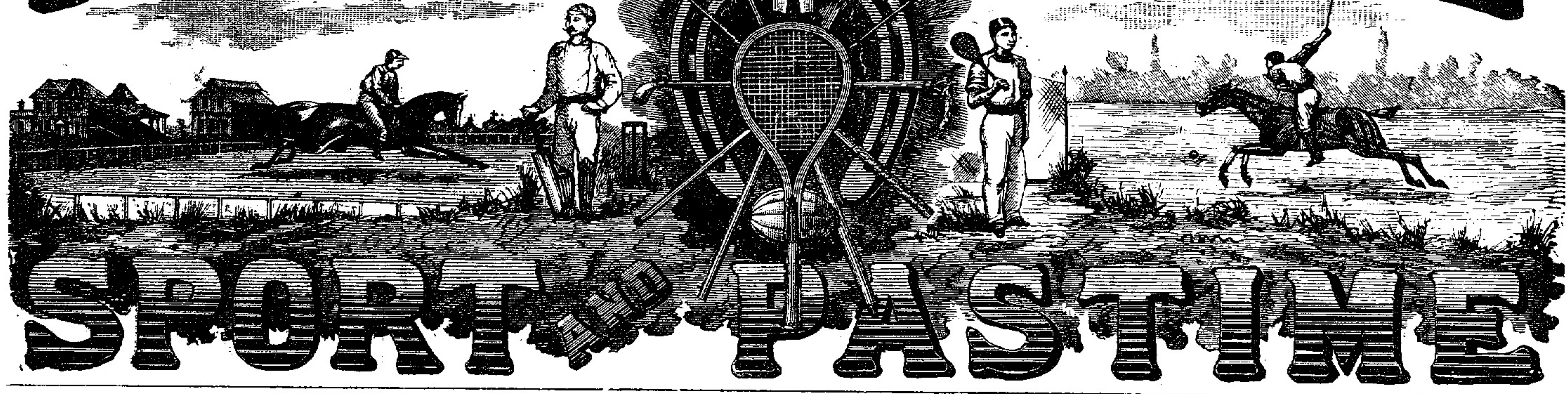


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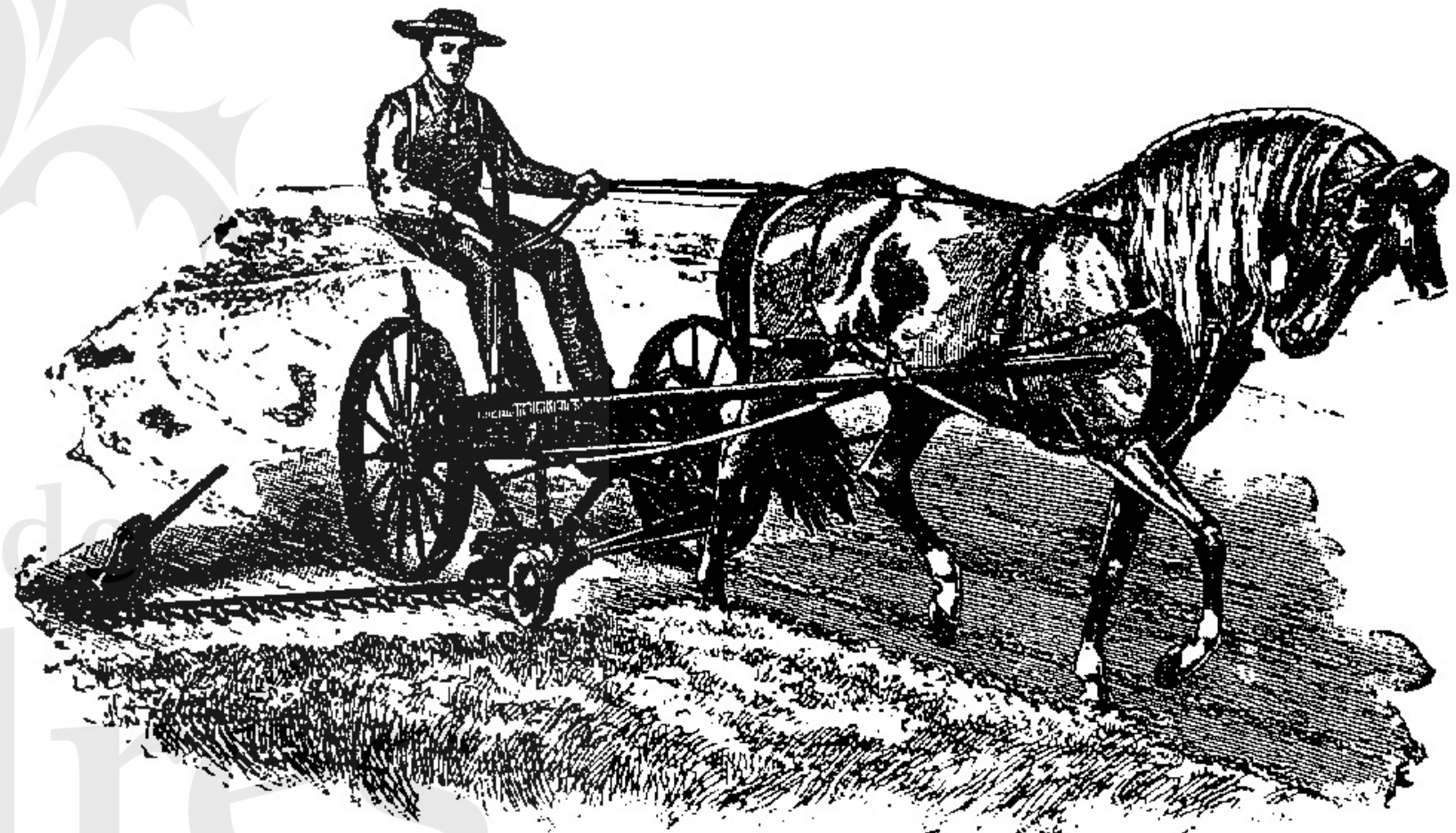
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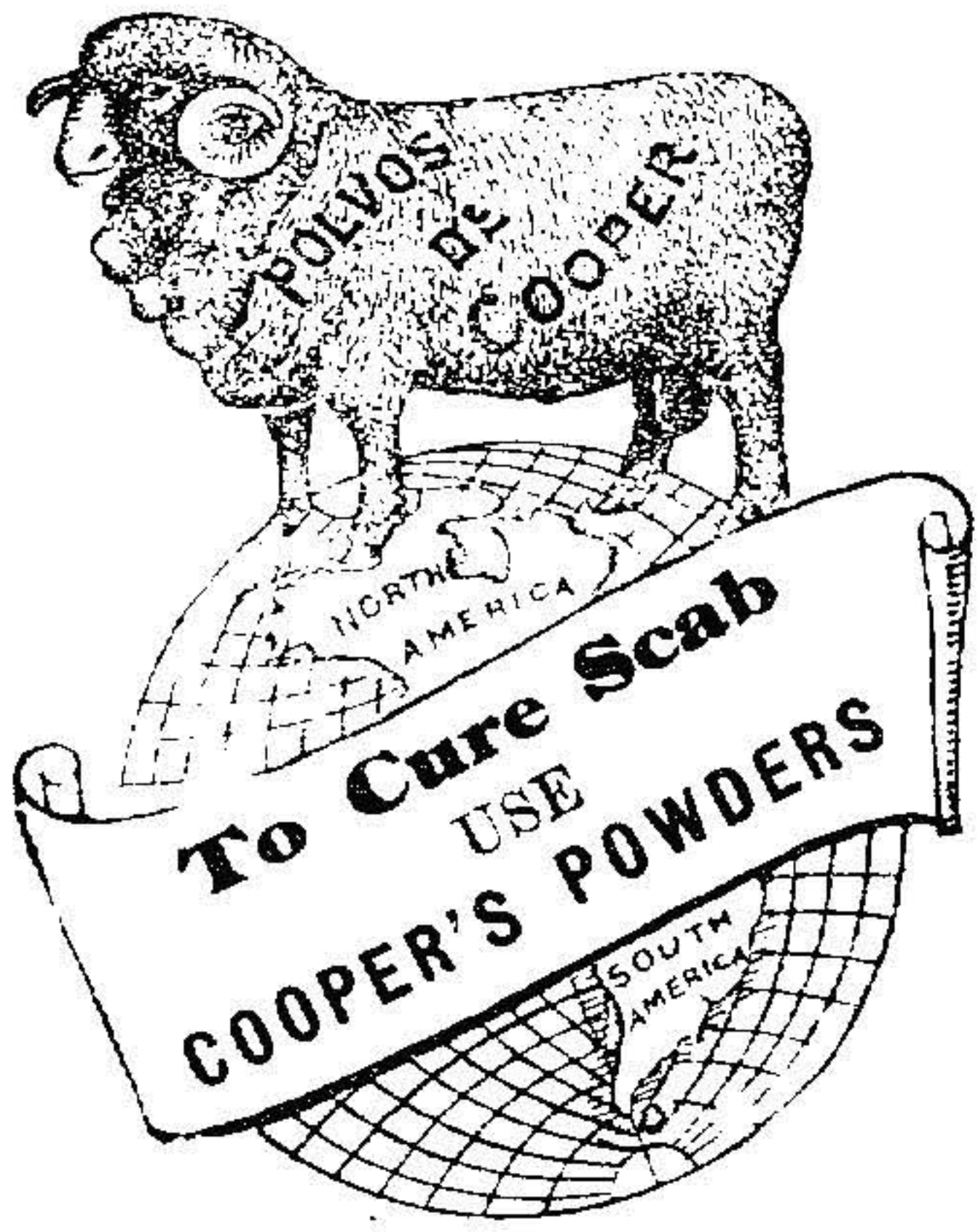
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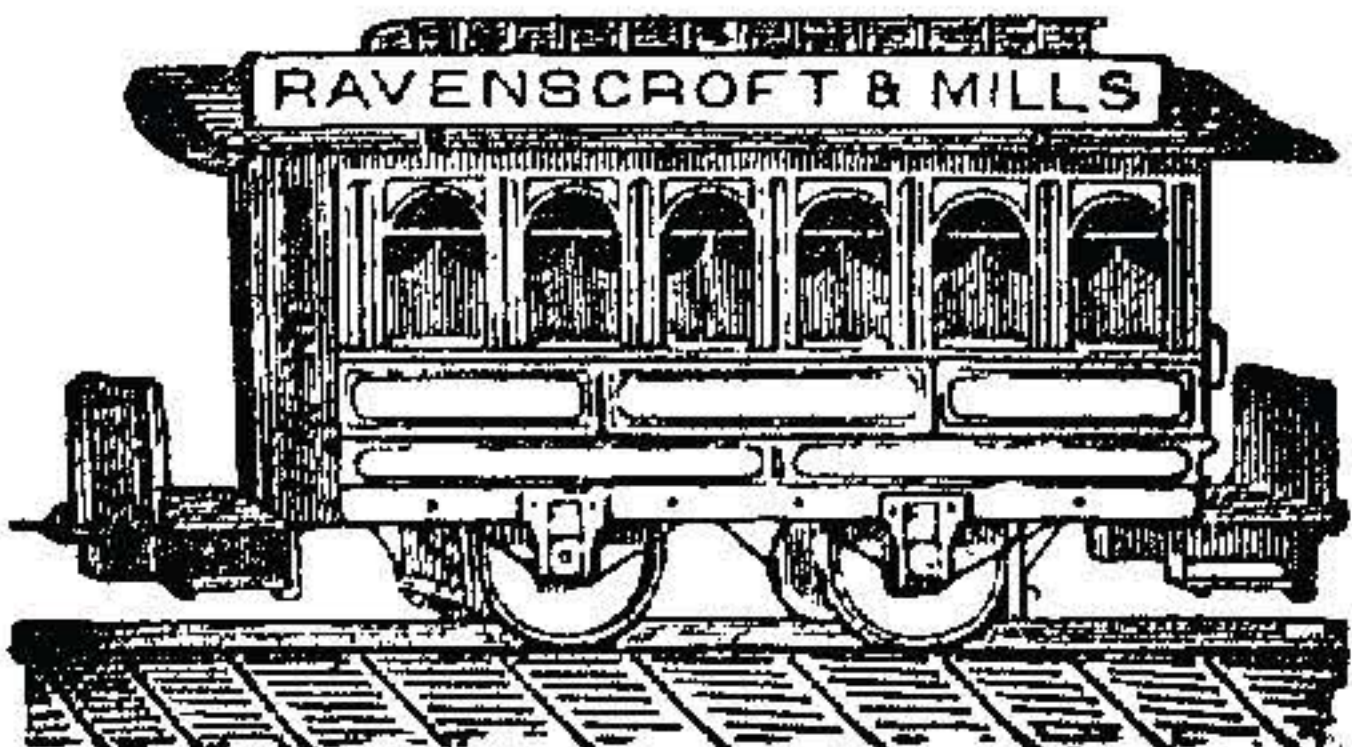
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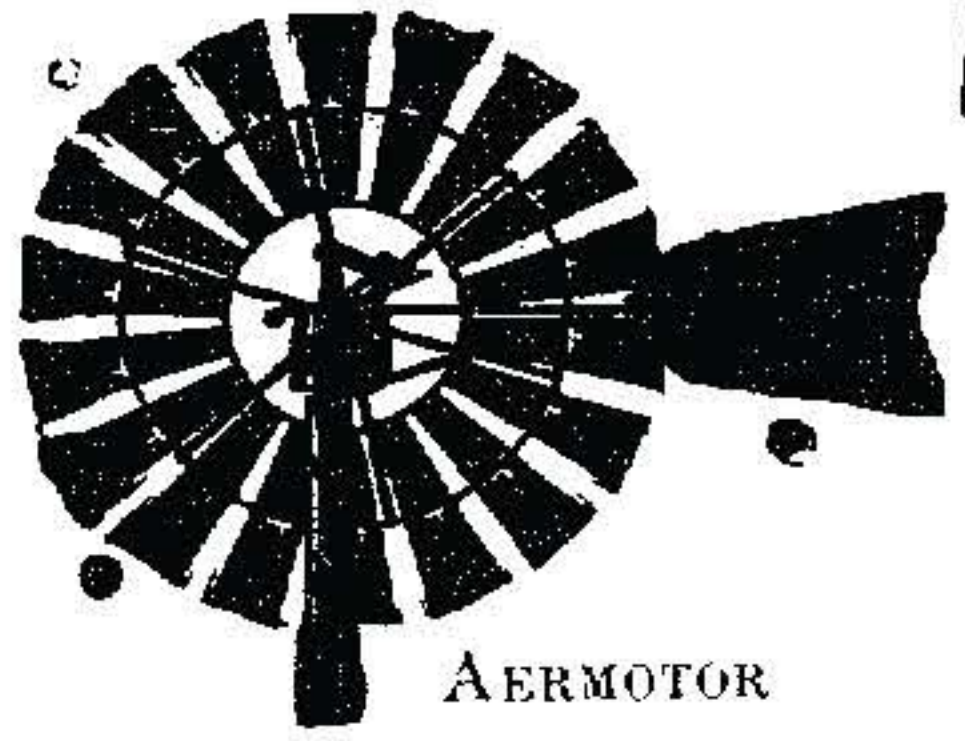
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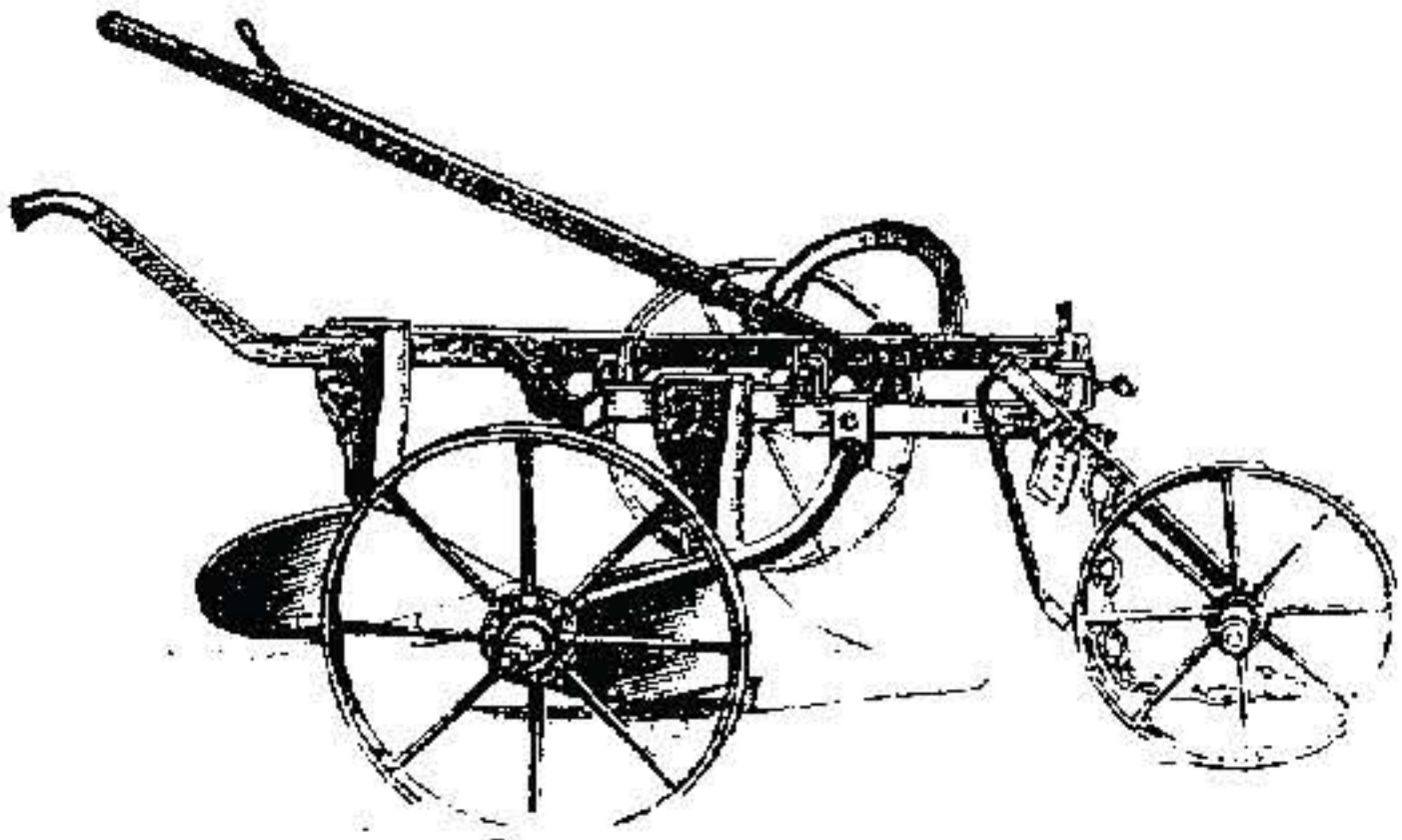
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RACING

