no use. Jem's hands rope, and the horse ambled along as calmly as possible, with his head in his chest, as tbough he were enjoving himself. No doubt Jem had "tumbled" to my little game, as the saying is, for we had not gone far when he curned his head and said quietly: "Will that do? had tried a burglary and had been captured by a fat po liceman before the fun began. And now for Jem's little licem
He had a bad horse left on his hands called Le Promeneur. In addition to lacking velocity-a sad fault in race-horse-his legs did not inspire confidence, and his back tendons, I am informed, were not to be relied upon
in the hour of need. In fact, Jem couldn't train him in the hour of need. In fact, Jem couldn't train him,
and was somewhot puzzled to know what to do with and was somewhst puzzed to know what to do with not consider that he supplied a long-felt want. When his owner at last, in a burst of spirited ptilanthropy, even offered him tor a tenner, there was no giddy rush
of buyers, and the heart of the unfortunate trainer was of buyers, and the heart of the untortunate trainer was
bowed down when the stunning fact dawned upon him bowed down when the stunning fact dawned upon him
that he bad an animal that he could not give away, and was not permitted to turn loose out of consideration for the public welfare.
Then a happy thought struck him. "I'll put the bloomer in harness and make him draw us about." No soouer said than done. But Le Promeneur did not take
very kindly to his new vocation. There was a difficulty very kindly to his new vocation. There was a difficulty oossible to predict with any degree of certainty how far he would go, or how many he would throw out en route or when he woald become disgusted with the whole proceedings and "turn it up." He was, indeed, a charming horse for those who love diversity of incident. When
first put in he would sometimes stand on his hind legs, and with his front ones spar at the distant heavens, pugilistically, and with an air of supreme derision. He never knew when he would get there, or if he woald get there at all.
One day Jem wanted to go to Kempton, and started gaily for the station with the bold Le Promeneur between the shafts. Something had disagreed with him had not had enough breakfast, or too much supper. He was in a very nasty temper, and declined to complete the journey. He went about half a mile, and then cried -excuse the poet's licence, for even racehorses can't cry -" Hold, enough !'" Jem knew that to argue witb him, with the whip or any lethal instrument, was use less.

Arriving at Kempton, Jem noticed in the programme a selling burdle-race for the next day - worth $£ 100$, winner to be sold for t50-and as entries were received
over-night, he boldly gave the name of Le Promeneur the competitors, and chuckled at the fun he was going to have. He intended to ride himself, using a whip that " got there" every time it was put in operation; and it is needless to add that when Adams gets
his whip up in earnest he does not beat the circumamhis whip up in earnest he does not beat the circumam-
bient air. He can make a horse pick up his hind leg and carry it.
When our bero reached his happy home that night, and instructed his head lad to have Le Promeneur pre-
pared for action at Kempton the followirg day, there pared for action at Kempton the followirg day, there
was considerable surprise in the stable, and the opinion was even expressed by some of the leading authorities that the master was "going dotty," or was slightly
"off his onion." Needless to say, these picturesque entiments were not promulgated in the master's hearing. head lad, "two miles over hurdles. Why he ain't seen a hurdle for years, and has never been able to do a canter since he last broke down, weeks and weeks ago. me, and now I'll have a little game with him. If he won't go in a trap he shall go over hurdles, and I give you my word he's not out of it. He wants no galloping, bit. They are no Blachers, those that he'll have to whack to-morrow:

Road-work often does bad-legged horses a great deal of good, as it helps to get their legs hard and callous: and this must have been the case with $\mathrm{L} \theta$ Promeneur At any rate he cantered to the post with the spright liness of a two-year-old, and his owner-who had not more than $£ 10,000$ upon him, S.P. or otherwise-felt quite ${ }^{\text {qurdie. }}$

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He took hold beaatifully "-so Jem remarkedten he saw he obstacle before him, though be had not seen one for some time. I just said, 'Come up, you beauty!' and gave him the office, and he popped over
like an old hunter, shaking his head as though he liked it. I thought once of having a plange, but Inever could bet enough to get broke, change my mind we were off. I pulled my joker back,
knowing that his condition could not be first-class, and knowing that his condition could not be first-class, and eased him all 1 could. He blew a good deal at first, having been recently nourished on a sloppy diet, and while 1 was waiting for his second wind we got a little behind, and our chances did not look rosy. Then my champion seemed to clear his pipes somewhat, and I had to bustle him along between the last two hurdles in order to get him to the front. I never quite got there, but I was a good second.'

When Adams rode back into the paddock his face, I recollect, was wreathed in smiles, and he looked as pleased as though he had ridden and backed three con secutive winners, and had cashed the cheque-that is drawn the money. After weighing in all right, he lost no time in taking a prominent position close to the auctioneer's box, and showex by his manner that he meant to have a good try to buy the winner.

