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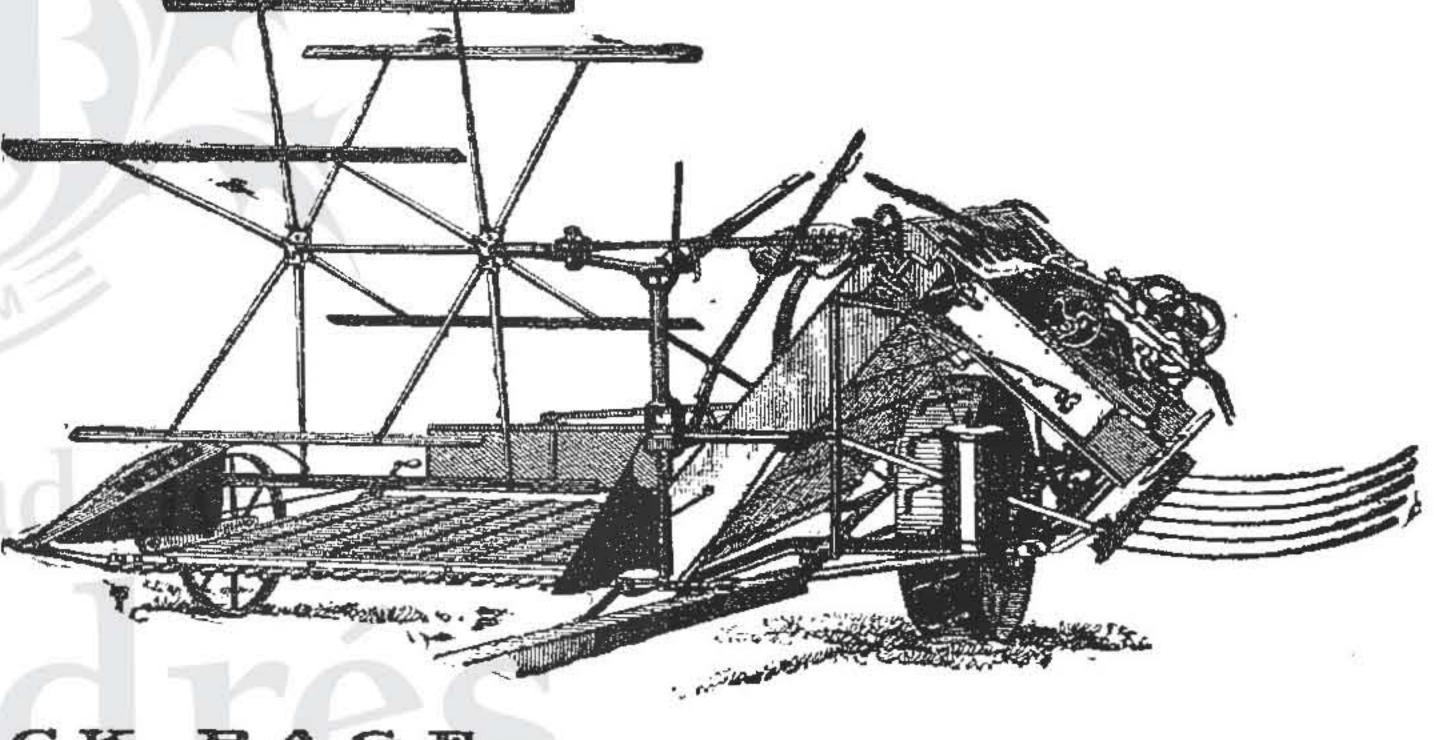
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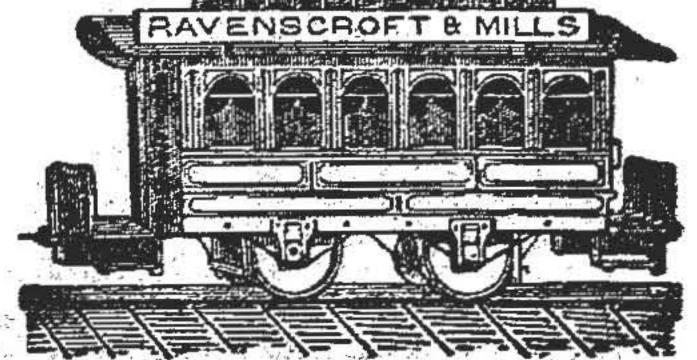
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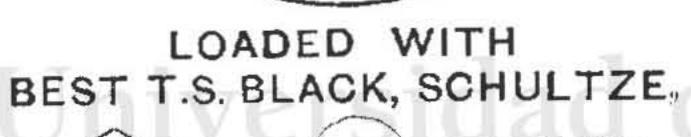
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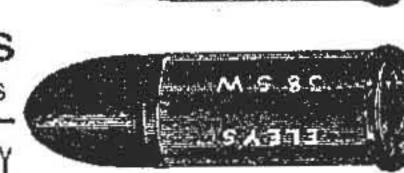








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RACING

Unfortunately rain fell heavily on the last day of the Manchester Meeting, Saturday, November 25th, and j 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, who began slowly, was making up his leeway rapidly, and finished fourth, a head behind Son of a Gun. The hoisting of the winner's number evoked no enthusiasm, and the "all right" was received by the multitude in solemn silence.

Manchester November Handicap, of 1500 sovs; Cup Course, one mile six fourlongs.

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each agst Red Eyes and Xylophone, 40 to 1 each agst Golden Drop, Burnaby, Ancajano, Montezuma, and Cuttlestone, 50 to 1 agst Son of a Cun, and 66 to 1 each agst Quickfoot and St. Cyr.

Latest betting on the Derby:

3 to 1 agst Ladas (off; 100 to 30 t & w). 4 to 1 , Match Box (t & o).

8 to 1 " Son o' Mine (t). 10 to 1 , Bullingdon (t & o). 100 to 6 ,, Arcano (t & o). 50 to 1 , Ravelston (t).

An inauguration steeplechase meeting on Mr Harry MacCalmont's estate, Cheveley Park, Newmarket, was held most successfully on November 30th. Steeplechase 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, Milford, would make his debut over hurdles at this meeting, and his original entry had been corrected under Rule 84 by payment of the fine; but before the races it had been found out that the assumed name of Mr Jersey had never been registered under National Hunt rules, so that at the last it was impossible for him to take part in the

Many of our readers will regret to hear of the death of Cœruleus 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 m 20 1-5 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 performances, 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 the match seems to have been the way in which the Lancashire forwards played up, and they showed themselves much superior to Yorkshire in front.

Devon and Cornwall, as well as Hampshire and Sussex, played matches in the Rugby Union County Championship on Nov. 25th and Nov. 29th. Devon won the former by four goals and six tries (thirty-eight points) to Cornwall's one try (three points), a very decisive defeat. Sussex were beaten by Hampshire by three goals and two tries to a goal.

Appended is a full summary of results in the third quite spoilt the great event of the week, the November round of the qualifying competition of the Football Leyton (5-2); Old St. Stephen's beat Old Wykehamists, Association Challenge Cup:

> Division 1. - Middlesbrough beat Tow Law, at Blyth, at Rendel.

(2-0); South Shore beat Southport Central, at South-Brompton, at New Brompton (2-1). port (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 Rushden at Loughborough (1-0); Leicester Fosse beat Mansfield Green-

halgh, 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 Weymouth, at Weymouth (4-0).

(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 Athletic, 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 between Corinthians and Bolton Wanderers, played at Leyton on Nov. 25th. Only once before, on Nov. 7 1885, had thee 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 conagst Pilot, 20 to I agst Enniskillen and Shelley, 25 to 1 stitute '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 be postponed altogether. The following was the League's record to Monday, Nov. 27 (inclusive):-

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More than ordinary interest was taken in the Midland 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 depended on it. The game proved a good one and the interest was 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 faulty place kicking.

A match for the avoidance of the lowest place in the South-Eastern group in this same competition 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 balf 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 Gloucestershire in the Championship, as both counties had been beaten by Devon and Somerset, had no bearing upon the competition. Gloucestershire 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 Whitby; 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 Plymouth (2-1); (Sub-Division B) Reading drew Maidenhead, at Reading (3-3).

Division 5.—Old Etonians beat Old St. Marks, at at Richmond (4-3).

Division 6.—Ilford beat West Herts, at Ilford (2-0); Middlesbrough (3-0); Rendel v. Willington Athletic or Clapham Rovers (a bye), Tottenham Hotspur suspended.

Division 7 .- Folkestone drew Sheppey United, at Fol-Division 2.—Bury beat Fleetwood Rangers, at Bury kestone (1-1); Royal Ordnance Factories beat New

Division 8. - Warrington 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 tavourite 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 round-Division 9.—Sherwood Foresters beat Wolverton ing 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.

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mense sea billows in quiet repose), he had discovered a a pile of soft, loose sand, and was soon sound asleep. bunch of eleven mares and half as many colts apparently under the control and guidance of an immense coal black stallion. On the outside of the herd were a number 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 kept complete and firm control of his own domestic affairs.

"I know the big fellow," 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 ras-

cal yet." "He has the finest mares with him, too," said the other Mexican, "that are to be found in all Texas."

"I would give a good ninety-foot lariat," said Garver, silvery beams.

" to get one good swing at him." "It's no use," put in Merrill, the other Texan, "to

try any of your dodges on that fellow. He is the smar 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 three horsemen in hot pursuit. for old 'Black Devil,' and if we can get him and his scout this summer. Let's have a try at him."

dawn, the four stout, 'sturdy fellows were in the saddle was within proper distance. and moving westward across what is known as Briscoe county in search of the wildest and freest band of mustangs in all Texas.

wards proved to be a very long and tedious ride.

herd the big stallion scented him, neighed once or twice legs from under him. would reach over and give his own horse a handful or as glossy and smooth as velvet. so of corn, and occasionally refreshed himself with a bit "What became of the mares?" said Garver to his waited live years before this last lease was obtained. of hard bread from the other saddle pocket.

As night came on the herd reached a water hole and "Why, they came flying down upon us about three attempted to drink, but the Mexican, with a loud shout, hours ago," answered, Merrill, "with this old bruiser in dashed after them, and the big stallion, with a warn- the lead. We mounted and rounded them into the coring neigh, hurried them on, while in the meantime their | ral in nice shape, and tried to get this fellow in, too, pursuer had come to the water himself, of which he pointing to the dead stallion, "but he was too smart and allowed his tired and worn steed to drink his fill.

mustangs halt again less than 300 yards distant, and gate on the others and gave chase to him, with the reneigh and stamp and prance about in their earnest sult as you see." the corral."

made objects almost as clear as in daylight. The herd that many were missing and could not be found. had once more come to a halt, and when Garver approached to within a few hundred yards of them he saw that one or two of the colts were lying down, and that the others were endeavouring to graze. Although very tired, he started them on a run again, and when they well off he dismounted, fed his horse with a little corn, were and threw himself on the ground to rest awhile. Half an hour was spent in this manner, then leading his horse by a large detour, he was able to place himself benot detected his change of base.

so startled and surprised the mares that they were soon scattered in every direction; but the black stallion had his head about him, and in the course of eight or ten minutes had them fully bunched and under his control. bag, out of which we are always fishing up some sur-Garver so shaped their course that they were travelling prise. There is scarcely a nomadic digger who has not over the back trail and directly toward the camp, where a hoard of red and blue and green stones which he

his comrades were waiting.

must be pretty near the camp by this time, he deter- wheedled out of one or two by a barmaid, or going "on him.

rear. At last his animal became completely played out, and halted stock-still in his tracks, whereupon Garver shouting, in the direction of the wild herd, and coma few handfuls of corn; then, spreading out a blanket, these rumours were less than the truth.

(for the Llano did have at times the appearance of im- and arranging the saddle for a pillow, he turned over in

he found the moon travelling nearly overhead, and his opened up, belongs to one man. He has been working horse still nibbling the few spears of grass peeping it by himself, determined to prove it before taking the above the sandy soil Saddling and mounting, he re- public into his confidence, and that is why we have sumed his journey over the back trail, keenly on the heard so little of what was going on there. Before silence of the desert.

companions.

smelt a trap, and kept circling around neighing to his It was amusing and almost pitiable to see those wild mates and begging them to come out. So we closed the

desire to reach that water. Garver watched them Upon visiting the corral after daylight there were quietly and muttered: "Now, my beauties, the game is found to be eleven mares, four colts, and two mules bearalmost mine, and I will soon have you safe inside of ing the brand U.S. The latter were the same ones first seen by Garver, and had probably been abandoned by He started after them again, but off they went on a some Government expedition crossing the plains. They brisk gallop, this time old Black Devil, the stallion, in were the wildest and hardest to handle of them all. Two the lead. A bright moon now came sailing up over the o' the colts had evidently fallen by the wayside in sheer ocean of sand, which brightly outlined the prairie, and exhaustion from the hard run they had experienced, as

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 distant yond the herd, who were grazing peacefully, and had date by the same thing in many other parts of the west of the Republic, the following marvellous story, which Remounting, he dashed upon them with a yell which comes from Australia, and is appearing in several English papers, will be read with peculiar interest.

