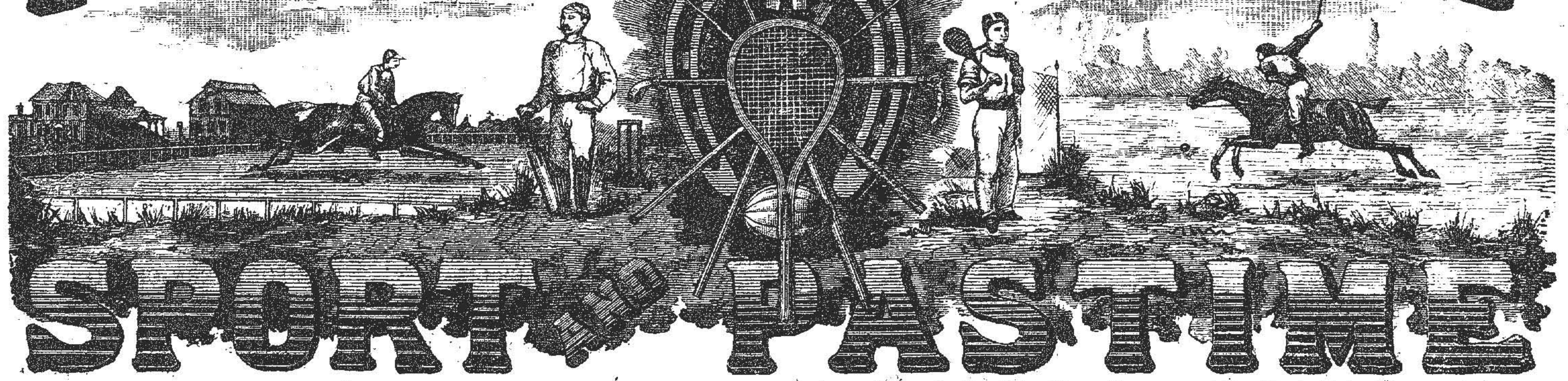


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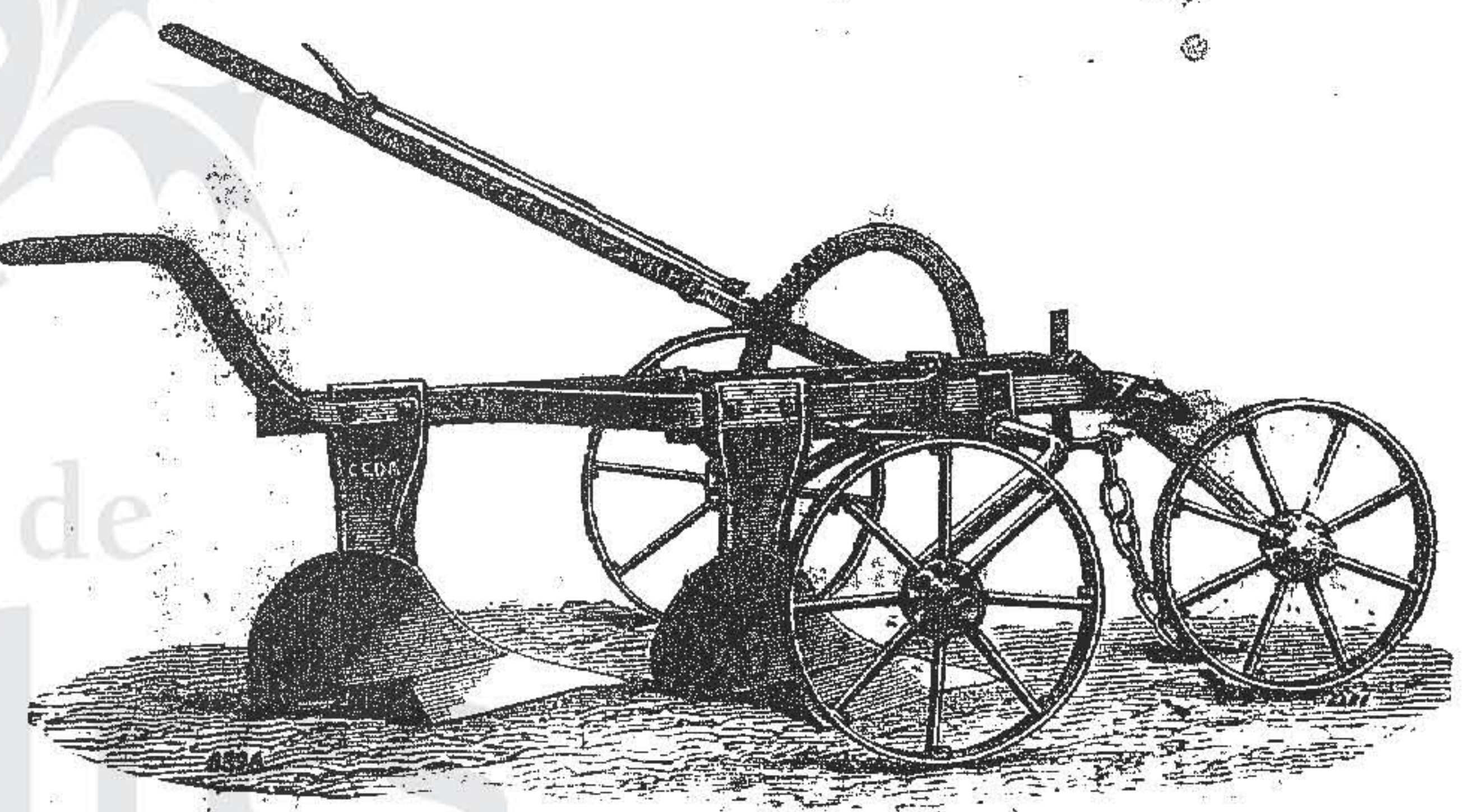