I know." he remarked casually, though loud onough to be heard, "how good mine is"-intending to indicate that he had just been beaten on a priceless animal, and that his conqueror must be a sort ot Ormonde on the loose. The winner of the race was entered to be sold for $£ 50$, and Jem boldly started him at $£ 100$, assuming a magnificent air as if money were of no object to him when he bad set his heart upon a thing. Slowly but gradually the Lorse was run up to E 400 , when our hero ntinated his intention to go and indulge in a modes quencher, his mission having been accomplished. He was entitled to balf the surplus
On being subsequently questioned as to why he had bid so recklessly for an animal that could not on his
very best form be worth much, Jem replied that he very best form be worth much, Jem replied that he
knew what he was doing, an obvious truism that did not provoke controversy. He then said that he "knew something"-with tue accent evenly distributed, if practicable on each word, so as to suggest supernatural lore: and what be knew appeared to be this: the owner of the winnar had the horse on lease or under some
agresment which compelled him to buy him in, and thus Jem won more by being second than it he had been first. Besides, he still retained his noble steed, and thereby (as usual) hangs a tale.
After the race, while James was still chuckling, and o doubt thinking what a very artful customer he wasto rull second with a bloommg carriage horse, don't gentleman on three swingers and full of mash if Promeneur was for sale. "That fairly knocked me" to quote again Jem's version of the story-" and I oun a game with me. But I looked a solemn as a judge who had just given a wrong, decision, and said that the horse was for sale if I were sure that he would have a good home. The stranger assured me that he should be treated as one of the family, there being prayers twice a day, and then asked me to name my price. Well, I did not forget to open my mouth, you concluded. It was a good day's work, of course, and I wish there were more than 365 of them in the year."
On being asked for information as to the subsequent achievements of Le Promeneur, and whether he won many valuable races for his new owner, Jem was not effusive. He professed, on this point, to know nothing but I don't think the horse subsequently distinguished himself at all, and that his unfortunate legs condemned im to a state of permanent obscurity

But to think," said Jem, in winding up the story harness one day, hurdles next : first I can't give him away
luck.
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This is true enough, especially with racehorses. They often win when least expected, and when they bave $101 b$ in hand, and are backed as if the race were over, they break down, or curl up, don their owners are induced to retire into private life with increased experience, but less money. Gr. G.

## The Noble Art of Self Defence

Although many of my readers will doubtless cavil at the word noble being used in conjunction with the somewhat brutal art of "fisticuffs," still, in many respects, it is a noble art, and, say what one will, its use is infinitely superior to that of the knife or revelver, in that its effects seldom endanger life, and only produce painful chastisement for a limited period. Men will quarrel occasionally, and, when their quarrels reach that pitch where force has to be resorted to, how far better, from a humanitarian point of view, to either give or take a comparatively harmless drubbing, than to inflict or receive a mortal wound. I know that nations who still wink at the practice of duelling, especially those of the

Latin denomination, have not been brought to favour this view, but the time must come when they will be obliged so to do. Sword and pistol duels are very often reduced to a mere farce, it is true, but, every now and again, we hear of fatal consequences, which envelope whole families in a common wail of sorrow and remorse therefore, I argue, that in case of a row it is fa preferable to have recourse to nature's weapons. It may not be an enviable thing to cnjoy the reputation of being a noted bruiser, nevertheless that reputation keeps many men out of rows, and, furthermore, in the case of decent individuals curbs their passions in trying moments, simply because they are too well awarn of the damage they can produce should they allow their feelings to get the better of them. Every proper minded man will shun and abhor the big, strong bully who takes any opportunty to exhibit his personal prowess, but, thank goodness ! such
bullies are few and far between, and, although some of these objectionable beings are to be met with, these isolated cases do not alter the fact that a good knowledge of the use of one's fists often turns out vers efficacious in an emergency, even up to the point of saving one's life.
I will endeavour to illustrate my argument by the recital of several personal experiences, which may tend to uphold the utility of the subject in question.
When I was a small boy at school in South. ampton, the parliamentary elections came on, the principal candidates being a certain Mr Andrews, Radical, a Mr Wequelin, moderate Liberal, and a Baronet, Sir Edward Butler, Conservative. Elections in those days were not conducted in the same peaceful, undemonstrative way as they are now. Each candida'e had his own colours, generally sported in rosette form in the buttonholes of his adherents, leadins to many a street fight, with the corresponding black eyes and broken noses.
The constituents of Andrews ware composed almost wholly of men of the roupher class, his own coachbuilders, a numerous lot, the hands from Day and Sunmer's foundry at Northam, a larger lot still, and the mechanics from sundry other factories in the neighbourhood. Wequelin's adherents comprised chiefly the lower midde-
class, and Sir Edward Buller's the gentry and class, and Sir Edward Butler's the gentry and
agricultural in'erests. Andiews had been seven times Mayor of Southampton, and, although a very estimable man, he was scarcely the trpe that the better classes would have chosen as their representative in Parliament. Sir Edward Butler was a delicate, thin, rather undersized man of nearly sixty years of age, and not the sort of in-
dividual in any way constituted to hold his own dividual in any way constituted to hold his own
in a personal encounter with any of Andrews strong-armed politicians.

Three days before the polling, Sir Edward was walking up the High Street, when he was accosted by one of Andrews' men, who dabbed his left fist into the patrician's face, drawing blood from his nose. Sir Edward promp'ly made up his mind as to the necessary course to take.
He went to the neaicst telegraph station, and wired to a friend in London to send him down twenty of the best prizefighters that money could hire, no matter at what cost. Within two days, they were on the spot, comprising Bill Perry,
known as the Tipton Masher, then champion of known as the Tipton Masher, then champion of
England. Tom Sayers, Nat Langham, Tom Paddock, ITarry Paulsen, Mike Madden, Jemmy Shaw, Johnny Walker and others of that ilk, in short, "un beau bouquet de fleurs."