The concluding day's sport at Lingfield, on February the 3rd, attracted well but sport was not of a very high order, and the fields ruled small throughout the day. We give below an account of the chief event of the afternoon.

A two days' meeting was held on February the 3rd and 4th, and sport there also was only of a moderate kind. The going at both these meetings was very heavy after rain, which continued on and off through both fixtures.

Kempton Park, on February the 9th, was more lucky in the way of weather, and an enormous crowd in consequence was present. The big race of the day was the Kempton Hurdle Handicap, which we detail below.

Betting had opened on the Lincolnshire Handicap and the Grand National when the last mails left. As will be seen last year's winner, Cloister, has been installed favourite for the National, for which forty have accepted. This is not to be wondered at, as the handicapper made a terrible mistake, which he put down as a clerical error, when he let Cloister in at 12 st 7 lb, as what possible chance can Why Not, Aesop, and the others have so long as Mr Grant's grand horse keeps well. The handicapper, Mr Mainwaring, says, we notice, that he intended Cloister to have 12 st 12 lb, a much more reasonable weight, so the number of acceptances must be very gratifying to him, especially as there has been a great deal written and said regarding the mistake.

LINGFIELD—Feb. 3rd.

United Hunt's Trial Steeplechase of 40 sovs; 2 miles.

Mr J. Dashwood's ch g Apostle, by Peter—Palm Branch, 6 y, 12 st 10 lb. Mr A. H. Ripley 1
Major A. Hardinge's Waitaki, 5 y, 11 st 8 lb. Owner 2
Mr H. A. Jee's Cherrybob, aged, 12 st 3 lb. Owner 3
Mr G. P. Russell's Saturn, aged, 12 st 10 lb. Owner 0
Mr R. de Clemont's Preference, aged, 12 st 3 lb. Owner 0
Mr F. C. Nash's Baron, aged, 12 st 6 lb. Mr H. M. Ripley 0

Betting—6 to 4 on Apostle, 4 to 1 agst Waitaki, and 10 to 1 each agst Cherrybob and others.
Won by three parts of a length, a bad third.

WARWICK—Feb. 5th.

Warwick Handicap Steeplechase of 100 sovs; 3 miles.
Mr Ricardo's b g Ulysses, by Ascetic—Penelope, aged, 11 st 5 lb. Owner 1
Mr F. D. Leyland's Champion, aged, 11 st 8 lb. Mr W. Hope-Johnstone 2
Mr G. M'Kinlay's Lady Ellen II., 6 y, 11 st 2 lb. J. Knox 3
Mr W. Whitehead's Reliance, aged, 10 st 7 lb. Mr J. C. Cheney 0
Mr Storey's Harpist, aged, 11 st 4 lb. Mr C. Whitten 0
Mr Drake's Badminton, aged, 11 st 4 lb (car. 11 st 5 lb) Mitchell 0
Mr Winter's Careless, aged, 10 st 13 lb. Lathom 0
Mr S. H. Wood's Alexander, aged, 10 st 12 lb. J. Barrys 0

Lord Shrewsbury's Crepu, aged, 10 st 9 lb. S. Woodland 0
Mr Newton's Ceylon, aged, 10 st 11 lb. Mr J. S. Davies 0

Betting—9 to 4 agst Lady Ellen II., 5 to 1 agst Badminton, 11 to 2 agst Reliance, 7 to 1 agst Champion, 8 to 1 agst Ceylon, 10 to 1 agst Ulysses, and 20 to 1 agst any other.

Won by a length and a half, three lengths separated the second and third.

Feb. 6th.

Leamington Hurdle Handicap of 80 sovs; two miles.

Mr T. Donovan's b g Lopy, by Pride of Prussia—Humility II., aged, 11 st 7 lb. Mr W. Pullen 1
Mr J. Stoddart's Protectionist, 5 y, 10 st 10 lb. J. Jones 2

Mr Paddock's Rowington, 6 y, 10 st 5 lb. Bland 3
Mr E. Benjamin's Rosellen, 4 y, 11 st 10 lb. Mr Reginald 0
Mr E. Macgregor's Joan of Arc, 11 st 1 lb. Owner 0
Mr J. C. Bland's Landwade Lass, 4 y, 10 st 10 lb. Mr C. R. O. Davis 0

Betting—2 to 1 each agst Lopy and Protectionist, 5 to 1 agst Rosellen, 7 to 1 agst Joan of Arc, and 10 to 1 agst any other.

Won by three-quarters of a length, a bad third.

KEMPTON PARK—Feb. 9.

Kempton Park Hurdle Handicap of 300 sovs; 2 miles.

Mr E. C. Smith's b c Black Duck, by Galopin—Call Duck, 5 yrs, 10 st 12 lb. G. Williamson 1
Mr J. H. Ward's Whillaloo, aged, 10 st 8 lb. T. Adams 2
Capt. Bewicke's Cameronian, aged, 10 st 4 lb. Owner 3
Duke of Beaufort's Benburb, aged, 12 st 7 lb. A. Nightingall 0

Mr F. B. Atkinson's Craven, aged, 12 st 4 lb. Owner 0
Mr R. S. Evans' St. Peter, aged, 11 st 1 lb. Sensier 0
Mr A. J. Stoddart's College Boy, 6 yrs, 10 st 6 lb. J. Jones 0

Mr Dobell's Sir Henry James, 4 yrs, 10 st 3 lb. Mawson 0

Betting—9 to 4 agst Black Duck, 4 to 1 agst Craven, 6 to 1 each agst Benburb and Whillaloo, 8 to 1 agst Cameronian, 10 to 1 agst Sir Henry James, and 100 to 8 each agst St. Peter and College Boy.

Won by a length and a half; two lengths divided second and third.

LATEST LONDON BETTING

Saturday, February 10.

Lincolnshire Handicap—
100 to 7 agst Grey Leg (t).
100 to 7 — Xury (t and o).
100 to 6 — Le Nicham (t and o).
100 to 6 — William (t and o).
20 to 1 — Victor Wild (t).
20 to 1 — Gangway (t).
20 to 1 — Juvenal (t).
20 to 1 — Beggar's Opera (t and o).
25 to 1 — Mena (t).
25 to 1 — Marnovia (t and o).
33 to 1 — Harfleur II. (t and o).
40 to 1 — Adoration (t and o).
40 to 1 — Roy Neil (t and o).

Grand National—
7 to 2 agst Cloister (t and o).
9 to 1 — Ardcarne (t and o).
20 to 1 — Excelsior (t).
20 to 1 — Ilex (t and o).
25 to 1 — Nellie Grey (t and o).
33 to 1 — Correze (t and o).
50 to 1 — Apostle (t and o).

Derby—
11 to 4 agst Ladas (t and o).
9 to 2 — Match Box (t and o).
8 to 1 — Son o' Mine (t and o).
10 to 1 — Bullingdon (t and w).
100 to 8 — Arcano (t and o).
25 to 1 — Grand Hampton (t and o).
50 to 1 — Hornbeam (t).

ROWING

On February the 10th the University crews were as follow:—

	Oxford.	st. lb.
H. B. Cotton, Magdalen	..	9 13
M. C. Pilkington	..	12 4
W. B. Stewart, Brasenose	..	13 6
J. A. Morrison, New	..	12 7
E. G. Tew, Magdalen	..	7 9½
T. H. E. Stretch, New	..	12 8½
W. E. Crum, New	..	11 13
C. M. P. Pitman, New (stroke)	..	12 0
L. Portman, University (cox)	..	7 12

Cambridge.

	st. lb.
A. H. Finch, Third Trinity	.. 11 0
N. W. Paine, Third Trinity	.. 11 3
Sir C. Ross, Third Trinity	.. 11 11½
W. A. Bieber, Trinity Hall	.. 13 12
B. F. Robinson, Jesus	.. 13 11
H. M. Bland, Third Trinity	.. 11 8½
R. O. Kerrison, Third Trinity	.. 12 0½
T. G. Lewis, Third Trinity (stroke)	.. 12 2½
F. C. Begg, Trinity Hall (cox)	.. 8 4

FOOTBALL.

February the 3rd was the date for two international fixtures: England v. Ireland, and Scotland and Wales. The first of these was played at Blackheath before some fifteen thousand persons, and resulted in a well deserved victory for Ireland, though they only just scored their win by a lucky dropped goal on the stroke of time. The Irishmen had the best of the game all through, though through bad luck and a mistake which gave England a goal, they were very nearly beaten. They showed better footwork, more harmonious shoving, and superior pace. The English pack by no means worked in unison. Lockwood appears to have played a wonderful game, and of the Englishmen seems to have been the only man to have deserved mention as a really great player. The actual result of the game was—Ireland, a dropped goal and a try; England, a goal, or seven points to five. The players were:—

England.—J. F. Byrne (Moseley, back), C. A. Hooper (Middlesex Wanderers), S. Murfitt (Durham), R. E. Lockwood (captain, Yorkshire), F. Furth (Yorkshire) (three-quarter backs), R. Wood (Yorkshire), E. W. Taylor (Northumberland) (half backs), J. Toothill (Yorkshire), T. Broadley (Yorkshire), H. Bradshaw (Yorkshire), H. Speed (Yorkshire), J. Hall (Durham), W. E. Tucker (Cambridge University and Middlesex Wanderers), A. Allport (Blackheath), F. Soane (Somerset) (forwards).