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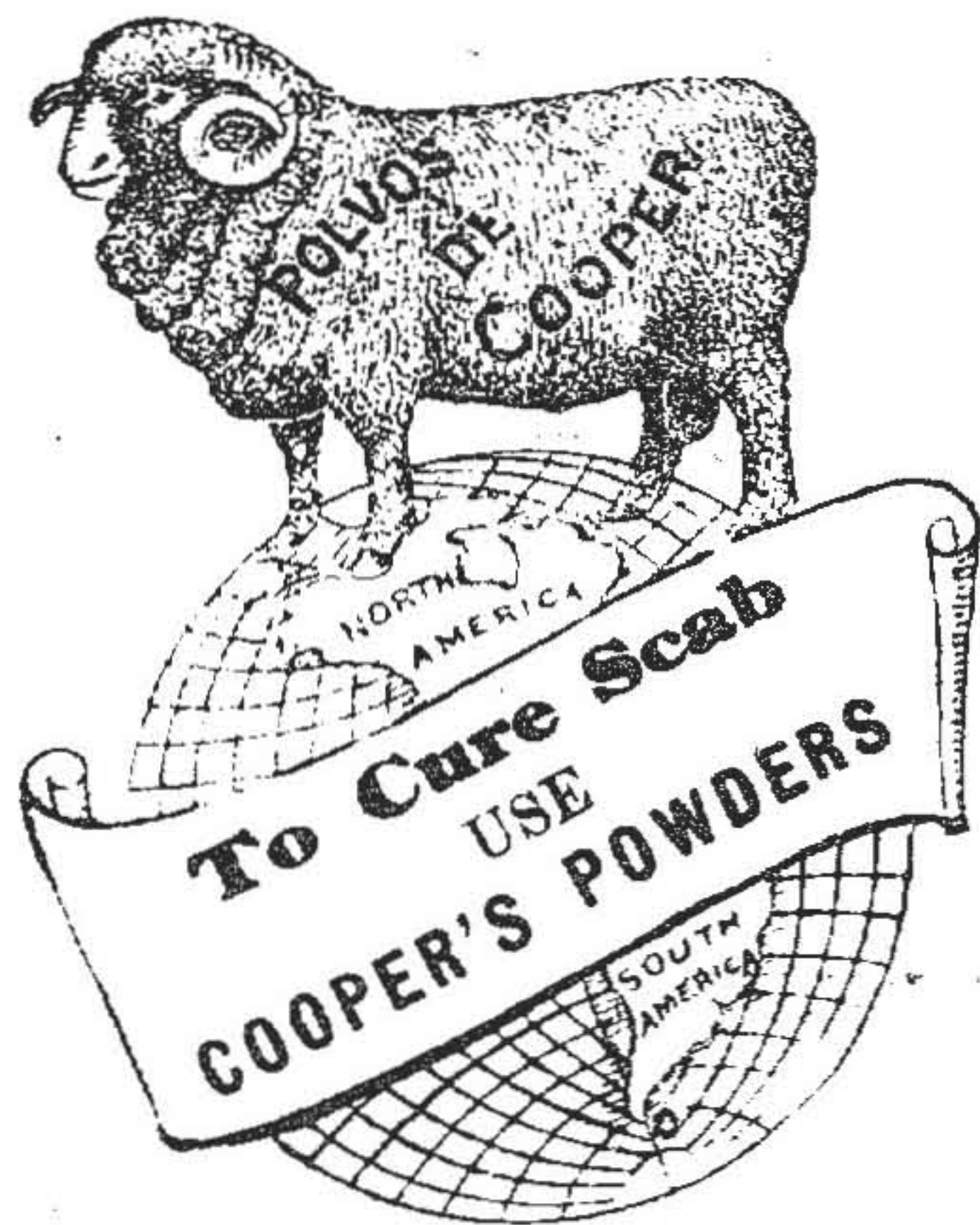
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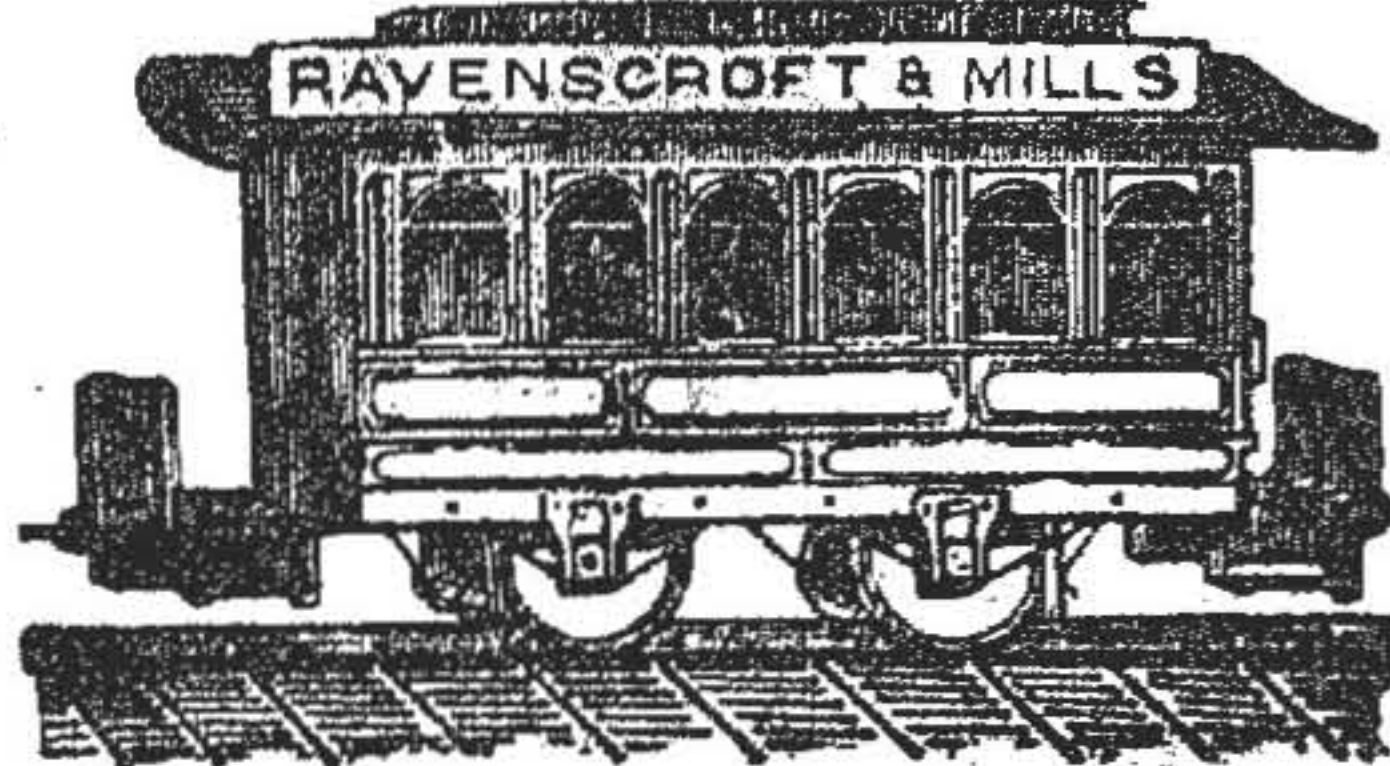