The narrator of the story says that:

This queer country of ours is a prodigious luckycannot make up his mind to sell for the triffe offered by Toward midnight his own horse became so completely the jewellers. He means to go home some day, and worn out that the Mexican saw he would be compelled | then he will get a price for them. Meantime he carries to rest, no matter what became of the chase; but as he them about in a little gold-dust bag, sometimes getting mined to keep it up as long as possible in hopes that his the tangle "and losing the lot. Occasionally one sees own men might be on the alert to come out and assist in a breastpin or a ring a fine sapphire, vouched for as native; but the emeralds, rubies, spinels, and alman-The wild ones had not indulged in a run for some dines found are mostly of small size. All the world time, but were moving slowing along, with the Mexican knows the magnificent opal from our White Cliffs, and plodding wearily behind, not one hundred paces in their all the world will soon have an opportunity to admire the superb turquoise found at Hedi, in Victoria; we have pearl-fisheries; we have the biggest silver mine in quickly slipped from his seat, removed the saddle and the world, and gold reefs so rich that a drive is sometrappings, and turned his weary beast loose to graze times described as "a jeweller's shop;" but surely we and rest. Catching up a handful of pebbles, he ran, have hit upon the gnomes' treasure-house when we talk coolly about "a ton of diamonds in sight!" There pletely stampeded them. The last he saw of the black have been such sentimental rumours of late concerning stallion and the mares they were bounding away in the diamond fields at Bingara, on the Horton, in New the moonlight, and were soon lost to view in the dis-| South Wales, that we had grown callously incredulous, tance and shadows of the prairie. Going back to his and are all the more astonished to find from the report

CAPTAIN ROGERS.

The diamondiferous tract is some thousands of acres How long he slept he knew not, but when he awoke in extent, and the mine, the Monte Cristo, already alert to discover any sign or sound of the herd he had describing the field, some account of his career is due to been pursuing. Riding on and on in that still night, this Australian Count of Monte Cristo. Mr (Captain by with not even a coyote bark or wolf howl to break the mining courtesy) Rogers is a Cornishman, active and intense silence, the man would talk to his horse and resolute, but now over eighty years of age. After pat him gently as a mere relief to break the utter opening up tin mines in Tava, Penang, and elsewhere, he came to Victoria in the first flush of its gold fever, Toward morning Venus rose up majestically from the and gained his colonial experience in several rushes. east, and the moon, still shining brightly, lit up the vast | His practical shrewdness was early demonstrated. He plain, reflecting back the sparkling bits of sand like argued that instead of following the alluvial, gold the water of the ocean sparkles and dances beneath her should be traced to its matrix. Acting on this conviction, in 1853 he opened in Wattle Gully, Forest Creek, Just then a faint noise came floating from far ahead. | the first quartz reef in Victoria, being jeered at as a Garver pulled up instantly, and both horse and rider madman for expecting to find gold in a lode. His bent their ears to listen. Louder and louder it grew example was, however, quickly followed, and then came until the beating of hoofs could be heard, and presently, the difficulty of extracting the gold from the cruelly too, the sound of men's voices shouting and hallooing. hard quartz. The captain claims to have erected the Then in the dim light a black object hove in sight, with first quartz-crushing battery in Australia. By-the-bye, home people cannot imagine what a dazzlingly beautiful "That's my game," muttered the Mexican in great thing in the sun is pure white quartz crushed. The family there won't be any need for us to take another excitement, "and now I'll have him," saying which he streets of Ballarat are metalled with it, and make one quickly unslung his long grass rope, and patting his think of that little surprise the French King prepared So a plan was agreed upon, and next morning, before horse encouragingly, made ready to cast as soon as he for his mistress when he had the park avenues spread with salt. Captain Rogers acted as manager to various On came the chase at railway speed (it was Black | mining companies, till in 1873 he was appointed expert Devil, the stallion), and not 200 yards behind the three to a Sydney syndicate. He was sent to report on Binmen of his party were urging their mustangs at the top gara as a goldfield. It struck him the country was likely They sighted them about noon, and Garver, putting of their speed and yelling like mad. The Mexican got for gems, and he resolved to return at his leisure and a few quarts of corn into one of his saddle pockets, with his lariat in position, and then began that long, grace- prospect it. It was not for eight years that this "leisure" a few days' rations of hard bread in the other, and ful swing, with the magic circle opening like an oval, moment came, but he had not torgotten. He came all filling his canteen with water, was ready for what after- which only the practiced arm can give to the rope. the way from Ballarat, in the adjoining colony, and Straight at the man rushed the stallion, but evidently after two months' prospecting, found a lead which aver-By reason of the Mexican's many and varied expe- discovering him when too late, made a bold swerve to aged three carats to the load. Although at this time riences he was well qualified to be the leader of the the left as if to pass by. Swish! then through the air there was uncertainty as to the market value of Austraothers, and they very willingly placed themselves under spun the fatal noose, which dropped accurately in place, lian diamonds (so called), some speculators at once his orders. He directed them to camp where they were and settling snugly about the animal's neck and mane, offered him £3,500 for his claim. It was probably this and have their horses saddled by daylight ready to re- the stallion was a prisoner. Following up so as to get want of definite knowledge about the stone found here lieve him, as he expected to pass by about that time. the line in position, when all was ready the Mexican that induced Rogers to accept the offer-a proceeding Then Garver started off alone, and as he approached the pulled up his horse suddenly and jerked the stallion's he soon regretted, as the purchasers made a ring and took up every acre of diamondiferous country in the in a defiant manner, and then gathering up his mares | The latter tumbled heavily, rolling over and over in district. Here, again, the Cornishman's innate shrewdand colts started off across the prairie like the wind, the sand, but there was a sharp, ugly snap, as it some- ness stood him in good stead. He alone knew the trend driving them before him. Garver kept on all that thing had cracked. In a word, Black Devil's back had of the country, and the dead work needed to develop it. afternoon until toward the evening, never losing sight been broken by the fall. In a few minutes the four men He argued that some of these mining leases would of his quarry at any time, nor allowing them one mo- were grouped together, standing over the carcass of the inevitably be torfeited, owing to non-compliance with ment of rest. He did not press them too close, but always king of the Llano, and eyeing it with a feeling of pity labour conditions. So he waited. His foresight had not kept about a quarter of a mile behind, and gave them -and almost of remorse. He was a wonder of beauty, deceived him. As the leases fell through, he lodged his no opportunity to water or feed. At odd times he with magnificent mane and tail, and his ebony fur was application and secured them, always keeping his eye steadily on that big plum, the Monte Cristo block. He

THE STORY OF THE MINE.

Then he went to work all alone, sometimes not seeing another human being for months. He sunk a shaft, timbered it, filled bags with the dirt below, climbed to the surface and hauled them up. He drove and crosscut on two levels, and sunk again through about 50 ft. of very hard oxidised cement. How a man of his ago could have done this heavy work unaided is a marvel; but of this drive he washed tifteen loads for a yield of 2109 diamonds, and proved the drift to be the commencement of a deep lead. After this he sunk an air shaft, which was destroyed by flood, and before he could get another one completed he succumbed to bad air, and was laid up for six months. As soon as he was able to work again, he followed up this drive with a tunnel 200 feet to test the extent of the drift, sunk a third shaft, and from this one opened up a shallow level so rich that be christened it the Bonanza. So far, although sending parcels of gems to London, Captain Rogers had kept his own counsels, but now, having proved his property, he invited experts to visit it, and very astonished they were. They found that this dauntless octogenarian had with his own hands accomplished the work of opening up a great mine, displaying such great judgment that the upper level offered room for 200 men to start blocking; that the drift had been traced to within 250 feet of its matrix (which crops out on an adjacent hill), and sufficient of the forty feet laid bare to yield a ton of diamonds! The whole of this drift is diamond bearing; it is found to average 200 stones to a one-horse load of 27 cubic feet, and in one part yielded 2500 stone to the load. This one lease is for twenty acres. The Monte Cristo mine itself is a veritable mountain of diamonds, pronounced by experts to be the richest mine ever known in the world. The stones are declared in London Amsterdam, and New York equal to the best Brazilian gems, but of so adamantine a hardness that special machinery has had to be erected in London for cutting them. Its output must influence, if not govern, the diamond market, which has already had to be nursed because of the influx of Cape stones. Should the matrix prove as rich as the surrounding country indicates, the mine will be worth a kingdom. The quite recent despatch to England of twenty sample bags of wash dirt taken from all parts of the mine has strengthened a report that Captain Rogers has received overtures from a great house believed to be the Rothschilds. His advanced age and partial blindness-which latter now compels him to have an assistant at the sorting table - are strong arguments 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. In spite of this bit of bluff he will have to deal, and as money is still scarce here the Monte Cristo mine will probably become the property of Jew capitalists.

THE AUSARALIAN DIAMOND.

The commissioner, from whose report we glean these own animal, he patted him affectionately and gave him of a special commissioner just returned to Sydney that particulars, says the wash, when seen underground, is of an uninteresting greyish colour, and all water-worn

material. A dark green pebble, shaped like a kidneybean, runs through it like plums in a pudding, and Gomez:wherever these pebbles are thick the diamonds are and Brazil, the wash-dirt contains jaspers, quartz, agate, sandstone discoloured by oxides, manganite, trimonite, curring round Canada proper, and causing much dam- that in which they left. The horses had stalls in the conglomerate, quantities of small gems, subies, garnets, age and misery, are now followed by others. These hold of the ship, but were allowed to run loose on the sapphires, zircons, tourmaline, and topazes; also gold seem almost inexplicable. You seek for information, sandy earth ballast which the ship carried, and were and platina in sufficient quantities to contribute ma- having heard of a conflagration, and you are met with fed almost entirely on hay. The horses sold well, but terially towards working expenses. In passing through a thousand different explanations of the cause. One, a the arrival of the French in the river made the Siamese the drives the commissioner noticed in parts the face of likely one, is told to you by an intelligent-looking Itali- frightened to take possession of them for the time the lead disturbed "as if rabbits had been scratching an, who says that after feeding at mid-day, one of their being. there." "That's where the ladies have been," said number, jumping up at the summons to work, threw the captain, who gallantly permits lady visitors (and down pipe, tobacco and matches. A wheel of the mayou will not be surprised to hear he has a good many) chine passing over the matches sets on fire standing to carry away souvenirs. The Bingara diamonds are wheats and stacks alike, with no hope of saving either, white or yellow, but mostly white. Some red ones have no water and no idea of ploughing a few inches round been found, and one rare green one, which unfortuna- each stack having entered the head of the colonist owntely some one took a fancy to. The largest, as a rule, er. This is a very feasible theory, the corn being as are about two carats, but one of eleven carats has been dry as tinder, and wanting nothing more than a spark found.

It is believed that large stones will be unearthed when the matrix is driven on. The price received up to the present is £10s. 6d. per carat for white stones, and 7s. 6d. per carat for small off-coloured diamonds. The excessive hardness of the Bingara stones, which increases the cost of cutting, affects their price. A curious characteristic of some of the diamonds is a cobweb formation in the stone, and twin diamonds have also been found. 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 commissioner's account it is evident that Captain Rogers' methods of washing, sorting, etc., are primitive, and not adapted to deal economically with large bodies of the drift. He is just now inundated with 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 he 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 Cruelty 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 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 of \$153,838. The sale was effected by Messrs Funes and Lagos on the 24th and 26th of last month.

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

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1891			27,348		 56,366,155
1892					 57,696,913
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An American paper is responsible for the following creature bounded away at once. yarn; - "A greyhound bitch found a motherless pig of her own blood, which the pig seems to fully return. has been almost left desolate of timber. 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 up her squealing baby and the two return home together."

TO RENT, EIGHT AND A HALF LEAGUES of years' contract, Partido General Villegas; and on the same camp 6000 head of cattle, al corte, very well bred, of the drought, in search of pasture. will be sold.

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A correspondent in Santa Fé writes from Cañada de

thick also. Like that in the diamond mines of India | Canada to Tortugas on each side of the railway to a | the horses, eleven in number, arrived after a four months' most alarming extent. The late fires announced as oc- | voyage fresh and in considerably better condition than to set it ablaze.

the point.

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 it as it may, apart from the great fires which have lately occurred around Canada, 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 machinery 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 every station in a wheat centre. They expect an abnormal 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. Coffin, to Rosario, I was curious to see how Mr Geary would cope with the enormously extended traffic. simply saw nothing out of the common. The bullock carts came up, were weighed, their freight transferred to wagons in waiting for them, guias made out, wagons hitched on to special or ordinary camp trains, and Armstrong station resumed its usual quiet, pleasant appear-

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

At a small hamlet on the hillside above Old Blair, Perth, during the severe storms last November, the snow 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 alive.