Ireland.—W. Sparrow (Dublin University, back), H. Wells (Bective), L. H. Gwynne (Dublin University), S. Lee, W. Gardiner (North of Ireland) (three-quarter backs), B. Tuke (Bective), W. S. Browne (Dublin University) (half backs), T. Crean, E. J. Forrest (Wanderers), John Lyttle, James Lyttle (North of Ireland), C. Rooke, J. Lindsay (Dublin University), J. H. O'Connor, G. Walmsley (Bective) (forwards).

Referee.—Mr W. M. Douglas (Cardiff); touch judges, Messrs. W. Cail (president Rugby Football Union) and Garrett (president Irish Football Union).

Of the eighteen matches played, England have won fifteen to Ireland's two, with one drawn game.

The unexpected also happened in the Scotland v. Wales match, played at Newport, where between fifteen and twenty thousand persons witnessed it. In previous matches between these two countries Wales had been victorious on two occasions, Scotland having won eight times, whilst the remaining game was a draw. On this occasion public opinion went in favour of the Scotchmen.

We read that from the outset there was a marked difference in the style of play adopted by the two teams. The Scotch front division endeavoured to keep the game open amongst the forwards, their rapid dribbling and clever foot passing repeatedly proving of immense service. In the scrummages the Welshmen heeled out quickly and cleanly to the halves. The visitors, however, invariably wheeled the scrumage; there was a tendency on the part of their halves to get off-side, and one or two penalties were incurred. The Scotch eight were clever dribblers, and that is all that can be said of them. They were beaten in all other points. With four good backs behind them, it was surprising that they could do no better. The Welshmen played a winning game all through, and though Scotland doggedly defended their goal to the end, won by a dropped goal and a try to nothing. The match was remarkable for the grand tackling on either side.

The teams were:
Wales—W. J. Bancroft (Swansea, back), W. L. Thomas (Oxford), A. J. Gould (Newport), D. Fitzgerald (Cardiff), T. W. Pearson (Cardiff) (three-quarter backs), H. P. Phillips (Newport), P. C. Parfitt (Newport) (half backs), W. H. Watts (Newport), H. T. Day (Newport), J. Hannen (Newport), P. Mills (Swansea), C. B. Nicholl (Llanelli), T. C. Graham (Newport), A. P. Hill (Cardiff), D. J. Daniel (Cardiff) (forwards).

Scotland—J. Rogerson (Kelvinside Academicals, back), H. T. S. Gedge (Oxford), J. J. Gowans (Cambridge), G. McGregor (London Scottish), G. T. Campbell (London Scottish) (three-quarter backs), W. Wotherpoon (Fettes and Cambridge), J. W. Simpson (Royal High School) (half backs), G. T. Neilson (West of Scotland), A. Dalglish (Gala), K. G. McMillan (London Scottish), W. D. Cownie (Watsonians), H. Menzies (Aberdeen), W. McEwen (Glasgow Academicals), H. B. Wright (Watsonians), W. B. Gibson (Royal High School) (forwards).

Referee—Mr Holmes (Midland Counties).

The first round of the Amateur Association Cup was decided on February the 3rd with the following results:

Old Cartlians beat Crusaders by four goals to two.
Casuals beat Sheffield by three goals to one.
Reading beat Royal Ordnance Fusiliers by three goals to two.
Marlow beat Darlington by a goal to none.
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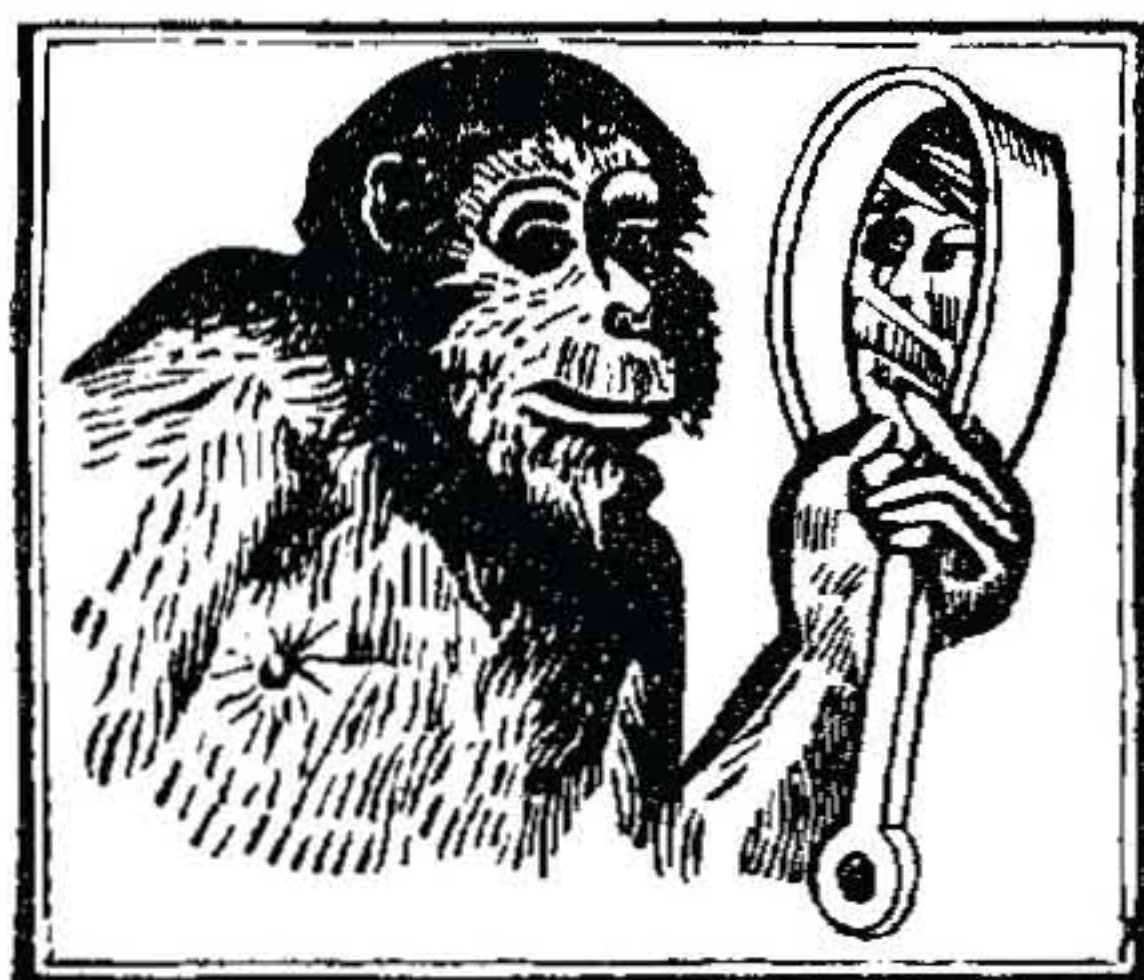
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 Shrewsbury Town beat Buxton by five goals to two.
 Stockton beat Home Park, Plymouth, by five goals to none.
 Clink beat South Bank by three goals to one, and Rushden beat Rhos by five goals to two.
 The ties in the second round should have been played off on Saturday, February 17th.

Of Rugby Union County matches there were several to record on February the 3rd and succeeding days. Of these, the Devonshire and Lancashire match was one of the best, and though Lancashire won by three goals, one dropped, to a penalty goal and two tries, or thirteen points to nine, their opponents very nearly turned what, looked at one time, would be a heavy defeat, into a creditable victory.

Hampshire and Surrey met at Portsmouth, and their match resulted in an easy win for Surrey by sixteen points (two goals and two tries) to three (a try).

In the Rugby Union County Championship the Yorkshire v. Midland Counties match excited great interest from the fact that the result decided this year's Championship of the English Counties. The weather was wet and disagreeable, and decidedly affected the play. Yorkshire, playing with the wind, seldom allowed their opponents to pass the half way line and besides scored ten minor points. Little happened in the way of scoring in the second half, and eventually Yorkshire ran out winners by three tries and became champions of England. Good football was impossible on account of the weather, which is to be regretted as a match between two such teams under favourable circumstances would have been most interesting. The teams were:—

Yorkshire—A. Ward (Bradford) (back), F. Firth (Halifax), B. Sharpe (Liversedge), R. E. Lockwood (Heckmondwike), A. Davey (Normanton) (three-quarter backs), J. Ingham (Otley), R. Wood (Liversedge) (half backs), J. Toothill (Bradford), H. Speed (Castleford), H. Bradshaw (Bramley), A. Barraclough (Manningham), T. Broadley (Bingley), G. Nowell (Castleford), O. Walsh (Hunslet), W. Walton (Castleford) (forwards).

Midland Counties—J. F. Byrne (Moseley, back), A. Fox (Old Edwardians), H. P. Reynolds (Stratford), A. H. Frith (Coventry), F. R. Lovett (Coventry) (three-quarter backs), B. B. Tuke (Coventry), A. Slater (Coventry) (half backs), J. J. Robinson (Burton), A. W. Gorton (Burton), E. R. Lycett (Moseley), B. H. Cattell (Moseley), J. Carpenter (Coventry), R. W. Hunt (Rugby), A. E. Cooke (Leicester), G. Jones (Worcester) (forwards).

St. Thomas and Middlesex, as well as St. Mary's and St. George's, met in the Inter-Hospital Rugby Union Cup on February the 5th and February the 8th respectively. The former match was won by St. Thomas, by twelve points (four tries) to none, and the latter by St. George's by a penalty goal to nothing; the better side in this case proved to be the losers.

The average merit of inter-county Association football was, we read, far exceeded in the match between Kent and Middlesex at Chatham. Kent played with great judgment, and well merited their win of five goals to one.

In the penultimate round of the Scottish Cup competition Queen's Park and Rangers fought out a most exciting game, in which a wonderful amount of interest was taken. The match was played at Ibrox, and after a hard game, in which stamina played a prominent part, the result was a draw, so the tie was to have been replayed on February the 10th.

In a match at Glasgow between Celtic and 3rd Lanark R. V. the result also was a draw, showing the even nature of the play.

In the Scottish League competition, Dumbarton beat Leith Athletic by three goals to one; and in the Second Division competition, Hibernians beat Partick Thistle by six goals to one. In ordinary fixtures, Heart of Midlothian beat St. Mirren by three goals to two; St. Bernard's beat Renton by two goals to none; and Dundee beat Cowslairs by five goals to none.

GOLF

RECORD SCORE AT ST. ANDREWS

On Monday, February 5, Mr F. G. Tait, the well-known amateur player, in a three-ball match with Mr R. A. Hull and Tom Morris, broke the previous record of the green with the remarkably low score of 72 strokes. The record of the links was last established by Hugh Kirkcaldy on July 30, 1889, at 73, and this score was, a year or two ago, equalled by his brother Andrew. Young Mr Tait has of late exhibited a steady as well as a powerful game, but his Monday's performance excels all previous records. A noteworthy feature of his score was the number of threes by which many of the holes were accomplished. From the high hole going out to the heather on the homeward journey a three saw the ball down in each case, and at the home hole he all but holed out with a like figure. A 36 was recorded for both outward and inward journeys, the details of the score being as follows: Out, 5 4 4 3 5 4 5 3 3 equal 36; in, 3 3 3 5 4 4 5 4 equal 36; total, 72.

PIGEON SHOOTING

The Grand Prix du Casino was shot for at Monte Carlo on January the 31st, and following day, and resulted in the win for Count Zichy after tying with four others, the Marquis de Chasteler, M. Roberts, M. Paul Gervais, and Mr Kennedy, with twelve birds each.

Count Zichy is an Austro-Hungarian, and makes the third of his nationality to have won the Grand Prix, which has been secured before ten times by Englishmen, six times by Italians, three times by Austro-Hungarians, twice by Belgians, once by a Frenchman, and once by an American.

The Prix de Monte Carlo was shot for on February the 3rd, and was won by Baron de St Trivier, Count E. Gaioli being second with Signor Mainetto.

The Prix du Casino consists of an objet d'art and £800, and the Prix de Monte Carlo is a free handicap with £120 and a piece of plate.

EN PASSANT.

With regard to ladies smoking, of which I wrote a short time ago, an awful warning has been given them from the pulpit by an impressionable anti-tobacco parson, who has evidently been reading "Letters from Hell" and following up the theory therein given puts the ladies on their guard by telling them that those who smoke in this world will smoke in the world to come.

"Grasp, all lose all," was played by an astute Italian in the Plaza Constitucion last Saturday, where he was pursuing his vocation of selling cheese, walking along he saw at a short distance one from the other five one thousand dollars notes which he carefully gathered and put in his pocket, promptly his dream of sunny Italy was cut short by a fellow countryman, who also had yearnings towards his sunny home and who demanded, as hush money, half of what the finder had picked up, this exigent demand was considered too exacting, and an offer of one thousand dollars was made as a fair price for the further non-interference of the man who had spotted the finder, this offer was refused and the demand for half persisted in, little by little the argument grew more intense and the voices louder, so that those around became interested and stopped to listen, amongst whom was the ever-ready peeler. The comisario now has the dollars.