On polling day, about mid-day, I was walking winh my tutor, Mr Bell, and a young army aspirant, named May, in the continuation of the High Street, known as Above Bar; we had arrived almost in tront of Andrews' coach-building establishment. the entrance to which was a huce lengths, one of the two centre lengths being left open, when we observed a strangely dressed individual, clad in a bottle green. tight-fitting, military looking coat, with fur collar and black braiding known as frons across the breast, a fur cap, stuck jauntily on one side of his head, and a pair of tipht cord trousers, swinging along with an easy, elastic stride, ripht into the thick of Andrews men, who were lounging in most con-
siderable numbers in front of the establishment. siderable numbers in front of the establishment.
We observed as the new comer approached that he wore on his left breast a large rosette of violet and orange, Sir Edward Butler's colours. He was a man of a little over the middle height, with very broad shoulders, neat, natty figure, and a jovial, jolly-looking, face.

Good gracious!", said May, "look at that man wih Conservative colours walking
into that crowd of Radicals, they'll kill him.
Thes didn't though, although they tried their
big fellow made a grab at his rosette, to be promptly knocked down by a smashing left bander on the nose. A rush was immediately made at the stranger, and a scene commenced which is almost beyond description. Nimble as a cat and quick as thought, he immediately knocked down three more assailants. Rush after rush was made at him by the now infuriated mob, but to no purpose. Not a blow, aimed at him, touched him, whereas, his returns, made with incredible rapidity, never missed their mark; man after man, sometimes five or six at a time, went for him, to be met with dire and awful punishment. Face to the foe, he fought his way back to the open door; another tremendous final rush was made at him, but, down they went, one man's head into the next man's stomach, the finale of the encounter being that he Hoored the huge foreman with a magnificent left and right, skipped glibly inside the doorway, closed the door in the faces of the crowd, and trod down the strong inside bolt, leaving behind him a scene of havoc and destruction. The Radicals were simply furious. They tried to break down the door, but there was not only a strong iron bolt in their way, trodden well down, but a fearfully strong personage to belp that bolf. As Tennyson hath it, " God of battles, was ever a battle like this in the world before?" This man had been assailed by a crowd of over a hundred, and had absolutely succeeded in thrashing nearly half of them, in something less than two minutes, remaining, unscathed, in sole possession of theit own stronghold. Of course it didn't take long for the police to arrive; very soon an inspector and two blues elbowed their way through the angry mass of workmen, and knocked at the door. We were toofar off to hear what was
said, as the street there is about as broad as the Avenida de Mayo, and vociferation was extensive but we could yuess that the police had ordered the occupant of the building to open up and surrender. Presently, the door opened and the man
appeared, just as fresh and jaunty as he wes before tho affair began. We saw him taken in charge by the threc policemen, and walked off to the Bar (iate, where the magistrates were actusitring discharging their duties for the das
"Oh, Mr Bell," said May, " you have intluence at the Bar (Gate, do let us go any see who that man is, and what they will do with him."
"Certainly," said Bell, in his bland, quict manner, "I must confess that, although I'm not
a pugilist moself, I feel very interested in that man, he's a host in himselif, and not a big man either. I never saw such a remarkable performance before
Bell's influence fold, so that, in a few minutes, we found ourselves in the Bar Gate court, just as the inspector was concluding his charge against the accused. Cood old Colonel Tryon (peace he to his ashes !) was the justice, and plenty of this sort of work he had had to face, during the previous few days. He was a fine sample of the
English gentleman. tall, straight and erect, in spite of his sixty' odd years, and staunch old 'lory as he was, I could guess, by the look on his face, that he immensely appreciated the present situation. Assuming the usual judicial air, he asked

Detendant, what is your name?
"Tom Sayers, your wuship.'
"Ob! '
A lengthened murmur went round the little
"You are accused by the police of assault and battery on the persons of several individuals in the public street, in broad daylight, and in the presence of many witnesses, what have you to say in
sible."
"Well, your wuship," said the indomitable Tom (for it was he), "I was comin' down the st reet with the conservative colours up, as you see; I didn't wish no 'arm to anyone, nor did I intend any 'arm, if they'd let me alone; but,
when I gets to that 'ere big coach-ouse, a 'ole crowd goes for me, an' I'ad to act in self-defence, I'm sorry, your wuship if I've 'urt anybody, (here a titter went roand the court quickly suppressed by a cry of 'silence!' from the usher) but I was only defendin' of myself' I suppose every British subject,'as a right to defend 'imself, when ' $\epsilon$ 's assaulted.'
"And very well you have done it, Mr Sayers," said the good old Colonel, " you are discharged. Inspector, see Mr Sajers into the street, at liberty, I don'timagine there is any occasion to look after his future welfare as he appears perfectly able to take his own part. I don't suppose either, that any one hereafter will care to assault him." (Cheers).