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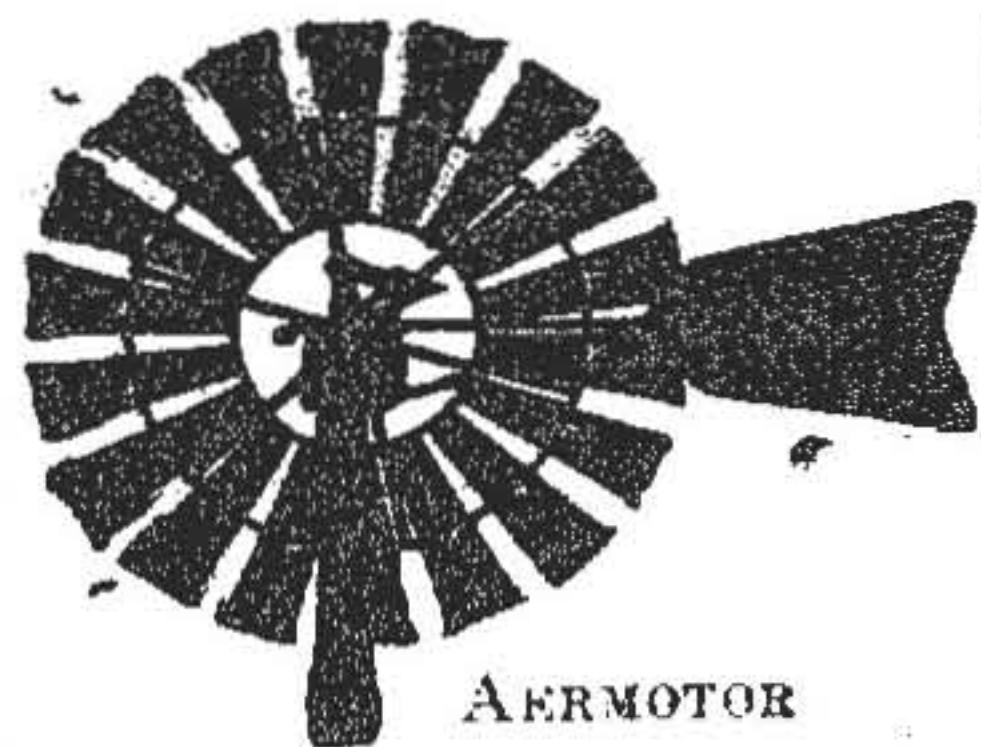
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