It was a pretty sight to see Belgrano on Sunday after the thunder plump. All the unpaved streets at the Rosario end were transformed into canals, and the open lands about it into temporary lakes. We have not had such a shower for three years or more, and it is to be hoped it is not the last we are going to have. At the same time it would be well if the approach to the Rosario Station could be made a bit less muddy, for those who can't get cabs, and live a few squares from the station, have to wade through a veritable morass of clinging clay, that has a very bad effect on one's clothes. As this end of Belgrano is decidedly the most healthy, it is hard to understand why the Municipality don't do something towards improving it by paving the streets and getting it generally a little more up to date, instead of wasting their time and the city's money by carting trees backwards and forwards from the Plaza Victoria and Palermo.

Electricity is playing some curious pranks. Recent experiments have demonstrated that bayonets belonging to marines on board Her Majesty's ships have become highly magnetised through close proximity to dynamo-engines, the result being that compasses have become affected by sentries passing near when wearing side-arms. An order has therefore been issued by the Admiralty forbidding sentries to carry side-arms when on duty in the dynamo flats.

Lovers of electric lighting will be glad to hear that it has been decided to light the Riachuelo by electric light. Captains of ships and those interested in shipping there will hail the decision with delight, as perhaps the light that makes night like day may stop some of the thieving that has long made the place noted.

Many and great are the ideas and ways of the wily newspaper man for attracting the attention of the public and making his paper pay, but up to the present I think the Russian who has hit upon the notion of printing his periodical on

cigarette paper deserves the prize for originality. If printer's ink be bad for the lips and lungs of his readers, that is not his fault, all he asks is that they buy his paper. If they use it afterwards for making cigarettes, it is their own fault if they suffer. The man must be a keen observer, and understand the instinctive cupidity of his fellow-countrymen.

Inscrutable are and always have been the ways of the makers of the succulent sausage. Cats and other things, we know of, but in connection with pork sausages principally. Beef sausages, it appears, are made differently, red ochre, pepper, and soaked brown bread being the principal ingredients. The red ochre, a certain Weil of sausage fame asserts, gives the bread the appearance of beef, and the custom of the trade is to make beef sausages without meat. It is to be hoped the exposure of the trade will be the cause of it mending its ways, and that in future they may substitute meat for its quasi facsimile red ochred bread.

A brilliant notion has turned up in the columns of a paper, on which a good tale is hung. Speaking of the phonograph and its various uses, it states how a very much overworked lecturer conceived the excellent idea of increasing his income by reading a lecture into a machine. The scheme was given a trial, and proved in every way satisfactory; so much so that he determined to carry out the plan in public, and with that end carefully, as he thought, accentuating the points, he read his lecture into the funnel of the phonograph. When he had finished the machine was duly sent to its destination, and an audience assembled to hear the lecture ground out. Unfortunately, the wife of the lecturer was somewhat of a shrew, and the lecture was frequently interrupted by sotto voce remarks of "my dear, don't you see I am busy?" "you are always busy when I want you," and such like observations, some of which were more piquant than others. So the conception fell through, simply for domestic reasons, but it has opened up a field of thought as to how far the phonograph can be used for practical purposes. A short time ago there were several working here, and drew a lot of people. For many they had a most fascinating charm, and they willingly paid their dollars over and over again to hear the lifelike emissions of sound wound out of an inanimate machine.

Lovers of Old London will be interested in what is said in the "Daily Graphic" about the only well-authenticated house in which Dr Johnson lived in London and which is about to be demolished.

The learned doctor resided in many other houses at one time or another. Two of them were in Holborn, two in the Strand, others in Bow Street, Catherine Street, Woodstock Street, Castle Street, Bosworth Court, Gray's Inn, Staple Inn, Inner Temple Lane, Bolt Court, Johnson's Court, etc. But most of these have disappeared, and the remainder cannot be identified. With regard to No. 17, Gough Square, however, there appears to be little doubt. Here it was that Johnson wrote the greater part of his dictionary and began "The Rambler" and "The Idler." Here also his wife died, and it was in the garret of the house that the lexicographer's six amanuenses worked. This garret and Johnson's study are still to be seen.

Leigh Hunt writes:

At this time, says Barber, his servant, he had little for himself, but frequently sent money to Mrs Shiels when in distress. (Shiels was one of his amanuenses on the dictionary.) His friends and visitors in Gough Square are a good specimen of what they always were—a miscellany creditable to the largeness of his humanity. These were Cave, Dr Hawkesworth, Miss Carter, Mrs Macaulay, Mr (afterwards Sir Joshua) Reynolds, Langton, Mrs Williams (a poor poetess whom he maintained in his house), Mr Lovell (an apothecary on the same footing), Garrick, Lord Orrery, Lord Southwell, and Mrs Gardiner, wife of a tallow-chandler on Snow Hill, "not in the learned way," said Mr Barber, "but a worthy, good woman."

It will indeed be a pity if this interesting old house has to come down, as it is feared will be the case, in order to make way for the new buildings to be erected on the west side of the square. Still, in any case it is to be hoped that steps will be taken to identify the spot by placing some memorial tablet upon the new building.

Rather a clever composition, called "Thief Powder," has been invented by a merchant at Buda-Pest who has long been suffering from mysterious robberies. This powder is sprinkled over safes and cash drawers, and clings to the hands of anyone who attempts to open such receptacles. Having laid his trap, the merchant one morning found that a largesum had disappeared from his drawer as usual, so he called up his clerks for inspection. One man's hands looked rather blue, and the merchant bade him wash before him. When the hands were in the water they turned deep blue, the effects of the thief-powder, thus bringing home the crime to the right man. Something of this sort might be useful to some of our banks.

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A French savant, M. Dufone, has lately been devoting his time to finding out whether fishes can talk. He has been observing the ways of several species, among others the sea horse, and he affirms fishes can converse. If an oyster can whistle why should a fish not talk. It is on record that, at a fish shop, I believe it was in Vinegar Yard, a whistling oyster was exhibited. Shakespeare tells us an oyster can be crossed in love. Love to be interesting must admit of an exchange of ideas in some way, therefore, perhaps, M. Dufone is right.

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The new bridge over the Thames, to be called the Tower Bridge, is expected to be finished by May next.

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I am very glad to see Ashby-Sterry, in his column in the "Graphic," taking up the question of over education. He says truthfully:

There is a widespread feeling, which is increasing every day, that the educational craze is being somewhat overdone, and that we are incurring a vast expense in order to convert a vigorous, able-bodied population into a nation of useless, dissatisfied prigs.

The language is somewhat strong, but no one can deny the truth underlying it. I think it would be going too far to attribute the overcrowding of our large towns and consequent depopulation of the rural districts entirely to matters educational. But a mother seeing her child being educated has a tendency to think he is fitted for better things than his father, and in consequence is apt to engender the same idea in the mind of the child. The aspiration is a very natural one, the pity is that the world cannot go ahead in accordance with the ideas of its inhabitants. But it can't, we all know, two classes at least are necessary, masters and servants, the one to pay the others to be paid.

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The question now is whether the present system of education will enhance the value of a servant's wages. I don't speak of servants as domestics, I call a servant anyone who receives wages to work. Up to the present I do not think education has brought them more wages, it may have made them a trifle higher in the rural districts, but look what it has done in the towns. In consequence of the competition of those who wish to hold better positions than their fathers, you can get a clerk to work in your office for less than you can get a valet. Far be it from me to attempt to belittle the very laudable desire that should exist in every man to rise, but from an economic point of view I think we are suffering from the effects of forced education. After a time, two generations I put it down at, I think matters will right themselves by the law of supply and demand. Then, if all goes well, we shall have nothing but educated people to deal with, who will naturally work in the market that gives them most money, but in the meantime the question will have cropped up whether the end justified the means, and I think the answer will be in the negative.

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The question whether a man possesses the copyright of his own face was not finally decided in the Court of Appeal. The Divisional Court granted Mr Monson an interlocutory injunction restraining Madame Tussaud and Mr L. Tussaud from exhibiting a waxen effigy of Mr Monson in their exhibitions, but Lord Halsbury and the Court of Appeal reversed this decision owing to some fresh facts having been disclosed in the affidavits. It was said that Mr Monson had authorized Tottenham to arrange as his agent for the exhibition of his effigy and the gun he carried at Ardlamont, and Lord Halsbury thought that it was doubtful whether a jury would not find this to be the case. As it was

doubtful how a jury might view the matter, this was not a case, he thought, in which an injunction ought to be granted, and therefore the injunction in both cases would be dissolved.

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At last England's grand old man, William Ewart Gladstone, has come to the conclusion that he requires rest and has resigned the leadership of his party. In a recent paper I saw it given as the opinion of the late Sir Andrew Clark that Mr Gladstone was stronger than many a man of fifty. Every one knows the Right Honorable gentleman is subject to fits of depression and is fond of having his own way, when he cannot get it the attacks come on. Although ill health should be the cause of depriving his party of such a master mind, one cannot help but regret his forced retirement, and think that when future ages read of his political career they will associate failure with his name.

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I hear many of the old established London Clubs are in a poor way, and that the subscriptions will have to be increased to keep them going. There are too many clubs, most of which are too expensively managed for the times we are going through, it is apparent the West End is short of the needful, therefore men will have to give up some of their clubs and the clubs in their turn will have to cater more moderately for their members.

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The court-martial to try the Rosales officers met yesterday in the Naval School. They first attended mass.

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Writing about Jabez Balfour is getting somewhat flat. A little additional interest to the case has been provided by the enquiries of the London detectives concerning the changing of some Bank of England notes by Balfour when he first came here, and through which he was actually traced to this country. Everyone is of the opinion that Balfour ought to be sent home, but it remains to be seen whether law or equity will decide his fate.

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A paragraph under the apt title of "missing friends" in "The Herald" a few days ago opens up once more the old question about the collection of club subscriptions. Collecting by means of a collector, were it safe, is always expensive, taking as it does five per cent. of the club's income. Why should not the secretaries of all clubs, without distinction, make up their minds to persuade their committees to insist that a rule be made making it compulsory for members to pay their subscriptions in the club itself, or into a bank chosen for that purpose? There might be some trouble to begin with, but men would soon get into the way of it. Members hardly do enough for their clubs, and yet they wonder why they are not self-supporting.

A NEWMARKET SKETCH

THE ENGLISH HEADQUARTERS OF RACING

Even as the Derby as a race has no parallel, so also there is nothing like Newmarket town in the racing world. It is unique. The very name of Newmarket suggests only one thing to a hearer—horse-racing. It is the very fountain head and hotbed of racing. Its population is a population of racing folk, from the titled and millionaire owners down to the stable lads. As a racing town it is sufficient unto itself, containing all the elements of the sport, even to the smallest necessity, and it could go steadily on in the even tenor of its sporting way if all the rest of the world were swallowed up by an earthquake.

Most of the English racehorses are trained at Newmarket. Most of the trainers have their homes and their stables at Newmarket. Nearly all the jockeys live there. The army of "head lads," "rubbers," and exercise lads that the care of something between 1500 and 1600 racehorses requires in attendance, make their permanent homes in Newmarket. Touts live there. All the purveyors to racing folk live there, and for the best racing and exercise saddles, the most beautifully made racing colours, the most correct jockey's breeches, the most pliable of jockey's boots, just the right kind of racing bridles, and whips, and horse clothing, no one need ever go out of Newmarket.

A dreary, poor little hole it would be but for the racing. All the advantages it enjoys are the gifts of sporting men. Its hospital, the Rous Memorial, was built by the Jockey Club and is a pretty Queen Anne building, in three blocks, standing in a walled-in garden, and this is for the benefit of ill, infirm or disabled trainers, jockeys and stable-men, and its wards are named in honor of four good English sports—the Prince of Wales, Sir John Astley, who is the beau ideal of a jolly, free-handed, handsome sport of the old school;

Sir James Lowther and Lord Hartington. Even one of its churches it owes to racing luck, the Crawford Memorial Church, which was built by the Duchess of Montrose, the "racing Duchess," in memory of her second husband. The town clock that stands in the centre of the town and chimes the hour in clear tones that can be heard at the uttermost ends of the town was the gift of a trainer, Charles Blanton, and was set up in the jubilee year.

A quaint old town it is, huddled along on either side of a mile-and-a-half-long "main street," giving one the impression that the houses are all crowding up and trying to look over each other's shoulders at what is going on in the street. Running out of this there wander about without rule or reason little streets and lanes only wide enough for one waggon to pass through, or at best two with a very close shave, and with sidewalks that necessitate Indian-file walking.

A rich town it is, too, as becomes a racing town, with its big handsome houses standing in their great gardens that have high flint walls surrounding them—walls with vines peeping over or trimmed primly into a fat green bolster along their top, and with a close, uncompromising line of shrubbery running along the inner side to shut out even more effectually the gaze of the curious passer-by. These big houses, splendid houses they are, belong to the nobility and the rich owners, who keep them to use during the meetings, and to the trainers, who wax rich in the land, and can give points on good living and display to their swell patrons. The trainers' houses have in the rear always a stable which is usually built around three sides of a square stable-yard, so neat you couldn't find a straw out of place if you tried.

There's nothing squalid or poor about the town. Even the stable-men, the "head lads," live with their families in pretty little cottages, each with its bit of garden and its well-kept shrubbery.

There has been racing at Newmarket ever since the time of James I., who built a house at Newmarket for the sake of the sport, history vaguely affirms. This house was destroyed during the civil wars, and was rebuilt by another sport-loving monarch, Charles II. It still stands, a handsome old place, in a grove behind the Rutland Arms, and now occupied by one of the Rothschilds during the meetings. There is an underground passage connecting with a dissenting chapel in the main street that the Rothschilds have found no occasion to disturb the cobwebs in.

Even before Diomed won the first Derby in 1780, at Epsom, and gave a modern starting point to turf history, Newmarket was a popular racing centre, and it has always stood high in Royal favour. With George IV., when he was Prince of Wales, it was a favourite spot, and when there was racing on at Newmarket he invited himself and his friends to Highflyer Hall, Richard Tattersall's place at Ely, and rode or drove to the race-course from there, and it was on account of an incident of racing at Newmarket that he retired from the turf permanently—because the honesty of Chifney's riding on Escapade was questioned, and he, resenting the doubt cast on his jockey, refused to race again.