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

It is reported that, great as has been the destruction which she has suckled and is rearing, displaying all in the woods around Perthshire, the most wholesale the affection for it that she could possibly show to one havor has taken place on the estate of Dunira, which

> It is calculated that no less than 20,000,000 kilos of wool is lying in deposit at the two markets and in private 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 SUPERIOR CAMP, with Norias, etc., on a five trying to obtain reduction on freights of cattle which have to be removed from one part to another, on account

ROBSON SCOTT

GENERAL COMMISSION AGENT

Camp, Live Stock, House Property Bolsa de Comercio No. 8

Last February, it may be remembered, we noticed a consignment of horses which had left in the British The burning of wheat continues in the district from barque Inchkeith for Siam. We have just heard that

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 Bourke district, an anti-alien movement has been set afoot by the Bourke Municipal Council, which has adopted suggestions and a petition to Parliament on the subject, and when the latter is presented, the House will probably be asked to resolve itself into a committee of the whole. to consider the expediency of bringing in a bill to But what think you of a theory advanced by an Itali- regulate the use of camels. A public meeting is to be an peon in my hearing, and his object expressed, as far held at Bourke on the 13th inst., at which several memas my limited knowledge of his horrible patois would bers of Parliament are expected to devote their talents allow me to convey to memory, was that these conflag- to squelching the Asiatic. The fact is that those who rations had been caused, instigated and arranged by the have goods and products to load found the rates of the different Insurance Companies, in order to show the European carriers so exorbitant, and their demands so wheat grower how foolish and, even mad, it was not to unreasonable, that they were forced to treat with the insure. This is nonsense, we know, without arguing camel proprietors, and the latter have succeeded so well with their work that they have practically monopolised 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 been invented, 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 pressing 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 few days ago.

Mr Carvajal has 1500 cuadras (nearly 6,000 acres) of land laid down with lucern (M. sativa), and the actual production is 1500 bales a day, and this will shortly be augmented to 2500.

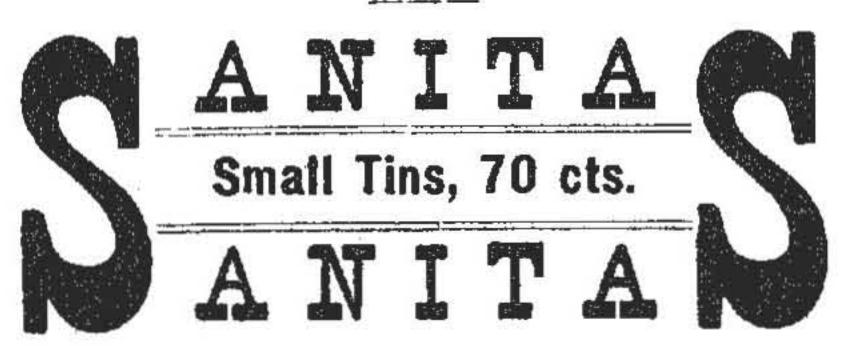
The plant consists of 35 Champion mowers; 12 rakes; 60 carts each with a carrying capacity of 40 bales; 6 Edwards No. 12, chaff-cutters; three machines for cleaning and separating the hay into classes; two French horizontal pumps; three American vertical force do.; four bydraulic presses, each with a 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 store-

rooms. 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 waggeners and majordomos. There are in all, including animals for breeding purposes, 2,500 between horses and cattle, and 8,000 sheep, to crop the fields in rotation.

In the English House of Commons the other day, Mr Herbert Gladstone, for Mr Gardner, said, in reply to a question, that no information had reached the Board of Agriculture which would suggest that locusts were

Disinfecting Powder



KIDD & HUTTON 385 - CALLE BOLIVAR - 385 paragraphs in the newspapers were based on the fact of gown which has a blouse of any pretty material you that dead locusts were found in hay from the Argen- like and a different skirt of some plain and not too warm tine. There was no apparent risk of the eggs being woolen fabric. The heliotrope, and black and electric, brought over in hay, and if they were the climate afforded no tacilities for the development of the pest.

From Messrs Gibson Brothers' valuable wool report

for the month of December we gather the following: The close of 1893 finds us with the wool markets and barracas tull of(produce, the greater part of which finds a difficult exit. Loud complaints are heard on all sides of the slackness of the wool trade and of the facilities offered by the railways for the transposal of same, but if those same grumblers would take a walk round the Central Market they would then readily understand that they themselves are the cause for complaint. The amount of inferior wools, etc., showing neglect and indifference on the part of the producer, is apparent to anyone interested in this branch of the produce of the country. A good article well looked after and cared for finds a ready purchaser, at more than 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 of abuse for not having the means to concentrate greater qualities of produce; but, although railway managements are not always perfect, yet we opine that, taking Scotsman issued, which shows that fashions in those 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.

for the year 1893:

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	reg.	6.80 - 7.70	6.00 - 6.70	5.90 - 6.30
Cruza Linc	oln, 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 m	es., fina	7.00 - 7.80	6.40 - 7.20	6.00 - 6.80
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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 at present being trimmed with narrow bands 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 lashings.

Lace in the form of yokes of edging and of insertion is as popular as ever. A very pretty black evening gown I saw the other night would be useful for home wear, or for a small dinner party, it had the black satin skirt entirely covered with a deep flounce of fine black lace, 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 ruffle 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 elbow, where a band of the jetted insertion caught the sleeve proper, and divided it from a deep soft frill of the black lace which fell three inches over the lower arm. It is a useful style of dress, as one might easily remake a half worn black silk or satin dress in this fashion, and it looked both cool and 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 moiré.

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 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 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 narover a vest of the velvet. Rather too hot for you this truly,

imported in Russian hay. Inquiries tended to show the just now, I fear, so you will have more use for the style velvet band, and a small band of the draped velvet also does duty as a collar. One can have skirts with dots of colour to match the blouse, as the little arrangements of sprigs and clusters of spots either in black or colour are very fashionable just now.

Hats are still large, but toques also hold their own, and feathers are the principal trimming. One hat of the identical shape the Queen wore very long ago was low crowned and broad brimmed, with lovely black Engel and Brambilla, Tetrazzini, etc., have apfeathers drooping over each side and fastened at the very edge in trout with a broad paste buckle.

Three-cornered hats and the old curé shape are much worn, and look nice trimmed with black bows when the

felt is of a pretty bright colour.

Cheneille spots to match the shade of the hat trimming are to be seen on some veils with borders of real Brussels appliqué lace in cream, the same appliqué being used to edge the brim of the hat. I warn you, however, that coloured cheneille spots on veils are 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.

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!

"Turbans are the dresses in use for large evening parties and are worn of blue velvet or red crape ornamented 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 with the turban. Red and white silk The following prices may be taken as closing prices hats are still to be seen but the number of satin hats is more considerable. The greater number have a white ly before the close of the season, and was given border. Bouquets à la jardinière, composed of a large only twice or three times. Verdi's latest comrose, surrounded with hyacinths, jasmin, and other position vied in popularity with Manon Lescaut, small flowers or roses of two colours have become very fashionable. Hats are sometimes worn with a narrow the eyes of the public. Leoncavallo's score isborder, 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 have three rows in front of small yellow buttons. The epaulettes and facings have other rows and those of blue cloth have buttons of red or blue velvet."

> for children sold by Mr Claxton, 62 Strand, London, the high artistic standard of the other product-W. C. It costs three shillings and sixpence, and the ions, despite the fact of it possessing a powerful measurements to send, when ordering, it are the number and dramatic libretto. of inches round the head above the ears, and from the bottom of the lobe of one ear over the head to the bottom of the lobe of the other ear.

> Already Christmas cards, Christmas books, and Christmas nick-nacks of all sorts, are being busily sold in have been the star of the company which was an the shops for foreign mails, so I suppose one must thus excellent one and credit is due to the enterprise early wish you a Merry Christmas and all the orthodox enjoyments of the festive season! And so ta, ta, Yours Opera season. At the Politeama there has as

> > MARGERY.

CORRESPONDENCE

Buenos Aires, December 27.

To the Editor River Plate Sport and Pastime.

Dear Sir,—

I shall be obliged if you will give me your decision on the following question (basing it on Cavendish rules),

In a game of dummy whist, at the commencement of a rubber, dummy's partner dealt for himself instead of for dummy, and the adversaries allowed the trump card have been yet more marked but for the disturbed to be turned up without challenging the deal and the state of the political atmosphere and revolutiohands were taken up. Dummy's partner claimed a no nary outbreak in the Province of Buenos Aires deal, under the rule that "Dummy must deal, at the commencement of each rubber," whereas the adversaries claimed that the hands should be played out under Rule No. 48 for ordinary whist, to the effect that "anyone dealing out of turn may be stopped before the trump card is turned up, after which the game must proceed as 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 that if an innings to each side (in a one day cricket match) has been finished there is no necessity to play out time. As you will see by the scores of our match-Lomas v. 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 the heading of one day matches law No. 2 also deals with the subject.

Will you please, in the interest of sport, draw attenrow band of fur, the short bodice was of violet velvet tion to this, as nothing can be more unsportsmanlike edged with jet, and a line of sable came round the neck than to see a cricket eleven haggling about fielding for to the waist in front, where the vicuna was crossed a second time with two hours left for play.—Yours P. L. G. BRIDGER.

DRAMATIC AND MUSICAL NOTES

The past year has been a brilliant one in Bueand black shot silks make lovely blouses, and look nice nos Aires in as far as regards music and the with the fullness caught in at the waist with draped drama. Quality, quantity and variety have been abundant, as will be evident from 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, Bociti-Valvasura in drama, and Cremonini, Scotti, Mariacher, peared 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 afterwards 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 Here is an amusing note from a copy of the first three new works, upon which the Buenos Aires were able to pass judgment before they had been produced in many of the large European capitals. Puccini's Manon Lescaut, Verdi'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 artists engaged by Ferrani.

Falstaff was unfortunately produced but shortwhile I Pagliacci did not find so much favour in not as masterly and artistic as the music of Verdi and Puccini'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 I wonder if you all know of the most valuable earcap enough to observe that I Pagliacci did not attain

> The young tenor Cremonini may be said to of Ferrari, the empresario. So much for the 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 was not 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 Bernhardt, who for the second time visited Buenos Aires. It is superfluous to state that the great actress but enhanced her reputation and was hailed with showers of applause albeit her triumph would 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 Porteño public and her success was most signal in the former role. As usual she was badly supported and among a mediocre entourage the juvenile lead M. Darmont was the only 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 times almost empty benches, notwithstanding that he was enthusiastically applauded by his compatriots on his 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 artistic. 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 words 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.

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 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 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 be 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 before the championship tournament at Hurlingham in April.

There are a couple of two-day cricket matches for Saturday and Sunday next, the one between other between Lomas and Hurlingham at Hurlingham. For the benefit of those playing in the latter match sleeping accommodation for forty wish to stay there on Saturday night must notify the secretary at Piedad 559.

Stokes, who was laid up in Valparaiso from the more professional, but what price the Yankees, effects of a slight injury to his arm caused by a liftheir methods may be judged of from the folfall from his mule whilst crossing the Andes with lowing remarks in the New York "Spirit of the the cricket eleven last November, has returned Times" of November 11th: to Buenos Aires, and will, it is hoped, soon be American wheelmen have invented and developed a Sunday, April 1-North (U. K.) v. South (U. K.) quite well again.

lish a list of all the polo matches played in the last seven years between Santa Fé and Hurlingham, 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 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 club before becoming its absolute 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 hundred 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, 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 paying over the latter. 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 There will be another race meeting for the \$59,442, all of which, except about four thousand, belongs to Buenos Aires. Keir stands fourth with \$26,540, 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 Sr J. 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 Sun. 4-B. A. C. C. v. Western Ry., at Tolosa. the International, as report says she is going well and strong again.

Estancieros in those parts of the province which rooms, when a great supply of local talent will 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 Belgrano, but it was impossible to get at their own-Buenos Aires and Rosario at Palermo, and the erships. The first match was between Flecha and an overo pony over 1,000 metres, the second Sun. 25-Flores v. Lanus, at Lanus. between Whitelegs and a good-looking black over 400 metres, and the third between Flecha has been arranged at Hurlingham. Those who and a dun horse over 2,000 metres. In all three Sun. 1-Flores v. Hurlingham, at Hurlingham. the unknown ones won as they liked.

Amateur, or so-called amateur bicyclists in My readers will be glad to learn that Mr Denny England, are undoubtedly becoming every day

new game, which consists in taking up their residen- Sunday, April 15-Secretary's v. Captain's Team.

A correspondent has written asking me to pub- | ces at some especially fast track, raking, dragging, and rolling the path until it is as smooth and hard as a bowling alley, gathering together a staff of expert pace makers, human and equine, equipping these pacemakers with tandems, triplicates, quadruplicates, and bicycle sulkies, waiting for a warm, windless day, and then riding various distances in various styles, faster than all previous performances. During the past month three of these colonies have been established - W. W. Wing-Hurlingham at the last tournament, is the first field and troupe at Springfield, Mass.; A. A. Zimmerman and party at Hartford, Conn.; and J. S. Johnson and Co. at Independence, Iowa. At each of these places new records have been made at all sorts of odd and unusual distances, but Johnson seems 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 min. 55 3-5 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 useful in so many wonderful ways 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

Boots.

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 Lanus.

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.