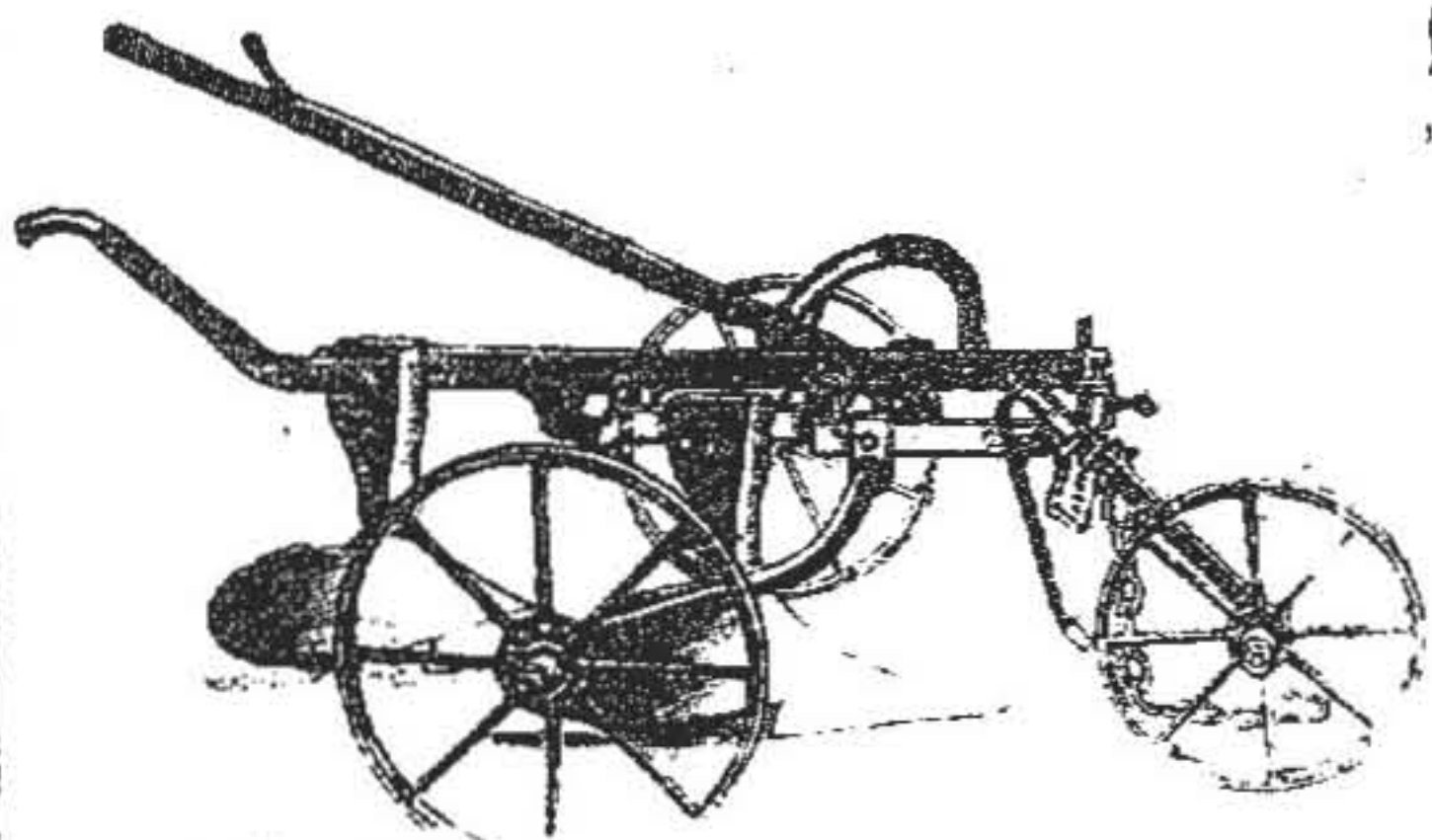
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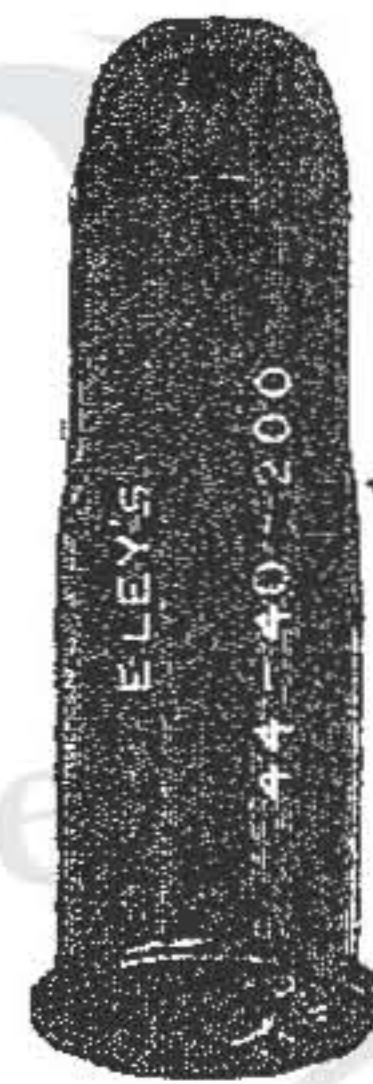