If one is a stranger, the driver or a companion is sure to point out a pretty flower garden of a churchyard and say, "There is where Archer lies buried."

Never was jockey so idolised as Archer. His story and his doings are told and retold by every one in the town, and his sad end is tenderly described. One is told:

"There never was a wedding like Fred Archer's here. Such splendour, such presents, such attention showered upon him! There where the town clock stands is where the prize bullock was roasted for his wedding feast—a bullock that Lord Hastings had sent here for the occasion." (Matthew Dawson, the well-known trainer, has among his prized souvenirs a hoof of that bullock mounted with silver.)

One hears all the things Archer did; how incomparable he was in the saddle; "what a good fellow, not a bit uppish; the good luck he had and attention he got." What a pretty wife was his. How he grieved when she died, and how "two years after, two years and a day, when the fever took him, he shot himself on November 8th, 1886, and only twenty-nine years old."

"And such a funeral!" they'll tell you. There were flowers from lords and ladies who had known him, so many they wouldn't go in the hearse, and it took a second carriage to carry them to the church-yard; and there were hundreds of people at the funeral. No one was ever so much regretted as Archer."

NUMBER ONE.

"Hullo! Walter," exclaimed Fred Stokesley to his cousin, Walter Bakewell, as they met in the hall of the Junior Independence, on the morning of a day early in the New Year, "I thought you were not coming back to town till next week. Didn't you go to the Lorry's for Christmas?"

"Yes, I did," replied Bakewell, "and as a matter of fact I am staying with them still. I have only run up to-day for an hour or two. I am going back again this afternoon by the four o'clock train from Victoria."

"Come and have some lunch, then," said Stokesley. "I've nothing much to do for a couple of hours, and I should like to have a chat with you."

"Don't you find Lorry's an awfully jolly house to stay in," he observed a little later. "I always do. I like Lorry; he's such an unselfish chap at all times, and he always makes everyone who stays with him feel so much at home. He's not a fellow that pays much attention to 'number one.'"

"Funny that you should say that," rejoined Bakewell. "He certainly does make things very pleasant for his

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River Plate Sport and Pastime

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7, 1894.

SPORTING NOTES

I hear that a match will be played on or about the second Sunday in April between two elevens representing respectively cricketers born in Argentina and cricketers born elsewhere. At first sight it looks as if the Argentines would have it all their own way, but as a matter of fact it will make a very interesting match.

In view of the Polo Tournament at Hurlingham at the end of this month the New Club House there is expected to be full to overflowing, so applications for rooms should be made at the offices of the club as soon as possible so as to avoid disappointment, as in this case first come will be first served.

The heavy rain on Sunday evening has been a great subject for talk and the newspapers. The majority of the London Bank eleven set out home to Hurlingham from Moron just as the storm burst. Their trap stuck in the mud, luckily not far from the town, but there they had to remain until help arrived to haul them out and take them back, soaked through, as may be imagined.

The racing season opened rather tamely at Palermo on Sunday as might reasonably be expected. Those horses, which were a little more fit than the majority, won, and of them Carpintero stood out prominently as he seemed very fresh, well, and sound. Great disappointment was felt about India Muerta, of whom great things were expected after her running at the close of last season.

I take this last opportunity of reminding all clubs affiliated to the Polo Association that entries for the tournament close on Saturday next, and that all entries must be sent with the entrance fee and the names of those forming the teams. The Hon. Secretary would be very glad to receive the Clubs' subscription to the Association for the present year.

The classic race on next Sunday's programme is the Premio Criadores, a weight-for-age race for any mare. Not a single declaration of forfeit has been made for this race, so a big field may be expected to start.

The Jockey Club have arranged their financial affairs sufficiently satisfactorily for the completion of their new club house in Calle Florida. The engineer, Sr. Apelo, is in charge of the works, which it is expected will be finished before the season is over.

A meeting of the Argentine Association Football League will be held to-morrow, Thursday, at a quarter past eight in the evening at the English

High School. The meeting will finally approve the list of fixtures drawn up for the coming season. This year the League will count on ten, if not a dozen clubs, for its competition, and a cup is spoken of as likely to be competed for.

The entries for the Hurlingham Race Meeting on March 22nd close on Saturday next the 10th inst. Those who intend entering for the Tournament Stakes and Polo Association Cup should remember that their entries must be signed by the secretary of the Polo Club with which their ponies have qualified, certifying that they are bona fide polo ponies.

The new Committee of the Hipodromo Nacional Club for 1894 have been elected as follow: President, Sr Julian Martinez; Vice-Presidents, Dr Tomás E. de Anchorena, Sr Mariano F. Marrenco; Secretary, Sr Hernan Cibils; pro-Secretary, Sr Ernesto Garcia; Treasurer, Adolfo E. Casal; pro-Treasurer, Felix Storni; Members of Committee: Sres Emilio N. Casares, L. Urba de Woyth, Ramon Paz, J. B. Zubiaurre, Eduardo Fariña, Santiago Canale, Prospero E. Greffier, Enrique Berduc, Juan Garrahan, and Emiliano Gagliardo.

At a meeting last month of the A.E.L.T.C., it was decided, by twenty-two votes to two, to introduce the system of handicapping by sixths of fifteen instead of fourths. The large numbers who nowadays play in open handicaps introduce so many grades of players that handicappers require the widest scope that can be given them. This they did not have when limited to four strokes only. Handicapping by sixths is virtually the reintroduction of the bisque in another form.

At present it does not seem likely that more than five teams, besides those from the Buenos Aires clubs, will take part in the championship tournament at the end of this month, viz., Santa Fé, Las Petacas, Media Luna, and the Casuals. These clubs will be represented as follows:—

Santa Fé: Messrs C. B. Wilson, A. J. Dickinson, A. A. Adamson, M. Fea; or M. Whish; Las Petacas: Mr F. Kinchant, and the three criollos, F. Benitez, S. Martinez, and J. Martinez; The Casuals: Messrs F. Holt, Newman Smith, F. Robinson, and P. Talbot. The Media Luna team is not yet formed, Mr C. J. Tetley, who has arrived in the Nile, and Mr Scott Moncrieff, with two others, will represent their club.

The loss sustained by clubs in having to rely on a collector for the gathering in of their subscriptions has of late been brought home to them very forcibly. Surely if a man puts himself up for a club, is duly elected, and notified of his election, he should pay his subscription without having to be run about after for it, and should send it afterwards, whenever due, so long as he remains a member of that club. We do it at home, so why should we not here, and by doing without collectors our clubs' incomes would be increased by a very considerable amount.

The committee of the Union de Regatas have drawn up a programme for some races to be held at the Tigre next Sunday. Unfortunately the entries only closed last night, too late for me to get them for publication. The following is the programme:—

1. Four-oared clinkers, 1000 metres.
2. Distance diving.
3. Tub race, fifty metres.
4. Pair-oared clinkers, 800 metres.
5. Canoes, one paddle, 500 metres.
6. Men-of-war's boats, five or six oars, 500 metres.
7. Swimming race in clothes, 100 metres.
8. Pair-oared clinkers, 1000 metres.
9. Islanders' boats, one paddle and two pair oars, 500 metres.
10. Upset canoes, 300 metres, each crew to upset three times.
11. Double pairs, 500 metres.
12. Pig hunt.
13. Consolation race, inrigged four oars.

Cloister's weight for the Grand National has caused wonderful excitement at home and seems to make the subject for one of the most extraor-

dinary stories ever told in connection with the turf. Mr Mainwaring, the handicapper, it seems when he saw the weights published and Cloister with 12 st 7 lb was furious. He went down to the office vowing that the printer or some one or other had made a desperate mistake, was going to write to the stewards and the papers, and insisted on having the manuscript produced to prove that he was right. So the manuscript was sent for, and there it was, Cloister, 12 st 7 lb! Mr Mainwaring says that after much discussion with Mr Topham 12 st 12 lb was the weight they decided on for Cloister; but in finally making a clean copy of the handicap, in order that there might be no possibility of error from a casual smudge he wrote down 12 st 7 lb—probably from force of habit.

Some of our jockeys over here are not very particular what they do at times in the way of a bump or so, but such riding as that about which Rapiere writes in a recent steeplechase in San Francisco is really far beyond the most impudent and least scrupulous of our horsemen. For the chase in question an animal called Ballarat, ridden by a jockey named Bishop, was an odds-on favourite, and as the field neared home he looked like winning. At the last fence, however, a rival called Cito, ridden by Galindo, got on terms and appeared to have a bit the best of it. The two were coming on side by side when Bishop leaned over, grabbed hold of Cito's reins, and did his level best to stop him! Galindo thereupon got hold of Bishop, and with a sudden jerk very nearly dismounted him, but Bishop hung on to Galindo's horse until that jockey gave the hand a smart cut, which induced Bishop to leave go promptly, whereupon Galindo struck up his horse and won easily. The best part of the story is that on returning to scale Bishop lodged an objection against Galindo for foul riding! The stewards—or judges as they call these officials in the States—had, however, seen perfectly well just what had taken place, and the result of Bishop's appeal to them was his being fined 250 dollars.

The Arcadia Gardens still continue to attract, and the empresarios are to be congratulated on the enterprise which enables them to keep the favour of this fickle public.

In addition to the new theatre recently opened, I note that Mr Snowden performs his perilous slide nightly, both on skates and on a bicycle, and if, as at the beginning, he gets \$100 gold a journey, he must now be in receipt of an income exceeding that of the President and his ministers rolled into one, or say some £15,000 per annum.

People, however, who take great risks deserve to be well paid, and Mr Snowden merits all he gets. Such is his ability, however, that when his present act fails to attract, I should hardly be surprised to hear of his coming down the chute with his hands tied behind his back and his head in a sack.

BOOTS.

GOLF

Golfers need have no fear of running short of clubs during the coming season, as we have just seen a very good lot of McEwen's make at Smart's, and the Caledonian House will shortly receive a selected lot from Patrick, Leven, and Gath and Chaves are getting out some from Forgan of St Andrew's. We saw at the latter establishment the other day a set of clubs bearing Buchanan's stamp which should never have been allowed to leave their workshop, as they are the worst clubs we have ever seen, both as regards finish and shape. A house of Buchanan's fame should be more careful in selecting goods to send abroad, as the clubs in question are certainly not good advertisements for them.

In the book, "Stories on Golf," is given the true version of an often mangled tale. A caddie describing a certain player said, "He's just a bull-neckit, big-showldered, hog-backit, bandy-legit chiel; but he shapes fine for a gowfer." The following also is original:—"A caddie, seeing his employer's ball lying in a very unplayable spot, did sundry services to make the next shot easier. When the opponent's caddie came up he said, 'An' what was yon' that I seed yae dae afore the last stroke?' 'A'll tak ma affidavit before God A'michty and ma employer,' was the reply, 'that at ony rate a wasna wastin' ma time.'" A third good story comes from a local player. A somewhat boastful gentleman inquired the distance to the first hole on a new links. He was told "about a hundred and fifty yairds." "Ah, just a drive and a putt," he said, and thereupon addressing himself to his ball, he missed and sent it about three yards. "Ah, sir," said the caddie, "but ye maanna tak the putt first."

CRICKET

CRICKET FIXTURES.

MARCH

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.
Sun. 25—Flores v. Lanus, at Lanus.

APRIL

Sun. 1—Flores v. Hurlingham, at Hurlingham.
Sun. 1—London Bank v. Lanus, at Palermo.
Sun. 8—Rosario Rv. v. Lomas, at Belgrano.

MONTEVIDEO CRICKET CLUB—FIXTURES

Sunday, March 18—Eleven v. Twenty-two.
Sunday, April 1—North (U. K.) v. South (U. K.)
Sunday, April 15—Secretary's v. Captain's Team.

B.A.C.C. v. LANUS

In fine weather this match took place on the 4th at Palermo. Buenos Aires won the toss and went in first on a wicket which bumped occasionally at times. After Webster had been dismissed by Tupholme, E. R. Gifford and Garrod put on runs fast until Garrod was finally taken in the slips by Brown. J. D. Gifford joined his brother and the 100 soon went up. E. R. Gifford was then unfortunately forced to retire when well set, owing to peculiar opinions entertained by the umpire as to the rule for l-b-w.—the batsman, after playing the ball hard on to his legs, cleverly saving his wicket with his foot. With the exception of J. D. Gifford, who played a most useful innings, and Leng, who reached double figures, the others did practically nothing, without causing a great amount of surprise to the spectators, and the innings closed for 161.

Lanus, helped by somewhat loose fielding, scored runs quickly, and at one time 120 were up with only five wickets down, Rudd hitting freely and being well supported by Brooking, Bridge, and Voales. A change then came over the game, and eight wickets were down with 11 runs still wanted, and Buenos Aires might even then have pulled through had Garrod held a return from Tupholme. But he dropped it, and helped soon after by a reckless overthrow from a hit which ought to have been caught by the other bowler, so Lanus won with two wickets to spare, and eventually were all out for 209.

Rudd's 65 was invaluable to his side, albeit it was far from faultless, and he gave innumerable chances of stumping to the wicket keeper—a remark that applies to several other batsmen. Mills was clean out of form behind the sticks, as a glance at the extras item will partly show.

The result of the match was not altogether expected by those who had seen the advertised teams, and it seems to be a great pity that the pioneer club of the Republic should have to rely upon such an eleven as did duty for it on this occasion; this we hope without offence to those who came forward at the last minute, in such a sportsmanlike manner, and prevented the match from falling through. Still the fact remains that by no possible stretch of imagination could it be called a representative cricket team of the B.A.C.C.

The following is the full score and analysis:—

Table with columns for Buenos Aires C.C. 1st inn, Lanus C. C. 1st inn, and Extras. Lists players and their scores.