Nobody did! and Sir Edward Butler was duly
I had the luck, some four years afterwards, to
witness a nother public performance of this extraordinary man, who was then in training to fight Tom Paddock.
I was on the knife-board of a two penny bus, and we had to pass through the open space, in front of the "Mother Redcap," a public house for ever memorable as Sayers' head-quarters On this Saturday evening the bus was stopped by a large crowd, who were looking on at a streetfight. The victor up to the moment, was a great hulking, strong limbed brute, palpably connected in some way with the coal trade, for his face and arms were plentifully besmeared with coaldust; the loser was a much younger and smaller man, apparently an hostler or groom, and as we arrived on the scene, there was a quick exchange of blows, in which the smaller man, overweighted, received a terrible round handed swipe under the left ear, which floored him. Instead of giving the fallen man time to pick himself up and pull himself together, the big, heavy, coaly brute set to work to kick him in his prostrate state, with a fearfully heavy pair of hobnailed boots, amidst cries from the bystanders of "Shame! Coward! etc., etc." but no one seemed to have the courage to intervene. Suddenly, the crowd was pierced and thrown away on each side, as a man appeared, divested of coat, waistcoat and hat, and with his shirt sleeves hurriedly rolled up. I thought I recognised something familiar in this man's face, but, in the excitement of the moment, I forgot where I had formerly seen him. With a bound, he was on to the bully, had inserted the fingers of his right hand into the back of the latter's shirt-collar and with one swing of the arm, chucked him on to his back. about four yards off, placing himself immediately between bully and victim. When the coaly brute picked himself off the ground it was to find himself face to face with a man. Aye! Every inch of him a man, much smaller. much lighter than himself, but with all the appearance of a gladiator. The close cropped head, set on a splendid neek, the square determined jaw with it's protruding chin, the eyes ablaze, the stern, Nemesis look of the whole face, the superbly broad shoulders, the active, well knit frame, and the scientific attitude proclaimed a prize-fighter of the first water. The bully, too blinded by rage to realize his danger, flew like a fiend at the new comer, with hatred and malice in every line of him; but, in less than half a minute, he did realize to a painful extent the error he had fallen into.
(To be continued).

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## (Continued.)

I pointed to the sand, and there they saw three tracks, though of what animal wa cortain, and they didn't look like deer either, they were too broad, they were more
like the feet of a small calf, though they could hardly be those either for the hoof werg they the

Well, that's good at any rate," said Jack, "it seems as hole.'

I've often heard of chaps being in a hole, sir, but I never dreamt of ever be
myself," said Brandon.
myself, said Brandon. " if was daytime, no doubt but that we should see light now," said I, "for these animals, whatever upey are, would not venture far into the dark, ble Hick ers, and I believe I feel a breath of wind in my face."
And it was so, every step we went the passage got about the wind either, for I had to hold my hand in front of my candle to prevent its going out altogether. And at last, as following the stream we turned a point of at last, as following the stream we turned a point of
rock it did go out, but there before meI saw about thirty yards a way a large opening, and through the opening a solitary star. With what delight we stood once more under the open firmament of heaven, and felt the coo night air on our heated faces and bodies, who shall say?
We inhaled it as though it were breathing in new life, We inhaled it as though it were breathing in new life,
for the air of the caves, after we had passed the line for the air of the caves, after we had passed the line
where the water had risen, had grown hotter and hotter And the mules, too, seemed to enjoy it, for they trotted out one after another and began to crop the grass which grew almost up to where we were standing, for they, pjor beasts, were hungry, they had had nothing to eat since early morning, neither had we for that matter, but
the excitement of our journey had been such that wo the excitement of our journey had been such that we
gave no heed to hunger or thirst, all our thoughts being gave no heed to hunger or thirst, all our thoughts being
centred in the one idea of getting out as fast as possible But the dogs, as soon as they set foot outside, all rushed off to the right with onc accord, we heard the stones rattle as they rushed up the mountain above us, knew, and cared not what, high up.
For fully five minutes we sto)d grazing at the scene before us, for though the half of it nearest to us was in shadow, the rest was in clear moonlight, and what we
saw was a wide valley entirely surrounded by high mountains, the snow-tipped peaks of some of which shone out in unearthly grandeur in the moonlight against the dark back-ground of the sky. What we could see of that part of the valey which was flat, and studded all over with enormous trees, which I imagined was a lake. On the far side to that which 1 imagined was a lake. On the far side to tha on which we were standing was a large dark
I took to be a wood or large clump of trees.
But my speculations on that point were cut short by a plaintive whinny from Jess, who, seeing her compa nion peacefully cropping the cool grass, took this mean of reminding me that she too was liungry and didn
care scenery. "Come along," said I, "let us get off and let our mules go, and unload the others, and then have our
own supper, 1 am as hungry as a bear after his winter snooze

By Jova, isn't it grand though," said Jack as be began unsadding his beast, "it licks nyy expectations
all to pieces, knocks spots out of anything $I$ ever saw before.
When we had lit orir fire, and a good one we made for wood was plentiful, and the night air outside the cave was pretty chilly, we spread our rugs and lay down waining for our meat to cook to rest our weary limbs.
Presently I heard two odd kind of sneezes a litule Presenty I heard two odd kind of sneezes a litule
way above us, and the dogs again ran barking off up the hill.