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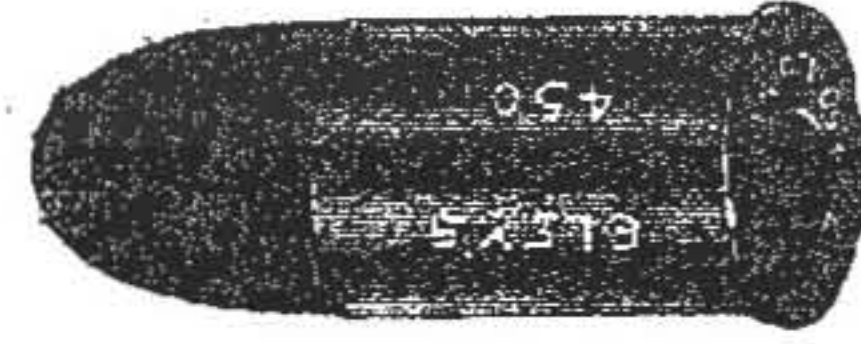
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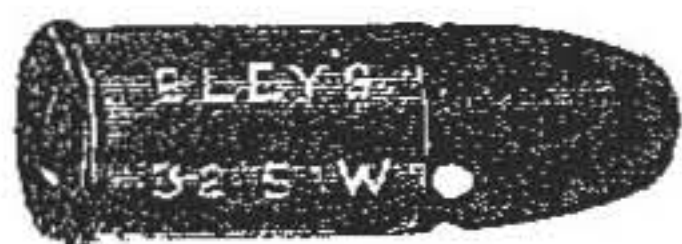
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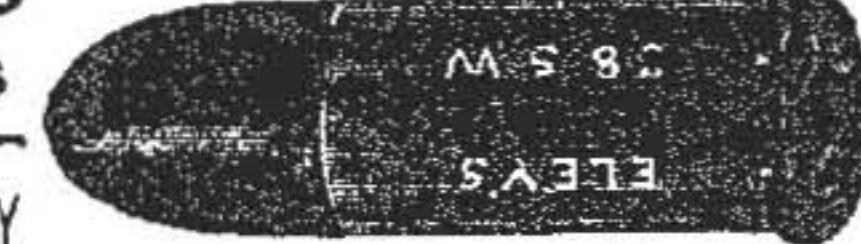
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RACING