BOWLING ANALYSIS

Table with columns for Buenos Aires C.C. and Lanus C.C. Lists bowlers and their statistics (O, M, R, W).

FLORES A.C. v. LONDON BANK CC.

A cricket match was played at Flores on March 4th, between the London Bank and Flores A.C., and resulted in a win for Flores by 79 runs. The scores which we give below speak for themselves:

Table showing scores for London Bank and Flores A.C. in 1st and 2nd innings.

BOWLING ANALYSIS

Table with columns for 1st and 2nd innings, listing bowlers and their statistics (O, M, R, W).

Flores A. C.

Table showing scores for Flores A.C. in 1st and 2nd innings.

BOWLING ANALYSIS

Table with columns for 1st and 2nd innings, listing bowlers and their statistics (O, M, R, W).

WESTERN RAILWAY C.C. v. LOMAS A.C.

The above fixture was decided at Tolosa on Sunday the 4th, and, as will be seen from the scores below, resulted in a very decisive win for Lomas by 145 runs. Messrs Rath and Bridger were very successful with the ball for Lomas, the latter taking six wickets for only 17 runs. There is little to add regarding the match beyond what can be gathered from the following scores:

Table showing scores for Western Ry. C.C. and Lomas Club in 1st and 2nd innings.

BOWLING ANALYSIS

Table with columns for Western Ry. C.C. and Lomas A.C. Lists bowlers and their statistics (O, M, R, W).

RACING

PALERMO—MARCH 4.

The racing season opened at Palermo on Sunday last under most disadvantageous circumstances. The weather was horrible; dust and wind, followed by rain, made the afternoon one of the most uncomfortable we have experienced at Palermo, where the elements can do so much to spoil pleasure. The meeting was remarkable for the success of

Pedro Torres and the Carpintero stable. Torres rode in five races, and steered four winners and a second, a record which has not often been beaten or equalled in any country. Two of his winning rides were on old Carpintero, who was sent to the post a good deal more fit than most of those running.

An unfortunate accident occurred in the Premio Destructor, which resulted in Lara and Pavon receiving somewhat serious injuries. The race was for eleven hundred metres, and just as the horses were passing Sr. Acebal's former stable, at the corner, Anzoletto came down; Artillero fell over him, and the two jockeys were thrown very heavily. We hear, however, that both are going on well, so we hope they will be able to ride again before the season is much older.

Two of the fields were only of three horses each, and all through the day there was no race which calls for any special remark.

Details of the meeting are as follow:—

Table listing race results including Premio Monarque, Stud Pobre's br h Phlegethon, and others.

Lyndall and Anzoletto led to the last turn where Phlegethon took the lead he kept to the finish, winning easily by half a length from Anzoletto, a like distance separating second and third.

Tickets—Phlegethon and Lyndall with 751 win and 823 place, Anzoletto 385—501, Huri 524—725, Tristan 803—979, Lighthart 182—228, Mr Gilmore 241—479, Bogey 230—344, Chiquito 44—100, Libertad 347—451, Siempreviva 258—345, Gallo 167—284. Totals. 3932—5259.

Dividends—Phlegethon with \$9.42 win and 4.17 place, Anzoletto 5.57 place. Huri 4.96 place.

Premio Boqueron, an Open Handicap, \$1800 to the 1st, 180 to the 2nd; 1200 metres.

Table listing race results including Stud Carpintero's ch h Carpintero, Stud Camors' Whitethorn, and others.

Whitethorn varied the proceedings by bolting before the start, and when the lot were eventually dispatched, she jumped off with the lead and ran in front till within three hundred metres from home, where she shut up. Carpintero came away at the finish and won easily by a length from Rivarola, who finished half a length in front of Siva.

Tickets—Carpintero with 1012 win and 871 place, Rivarola 405—327, Siva and Riflero 1320—1230, India Muerta 1323—1188, Whitethorn 899—726, Friedland 401—380. Totals, 5360—4722.

Dividends—Carpintero with \$9.53 win and 5.50 place, Rivarola 11.33 place.

Premio Apertura, for three-year-olds, colts 54 kilos, fillies 52 kilos, winners of over \$10,000 and under 15,000, 4 kilos extra, over 15,000 and under 20,000, 6 kilos, and over 20,000 8 kilos extra, \$2500 to the 1st, 500 to the 2nd; 2000 metres.

Table listing race results including Stud San Jorge's ch e Landseer, La Petite Ecurie's Wagram, and others.

Clermont made the running for the first thousand metres, Landseer then going to the front to win somewhat easily, though only by a head from Wagram, who came up well at the finish. Clermont third three lengths off.

Tickets—Landseer with 2445 win and 1429 place. Wagram 683—424, Clermont 1543—759, Woodnymph 729—551, Mercurio 545—385. Totals 5945—3548.

Dividends—Landseer with \$4.37 win and 2.93 place, Wagram 5.19 place.

Premio Nebulosa, an Open Handicap, \$2000 to the 1st, 200 to the 2nd; 2000 metres.

Table listing race results including La Petite Ecurie's br m Alejandria, Sr. E. Casal's Mudo, and others.

PREMIO DESTRUCTOR, Handicap for all three-year-olds that have not won more than \$4000 before the day of the race, \$1500 to the 1st, 150 to the 2nd; 1100 metres.

- Ecurie Montevideo's br m Saeta, by King of Scotland—Water Lily, 3 y, 48 k I. Diaz 1
Stud Pobre's Ailimé, 3 y, 54 k L. Gonzalez 2
Stud Painé's Opal, 3 y, 58 k G. Morales 3
Ecurie Avant-Garde's Rondinella, 3 y, 55 1/2 k P. Carabajal 0
Stud Las Ortigas' Ortiga, 3 y, 54 k G. Palacios 0
Stud A. Lincoln's Tenebrosa, 3 y, 54 k J. Cardoso 0
Stud Sultan's Anzoletto, 3 y, 54 k P. Lara 0
Ecurie Indecis' Artillero, 3 y, 52 k B. Pavon 0
Ecurie Camors' Lynham, 3 y, 48 k P. Aguilari 0

Opal led, with the others close up, nearly to the straight, in which Saeta drew out, and won by a length from Ailimé, who was followed home at half a length's distance by Opal. Artillero and Anzoletto fell.

Tickets—Saeta with 1042 win and 1216 place, Ailimé 884—933, Opal 381—333, Rondinella 127—183, Ortiga 802—848, Tenebrosa 434—600, Anzoletto 841—1034, Artillero 414—516, Lynham 302—281. Totals 5227—5944.

Dividends—Saeta with \$9.02 win and 3.57 place, Ailimé 4.04 place, Opal 7.74 place.

PREMIO ITUZAINGÓ, Open Handicap, \$2000 to the 1st, 200 to the 2nd; 1600 metres.

- Stud Carpintero's ch h Carpintero, by Castle-reagh—Tapestry, 7 y, 57 k P. Torres 1
Stud Las Ortigas' Valiente, 6 y, 55 k G. Palacios 2
Sr. J. B. Zubiaurre's Guerrillero, 6 y, 50 k. S. Gonzalez 3
Ecurie Les Ardennes' India Muerta, 5 y, 60 1/2 k S. Torres 0

Guerrillero led for some distance, but he had to give way to Carpintero and Valiente before reaching the turn, the former winning easily by half a length, the same distance separating second and third.

Tickets—Carpintero with 1954 win, Valiente 3195, Guerrillero 2141, India Muerta 1617. Total 8907.

Dividend—Carpintero with \$8.20 win.

PREMIO BUENOS AIRES, Handicap for horses that have not won more than \$15,000 before the day of the race, \$1800 to the 1st, 180 to the 2nd; 1750 metres.

- Ecurie Anacoreta's ch m Clarette, by Pan—Nana, 3 y, 53 k I. Diaz 1
Stud Painé's Lucifer, 6 y, 48 k L. Diaz 2
Sr. E. Casal's Ravachol, 3 y, 56 k P. Aguirre 3

Ravachol made strong running for three parts of the distance, when Lucifer joined him and took the lead after racing together to the straight. These two shutting up, Clarette finished an easy winner by two lengths, a length separating second and third.

Tickets—Clarette with 1426 win, Lucifer 1472, Ravachol 2357. Total 5255.

Dividend—Clarette with \$6.63 win.

The following are the entries and handicaps for next Sunday's meeting at Palermo:—

Table with 4 columns: Race Name, Kilos, Horse Name, Kilos. Includes PREMIO ETHIOPIA, 1450 metres and PREMIO WANDA, 1450 metres.

Table with 4 columns: Race Name, Kilos, Horse Name, Kilos. Includes PREMIO LA PRENSA, 1750 metres.

Table with 4 columns: Race Name, Kilos, Horse Name, Kilos. Includes PREMIO SANTA LUCIA, 1000 metres.

Table with 4 columns: Race Name, Kilos, Horse Name, Kilos. Includes PREMIO LIANA, 1600 metres.

Table with 4 columns: Race Name, Kilos, Horse Name, Kilos. Includes PREMIO NIobe, 1500 metres.

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ESTANCIA AND COLONY.

From time to time cases are reported to the newspapers at home of animals having died from having swallowed pieces of wire, either picked up in the neighbourhood of some wire fence, or taken into the body in some other way. Mr Hewitt, of Surrey, recently wrote to the London "Standard" to say that he was receiving large quantities of hay and straw from abroad, bound together by wire. On four farms close to him cattle had died within a few months, and he points out that, unless wire gives way to cord for the purposes of binding hay, many more deaths are likely to result. Hay cut into chaff would undoubtedly contain short pieces of wire. Mr Hewitt has no doubt that at the present time a large number of cattle and horses swallow wire, and he suggests that purchasers would do well to decline wire-bound hay and straw. In connection with this matter it may be mentioned that, on opening the body of a beast in Essex, supposed to have died from anthrax, it was discovered that death had resulted, not from that disease, but by a piece of wire, 7 in. long, which the animal had swallowed. The wire had penetrated the lungs and heart, and in this instance was a portion of that which had been used for binding foreign hay.

The Cevic, belonging to the White Star Line, left New York last month with the largest cargo ever carried by a single vessel across the Atlantic. The following is the consignment: 160,000 bales of cotton, 810 head of cattle, 400 tons of ingot copper and lead, 300 tons of fresh meat, 3500 sacks of flour, 3000 boxes of cheese, 2000 barrels of oil, 600 barrels of paraffin wax, 2000 bundles of hides, 300 barrels of beef, 500 bales of hay, and several tons of miscellaneous cargo, amounting in all to over 14,000 tons, and valued at considerably over half a million.

On the 30th and 31st of this month the Rural Society of Ayacucho will hold their twentieth show and fair of live stock and agricultural implements and products.

The heavy rains of Sunday night seem to have been general all over the province, and very welcome they were. Notices of rain having fallen were received on Sunday from the following districts: Jauregui, Olivera, Gowland, Mercedes, Suipacha, Gorostiaga, Bragado, Olascoaga, Dennehy, 9 de Julio, French, Cambaceres, Casares, Guanaco, Chiclana, Pehuajo, Castelli, Passo, Berutti, Primera Junta, Trenque-Lauquen, La Limpia, Fernandez, San Emilio, Los Toldos, Bayauca, Lincoln, Salto, Arrecifes, Pergamino, Tapalqué, Rojas, Junin, Dolores, Balcarce, Ramallo, Carhué, Escobar, Zárate, Baradero, Barranqueras, San Nicolas, Corrientes, Itati, and Rio Cuarto.

Advices of rain were also received from Uruguay, Ibicuy, Gualaguay, Colon, Tala, Gualaguaychú, Corrientes, Baranqueros, and San Cosme. The Paraná rose eighty centimetres in the last three days. On the Western line telegraphic advices of rain were received from the following districts:—Flores, Vélez Sarsfield, Liniers, Ramos Mejia, Haedo, Moron, Ituzaingo, Merlo, Moreno, Rodriguez, Lujan, Jauregui, Olivera, Gowland, Mercedes, Bragado, Olascoaga, Dennehy, Nueve de Julio, French, Cambaceres, Casares, Guanaco, Chiclana, Pehuajo, Castelli, Passo, Berutti, Primera Junta, Trenque-Lauquen, La Limpia, Fernandez, San Emilio, Los Toldos, Bayauca, Lincoln, San Justo, Santa Catalina, Marmol, Claypole, Varela, Gutierrez, Villa Elisa, Alsina, Ringuet, Tolosa, La Plata, Hipodromo, Dock Central, and Rio Santiago.

We have not heard how the animals sent by Mr Kemmis by train to La Plata, and not heard of for four days, have fared, but we see that Mr Kingsland of the Anglo-Argentine Live Stock Agency has also been a sufferer at the hands of the railway companies. He says that he also has sent several consignments of cattle from Las Rosas to Rio Santiago, and this is what has invariably happened to them. Let us say, for example, that they are put in the trucks at Las Rosas on Monday morning at 10 o'clock. They reach Haedo about 9 o'clock on the following Tuesday. There they have to remain penned up in the trucks, exposed to the glaring sun without food or water, all that day until 9.30 p.m. They are then taken on to Tolosa, where they arrive at 3 a.m. on Wednesday morning, and after a considerable

amount of shunting there, and sometimes at La Plata, as well, they eventually reach their destination at Rio Santiago about 11.30, though one lot of fine animals bought from Mr Nash at \$160 per head were not unloaded till 2.30 p.m., after having been 52 hours in the waggons without either food or water.

"Comments on such a state of things," says Mr Kingsland, "are superfluous, though needless to say it would not be allowed in any European country; and having neither time nor inclination for a law-suit with one of the railway companies, nor indeed with any one else, I have up till now been obliged to grin and bear it, though once when I laid the matter in a letter before the general manager of the Western Railway he replied that I should 'endeavour to get to Haedo a little earlier,' though how that was to be effected he carelessly omitted to state. I am glad, however, to see that Mr Kemmis is disposed to take action in the matter, as that such a thing should happen is a disgrace to any management."