What the devil was that?" cried Jack jumping up.
I do believe it's the devil himself, sir, a sneezing
up there, I thought I heard it once belore while I was up there, I thought I heard it once belore while I was
unsaddling, but I didn't like to call your attention to it, for fear I might be mistaken, sir
"Devil be blowed," said I laughing, "it's a goat, an old Billy goat.'
"Try again," said Jack, "where the deuce do you suppose a goat would come from down here?" an old Billy make just such a row when angry or sur prised, but where he comes from I don't know, unless the Jesuits brought some with them and left them here and now I come to think of it those tracks we saw in
the cave were goats' tracks, I only wonder I didn't the cave were goats
think of that before.
Jack and I had lit our pipes when we lay down, and
he now noticed that Brandon was not he now noticed that Brandon was not smoking.
"Where's your pipe?" he enquired, "how is it you dose of your favourite remedy.
"It ain't that, sir, but the fact is I've lost it," he re.
plied, :" I know I had it in my month yesterday, when I took that lep into the pond, and I know I must have opened my mouth wide as I struck the water, as I got such a belly full of it, and the pipe may have fell out or
I must have swallowed it, though I hope to (god I didn't.
The comical fear expressed on the old man's face, together with the thoughts of the awful complications which would arise in the old fellow's internal arrangements thad he actually d me so, were too much for us
and sent us off into tits of laughter, but when Jack was again able to speak he said
" Why you confounded old idiot, why the deuce didn't oy bag, you can have one of them, if you don't mind smoking an old one.
tuck in his face.
I was a wakened just as the sun was rising next morning by a familiar sound, the crowing of a cock, a regular barnyard crow, I sat up, rubbed my eyes and listened ; yes, there it was again, there was no mistak-
ing it, so I called to Jack and Brandon and told them it was time to get up, not, however, mentioning what ad heard. Presently the cock crew again.

No, I say, come now, hang it all," cried Jack, jumping up, while Brandon sat and stared like a stuck pig, ight we had goats, and now cocks aud hens. We shal be having milk with our tea and new-laid eggs for our reakfast to-morrow I suppose.
Well there is nothing very wonderful in it after all," I remarked, "if you come to think of it, eight men, Jesuits, found this place originally, and made it their they should bring some domestic animals to make life more bearable, and fowls and goats are the things they would most require, and would be most suitable to the place, goats ought to do well among the mountains, and thrive anywhere. Besides, eggs and milk would be necessary for them during their fasts, and most likely they aught fish in the lake over there to the tune of "To norrow will be Friday,' but did you ever see such

It is beautiful, cert
It is beautiful, certainly," replied Jack, " take away he mountains and it looks like a lovely English pariz those trees, though, over there don't look like algarrobo
or any tree I have seen out here, they look to me like or any tree I have seen out here, they look to me like
oaks, but not a living beast of any sort. Where are your goats that you were talking about, and the cocks and
ens?
Quien sabe," said I, "where they are, we know they
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"Suppose we take our gans and go for a walk," said Jack presently, "it isn't far to the other side of the val-
ey, not four miles I should think, we may tind some duck on the lake or a partridge or two, Brandon can come along as well and bring a rifle in case we come cross any big game. My legs ache
I agreed at once, so we got our guns and started with保 and which camo out from the lake.
We hadn't gone half a mile before the dogs began hunting about in the grass, and directly after flushed a cock and two lens, which took wing just in the same at a very fair rate. Bana! bamed away over the grass rels from our guns and all three fell. When we picked them up we found they were regular barndoor forwls, black Spanish, and very fat.
"Well, if this aint a go," said Brandon, as he held the cock' bird in his hand and fingered the long white earlaps, II never heard of shooting barndoor fowl before. It strikes me, sirs, as what we don't find in this rip aint worth having.
tood looking up at the mountain we had just left stood looking up at the mountain we had just left,
'I'm blest if you weren't right about the goats, for there they are, at least six of them, and I suppose there here hey are, at least
ad three kids, quietly an old white Billy, two females and three kids, quietly making their way down the were. They drank at the brook, and then went off anong some shrubs. We lad verily lit on a land of pienty, guanacos are not good eating, besides their being nearly always thin, but here we had kid and poultry and for ouglit we knew fish, too, in the like.

I wonder where those old chaps lived," said Jack as we wandered on, "I see no sign of a house anyor ages, doesn't seem to have been any one here and just cleared out. Besides you remember that the stones we pulled down from the entrance of the caves vesterday were evidently put up from the outside, so f they were stil here we should not have found the tones like that."
"Or else they may a! have died but one or two, and the last ones clearel out alone shutting the door at the entrance after them," I remarked.
Near the lake there grew a clump of lovely trees proached them very ond, apparently, and as we ap elins, beech, and apples.