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-London 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 Flores. Thurs. 22 (Holy Week)—B. A. C. C. v. Montevideo, at

Montevideo. Fri. 23, Sat. 24 (Holy Week) - Rosario v. Lomas, at Rosario

APRIL

Sun. 1—London Bank v. Lanus, at Palermo.

MONTEVIDEO CRICKET CLUB-FIXTURES

Sunday, Jan. 28-Albion C. C. v. C. C.

Sunday, Feb. 11-A to K. v. L to Z.

Sunday, Feb. 25-Peñarol v. C. C. Sunday, March 4-Over 26 v. Under 26.

Sunday, March 18-Eleven v. Twenty-two.

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P. M. Rath	15	637	2	133	49.	-
E. R. Gifford	20	568	2	115*	31.55]
B. B. Syer	18	464	3	87*	30.93	j
J. R. Garrod	$\frac{21}{5}$	605	_	115	28.84	
A. Anderson	ō	140		47	28.	
Lacey (pro.)	10	196	3 2	68*	28.	
J. Murphy	6	111		68*	27.75	
G. A. Thomson	18	397	2	77*	24.81	
A. Boyd	14	288	1	51	22.15	Section 2
T. V. M. Knox	5	81	1	27	20.25	
R. W. Rudd	12	219	1	96	19.90	,
F. Bennett	7	133	-	99	19.]
J. F. Kahl	6	68	2	25	17.	
T. A. H. Forde	9	135	1	47	16.87	
C. A. Tabor	7	114		45	16.28	
J. D. Gifford	11	175	_	34	15.90	
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H. Anderson	14	159	3	45*	14.45	1
C. W. Thompson	15	197	1	46*	14.06	
J. Bennett	6	77	-	25	12.83	
F. Jacobs	6	76	_	31	12.66	
R. E. H. Anderson.	17	164	4	42*	12.61	1
W. Brown	6	61	ī	22	12.20	
L. J. Hutton	10	106	ī	27	11.77]
J. F. Macadam	7	57	2	35*	11.40]
	7	65	1	46*	10.83]
R. L. Halstead	10	101	1	46	10.00	1
A. I. Haisteau	10	101	- <u>1</u>	1 40	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 RAILWAY A.C.

The following are the scores of the match played on the 24th November, between the Buenos Aires and Rosario Railway and Hurlingham Clubs which we were

unable to publish last week:	
Rosario Ry. 1st inn	Hurlingham C.C. 1st inn
R. W. Rudd, I-b-w, b	J. Stuart, c Syer, b Neil 8
Stuart 32	M. G. Fortune, b Neil 11
M. E. Fitzgerald, b La-	Lacey, b Neil 4
cey 0	E. L. Rumboll, c Fitz-
B. B. Syer, c and b	gerald, b Rudd 28
Stuart 61	L. J. Hutton, c Syer, b
J. Graham, b Fortune 0	Rudd 16
W. J. Bond, b Fortune. 7	S. Francis, b Rudd 0
A. Nicholson, b Lacey. 6	E. Danvers, b Neil 7
W. Neil, b Lacey 7	F. C. Wilmot, b Rudd. 30
F. F. Webb, b Lacey 2	J. O'Ryan, b Nicholson 5
G. W. Pettinger, b La-	W. Russell, run out 12
cey 1	R. J. Curtis, not out 0
A. Brodie, run out 0	
J. R. Brodie, not out 2	
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Lacey		16		6	• •	24		5
L. J. Hutton		4		_	• •	23		-
J. Stuart		4 7		1		24		2
M. G. Fortune		8				29		2
J. O'Ryan		3		_	• •	18	٠.	_
	H	urling	zham	C.C.				
W. Neil		16				57		4
A. Nicholson		10	• •	2		25		1
R. W. Rudd		9		1	2020	28		4
J. F. Webb	• •	3		-		9		_

LOMAS A.C. v. LANUS C.C.

This match was played at Lomas on Sunday, 31st ult., and resulted in a win for Lanus on the first innings by 19 runs, though had there been five minutes more for play in all probability the result would have been reversed. 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 Tupholine found a spot and the eleven were all disposed of for 46, Tupholme taking seven wickets for 15 runs, Rowland and Halstead being the only 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. Tupholme at 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 7 runs and had two wickets to go down, so excitement can very high at the finish. Scores:

	DATED STOCKED AND DELICAS FINENCE WEEDN	ESDAY	, J	an. 3, 1894 9	
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ŕ	Lanús 1st inn	2nd			The state of the s
	R. W. Rudd, I-b-w, b Tabor. 29 b Rath			F. Carlisle, b Still	
	R. Brooking, run out 1 b Rath E. Smith, b Rath 1 l-b-w, b Rat			J. Murphy, st Leng, b Still Gahan, b Still	
	W. Jones, b Rath 14 b Tabor			A. Palmer, b Still	2.
	C. Tupholme, b Tabor 0 b Bridger		14	J. A. Avery, st Still, b Leng 1	
.	D. Duncan, b Rath 0 b Bridger		2	T. B. Charles, b Leng 1	
	F. Fothergill, hit wkt, b Rath 8 b Rath	• • • • • •	7	R. M. Clarke, st Phillips, b Leng	
	L. Huxtable, c H. Anderson,		4	L. Baugh, st Watson, b Leng	0
,	b Rath 0 b Bridger E. Morgan, not out 4 c Halstead, b	Tahor	9	Tr m mhachald h Setti	à
1	H. Griggs, b Tabor 0 not out			A. Wilkes, b Leng	ŏ
	A. Leslie, b Rath 0 b Rath		Õ	Extras	7
	Extras 8 Extras.		3		_
	Matal CE Mata	1		Total 6	
		l	ĐΨ	The Landon S croven went in a second time and Messi	s
	Bowling Analysis			F. Carlisle and A. Palmer kept up their wickets till tim	0
	. First Innings.			was called.	
	Rath 14 3 29		W		==
	Dn:dage 7 0 10	>• (•	O		
	Tahor 7 3 9	*	3	Polo, Cricket, and Racing at La Merced.	
	Second Innings.		0		
ì	Doth 10 5 17		5	A Lomas A.C. polo team, consisting of Messrs G. S	3.
	Bridger 5.4 1 15		3	Anderson (back), H. Mohr Bell (No. 3), T. M. Lees (No.	0.
	Tabor 6 1 15		2	2), and R. W. Anderson (No. 1), played a couple of	æ
		W 61		matches on Sunday and Monday, Dec. the 24th and 25th	
	Lomas 1st inn	2nd	inn	at the estancia La Merced, Chascomus, Mr P. Cawar	-
	E. P. Rowland, b Tupholme. 14 b Tupholme. A. Anderson, l-b-w, b Tup-		U	dine's. On the Sunday the team played a game, whic lasted for two quarters only, against the four Messr	h
	holme 6 cFothergill,	h Tanas	1	Killion, and were beaten by them by six goals to four	S
	F. H. Jacobs, b Rudd 8 run out		10	Ned Killion did most work for the winners, and Moh	i.
	P. M. Rath, b Tupholme 1 c Jones, b R			Bell for Lomas.	
	H. B. Anderson, b Tupholme 0 run out			On Monday, when all the rank and fashion of th	0
	C. A. Tabor, b Tupholme 1 b Jones		0	neighbourhood was present at the side of the pol	lo
-	R. L. Halstead, not out 12 b Tupholme.		12	ground, a match of four quarters was played agains	st
i	C. W. Reynolds, run out 0 b Jones		3	the following team: Messrs P. Cawardine, T. K. Fai	r,
	P. L. G. Bridger, b Tupholme 0 not out		6	E. Killion, and P. Killion. In this game the Lomas me	n
-	J. Williams, b Tupholme 0 did not bat.		0	were more successful, and in the end won by six goal to three.	3
	L. Jacobs, b Rudd 0 not out Extras 4 Extras				
Ì	Extras E Extras.			cricket match at La Merced.	*
	Total 46 Tota	1	63		
			3.5		
	Bowling Analysis	1777		The following are the results of the races :-	*
	First Innings			The Chascomus Derby, for polo ponies played in eithe	r
	Tupholme		W	of the above matches, four squares.	
1	E. Smith		-	Mr T. K. Fair's Belgrano	1
	Rudd 5.4 — 1. 17		2	Mr H. Mohr Bell's Overo	2
	Second Innings.			Mr P. Cawardine's Old Tom	3
1	Tupholme 7 1 31		9	Mr T. M. Lees' Diablo	0
1	E. Smith 3 — 18		1	Mr G. S. Anderson's Petaca	0
1	Rudd 4 6		3	Mr R. W. Anderson's Snowball	U
1				The La Merced Scurry Sweepstakes of \$2 each, for pole	0
-				ponies, catch weight, owners up, three squares.	
	ALTER BETWEEN A CHARLES TO THE LOCAL PROPERTY.	. ~		Mr R. W. Anderson's Kitty	1
t	QUILMES A.C. v. B. A. AND R. RY.			Mr T. K. Fair's Belgrano	2
1	As will be seen from the following scores the			Mr G. S. Anderson's Carpincho	3
	Club beat the Buenos Aires and Rosario R	ailway	in	Mr T. M. Lees' Tommy	0
I	their match on Sunday, 31st ult., by 89 runs:			Mr P. Cawardine's Old Tom	0
-	B. A. & R. Ry. A.C. 1st inn Quilmes A.C.			Mr H. Mohr Bell's Dandy	0
- 1	B. B. Syer, b Morgan 1 W. Bailey, b A. N				
	A. Nicholson, b J. Ben- son		6	The cricket match was entitled Town v. Camp, and	đ
- 1	nett 2 H. Webster, b T.	8.7		resulted in a win for the Town team, as will be seen	
!	L. Justican, c Bailey, b J. Bennett, run of Howson 18 F. J. Bennett, run		The second second second		
1	J. Shennard, c. Howson, E. Morgan, b. Wel		6	Comp 1st inn 2nd in	-

A. Nicholson, b J. Ben-		son	6
nett	2	H. Webster, b Taylor.	38
L. Justican, c Bailey, b		J. Bennett, run out	17
Howson	18	F. J. Bennett, run out	12
J. Sheppard, c Howson,		E. Morgan, b Webb	6
	24	C. Davies, b H. Nichol-	
H. Nicholson, b Howson	0	son	9
F. Webb, b J. Bennett.	7	F. Bocquet, b A. Nichol-	
P. H. Taylor, b J. Ben-		son	4
nett	0	T. Jones. b Taylor	26
W. Williams, run out	12	A. Caldwell, b Taylor.	12
W. Graham, b J. Ben-		A. Brodie, st	C
nett	1	H. Howson, not out	10
M. Mallett, not out	6		
R. Lloyd, run out	2		
Extras	8	Extras	30
	-		
	CONTRACTOR SAFE		

BOLSA BROKERS v. MR PALMER'S ELEVEN

Total.... 81

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. 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.

Men in cheir second mumbs as in	onen mist.
Bolsa Brokers 1st inn	2nd inn
J. F. MacAdam, b Palmer 3	c Murphy, b Avery 15
J. K. Trotman, st Avery, b	
Charles	c Murphy, b Palmer 2
H. H. Leng, b Palmer 6	b Palmer 5
J. Hogg, b Palmer 0	b Avery 2
D. Mackinlay, b Murphy 0	c Murphy, b Palmer 0
F. M. Still, st Gahan, b Avery 29	b Avery 4
R. O. Watson, b Gahan 2	b Avery 0
A. M. Barton, b Charles 1	b Avery 1
G. Phillips, not out 2	st Clarke, b Palmer 5
J. Zimmerman, b Avery 1	b Palmer 0
J. C. Bell, b Avery 2	not out 3
Extras 6	Extras 4
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TOTAL 80	TOTAL 41

1	Mr Pal	mer'	s Elev	en	11	lst i	nn
}	F. Carlisle, b Still						18
)	J. Murphy, st Leng, b S	Still					Ĺ
	Gahan, b Still						0
)	A. Palmer, b Still						2
Ŀ	J. A. Avery, st Still, b	Leng					19
?	T. B. Charles, b Leng						14
7	R. M. Clarke, st Phillips	s, b	Leng				1
	L. Baugh, st Watson, b	Len	g			* *	0
!	W. Methven, b Still						1
2	E. T. Theobald, b Still						0
	A. Wilkes, b Leng		• •				0
)	Extras					• •	7
3							_
		To	tal				63

Polo, Cricket, and Racing at La Merced.

Webb 6	Camp 1st inr	2nd inn
H. Nichol-	C. McKean, c Mohr Bell, b	
9		b G. Anderson 1
A. Nichol-	P.H. Cawardine, c G. Ander-	
4	son, b R. W. Anderson 6	b G. Anderson 13
Taylor 26	H. Ricketts, b Permain 12	
b Taylor. 12	M. H. Tremayne, b Lees 1	b R. Anderson 4
0	W.A. Forbes, b G. S. Ander-	
not out 10	son 16	b R. Anderson 25
	T. K. Fair, c and b G. S.	
	Anderson ()	b G. Anderson 1
30		*****
	Total 39	Total 49
Total170	m	0.1.
	Town 1st in	2nd inn
	R. W. Anderson, c Forbes,	1 () 1.
	b Ricketts 38	
	G. S. Anderson, b Ricketts. 4	
S ELEVEN	T. M. Lees, c and b Ricketts 2	not out 19
natch between	H. Mohr Bell, b Forbes 4	
lmer's Eleven,	P. Permain, run out 1	did not bat
r. The game	H. Henry, b Forbes 0	· ·
first innings,		
v the hero of	Total 49	Total 42

BELGRANO-DECEMBER 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, as on reading down the list of officials on the programme we counted over seventy names.