The killings in the saladeros of the River Plate and Rio Grande, for the second half of February, and compared with the same period last year, were:

Table with 4 columns: Location, 1894, 1893. Includes Buenos Aires, Entre Rios and Uruguay, Montevideo, Rio Grande.

The claim of three and a half millions of dollars by Messrs Barros, Teixeira and Co. on the Municipality of Rio Janeiro, for damages resulting from the falling through of the contract made between them for supplying live cattle to Rio, is likely to be arranged out of court, and the Municipal Prefect has promised to pay Messrs Teixeira the sum agreed upon provided he has the necessary funds.

Wheat in Rosario is fetching from \$6.08 to 6.10, placed on board. Wheat for exportation is quoted here at from \$6.50 to 6.80 the 100 kilos, placed in one of the markets. Flour, placed in the Darsena, is quoted at \$1.10 the 10 kilos. Maize of good quality has been selling at about \$7.20 the 100 kilos.

A publication of Mr Alexander K. Von Heyking regarding the wealth of gold which exists, or is said to exist, in Chubut is causing considerable excitement. The gold lies, it is said, in the valley of the River Corintos, and will be worked, with many other concessions, by the Welsh Patagonian Gold Field Syndicate, a company lately formed in London for the purpose.

From letters received from Gualaguay we learn that the drought has caused enormous damage to stock. The estancieros Messrs Manuel and Estevan Berisso have skinned no less than four thousand carcasses on their estancia San Ramon, and other stockowners are likely to lose the whole of their cattle, in spite of the rain which has just fallen.

Messrs Bullrich and Co. sold last week a piece of camp in Lincoln known as "Medanos de Trujui," measuring 8177 hectares, belonging to the testamentaria of Don Antonio Gallino, and sold by order of the Judge, Dr Pizarro. The camp is bounded on the north by Don J. Manuel Solana, on the south by Sr Juan Lopez, on the east by Sr Juan Videla, and on the west by Mr Thomas Duggan. The upset price was \$152,705.90, and after some spirited bidding it was knocked down to Sr Juan Vidal at \$168,000.

Messrs Bullrich also sold eight imported Lincoln rams from the Dudding flock, at the average price of \$680. Their buyers were Messrs John Macdonald, Criado, Casal and Laidles.

Four black faced rams at \$285 each were sold to Messrs Saenz Valiente and Pedro Ezcurra, and eight Lincoln rams at \$180 each to Sr Saenz Valiente.

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A lot of 2200 bags of oats have changed hands at \$6.85 the hundred kilos, at which price they come out cheaper and better than maize for horses. They were grown in the north of the province.

Mr Davis, in the name of the Chubut Colonists, has appealed to the National Government to grant a monthly subvention on a line of steamers plying between that flourishing colony and this port. The Government has refused to grant the subvention, but has issued orders that vessels of the navy shall do the necessary service and make regular trips to the ports on the South Atlantic. The Chubut Colony is becoming an important settlement: the following figures, published by the "Standard," are a proof of its growth:

Exports—1890, 2,600 tons wheat; 1892, 3,650 tons wheat, 77 tons barley. Value of exports, 1890, \$671,949; value of imports, 1890, \$445,306.

Mr Charles Lix Klett contributes an interesting article in this week's number of "La Agricultura." The article deals with wool, and the effect that the modification in the North American wool-tariff will have upon prices and production. Mr. Lix Klett calculates that in the event of the sanction of the Bill by the American Senate, the export of wool from the Plate to the States could not for the present exceed 40,000 tons of wool production of Argentina, only that quantity of "extra" and "criolla" wools can be placed in America.

From the following figures published by the "Diario," showing the amount of wool baled in Buenos Aires, the clip of 1893 to 1894 may be estimated between the dates of October 1st 1893, to the end of last month, 267,000 bales were exported, the wool being distributed amongst the following:—

	Bales
Desplanques and Co.	10,800
Wenz and Co.	12,700
Masurel Sons.	15,800
Francisco Masurel Brothers	9601
Henry Caulliez	9000
Tiberghien Brothers	8500
Adam Brothers	7600
Virg. Gachasin	2200
Aubé Degoy and Co.	7700
P. Funk and Co	5400
Adolfo Dejaer.	5000
Henry Dejaer.	3700
Miguel Brana.	10,600
Soulas and Co.	7500
Peltzer and Sons	5300
Giacomo Cohen.	1500
Wattinne Bossut and Sons.	9000
Luis Selasco	4000
W. Hallet and Co	5600
Adolfo Tewes	2000
Luis Cantère.	2000
A. C. Llambi	2500
F. Büsch	5500
L. Bohnen	9500
Juan Rivera and Sons	4500
Juan Messtorff	3000
Bordelois and Lüders	7400
Otto Hirsch.	10,300
C. W. Fremery	8000
Máximo Hopff.	6800
Ric. Petersen.	9000
	212,000

Baled in the warehouses of such towns in the camp as San Pedro, San Nicolás, Rosario, Santa Fé, Bahía Blanca, Azul, Juarez, Ayacucho, etc. 55,000

In deposit in the barracas 5200
Deposited in the Central Market 8000

Total 280,200

The number of bales in private barracas is calculated at 5200, distributed as follows:—Messrs Hallet and Co. 100, Mr A. Tewes 200, Messrs Cantere 1000, Llambi 1000, Busch 1000, Bolmen 1400, and Rivera Sons 500. Bahía Blanca has turned out 20,000 bales, a number which few would have credited the southern town with. Altogether it is calculated that 340,000 bales have been exported in 1892-93, so that with some 60,000 bales still remaining in the camp, this year's clip will show an increase of some thirty thousand bales.

FIXTURES

RACING

Sunday, Mar. 11—Hipodromo Argentino, at Palermo.
Thursday, March 22—Hurlingham. (Polo Association Cup.)

CRICKET

Sunday, Mar. 11—B.A.C.C. v. Rosario Ry., at Palermo.
Sunday, Mar. 11—Quilmes v. Hurlingham, at Quilmes.

POLO

Thursday, March 22, to Sunday, March 25—Championship Tournament, at Hurlingham.

ROUND THE TOWN.

The state of siege is over at last, after a duration of very nearly six months. The lifting of the law has not yet been taken advantage of by the newspapers, and leads one to wonder whether in view of the long duration of the prohibition they have become so cowed as to be afraid of making hostile criticism of the acts of the Government, or whether the government of the country has become so perfect in the last six months as to render criticism no longer necessary. Certain it is that the bombshell we might reasonably have expected has not burst, and few of our contemporaries appear to have taken any notice of the raising of the state of siege beyond barely chronicling the fact. Even our old friend "Don Quijote," whom we welcomed on 'change on Saturday last, appears to have forgotten how to bite after the long application of the muzzle.

The chief news of the week is that at last the long deferred trial of the Rosales' officers began on Tuesday, the 6th inst. The story of the loss of this ill-fated vessel, which went to the bottom of the Atlantic with all her crew and none of her officers, is too well known to need repeating, and I have here only to record the fact that she foundered on July 8th, 1892, the trial of the officers implicated only commencing yesterday. It is to be hoped, therefore, that at last strict justice will be done, as the time elapsed between the accident and the trial must render any hasty or ill-judged decision absolutely impossible.

The rain that fell on Saturday last appears to have beaten the record, and that hoary-headed old liar "the oldest inhabitant" has given his fiat that such rain has been unknown in Buenos Aires for forty years. The "Prensa" of Monday and Tuesday gives pitiful accounts of the damage done in Belgrano, which suburb appears especially to have suffered, and recommends the authorities to look well into the question of the levels of that prosperous locality.

Residents in that place, therefore, can reasonably look forward to the prospect of having all the streets torn up, and generally rendered intransitable for some time to come, and householders may get ready to pay for the improvements (?) decided upon. The engineers of this country are never so happy as when they have a question of levels to go into and experiment on, and many of my readers will recollect what a high old time they had when it was decided to alter the levels of the Plaza Victoria to suit the Avenida de Mayo. I doubt if the public in general, and the tramway companies in particular, enjoyed themselves very much during the long time the work lasted, as crossing the Calle Rivadavia in those days assumed all the features and pleasurable excitement of a steeplechase.

The new time-table of the Royal Mail Company is to hand. The only alteration worthy of note is that steamers will only be in Buenos Aires some four or five days to take their cargo and passengers on board. This new decision seems to me a step in the wrong direction, as I fear passengers will have to return to the old method of going aboard in the outer roads, for as quarantine—or rather forty-eight hours' observation—appears to be in force all the year round, the steamers would not have time to go into the La Plata port, and the comfortable journey thither in a saloon carriage, accompanied by all our friends and relations, threatens, consequently, to become a thing of the past.

Merchandise also will have to be discharged into lighters from the outer roads, instead of from the quay into the railway waggons, and robbery, smuggling, and delay will once more have a chance.

Sr Ferrari's opera troupe for the coming season has now been definitely got together, and I append herewith a note of the artists.

Sopranos: Teresa Arkel, Elisa Petri, Salud Othon and Kate Bensberg.

Contraltos: Maria Giudice and Caroline Zawner.

Tenors: Cremonini and Lucignani.

Baritones: Scotti and Carnsons.

Basses: Ercolani, Luis Broglio, and Napoleon Limonta.

Director de orquesta: Eduardo Mascheroni.

The opera company contains many old friends, notably Giudice, who was a great favourite last year, and the "invidiable" tenor Cremonini. They will make their debut some time in May with Puccini's Manon Lescaut, which opera, I note, was received more favourably here than in London. Whilst on the subject of operas, it is to be hoped that the new house in the Calle Cerrito will shortly be finished, as the work was started a long time ago, but shows no signs of advancement just at present. If I remember right, however, a box in this same new theatre to be built was sold by auction at Messrs Funes and Lagos' for \$23,000 some few months back.

Statistics of population in a country like this are always an amusing study, and I note that during the month of January, 1894, there were 2193 births in this city, against 1337 deaths, which is satisfactory; 390 couples also contracted marriage during the same period. One hundred and forty-one of the husbands hailed from sunny Italy against 102 wives from that country, whereas there were only eighty-one Argentine husbands against 137 Argentine wives. The death returns, however, show 969 Argentines against 161 Italians. It is satisfactory to note that only fourteen deaths of Englishmen are recorded, which should be a very small proportion in view of the large English community at present in Buenos Aires.

The population of Buenos Aires on January 31st, 1894, was estimated at 582,728 souls. This is surely not as it should be. The total area of the Argentine Republic is 1,212,500 square miles. The total population of the country is put down (according to Mulhall's handbook) at 4,046,000. Of these over half a million are in the capital alone, thus leaving an average of some 2-4-5 man, woman or child per square mile of territory outside. These facts in a country whose road to riches—nay, whose salvation—lies in the development of its great agricultural resources should give cause for serious thought to the political economists of this country, and, indeed, to all who have the interests of this fine city at heart, and the authorities would do well to look into such matters of vital importance affecting the prosperity of the commonwealth, rather than expend so much of their time and energy in discussing questions of finance, amateur banking or city improvements.

The English papers here have been much exercised lately in discussing the action of the British Government with regard to the interests of the shipping trade in Rio Janeiro.

Much has to be said on both sides, but as a general rule we can take it that the Government wishes it known that all British subjects who leave their country do so at their own risk, and that it cannot interfere except in serious cases.

In the case of ships consigned to Rio, I have little doubt that the owners charge an extra rate of freight thither in consequence of the disturbed times, and it would therefore appear only fair that they should accept the risks for which they are paid, and the consequences should their speculation turn out unsuccessful; for it does not seem right that two friendly countries should fall out and many valuable lives sacrificed possibly, in order that a small community should make a profit. If owners send their ships to Rio, they do so because it suits them and not from any other motives.

I read that Messrs White and Roberts, on behalf of the Southern, Western and Rosario Railways have withdrawn the Central Station scheme presented some months ago by Messrs Parish and Neild. Once more, therefore, we have to give up all hopes of a station worthy of Buenos Aires and the important passenger traffic accruing for it.

So many schemes have been started before, only to meet with the same fate, that one cannot help fearing that the sphere of usefulness of the present station is to be prolonged indefinitely, and this would appear to be borne out by the fact that, with "cinismo inaudito," the Central Station authorities started to put on a fresh coat of paint, and generally smarten up the old station just at the time that Messrs Parish and Neild's proposition became the talk of the town?