Looks like home, sir, don't it," said Brandon, as would expect to see rabbits an enormous elm, "one what a place for pheasants, look at these here acorns He picked up some from the ground not thicis but long and narrow, such as pheasants rejoice and get

Jack climbed up an oak to have a look round.
I can't see a vestige of a house," said he, "there believe they stayed here a month or two and then bolted.
I don't believe it," said I, "if they have planted years trees it would take them at least two or thre have done so, for nobody ever saw such an oak or eln out here that was not planted. They don't belong to the country.'
On the lake there were any quantity of wild towl, and
took little heed, for we had no means of securing them.
While walking along the edge Jack pointed out a looking frog, which would not have attracted my queer tion at all had he not told me that it was of the same sort as those they eat in France.
"They were regular gourmands those old Padres." he and turned them out here, and though their creed did not allow them to eat meat on Fridays, I suppose they might eat as many reptiles as they chose, but I wonder what. wine or spirits would be far too balky to bring all this
"Drink," said I, " why cider of course, what eise do you think they planted all those apple trees for. But the whole thing seems out of joint to me. All I have that wherever they went their tirst idea always was first to convert and civilise the natives, and then to form a species of colony destined to bring in many shekels to their order, but here I don't see what There is something below all this which 1 hope we may find out, though 1 doubt it. If we could only find the place where they lived, we might get an idea of what their little game was.
"But hang it all," said Jack, "we have only been a few hours here, how do you suppose we are going to find everything out at once. have to search for days yet. If they had a shanty of any have we are bound to find it sooner or later, but quien sabe if they didn't live in caves.
We had some very good spart at the lake, shooting duck, which rose of course at the first shot we fired but came fying round every five minutes or so, and
didn't seem to mind us as we knelt down among the long grass. While we were enjoying the shooting, we heard a distant rumbling, and looking round we satw a long bank of purple clouds creeping up over the tops of the mountains, and there was no donst but what we we had shot, and the three fowls, we hurried back to the cave, and began carrying our saddles and stores inside. The night before when we had reached the entrance, we had been so glad to get outside once more, that we had on exploring the valley that we never once thought for a noment of looking into the cave, nor, to tell the truth, should we liave expected to see anything worthy of our naturally cast modation we should find. While thus engaged, our eyes with one accord lit on a flight of stone steps cut in beginc on in the darkness of ihe corner, ran up a height of some fifteen feet till they came to a hole in the bare wall of the cavern.
"Come along," shouted Jack, starting to climb up, pected to
We run up after him as quickly as we could, but he haa a good start and was up some seven or eight steps pocket and struck one, shading the light with his hand pocket and struck one, shading the light with his hand,
and when we arrived and peered over his shoulder this and when we arrived
was what we beheld.
A room nearly round, and about fifteen feet in diametre, and more or less twelve feet high; at the further side a square block of stone, and on the stone. carved in the living rock, a crucifix-and nothing more

Well," said Jack, as the match went out and burnt his fingers, "I call this real mean, they've evidently
cleared out, lock, stock, and barrel, and not even left so much as a tooth brush belind them.
We sent Brandon down to bring a candle and then made a thorough search, but found nothing but goats' dung of which there was a plentiful supply everywhere: We concladed that the square stone must have formerly
been used as an altar, but the kids had evidently turnbeen used as an altar, but the kids had evidently turned it into a play ground, for the edges, which had once
been squared, and this we ascertained by feeling with our fingers that part close to the wall, were now worn quite round.