As regards the racing there is nothing much to say, except that probably several owners regret ever running their horses on such a course, even in the cause of charity which, however, should always begin at home, as several left the course Total.... 41 on three legs.

The following are details of the races:

PREMIO CARIDAD, for three-year olds that have run without winning before the day of the race. Colts 57 kilos, fillies 55 kilos. \$700 to the 1st, 100 to the 2nd, 1100 metres.

Stud Niño Dorado's br f Urania by Pihuen-Stud Misterio's Simoun, 57 k...........J. Lacruz 2 Stud Carpintero's Charmante, 55 k L. Calistro Ecurie Gladiateur's Valeroso, 57 k.......L. Diaz Stud Orissa's Bogey, 57 k....... S Roy Stud Lavalle's Lavalle, 57 k................................. Bellino Stud Floresta's Pensamiento, 57 k.....G. Palacios Stud Terminacion's Argentina, 55 k....J. Bayardi 0 Stud Capitan Lopez' Ideal, 55 k P. Aguileri 0

Urania made nearly all the running and won by a length from Simoun, who finished half a length in front of Charmante.

Tickets-Urania with 179 win and 303 place, Simoun and Bogey 1085-1049, Charmante 202-260, Valeroso 223-281, Lavalle 33-93, Pensamiento 533-703, Ideal 108-215. Totals 2876-3659.

Dividends - Urania \$28.92 win and 5.69 place, Simoun 3.06 place, Charmante 6.31 place.

Premio Hermanas de Dolores, 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......J. Bayardi Ecurie Avant Garde's Sebastopol, By, 55 k

P. Carabajal Stud Argentino's Veterano, 4 y, 42 k.... C. Braseco Ecurie Les Ardennes' Email, 5 y, 42 k...A. Saavedra Stud Capitan Lopez' Cantiniere, 5 y, 49 k.P. Aguileri Sr J. M. Villanueva's Cautivo, 5 y, 48 k.L. Gonzalez

Sebastopol ran in front to the paddock, where he was joined by Maybloom who won easily by a length, half a length separated second and third.

Tickets-Maybloom with 921 win and 1063 place, Sebastopol 784-852, Veterano 306-525, Email 567-618, Cantiniere 615-537, Cautivo 557-577, Lucifer 606 -694. Totals 4356-4876.

Dividends-Maybloom \$8.51 win and 4.32 place, Sebastopol 4.96 place.

Premio Asilo, a handicap for three-year-olds that have not won more than \$4000 before the day of the race, \$900 to the 1st, 100 to the 2nd, 1200 metres.

Stud Paine's ch m Opal, by Phoenix - Topaze, 3 y, 56 k G. Morales 1 Ecurie Sans Peur's Bayard, 3 y, 52 k..... P. Torres 2 Sr M. Carabajal's Loadstone, 5 y, 57 k. . G. Palacios Stud Sultan's Anzoletto, 3 y, 56 k P. Lara 0 Stud Terminacion's Washington, 3 y, 48 k.A. Muzio

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 670 place. Bayard 1328 1276, Washington 505-598. Totals 4867-4383.

Dividends - Opal \$10.54 win and 4.98 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 Fé's ch h Santa Fé, by Phoenix-

Stud Carpintero's Junio, 5 y, 53 kP. Torres Stud La Tablada's La Capital, 5 y, 47 k... C. Braseco Stud Terminacion's Treagle, 6 v, 57 k ... J. Bayardi Stud San Juan's Chiquito, 6 y, 49 k....R. Saavedra Stud Monfi's Gaviota, 7 y, 46 k F. Galvan 0

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

Tickets-Santa Fe with 1395 win and 1103 place, Junio 1232-990, La Capital 966-1022, Treagle 619-664, Chiquito 260-222, Gaviota 335-292. Totals 4807-

Dividends -- Santa Fé \$6 20 win and 3.60 place, Junio 3.78 place.

PREMIO ESPERANZA, an open handicap, \$800 to the 1st, 100 to the 2nd, 1100 metres.

Stud Santa Fé's bl h Sud America, by South-

Stud Pichiman's Holland, 7 y, 54 k P. Aguirre Stud Radames' Sensacion, 4 y, 40 k R. Saavedra Ecurie Les Ardennes' Tristan, 4 y, 59 1/2 k.G. Palacios Stud Capitan Lopez' Whitethorn, 4 y, 55 k.P. Aguileri Stud Revolucion's Siva, 5 y, 55 k......J. Cardoso Stud Temerario's May Blossom, 3 y, 45 k.C. Peñalba Stud Argentino's Vet.rano, 4 y, 41 k..... C. Braseco

Sensacion led for a couple of hundred metres when people. Sud America, who had been laying third, went to the front and eventually won very easily by two lengths, half a length separated second and third.

Tickets—Sud América with 643 win and 685 place, Holland 1463-1603, Sensacion 84-231, Tristun 509-526, Whitethorn 1342 - 1353, Siva 810 - 1223, Tartas 73 - 125, Saeta 313-389, May Blossom 265-202, Veterano 241-398. Totals 5843-6735.

Dividends - Sud América \$16.35 win and 5.44 place, Holland 3.47 place, Sensacion 12.22 place.

PREMIO HUERFANOS, an open handicap, \$1000 to the 1st, 100 to the 2nd; 1900 metres.

Stud Indecis' br h Infernal, by Zanoni-Faith, Stud Santa Fe's Sussex, 8 y, 49 k Sosa 2 Stud Niño Dorado's Monk, 6 y, 52 k P. Torres 3 Stud Capitan Lopez' Brandy Snap, 5 y, 55 k

Brandy Snap made play from Sussex, till the latter was sent along in the straight, but breaking down near the finish let up Infernal who won by half a length.

P. Aguileri 0

Tickets-Internal with 3097 win, Sussex 1773, Monk 2228, Brandy Snap 1996. Total 9094 win. Dividend-Infernal \$5.28 win.

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 consciences 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. Well, let us begin at all events the new year with fresh resolutions and intentions. Hell, 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 crop of felicity and happiness may result from the good seed sown at the begining of the New Year.

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 the case of the Santander disaster. and so each day does not fail to bring its quota of sensational and tragic incident. Lately the cup of horrors has been brimming over in Europe. Apparently the River Plate has 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 Father Plate have been who may be unacquainted with the facts I may 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 Hotel, I am told, on Sunday evening, after dinner, during which Furlotti's orchestra perious to dance, nobody ventured to begin! Thus! the preceding week when the members of a picfor anyone to begin. But the latter were English action in the matter.

English periodicals and magazines which arrive pired to be entirely due to the prompt action and by every mail? That it is a superfluous task is presence of mind displayed by a lad ten years of evident from the excellent Xmas and New Year age, by name Pedro Torre. The youth was editions of the "Prensa" and "Nacion," which seated on a plank looking towards the deposit, give a complete review of the whole events of and suddenly saw a volume of smoke issuing. the year throughout the world. They are from the store. Divining the state of affairs he-

numbers, but to wade through them is an ordeal which most people shirk. 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 inspecting 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 just 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 p.m., and tea and other refreshments will be served.

It is not the alert and giddy Argentine Republie 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 that 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 be 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 sur-Explosion! A most significant word and one geon who prescribed the treatment but rather that now-a-days is in everybody's mouth in attributable to the influence of the proverbial Europe. When the Anarchists are resting from little cherub who sits up aloft and was in this their unholy attempts to raze cities and buildings instance pleased to take mortal form in the shape to the ground, and send harmless mortals on of 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 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 "turned up" and not the toes of the inhabitants towards the roots of the daisies, as in

But to speak plainly the late explosion at Montevideo can be regarded as little short 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 say that on the 26th of December at a quarter past three in the afternoon a tremendous explosion took place on the slope of the Cerro close 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. formed, the musicians proceeded to the pavilion There were in deposit at the time 600 cases of in front where a programme of dance music had dynamite, each containing twenty kilos of the been arranged. However, there seemed to explosive and it is not to be wondered at then pervade the atmosphere of constrained self cons- that the force of the shock was felt all over the ciousness and although there were plenty of town and that many buildings and houses had people, principally Argentines, apparently anx- all their windows shattered. For a radius of ten squares round the deposit the earth was the programme was gone through in its entirety, turned to the color of calcine. Crowds of people without a single couple taking the floor. In immediately hurried off to the scene of the excontrast to this is the abandon which prevailed plosion and it was a long time ere public excitement had calmed down. The spot where the nic party who had dined at the Hotel, commenced disaster took place was immediately surrounded dancing immediately afterwards without waiting by troops and the authorities were prompt to take

It was very shortly ascertained that there was Why bother oneself to read the budget of no serious loss of life to lament, which transdoubtless very carefully compiled and well edited 'rushed off at once 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 lives. It has afterwards been ascertained that the explosion was caused by the criminal careless- "Bones," and the wonder is that he has any left. ness of a cartman, who charged with the task of threw the end of a lighted cigarette close to where the explosive was stored. Presumably this was sufficient to ignite the whole stock. goes without saying that the local damage caused was enormous, and amongst other buildings destroved 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 shattered.

written, 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 consideration the fact that in this New World the inhabitants do not enjoy the advantages of their European confréres 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 joke. young idea as to what is artistic and the reverse. The most artistic natural gifts need education 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 the public welfare. of a few private galleries there are but few will bear a critical examination and whose value becomes greater year by year.

Let the above be granted, I yet opine that most people will allow that it requires but trifling 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 a selling hurdle-race for the next day - worth £100, Buenos Aires evening paper. I must conclude over-night, he boldly gave the name of Le Promeneur that the article in question was a puff, for it as one of the competitors, and chuckled at the fun he would be too painful to believe that the "art ecritic" or any other member of the staff of the 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 carry it. daub such as the picture in question, the subject -of which is as revolting as the pourtrayal thereof.

JEM'S JOKE.

know Jem Adams, of Epsom, trainer and jockey. ing. 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 great handicap coups for which Day was famous, and which he planned so patiently. After a time—that is when he was perluxury he rarely enjoyed-Jem grew too heavy for a bit. They are no Bluchers, those that he'll have to riding on the flat, and turned his attention to the cross- whack to-morrow."

country business. On his many brilliant victories be-

Amongst practical horsemen, including jockeys, hurdle. removing some of the dynamite from the deposit, trainers, and others of the same genus, Jem has always been noted for his wonderfully fine "hands." Horses "when he saw the obstacle before him, though he had that pulled hard with others somehow forgot to pull not seen one for some time. I just said, 'Come up, you with him. He still retains this rare and mysterious beauty!' and gave him the office, and he popped over gift. The other morning, for instance, on the Downs, I like an old hunter, shaking his head as though he met him on old Mazzard, who takes hold with some liked it. I thought once of having a plunge, but I never degree of determination. At least, Fred Hassall, who could bet enough to get broke, and before I had time to trained and rode the horse before he went into Adams' change my mind we were off. I pulled my joker back, stable, tells us that the sensation of riding Mazzard at the knowing that his condition could not be first-class, and regulation ditches was not particularly exhilarating, eased him all I could. He blew a good deal at first, as he raced at them like a steam engine, and some- having been recently nourished on a sloppy diet, and times, when he got there, forgot to jump, with consequences disastrous to all concerned. Knowing then behind, and our chances did not look rosy. Then my him perched on the back of that noble animal, "The had to bustle him along between the last two hurdles old horse looks very well, does he pull much now?"

"Pull!" replied Adams, with some asperity, "he but I was a good second." doesn't know how to do it; he canters up the tan like a

Theodore Child, in his recent articles on the side, and I hope I shall be forgiven when I say that I secutive winners, and had cashed the cheque—that is, Republics of South America which appeared in did all I could to fire the imagination of the ancient drawn the money. After weighing in all right, he lost "Harpers' Magazine," and are the best descript- | Mazzard and make him think he was racing, so as to in- no time in taking a prominent position close to the ive sketches of the kind which have yet been duce him to run away. But it was no use. Jem's hands auctioneer's box, and showed by his manner that he were comfortably on his withers, giving him plenty of meant to have a good try to buy the winner. rope, and the horse ambled along as calmly as possible, "I know." he remarked casually, though loud enough with his head in his chest, as though he were enjoying to be heard, "how good mine is"-intending to indihimself. No doubt Jem had "tumbled' to my little cate that he had just been beaten on a priceless animal, game, as the saying is, for we had not gone far when he and that his conqueror must be a sort of Ormonde on the turned his head and said quietly: "Will that do?"