The mails which arrived at the end of last week brought us at last the long looked for results of the Grand National, and Lincolnshire Handicap. Why the telegraphic authorities give us the results of the first two-year-old races of the season, and ignore such events as the Liverpool and Lincolnshire Handicap, is a mystery to us, and one which has made us determine to have telegrams of our own, giving the results of the most important sporting events.

To take the two big races in their right order we must deal with the first great handicap of the year, The Lincolnshire Handicap, before the Grand National. The going at Lincoln on March 27th was in splendid condition, and sport on the two days to which the meeting has now been curtailed was good throughout. Up to the day of the race Grey Leg had held his place with Le Nicham in the betting the latter starting favourite at 5 to 1 against.

With regard to the race itself we read that a delay at the post was caused, in the first place by the fractiousness of Windgall, and later by an accident, as Victor Wild kicked Arise, and broke her leg. When the flag at length fell Windgall did not get very well away, and Grey Leg was left. But for this the start would have been perfect, as the others jumped away in fairly compact line. Marnovia, showing the speed which caused her to so readily defeat Delphos last year, soon showed clear in front of the nearest of her rivals, but after going about a quarter of a mile she gave way to Xury, who then carried on the lead, followed by Beggars' Opera, Marnovia, Le Nicham, Lord George, Juvenal, and Victor Wild. A quarter of a mile from home Xury was in trouble, and Victor Wild then came on, closely followed by Le Nicham and Juvenal. At the distance Le Nicham assumed the command, and retaining his lead to the end, he won a good race, a trifle cleverly, by three-parts of a length from Juvenal, with Macready, who just passed Victor Wild on the post, a length further in

the rear. The win was a very popular one, and Le Nicham received a tremendous ovation.

Le Nicham, it may be mentioned, is a brother to Le Nord, and was bred by Baron Rothschild. He first appeared in the Woodcote Stakes at Epsom, which he divided with Quickly Wise. As a three-year-old he won the French Two Thousand, the Breeders' St. Leger Stakes, the Champion Stakes, and the Free Handicap Stakes, after having run third to Isinglass and Ravensbury in the St. Leger, exactly the same placings as the year before in the Middle Park Plate. As a four-year-old he has already a heavy list of engagements this season. In the City and Suburban a 10 lb penalty puts him at the head of the handicap with 9 st 3 lb, but for the other Spring Handicaps for which he was weighted the minor forfeit was paid for the son of Tristan. His other engagements are in the Rous Memorial and Hardwicke Stakes at Ascot, the Princess of Wales's Stakes at Newmarket First July, the Stockbridge Cup, the Jockey Club Stakes at Newmarket First October, the Champion Stakes at the Second October, and the Linfield Stakes at the Houghton Meeting. In 1895 Le Nicham has been nominated for the Champion Stakes at Newmarket and the Rous Memorial at Ascot.

A description of the race under notice will be found below.

With regard to the Grand National all true sportsmen will regret to hear that Cloister was not able to be sent to the post, and thereby given an opportunity of repeating his record performance of last year. It appears there was for some days before the race all kinds of obstacles against the horse's ever starting. First of all there was a mistake with regard to his weight of which we have already written. Then came the question as to whether his entry was valid or not. This settled in his favour, he became an extraordinary favourite, and all went well with him until the Saturday before the race when he caught a slight chill in travelling home from Sandown Park, where he had been for schooling purposes.

It appears, however, that instead of having caught a chill it was found that he had ricked himself when jumping at Sandown. With Cloister out of the way the race was much more open than was expected. Ardcarne at first was made favourite, but he soon fell back to 7 to 1. Ardcarne was generally supposed to have been purchased by Mr Grant, Cloister's owner, but it appeared later on that a half ownership in the horse was registered by Capt Bewicke.

Ardcarne was withdrawn from the richer Manchester Steeplechase, for which he was being well backed, to run in the National, but like a lot of others that ran, he was out of the race before half the distance had been covered.

Amidst all the rumours, of which there were so many regarding many of the horses, it is therefore satisfactory to record the win of a horse who all through had been under no suspicion whatever. Cloister was treated very roughly in the betting even before his owner seems to have known there was anything wrong, and after Ardcarne was taken out of the Lancashire Steeplechase, the horse went from bad to worse in the market.

To turn to the race itself we give a description below which tells everything that happened during its progress. Esop, when going well within himself at the fence by the canal turn the second time round, slipped up and fell upon his side. He was with difficulty recovered by his rider, but the horse was never able to fairly settle down to his task again, and after passing the post fifth it was found that he had ricked his back badly. But for this mishap Mawson expressed the opinion that Esop would have won the race. Several jockeys who rode therein are under the same impression.

Carrollstown fell dead as he reached the paddock, from what cause it was not known at once.