It seems to me," said I, "that this place was made so high up for some purpose. 'Those old fellows were trouble, an all thase st, 1 prestme, hat to here if they could hav hose steps in the rock to get no wild beasts to fear, nor lndians either, so it strikes me that they must probably have been flooded ont at sone time or other, just you think is a big storm, like water go to that comes down from the mountains. We saw plenty of watercourses running into the lake to-day, and the only one I saw that came out was this one that runs of the valley it stands to reason that the water must drain off through here."
" Gammon," said Jack, " you are not going to make me believe that, why, if all the water you talk oraly piled up at the entrance would have gone out of that like a cork out of a pop-gun.
He was quite right, there was no mistake about that, water as would naturally come upo this end were to be flooded, and it was ridiculous to think that there had been no storms or floods-during the last two hundredand odd years, therefore, knowing what Jack was when once he began an argument, for he sake of harmony I held my peace, and awaited Whe
scraping up the goat's dung with our hands and feet in
perpetually disappointed, Jack blew out the candle; and we all trooped down the steps again.
It was after twelve when we again stoad outside, so each of us picked np one of the fowls we had shot in the morning and fell to at plucking it.
sand like a spoilt child,
I'm disgasted," he said, " quite disgusted at finding nothing but a crucifix. I was in hopes we should bave found something belonging to the priests worth taking beastly*hands on the rocks, we should have had a far bollier time of it outside among the mountains."
"Never mind that for the moment," said I , "" we have seen nothing of the place so far. and goodness knows
what we may not find later on. What 1 most particularly require at the present moment are some dry sticks larly require at the present moment are some dry sticks
to make a fire with, for 1 am hungry. I don't know to make a fire
what you are."
There was plenty of dry wood all round, so we soon collected a lot, far more than we really required, for as collected a lot, far more than we really required, for as Brandon wisely suggested we must collect
to-morrow as well and keep it under cover.
The pot was boiling merrily, we were all sitting round, and Jack was beginning to get over his disappointinent when the first gust of wind came and then inmediately followed a tremendous crash of thander, we looked towards the laguna, and saw the trees were bending under the wind, which had not reached us yet, and then we all sprang to our feet and stared wonderingly in each other's taces, for far away up the valley we distinctly heard the tolling of a bell.
Suddenly, however, Brandon collapsed on the sand, moaning piteously. Jack and I ran round the fire to where he lay on the sand, with both hands over his face. We pulled him into a sitting posture, for we were really frightened, thinking he had got a fit.
"What's the matter, Brandon, do you feel ill, got any pain?" asked Jack, anxiously.
No, sir, said he, in a low voice. "I'm not ill, and Oh, dear! oh, dear! we sluall never leave this place alive. Tbat aint no earthly bell, sir, don't you believe
"Oh, you old fool," said Jack, contemptuously, "what a fright you gave me, I thought you had a fit or someever I get home, and tell how you were nearly frightever 1 get home, and tell how you were nea
ened to death by a bell. I'll bell your, indeed
"It's deuced strange, though," said he, when he had delivered hinself of this scathing speech, "what do you make it out to be ?
ly ring by themselves, so I suppose somebody is ringing
": Well this caps the lot, fancy there being live people here after all, but I wonld have sworn those stones had
not been nooved for any amount of years; did you nonot been noved for any amount of years; did you no-
tice how overgrown they were with ferns and moss?" "Yes," I replied, "lut still we can't disbelieve that
bell, there it is tolling still."
The rain followed the wind, first it came in great singie drops, but in a few minutes it became a regular both startling and peculiar, and after every crash there came a regular volley, not only from down the passage we had come but also from both sides of it, and seemingly from right up into the centre of the mountain as
well, which caused us to think that the whole place was honeycombed out like a sponge.
The wind had dropped considerably when the first deluge of rain began, and now we listened, but in vain, for the bell; nobody seemed to quite know when they had heard it last, we were all sure that it was tolling only a moment before, at any rate one thing was cer-
tain, it was not tolling now, nothing could be heard but tain, it was not tolling now, nothing could be heard but
the crash of the thunder every now aud then and the roar of the water as it fell.
"I'm beginning to think you were right after all,", said Jack presently, "my word, but doesn't it just come
down, if there is no other outlet for the water from this down, if there is no other outlet for the water from this
valley we shall most certainly be flooded out. Let us valley we shall most certainly be flooded out. Let us carry our things upstairs i
firewood we can as well."
So we took everything we had up there, including the dogs. The mules, of course, were away up the valley somewhere, when last we saw them they were feeding not get away, and the rain would do them good.
The brook that ran below us was now considerably swollen and still kept rising, while the downpour out-
side still continued. At sunset, however, there came a slight cessation, and we climbed down from our perch on the top of the steps to go outside and have a look raund. How wonderfully clear the air was, we could see the smallest objects a long way off; four mules were
all right, feeding peacefully near the lake, while the all right, feeding peacefully near the lake, while the
thunder of the water as it came in countless rivulets from the mountains sounded like the rumble of a distant train. One carmine streak among the purple clouds
showed where the sun had gone down, but this died out as we gazed, and night came on. The rain began again, doggedty in one continuous do wnpour, the thunder had ceased to crash and echo through the hidden passages, heard. I'ime passed heavily with us as we sat on the o'clock in that upstairs chamber, so when about nine o'clock we had exlausted all our theories as to what the tolling of the bell might mean, I spread my
rugs alongside the wall and lay nie down and slept. rugs alongride the wall and lay nee down and slept. I umy arm.
drowned this time it's a mercy. I the
I raised myself on my elbow and looked round, Jack left hand so left hand, shading his eyps with his right, and peering
down on to the floor below. I sprang up and going to down on to the floor below. I sprang up and going to
him looked down, too, but the floor of sand had disappeared, and in its place was a swirling, boiling mass of dark water with great blobs of white foam whirling "By Jove, Dick, I expect we are in for it
By Jove, Dick, I expect we are in for it this time water is up five steps."

When did this begin, how long have you heard it?" thinking abont that confoung time, I could not sleep for minutes since I heard the water rushing in."
"Then the lake, has only just filled, and only just begun to run over, said 1.
While we stood looking, we suddenly heard a great that of a mighty waterfall, it grew londer cavern, like that of a mighty waterfall, it grew louder and loude
though the water were falling a considerable depth.

What is all that row, do you think?" asked Jack,
oking at me.
Why, that explains why the stones have never been washed away at the entrance," I replied. "Don't you hear the water is finding its way down some subter-
ranean passage, and that makes us perfectly safe up ranean passage, and that makes us perfectly safe up
here, but if it was not for that, the water would very likely drown us out of this, as I don't think it would be able to escape fast enough through that narrow tunnel we found, and would back up and probably fill these caves.'