> had tried a burglary and had been captured by a fat po- a magnificent air as if money were of no object to him liceman before the fun began. And now for Jem's little | when he had set his heart upon a thing. Slowly but

> meneur. In addition to lacking velocity—a sad fault in quencher, his mission having been accomplished. He a race-horse—his legs did not inspire confidence, and his was entitled to half the surplus!

Then a happy thought struck him. "I'll put the thereby (as usual) hangs a tale. works of art in the Argentine Republic which bloomer in harness and make him draw us about." No After the race, while James was still chuckling, and sooner said than done. But Le Promeneur did not take no doubt thinking what a very artful customer he wasvery kindly to his new vocation. There was a difficulty "to run second with a blooming carriage horse, don't in starting him as a rule, and, when started, it was im- you know, on three swingers and full of mash "-a possible to predict with any degree of certainty how far gentleman accosted him politely, and inquired if Le or when he would become disgusted with the whole pro- to quote again Jem's version of the story-" and I ceedings and "turn it up." He was, indeed, a charming thought I must be in a fairy palace of surprises, or that first put in he would sometimes stand on his hind legs, solemn as a judge who had just given a wrong decision, and with his front ones spar at the distant heavens, pu- and said that the horse was for sale if I were sure that gilistically, and with an air of supreme derision. He he would have a good home. The stranger assured me was an awkward horse to drive to the station, for one that he should be treated as one of the family, there never knew when he would get there, or if he would get being prayers twice a day, and then asked me to name there at all.

> gaily for the station with the bold Le Promeneur be- concluded. It was a good day's work, of course, and I tween the shafts. Something had disagreed with him wish there were more than 365 of them in the year." that morning-I mean with the horse-and perhaps he 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 with him, with the whip or any lethal instrument, was useless. So he sent him home, and prepared a fearful re-

Arriving at Kempton, Jem noticed in the programme seeking a "puff" in the columns of the leading winner to be sold for £50—and as entries were received 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 circumambient air. He can make a horse pick up his hind leg and

When our hero reached his happy home that night, and instructed his head lad to have Le Promeneur prepared for action at Kempton the following 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 Everybody who goes racing and many who don't, sentiments were not promulgated in the master's hear- in many respects, it is a noble art, and, say what

> 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."

But Jem said, "Well, he's had a pretty game with 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, mitted to eat enough, which in his early days was a and once upon a time, you must remember, he could go

Road-work often does bad-legged horses a great deal tween the flags it is not my present business to expand of good, as it helps to get their legs hard and callous; tiate; but he always rode a fine finish, and his pluck and this must have been the case with Le Promeneur. over the fences was undaunted. No man has been more At any rate he cantered to the post with the sprightknocked about. So many tumbles has he had, and so liness of a two-year-old, and his owner-who had not many bones broken, that his pet name on the turf is more than £10,000 upon him, S.P. or otherwise—felt quite cheerful after they had jumped the preliminary.

"He took hold beautifully"—so Jem remarked while I was waiting for his second wind we got a little Mazzard's little peculiarities. I said to Jem, on seeing champion seemed to clear his pipes somewhat, and I in order to get him to the front. I never quite got there,

When Adams rode back into the paddock his face, I park hack, with the reins on his neck. Come along." recollect, was wreathed in smiles, and he looked as And we started cantering up the tan-track side by pleased as though he had ridden and backed three con-

loose. The winner of the race was entered to be sold "Quite, thanks," I replied, and felt as mean as if I for £50, and Jem boldly started him at £100, assuming

gradually the horse was run up to £400, when our hero He had a bad horse left on his hands called Le Pro- intimated his intention to go and indulge in a modest

back tendons, I am informed, were not to be relied upon On being subsequently questioned as to why he had in the hour of need. In fact, Jem couldn't train him, bid so recklessly for an animal that could not on his and was somewhat puzzled to know what to do with very best form be worth much, Jem replied that he him, since, when offered for sale, the British public did knew what he was doing, an obvious truism that did not consider that he supplied a long-felt want. When not provoke controversy. He then said that he "knew his owner at last, in a burst of spirited philanthropy, something"—with the accent evenly distributed, if even offered him for a tenner, there was no giddy rush practicable on each word, so as to suggest supernatural of buyers, and the heart of the unfortunate trainer was lore; and what he knew appeared to be this: the owner bowed down when the stunning fact dawned upon him of the winner had the horse on lease or under some that he had an animal that he could not give away, and agreement which compelled him to buy him in, and thus was not permitted to turn loose out of consideration for Jem won more by being second than if he had beenfirst. Besides, he still retained his noble steed, and

he would go, or how many he would throw out en route, Promeneur was for sale. "That fairly knocked me"horse for those who love diversity of incident. When people were having a game with me. But I looked as my price. Well, I did not forget to open my mouth, you One day Jem wanted to go to Kempton, and started may be sure, and the transaction was then and there

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 him 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, and then can't ask too much. We never know our

This is true enough, especially with racehorses. They often win when least expected, and when they have 10lb in hand, and are backed as if the race were over, they break down, or curl up, don't get off, or come too late, and their owners are induced to retire into private life with increased experience, but less money. G. G.

The Noble Art of Self Defence

(COMMUNICATED.)

Although many of my readers will doubtless cavil at the word noble being used in conjunction with the somewhat brutal art of "fisticuffs," still, one will, its use is infinitely superior to that of "Fancy running this horse to-morrow," groaned the 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 big fellow made a grab at his resette, to be witness another public performance of this exthey will be obliged so to do. Sword and pistol hander on the nose. A rush was immediately fight Tom Paddock. duels are very often reduced to a mere farce, it made at the stranger, and a scene commenced I was on the knife-board of a two penny bus.

even up to the point of saving one's life.

question.

broken noses.

other factories in the neighbourhood. Weguelin's sitting discharging their duties for the day. agricultural interests. Andrews had been seven that man is, and what they will do with him." nearly sixty years of age, and not the sort of in- ance before." strong-armed politicians.

twenty of the best prizefighters that money could ition. Assuming the usual judicial air, he asked. 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 England, Tom Sayers, Nat Langham, Tom Paddock, Harry Paulsen, Mike Madden, Jemmy court. short, "un beau bouquet de fleurs."

High Street, known as Above Bar; we had ar- sible." rived almost in front of Andrews' coach-building: "Well, your wuship," said the indomitable establishment, the entrance to which was a huge Tom (for it was he), "I was comin' down the arched doorway with a double door in four street with the conservative colours up, as you lengths, one of the two centre lengths being left see; I didn't wish no 'arm to anyone, nor did I open, when we observed a strangely dressed intend any 'arm, if they'd let me alone; but, individual, clad in a bottle green, tight-fitting, when I gets to that 'ere big coach-'ouse, a 'ole military looking coat, with fur collar and black crowd goes for me, an' I 'ad to act in self-defence, braiding known as frogs across the breast, a fur I'm sorry, your wuship if I've 'urt anybody, cap, stuck jauntily on one side of his head, and (here a titter went round the court quickly supa pair of tight cord trousers, swinging along with pressed by a cry of 'silence!' from the usher) an easy, elastic stride, right into the thick of but I was only defendin' of myself; I suppose Andrews' men, who were lounging in most con- every British subject 'as a right to defend 'imself, siderable numbers in front of the establishment. when 'e's assaulted." We observed as the new comer appreached, "And very well you have done it, Mr Sayers," that he wore on his left breast a large resette of said the good old Colonel, "you are discharged. violet and orange, Sir Edward Butler's colours. Inspector, see Mr Sayers into the street, at He was a man of a little over the middle height, liberty, I don't imagine there is any occasion to with very broad shoulders, neat, natty figure, and look after his future welfare as he appears pera jovial, jolly-looking face.

man with Conservative colours walking right him." (Cheers). into that crowd of Radicals, they'll kill him." Nobody did! and Sir Edward Butler was duly

They didn't though, although they tried their elected. best. As soon as he got fairly amongst them one I had the luck, some four years afterwards, to

bully who takes any opportunity to exhibit his he floored the huge foreman with a magnificent personal prowess, but, thank goodness! such left and right, skipped glibly inside the doorway,

that the better classes would have chosen as their a pugilist myself, I feel very interested in that error he had fallen into. representative in Parliament. Sir Edward But- man, he's a host in himself, and not a big man ler was a delicate, thin, rather undersized man of either. I never saw such a remarkable perform-

dividual in any way constituted to hold his own! Bell's influence told, so that, in a few minutes, in a personal encounter with any of Andrews' we found ourselves in the Bar Gate court, just as the inspector was concluding his charge against Three days before the polling, Sir Edward the accused. Good old Colonel Tryon (peace be was walking up the High Street, when he was to his ashes!) was the justice, and plenty of this Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 6 and 7-Lomas v. Hurlingaccosted by one of Andrews' men, who dabbed sort of work he had had to face, during the prehis left fist into the patrician's face, drawing vious few days. He was a fine sample of the blood from his nose. Sir Edward promp'ly made English gentleman, tall, straight and erect, in Sunday, Jan. 14-Flores A.C. v. Lomas A.C. up his mind as to the necessary course to take. spite of his sixty odd years, and staunch old Tory He went to the nearest telegraph station, and as he was. I could guess, by the look on his face, wired to a friend in London to send him down that he immensely appreciated the present situa-

"Defendant, what is your name?"

"Tom Sayers, your wuship."

" Ob!"

A lengthened murmur went round the little

Shaw, Johnny Walker and others of that ilk, in You are accused by the police of assault and battery on the persons of several individuals in On polling day, about mid-day, I was walk-the public street, in broad daylight, and in the ing with my tutor, Mr Bell, and a young army presence of many witnesses, what have you to aspirant, named May, in the continuation of the say in your defence? Be as explicit as pos-

fecily able to take his own part. I don't suppose "Good gracious!" said May, "look at that either, that any one hereafter will care to assault

favour this view, but the time must come when promptly knocked down by a smashing left traordinary man, who was then in training to

is true, but, every now and again, we hear of which is almost beyond description. Nimble as a and we had to pass through the open space, in fatal consequences, which envelope whole fami- cat and quick as thought, he immediately front of the "Mother Redcap," a public house lies in a common wail of sorrow and remorse; knocked down three more assailants. Rush after for ever memorable as Sayers' head-quarters. therefore. I argue, that in case of a row it is far rush was made at him by the now infuriated On this Saturday evening the bus was stopped preferable to have recourse to nature's weapons. mob, but to no purpose. Not a blow, aimed at by a large crowd, who were looking on at a street-It may not be an enviable thing to enjoy the him, touched him, whereas, his returns, made fight. The victor up to the moment, was a great reputation of being a noted bruiser, neverthe- with incredible rapidity, never missed their hulking, strong limbed brute, palpably connected less that reputation keeps many men out of rows, mark; man after man, sometimes five or six at a in some way with the coal trade, for his face and, furthermore, in the case of decent individu- time, went for him, to be met with dire and and arms were plentifully besmeared with coalals curbs their passions in trying moments, awful punishment. Face to the foe, he fought dust; the loser was a much younger and smaller simply because they are too well aware of the his way back to the open door; another tremen- man, apparently an hostler or groom, and as we damage they can produce should they allow their dous final rush was made at him, but, down they arrived on the scene, there was a quick exchange feelings to get the better of them. Every proper went, one man's head into the next man's of blows, in which the smaller man, overweightminded man will shun and abhor the big, strong stomach, the finale of the encounter being that ed, received a terrible round handed swipe under the left ear, which floored him. Instead of giving the fallen man time to pick himself bullies are few and far between, and, although closed the door in the faces of the crowd, and up and pull himself together, the big, heavy, some of these objectionable beings are to be met trod down the strong inside bolt, leaving behind coaly brute set to work to kick him in his proswith, these isolated cases do not alter the fact him a scene of havoc and destruction. The Radi-trate state, with a fearfully heavy pair of hobthat a good knowledge of the use of one's fists cals were simply furious. They tried to break nailed boots, amidst cries from the bystanders of often turns out very efficacious in an emergency, down the door, but there was not only a strong "Shame! Coward! etc., etc." but no one seemiron bolt in their way, trodden well down, but a ed to have the courage to intervene. Suddenly, I will endeavour to illustrate my argument by fearfully strong personage to help that bolt. As the crowd was pierced and thrown away on each the recital of several personal experiences, which Tennyson hath it, "God of battles, was ever a side, as a man appeared, divested of coat, waistmay tend to uphold the utility of the subject in battle like this in the world before?" This man coat and hat, and with his shirt sleeves hurriedly had been assailed by a crowd of over a hundred, rolled up. I thought I recognised something When I was a small boy at school in South- and had absolutely succeeded in thrashing nearly familiar in this man's face, but, in the exciteampton, the parliamentary elections came on, the half of them, in something less than two minutes, ment of the moment, I forgot where I had formprincipal cardidates being a certain Mr Andrews, remaining, unscathed, in sole possession of their erly seen him. With a bound, he was on to the Radical, a Mr Weguelin, moderate Liberal, and own stronghold. Of course it didn't take long bully, had inserted the fingers of his right hand a Baronet, Sir Edward Butler, Conservative, for the police to arrive; very soon an inspector into the back of the latter's shirt-collar and with Elections in those days were not conducted in and two blues elbowed their way through the one swing of the arm, chucked him on to his the same peaceful, undemonstrative way as they angry mass of workmen, and knocked at the back about four yards off, placing himself imare now. Each candidate had his own colours, door. We were too far off to hear what was mediately between bully and victim. When generally sported in rosette form in the button- said, as the street there is about as broad as the the coaly brute picked himself off the ground it holes of his adherents, leading to many a street Avenida de Mayo, and vociferation was extensive, was to find himself face to face with a man. Aye! fight, with the corresponding black eyes and but we could guess that the police had ordered Every inch of him a man, much smaller, much the occupant of the building to open up and sur- lighter than himself, but with all the appearance The constituents of Andrews were composed render. Presently, the door opened and the man of a gladiator. The close cropped head, set on almost wholly of men of the rougher class, his appeared, just as fresh and jaunty as he was a splendid neck, the square determined jaw own coachbuilders, a numerous lot, the hands before the affair began. We saw him taken in with it's protruding chin, the eyes ablaze, the from Day and Summer's foundry at Northam, a charge by the three policemen, and walked off to stern. Nemesis look of the whole face, the larger lot still, and the mechanics from sundry the Bar Gate, where the magistrates were actu- superbly broad shoulders, the active, well knit frame, and the scientific attitude proclaimed a adherents comprised chiefly the lower middle- "Oh, Mr Bell," said May, "you have influence prize-fighter of the first water. The bully, too class, and Sir Edward Butler's the gentry and at the Bar Gate, do let us go any see who blinded by rage to realize his danger, flew like a fiend at the new comer, with hatred and malice times Mayor of Southampton, and, although a "Certainly," said Bell, in his bland, quiet in every line of him; but, in less than half a very estimable man, he was scarcely the type manner, "I must confess that, although I'm not minute, he did realize to a painful extent the

(To be continued).