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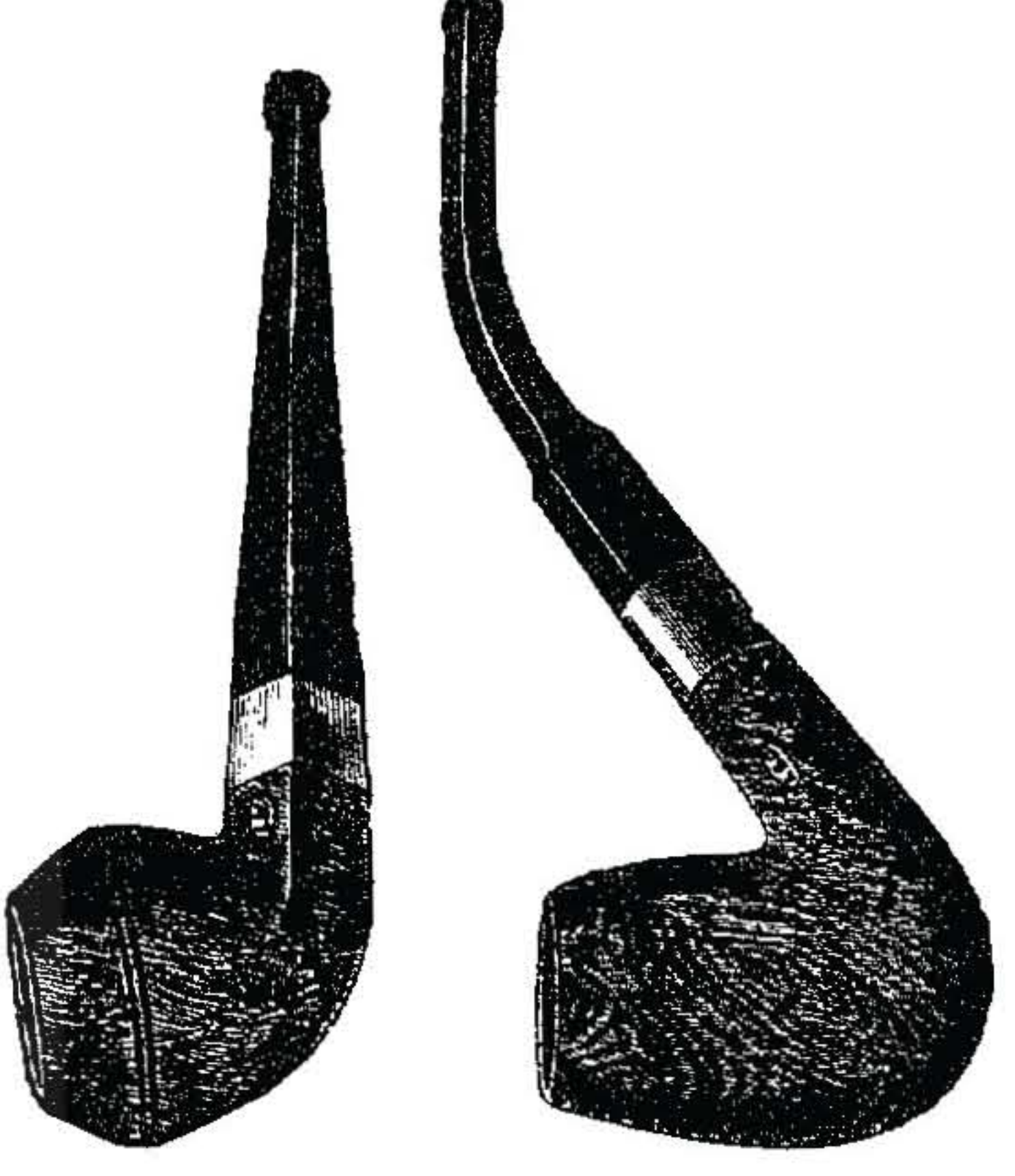
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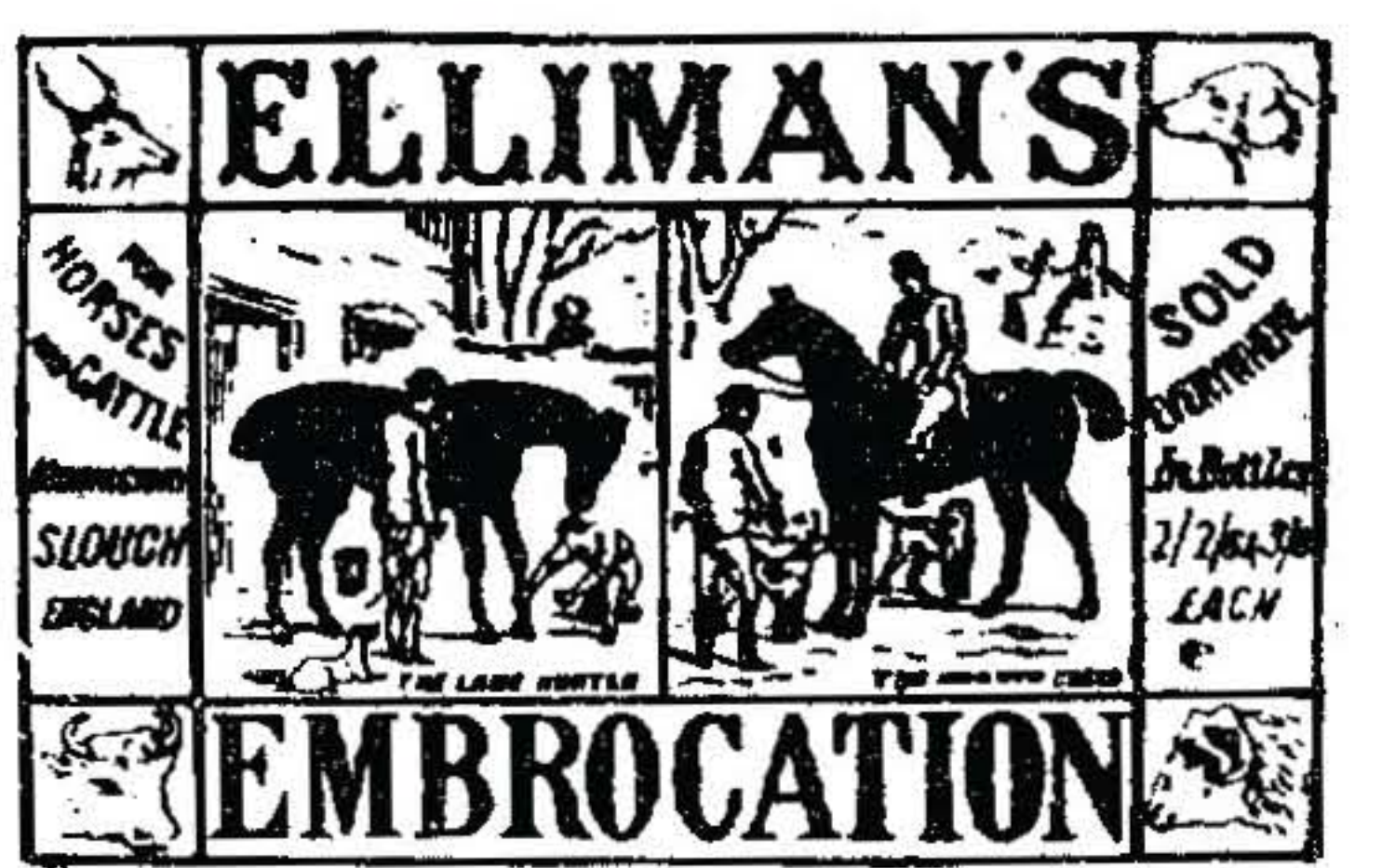
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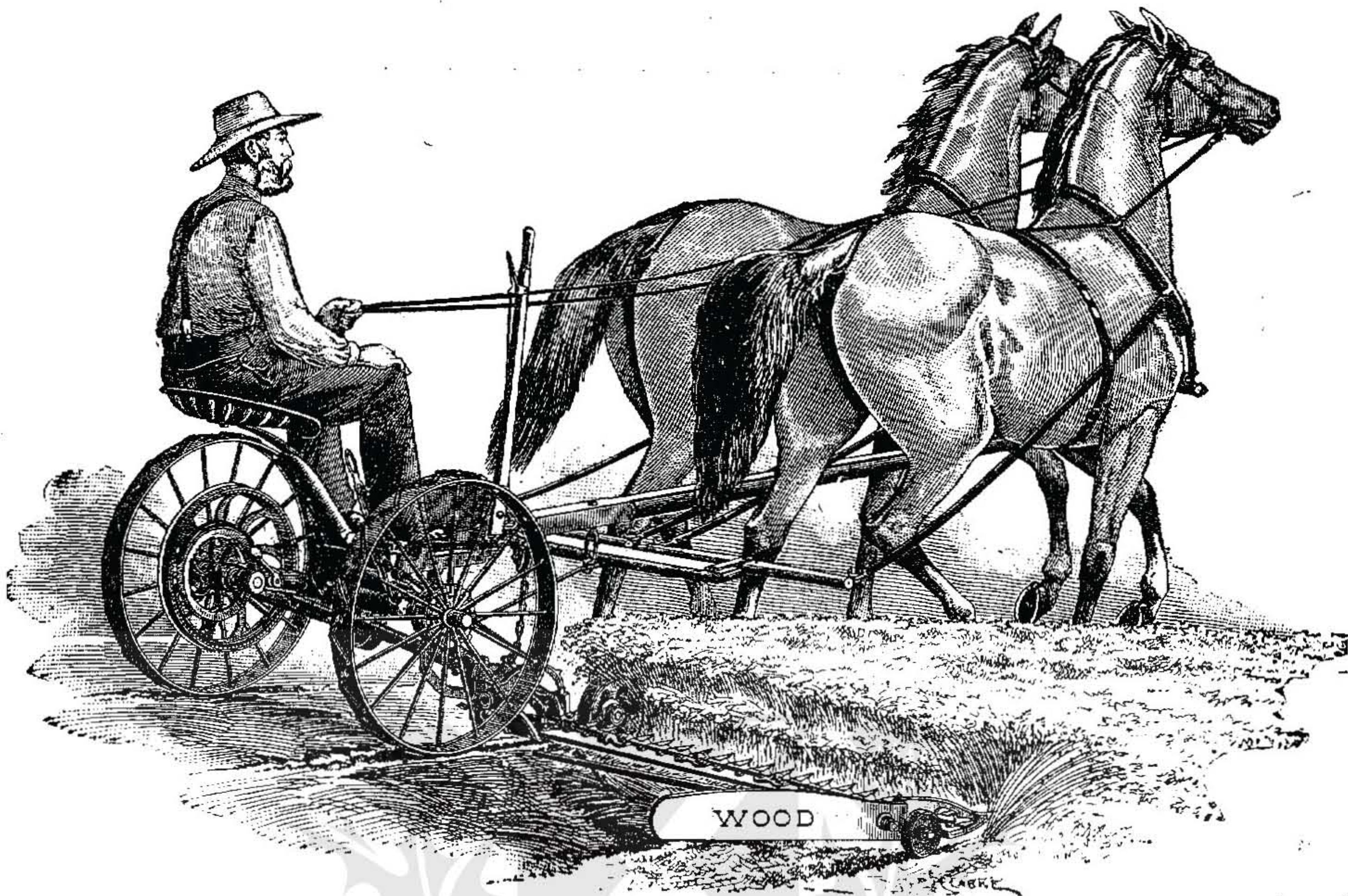


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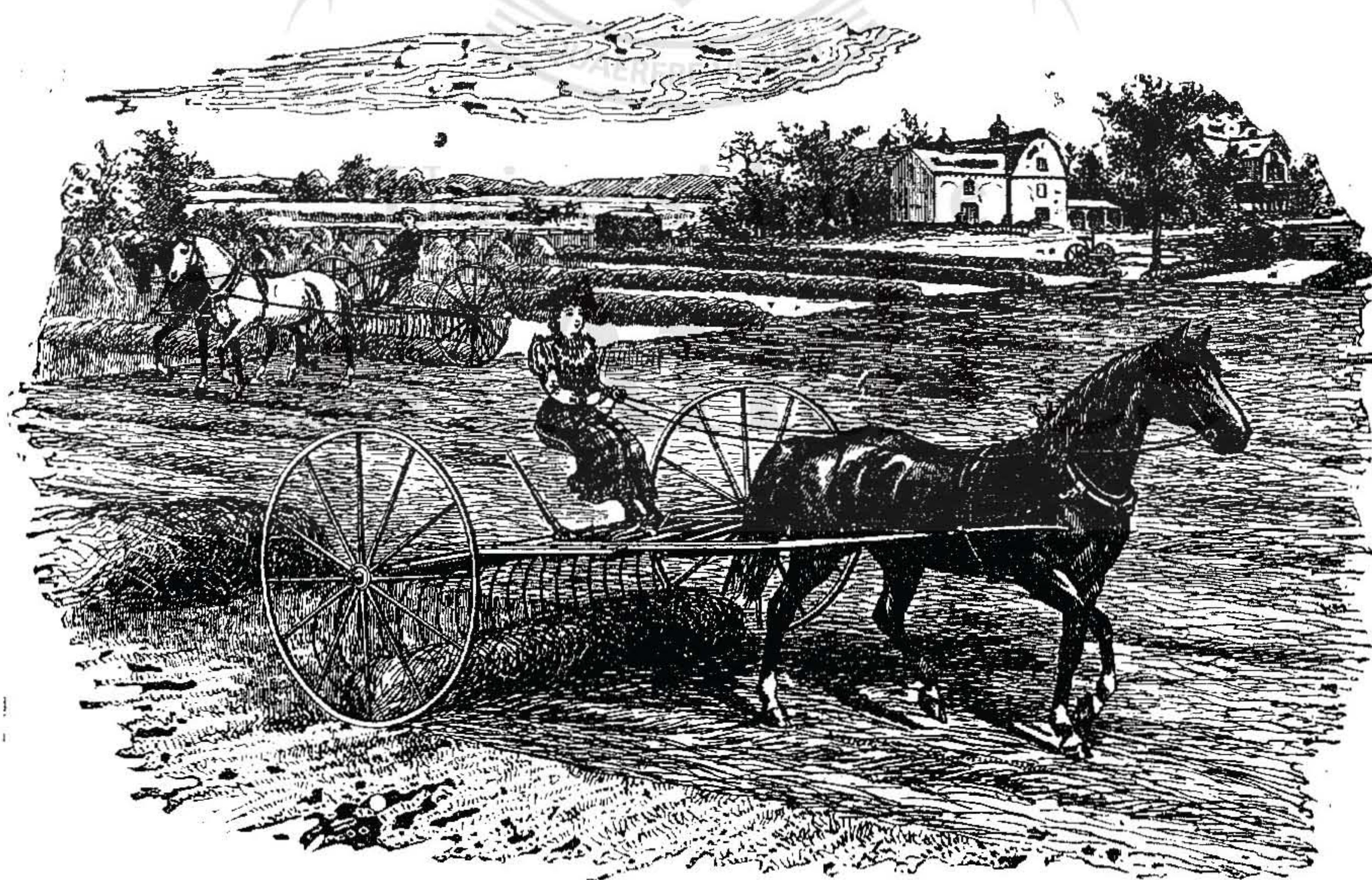


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