I, should awfully like to see what is going on out-
"Well, that's impossible, there are fully eight feet of water here now, and it seems to be rising fast, and the rain is coming down in a regular deluge. This will
melt all the snow off the mountains, too, and that will make a lot more water to come down bere. Just fancy if this had come on while we were on our way here, and about half way through, there would have been another Mystery of the Andes that would probably never have
After a time, tired of watching the water go whirling
past, I lay down again and fell off to sleep, lulled thereto by the continued murmur of the fall, and the lap lap of the water against the steps.
It was light when Jack woke me, and nearly eight and roasted some ducks.
"Wrandon had made a fire breakfast. But 1 must say I never saw a fellow like breakfast.
you, I believe you would sleep while the last trump was you, I believe
being played.
"No
"Ohb.
"Oh, contound you, you know well enough what mean, I wasn't talking of cards, but do be ser
say when do you think we shall get out of this
I got up and looked at the water, it had risen another foot, but as I was too high up to see any distance under the door, I could not see whether it was raining or no, though it seemed too light for there to be many cleuds about.
"I believe it has stopped raining;" I said, when I had completed my survey, "so I fancy it all ought to run off some time to-day, though there has been no end of a
storm, and if you come to think of it all the water that storm, and if you come to think of it all the water that
has fallen on the inside of this valley, mountains and all counted in, has to come through this hole. The valley itself is nearly round as far as we know, and that would give a circumference of at least nine miles, then take into consideration how mucly water would fall on a stretch of mountains nine miles long, to say nothing of the snow that has been melted during a ten hours' deluge, and
you will see it must take some time to drain offf, especially as there is only one outlet. I only hope that hole down which it is falling will hold it all.
"Then we shall have to remain blocked up bere all day, I suppose.
"Untess you like to explore the centre of the earth you can go down that hole and creep out at
"I wish one could tell when you are chaffing and when you are serious," said Jack, "you always seem to take things just as they come, and don't bother you row last night.'
"Well, fancy it," said 1, "and what have you gained by keeping awake? There you are, hollow-eyed and tired out, while 1 an as fresh as a lark. What good
would you be if we had a really bad time to go through, you are tired before you begin."

Nerves," said I laughing, "you should have left them behind you before you came on an expedition of his kind, or they will get you into trouble
The day wore on, but by ten o'clock we noticed that the waters were decidedly beginning to go down, so we sat at the top of the stairs and watched.
Do you remember," said I, "that Hilca told us that some of the men who had gone out to look for the Piz pah when they got back swore thal that they had hoard
the crowing of cocks and a bell tolling in the mountains? They must have come precious close to finding this place, and that only proves that there is no other entrance or outlet from it than the one we came by, be sides, if there vere, these cocks and hens and goat would be all about the Cordilleras, and I never heard of any being wild before."
"Which also meains," said Jack, "that we shall have do that beastly ride through the mountain again."
"Yes," 1 replied, "that's so, but it won't be so bad "Yes," 1 replied, "that's so, but it won't be so bad
ie second time, for we know just how far we have to
go, while the first time we did not know what we were coming to or how far we had to go to get there, but just fancy, if we had not had the brook to guide us we might perhaps have ridden down that passage where the water is now going, and one at least of us have falBy three o'clock $t$.
by opsning in the the water bad gone down a lot, and the opgning in the cave grown considerably bigger, and now a tiny ray of sunlight shone in. But there were
still four feet of water, and it ran so Jack did not surgest Jack did not suggest our trying to get out yet; the water began to go down sore there were barely both sat down and pulled off our boots and clothes. We got outside without much trouble, but all along the climbed up on some stones and looked round.

We look like Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden," said Jack, but just then Brandon appeared struggling round the edge of the opening, "but who is this?

Oh, that's the devil," said I, and we both burst out laughing. It required but a very small joke to set us of then, for we were in good spirits at having come so safely out of so awkward a predicament.
One or two large trees had been uprooted by the wind, but the whole thing was beautiful, the trees and grass looked greener, the air was clearer, everything nearly twice its usual size, was of a dull clay red Our mules were now about a mile off, and feeding with them was a herd of wild goats.
I remember smiling to myself when I saw these two kinds of animals together, for there is one "trait" I have noticed in each of them I have never noticed in any otber. They are fond of company, and each of them requires a chum. A mule, as it has no offspring in which other animal but never on one of her own species, mostly on some old horse or mare, for age and quality are as nothing in her eyes, and she will follow that animal of her choice anywhere, and seem glad of the privilege. A goat is the same when alone, that is to any the only one of its kind around, it will take up with it is anmal comes across. A horse, cow, dog or cat, will feed, follow, and lie down to sleep with that beast, and follow it everywhere, in fact becont a it, and cause it to wonder whatever goats were made for, and so do I, for they are the most inquisitive, imper-
tinent, destructive beasts I know, but these old Jesuits thought differently, or we should not have seen them here.
"Where do you think that bell is we heard last night?", asked Jack.
side of the seemed to me to comefrom the other among those valley, beyond the lake, some where there are really people living there now, how is it that we haven't seen anything of them? You'd think they must have heard us shooting vesterday, and come out to see who it was, visitors must be scarce up here, I should think.

Well, but they might be too old to walk far," said Jack, and tolled the bell to let us know where they shots, and dare not come out to see who it was.'
"We shall probably know all about it by this time o-morrow, but one thing that I am very certain of is that its too darned cold out here to play Adam and Eve any longer. I am going in to put on a shirt and a coat, shall I bring you a coat also?
I turned to go, and when I had got about five yards Jack pointing upward me, and looking back, saw which he was pointing I saw three goats direction in from over a ledge a little higher up, while he made signs to me to bring something to shoot them with.
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