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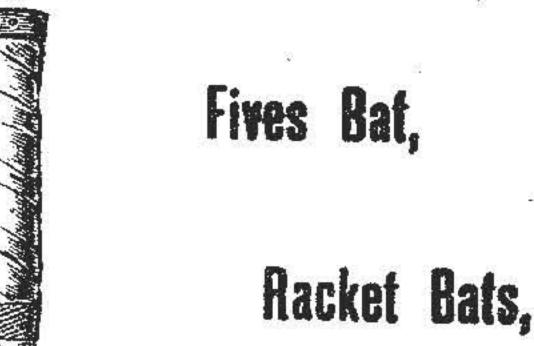
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A Summer Ramble in the Cordilleras.

(Continued.)

I pointed to the sand, and there they saw three tracks, though of what animal we could not then decide; they were not pigs of that I was certain, 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 hoofs were open at the point.

"Well, that's good at any rate," said Jack, "it seems as though we were getting near the end of this confound-

ed hole.'

"I've often heard of chaps being in a hole, sir, but I never dreamt of ever being in such an awful hole as this | ing up, while Brandon sat and stared like a stuck pig, myself," said Brandon.

see light now," said I, "for these animals, whatever they are, would not venture far into the dark, but hurry | breakfast to-morrow I suppose." up, this cave is widening fast, and see my candle flickers, 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. for the air of the caves, after we had passed the line lovely spot in your life?" since early morning, neither had we for that matter, but goats that you were talking about, and the cocks and the excitement of our journey had been such that we hens?" gave no heed to hunger or thirst, all our thoughts being "Quien sabe," said I, "where they are, we know they

But the dogs, as soon as they set foot outside, all on." rushed off to the right with one accord, we heard the "Suppose we take our guns and go for a walk," said stones rattle as they rushed up the mountain above us, Jack presently, "it isn't far to the other side of the val-

knew, and cared not what, high up.

shadow, the rest was in clear moonlight, and what we march through the cavern yesterday." saw was a wide valley entirely surrounded by high I agreed at once, so we got our guns and started with against the dark back-ground of the sky. What we and which came out from the lake. I took to be a wood or large clump of trees.

But my speculations on that point were cut short by black Spanish, and very fat. a plaintive whinny from Jess, who, seeing her companion peacefully cropping the cool grass, took this means the cock bird in his hand and fingered the long white before us. He pulled a box of matches out of his

care a hang for scenery.

"Come along," said I, "let us get off and let our | 'ere trip aint worth having." snooze."

began unsaddling his beast, "it licks my expectations are plenty more about." before."

way above us, and the dogs again ran barking off up and for ought we knew fish, too, in the lake. the hill.

ing up.

it, for fear I might be mistaken, sir."

old Billy goat."

" I know its a goat," I replied, " I have often heard entrance after them," I remarked.

the cave were goats' tracks, I only wonder I didn't think of that before."

he now noticed that Brandon was not smoking.

dose of your favourite remedy."

" It ain't that, sir, but the fact is I've lost it," he replied, "I know I had it in my mouth yesterday, when I took that lep into the pond, and I know I must have are lots of woods everywhere, but nothing more. opened my mouth wide as I struck the water, as I got believe they stayed here a month or two and then such a belly full of it, and the pipe may have fell out or | bolted." I must have swallowed it, though I hope to God I didn't."

which would arise in the old fellow's internal arrangements had he actually done so, were too much for us, the country." and sent us off into fits of laughter, but when Jack was again able to speak he said:

smoking an old one."

So Brandon was made happy once more, with a pipe sort as those they eat in France. stuck in his face.

I was awakened just as the sun was rising next morning by a familiar sound, the crowing of a cock, a reguwas time to get up, not, however, mentioning what I had heard. Presently the cock crew again.

" No, I say, come now, hang it all," cried Jack, jump-"this is getting rather too much of a good thing. Last "If it was only daytime, no doubt but that we should | night we had goats, and now cocks and hens. We shall be having milk with our tea and new-laid eggs for our

"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 came to do, as there are no natives to convert. wider and the roof higher, and there was now no doubt home. It is only natural that if they had the means they should bring some domestic animals to make life find out, though I doubt it. If we could only find the more bearable, and fowls and goats are the things they place where they lived, we might get an idea of what at last, as following the stream we turned a point of would most require, and would be most suitable to the their little game was." rock it did go out, but there before me I saw about thirty | place, goats ought to do well among the mountains, and | yards away a large opening, and through the opening a as for fowls, they would be little trouble to bring, and few hours here, how do you suppose we are going to solitary star. With what delight we stood once more thrive anywhere. Besides, eggs and milk would be neunder the open firmament of heaven, and felt the cool cessary for them during their fasts, and most likely they on the sides of the mountains, and those woods, we may night air on our heated faces and bodies, who shall say? | caught fish in the lake over there to the tune of 'To-We inhaled it as though it were breathing in new life, morrow will be Friday,' but did you ever see such a

where the water had risen, had grown hotter and hotter. | "It is beautiful, certainly," replied Jack, "take away And the mules, too, seemed to enjoy it, for they trotted the mountains and it looks like a lovely English park, duck, which rose of course at the first shot we fired, out one after another and began to crop the grass which | those trees, though, over there don't look like algarrobo | but came flying round every five minutes or so, and grew almost up to where we were standing, for they, or any tree I have seen out here, they look to me like didn't seem to mind us as we knelt down among the poor beasts, were hungry, they had had nothing to eat loaks, but not a living beast of any sort. Where are your

centred in the one idea of getting out as fast as possible. are here, that's sufficient, they'll turn up all right later were going to have a storm, so picking up what ducks

and then we heard them all barking at something we ley, not four miles I should think, we may find some duck on the lake or a partridge or two, Brandon can | slept outside, and in the morning we had been so intent For fully five minutes we stood gazing at the scene come along as well and bring a rifle in case we come before us, for though the half of it nearest to us was in across any big game. My legs ache after that dismal

mountains, the snow-tipped peaks of some of which Brandon and the dogs. Our mules had fed up along the

not in the shadow of the mountain seemed nearly hunting about in the grass, and directly after flushed a beginning in the darkness of the corner, ran up a height flat, and studded all over with enormous trees, cock and two bens, which took wing just in the same of some fifteen feet till they came to a hole in the bare while the centre was mostly occupied by a dark patch, manner as pheasants, and skimmed away over the grass | wall of the cavern. which I imagined was a lake. On the far side to that at a very fair rate. Bang! bang! went three bar- "Come along," shouted Jack, starting to climb up, on which we were standing was a large dark line which rels from our guns and all three fell. When we picked "we're run the old beggars to earth when we least exthem up we found they were regular barndoor fowls, pected to."

of reminding me that she too was hungry and didn't earlaps, "I never heard of shooting barndoor fowl pocket and struck one, shading the light with his hand,

mules go, and unload the others, and then have our "Look," said Jack, who after loading his gun again A room nearly round, and about fifteen feet in diaown supper, I am as hungry as a bear after his winter stood looking up at the mountain we had just left, metre, and more or less twelve feet high; at the further "I'm blest if you weren't right about the goats, for side a square block of stone, and on the stone, carved "By Jove, isn't it grand though," said Jack as he there they are, at least six of them, and I suppose there in the living rock, a crucifix—and nothing more.

When we had lit our fire, and a good one we made, mountain about a quarter of a mile from where we so much as a tooth brush behind them." for wood was plentiful, and the night air outside the cave were. They drank at the brook, and then went off We sent Brandon down to bring a candle and then was pretty chilly, we spread our rugs and lay down, among some shrubs. We had verily lit on a land of made a thorough search, but found nothing but goats' waiting for our meat to cook to rest our weary limbs. plenty, guanacos are not good eating, besides their being dung of which there was a plentiful supply everywhere. Presently I heard two odd kind of sneezes a little nearly always thin, but here we had kid and poultry We concluded that the square stone must have formerly

"What the devil was that?" cried Jack jump- as we wandered on, "I see no sign of a house any- been squared, and this we ascertained by feeling with where, there doesn't seem to have been any one here our fingers that part close to the wall, were now worn "I do believe it's the devil himself, sir, a sneezing for ages, I expect they got tired of living here alone quite round. up there, I thought I heard it once before while I was and just cleared out. Besides you remember that the "It seems to me," said I, "that this place was made unsaddling, but I didn't like to call your attention to stones we pulled down from the entrance of the caves so high up for some purpose. Those old fellows were vesterday were evidently put up from the outside, so no fools, and would not, I presume, have taken the "Devil be blowed," said I laughing, "it's a goat, an if they were still here we should not have found the trouble to cut all those steps in the rock to get up here stones like that."

"Try again," said Jack, "where the deuce do you "Or else they may all have died but one or two, and beasts to fear, nor Indians either, so it strikes me that suppose a goat would come from down here?" the last ones cleared out alone shutting the door at the they must probably have been flooded out at some time

an old Billy make just such a row when angry or sur- | Near the lake there grew a clump of lovely trees prised, but where he comes from I don't know, unless some of them very old, apparently, and as we apthe Jesuits brought some with them and left them here, proached them we found that these were oaks, walnuts, and now I come to think of it those tracks we saw in elms, beech, and apples.

"Looks like home, sir, don't it," said Brandon, as we stood under the shade of an enormous elm, "one Jack and I had lit our pipes when we lay down, and would expect to see rabbits about here and, my word, what a place for pheasants, look at these here acorns." "Where's your pipe?" he enquired, "how is it you He picked up some from the ground, not thick, but me believe that, why, if all the water you talk of ran are not smoking, are you ill? If so we must give you a long and narrow, such as pheasants rejoice and get fat over.

Jack climbed up an oak to have a look round.

"I can't see a vestige of a house," said he, "there

out here that was not planted. They don't belong to events.

we also noticed several fish rise, but of these latter we the hope of finding something, however small, and being .

"Why you confounded old idiot, why the deuce didn't took little heed, for we had no means of securing them ... you say so before? There are three or four old briars in | While walking along the edge Jack pointed out a queer my bag, you can have one of them, if you don't mind looking frog, which would not have attracted my attention at all had he not told me that it was of the same

"They were regular gourmands those old Padres." he said. "They probably brought a lot alive in tin-cans, and turned them out here, and though their creed did not lar barnyard crow, I sat up, rubbed my eyes and allow them to eat meat on Fridays, I suppose they might listened; yes, there it was again, there was no mistak- eat as many reptiles as they chose, but I wonder what. ing it, so I called to Jack and Brandon and told them it they drank. I never saw a teetotal priest in my life, and wine or spirits would be far too bulky to bring all this

> "Drink," said I, "why cider of course, what else do you think they planted all those apple trees for. But the whole thing seems out of joint to me. All I have ever read of the Jesuits has led me to understand, that wherever they went their first 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 I hope we may

"But hang it all," said Jack, "we have only been a find everything out at once? Look at all those gullies have to search for days yet. If they had a shanty of any sort we are bound to find it sooner or later, but quien

sabe if they didn't live in caves."

We had some very good sport at the lake, shooting long grass. While we were enjoying the shooting, we heard a distant rumbling, and looking round we saw a long bank of purple clouds creeping up over the tops of the mountains, and there was no doubt 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 moment of looking into the cave, nor, to tell the truth, should we have expected to see anything worthy of our notice, but now, driven by necessity to enter it again, we naturally cast our eyes around in search of what accomshone out in unearthly grandeur in the moonlight little stream which had been our guide the day before, modation we should find. While thus engaged, our eyes with one accord lit on a flight of stone steps cut in could see of that part of the valley which was We hadn't gone half a mile before the dogs began the rock on the left hand side of the doorway. These,

We ran up after him as quickly as we could, but he "Well, if this aint a go," said Brandon, as he held had a good start and was up some seven or eight steps before. It strikes me, sirs, as what we don't find in this and when we arrived and peered over his shoulder this was what we beheld.

"Well," said Jack, as the match went out and burnt all to pieces, knocks spots out of anything I ever saw I looked and saw six, an old white Billy, two females his fingers, "I call this real mean, they've evidently and three kids, quietly making their way down the cleared out, lock, stock, and barrel, and not even left

> been used as an altar, but the kids had evidently turn-"I wonder where those old chaps lived," said Jack ed it into a play ground, for the edges, which had once

if they could have remained below; they had no wild. the last ones cleared out alone shutting the door at the they must probably have been flooded out at some time or other, just you think in a big storm, like I fancy we are going to have now, where can all the 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 through the cavern, besides, this being the lowest part of the valley, it stands to reason that the water must drain off through here."

"Gammon," said Jack, "you are not going to make straight through, those stones which we found loosely 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, that flimsy barrier could never resist such a weight of: water as would naturally come upon it if the cavern at this end were to be flooded, and it was ridiculous to "I don't believe it," said I, "if they have planted think that there had been no storms or floods-during all these trees it would take them at least two or three the last two hundred and odd years, therefore, knowing The comical fear expressed on the old man's face, to- years to do it in, and you can see for yourself they must what Jack was when once he began an argument, for gether with the thoughts of the awful complications have done so, for nobody ever saw such an oak or elm the sake of harmony I held my peace, and awaited:

When we got tired of wandering round that cave, On the lake there were any quantity of wild towl, and scraping up the goat's dung with our hands and feet in

we all trooped down the steps again.

It was after twelve when we again stood outside, so I suppose it was because we all felt hungry that we each of us picked up one of the fowls we had shot in left hand, shading his eyes with his right, and peering the water is now going, and one at least of us have falthe morning and fell to at plucking it.

sand like a spoilt child.

nothing but a crucifix. I was in hopes we should have found something belonging to the priests worth taking away with us. I wish we had never come across those beastly hands on the rocks, we should have had a far jollier 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 I most particularly require at the present moment are some dry sticks to make a fire with, for I am hungry. I don't know what you are."

collected a lot, far more than we really required, for as Brandon wisely suggested we must collect enough for

to-morrow as well and keep it under cover.

The pot was boiling merrily, we were all sitting looking at me. round, and Jack was beginning to get over his disappointment when the first gust of wind came and then washed away at the entrance," I replied. "Don't you immediately followed a tremendous crash of thunder, hear the water is finding its way down some subterwe looked towards the laguna, and saw the trees were ranean passage, and that makes us perfectly safe up bending under the wind, which had not reached us yet, here, but if it was not for that, the water would very 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, caves." moaning piteously. Jack and I ran round the fire to where he lay on the sand, with both hands over his side.' 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.

ain't got no pain, but don't you see as its a warning. Oh, dear! oh, dear! we shall never leave this place alive. That 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 something, but I'll go round to the Horse Shoe as soon as ever I get home, and tell how you were nearly frightened to death by a bell. I'll bell you, indeed!"

delivered himself of this scathing speech, "what do you

make it out to be?"

" It's a bell, of course," said I, "and bells don't usually ring by themselves, so I suppose somebody is ringing it."

"Well this caps the lot, fancy there being live people here after all, but I would have sworn those stones had laugh. not been moved for any amount of years; did you notice how overgrown they were with ferns and moss?" "Yes," I replied, "but still we can't disbelieve that

bell, there it is tolling still."

The rain followed the wind, first it came in great single drops, but in a few minutes it became a regular downpour. The echoes roused by the thunder were 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 certain, it was not tolling now, nothing could be heard but the crash of the thunder every now and 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 valley we shall most certainly be flooded out. Let us carry our things upstairs into the cave, and take all the

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 near the lake, but we had no fear for them, they would not get away, and the rain would do them good.

swollen and still kept rising, while the downpour out- tired out, while I am as fresh as a lark. What good side still continued. At sunset, however, there came a would you be if we had a really bad time to go slight cessation, and we climbed down from our perch through, you are tired before you begin." on the top of the steps to go outside and have a look round. 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 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 sat at the top of the stairs and watched. showed where the sun had gone down, but this died out as we gazed, and night came on. The rain began again, too, but now without a breath of wind, coming down doggedky in one continuous downpour, the thunder had ceased to crash and echo through the hidden passages, and now only an occasional distant rumble could be what the tolling of the bell might mean, I spread my any being wild before." rugs alongside the wall and lay nie down and slept. was awoke about half-past twelve by Brandon shaking to do that beastly ride through the mountain again." my arm.

perpetually disappointed, Jack blew out the candle, and | drowned this time it's a mercy. I thought that bell was a warning, and sure enough it was."

I raised myself on my elbow and looked round, Jack was standing in the door or opening, the lantern in his might perhaps have ridden down that passage where down on to the floor below. I sprang up and going to len over the precipice.' When Jack had finished his he threw it down on the him looked down, too, but the floor of sand had disappeared, and in its place was a swirling, boiling mass of "I'm disgusted," he said, "quite disgusted at finding dark water with great blobs of white foam whirling round in great circles, but ever going inwards.

> "By Jove, Dick, I expect we are in for it this time. This is about the worst fix we have been in yet. See the

water is up five steps."

"When did this begin, how long have you heard it?" "I have been awake a long time, I could not sleep for thinking about that confounded bell, and it is not five minutes since I heard the water rushing in."

"Then the lake has only just filled, and only just

begun to run over," said I.

While we stood looking, we suddenly heard a great There was plenty of dry wood all round, so we soon roar coming from a little way down the cavern, like this? that of a mighty waterfall, it grew louder and louder as though the water were falling a considerable depth.

"What is all that row, do you think?" asked Jack,

"Why, that explains why the stones have never been likely drown us out of this, as I don't think it would be able to escape fast enough through that narrow tunnel them was a herd of wild goats. we found, and would back up and probably fill these

"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 "No, sir," said he, in a low voice. "I'm not ill, and make a lot more water to come down here. 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 been cleared up."

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's deuced strange, though," said he, when he had o'clock. I saw that he and Brandon had made a fire

and roasted some ducks.

"Wake up," he cried, "and come and have some breakfast. But I must say I never saw a fellow like you, I believe you would sleep while the last trump was being played."

"No, I never go to sleep at whist," I said, with a

"Oh, confound you, you know well enough what mean, I wasn't talking of cards, but do be serious, and 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 clouds 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 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 much 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 off, 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 here all

day, I suppose."

"Unless you like to explore the centre of the earth; you can go down that hole and creep out at the top of a The Photographic volcano, like the chap in Jules Verne's book."

"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 your head about it a bit. Fancy sleeping through all that row last night."

The brook that ran below us was now considerably by keeping awake? There you are, hollow-eyed and

"Oh, but we haven't all got your nerves." "Nerves," said I laughing, "you should have left them behind you before you came on an expedition of this 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

"Do you remember," said I, "that Hilca told us that some of the men who had gone out to look for the Pizpah when they got back swore that that they had heard 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 heard. Time passed heavily with us as we sat on the entrance or outlet from it than the one we came by, beground in that upstairs chamber, so when about nine sides, if there were, these cocks and hens and goats o'clock we had exhausted all our theories as to would be all about the Cordilleras, and I never heard of

"Which also means," said Jack, "that we shall have 645 CUYO -645

"Yes," I replied, "that's so, but it won't be so bad

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

By three o'clock the water had gone down a lot, and the opening 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 fast that even Jack did not suggest our trying to get out yet; the water began to go down so fast now that in half an hour more there were barely three feet, and then we both sat down and pulled off our boots and clothes. We got outside without much trouble, but all along the mountains on our side of the valley was a lake, so we 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

"Oh, that's the devil," said I, and we both burst out laughing. It required but a very small joke to set us off 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 looked cleaner except the lake which, now swollen to nearly twice its usual size, was of a dull clay red. Our mules were now about a mile off, and feeding with

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 other. They are fond of company, and each of them requires a chum. A mule, as it has no offspring in which to centre her affections, generally bestows them on some 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 say the only one of its kind around, it will take up with any animal it comes across. A horse, cow, dog or cat, it is all the same so long as it is company, and they will feed, follow, and lie down to sleep with that beast, and follow it everywhere, in fact become a nuisance to it, and cause it to wonder whatever goats were made It was light when Jack woke me, and nearly eight for, and so do I, for they are the most inquisitive, impertinent, 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.

"Well it seemed to me to comefrom the other side of the valley, beyond the lake, some where among those tall trees you see over there, but if 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 yesterday, 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 were, or, perhaps, they were frightened at hearing the shots, and dare not come out to see who it was."

"We shall probably know all about it by this time to-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 I heard a "hist," behind me, and looking back, saw Jack pointing upward. Looking in the direction in which he was pointing I saw three goats looking at us 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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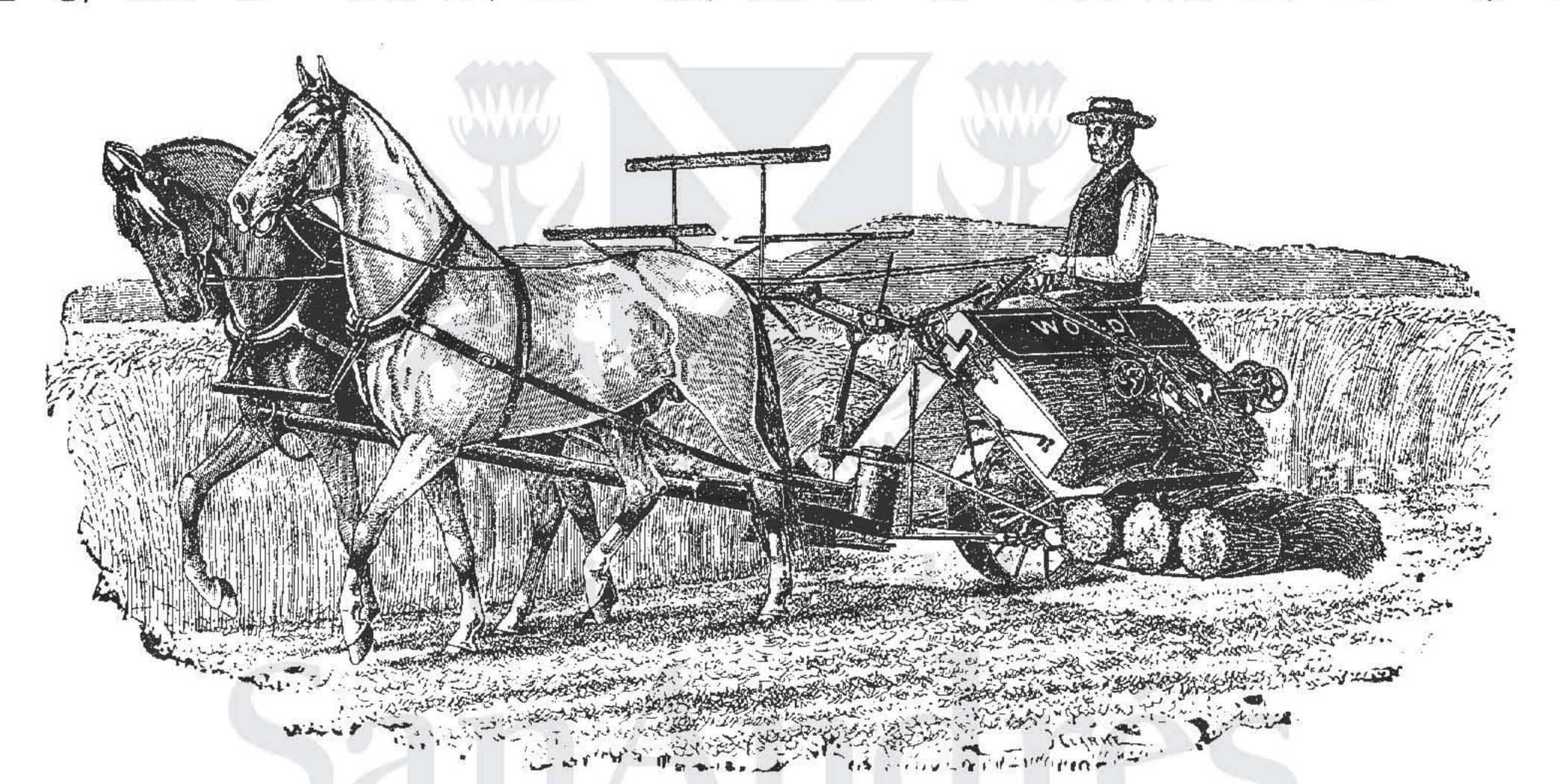
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