The "Sportsman" gives the following times and values of the Grand National as follows:—

Capt. C. H. Fenwick's Why Not (aged, 11 st 13 lb) won the race under notice in 9 min 45 2-5 secs, the distance covered being about four miles and 856 yards, and the value of the stakes was £1975. Last year the stakes amounted to the same sum, and the time occupied by Cloister (aged, 12 st 7 lb) was 9 min 42 2-5 sec. In 1892 Mr G. C. Wilson's Father O'Flynn (aged, 10 st 5 lb) took 9 min 48 1-5 sec, when the race was worth £1680, while in the previous season Mr W. G. Jameson's Come Away (aged, 11 st 12 lb), occupied 9 min 53 sec, and the stakes amounted to the same value. In 1890 Mr Masterman's Flex (6 yrs, 10 st 5 lb) won in 10 min 41 4-5 sec, the stakes on that occasion also being represented by £1680. In 1889 Mr Maher's Frigate (aged, 11 st 4 lb) was successful in 10 min 1 1-5 sec, and the amount of the stakes was £1234 5s.; in 1888 Mr E. W. Baird's Playfair (aged, 10 st 7 lb) took 10 min 12 sec, and the stakes were then £1175 5s.; in 1887 Mr E. Jay's Gamecock (aged, 11 st) covered the course in 10 min 10 1-5 sec, and the value of the race was £1206 15s. The records for several previous years follow: 1886, Mr Douglas' Old Joe (aged, 10 st 9 lb) time 10 min 14 3-5 sec, value £1380; 1885, Mr A. Cooper's Roquefort (6 y, 11 st), time 10 min 10 sec, value £1035; 1884, Mr H. F. Boyd's Voluptuary (6 y, 10 st 5 lb), time 10 min 5 sec, value £1035; 1883, Count C. Kinsky's Zoedone (6 y, 11 st), time 11 min 39 sec, value £925; 1882, Lord Manner's Seaman (6 y, 11 st 6 lb), time 10 min 42 3-5 sec, value £1000; 1881, Capt. Kirkwood's Woodbrook, (aged, 11 st 3 lb), time 11 min 50 sec, value £925. It may be added that the fastest time in which the Grand National Steeplechase has been won is 9 min 30 sec, by Huntsman (aged, 11 st), in 1862, but the 9 min 42 2-5 sec of Cloister last year is the record time over the present course.

Lincolnshire Handicap of 1000 sovs; the Straight Mile.

Baron de Rothschild's bl or br c Le Nicham, by Tristan—La Noce, 4 y, 8 st 7 lb.....	T. Loates	1
Mr D. Cooper's Juvenal, 5 y, 7 st 7 lb.....	G. Brown	2
Sir J. B. Maple's Macready, 5 y, 6 st 13 lb.....	Bradford	3
Mr T. Worton's Victor Wild, 4 y, 7 st 8 lb.....	Gough	4
Baron de Hirsch's Windgall, 5 y, 9 st.....	J. Watts	0
Col. North's Lady Hermit, 5 y, 7 st 9 lb.....	Griffiths	0
Lord Hastings's Breach, 6 y, 7 st 8 lb.....	Finlay	0
Mr E. Foster's Queen of Navarre, 4 y, 7 st 6 lb.....	Allsopp	0
Mr R. A. Oswald's Mena, 4 y, 7 st 4 lb.....	J. Woodburn	0
Sir J. Miller's Lord George, aged, 7 st 4 lb.....	S. Loates	0
Duke of Westminster's Grey Leg, 3 y, 7 st 1 lb.....	Huxtable	0
Mr T. Jennings's William, 4 y, 6 st 13 lb.....	H. Toon	0
Mr C. Archer's Arise, 5 y, 6 st 13 lb (car 7 st).....	P. Chaloner	0
Mr D. Hollis's Xury, 3 y, 6 st 9 lb.....	S. Chandley	0
Mr W. Johnstone's San Giovanni, 4 y, 6 st 7 lb.....	Knowles	0
Mr J. Snarry's Ormac, 4 y, 6 st 6 lb (car 6 st 7 lb).....	Harrison	0
Mr Manton's Beggars' Opera, 3 y, 6 st 5 lb.....	W. Pratt	0
Col. Heyward's Marnovia, 3 y, 6 st 3 lb.....	H. Chaloner	0
Duke of Beaufort's Gallant Queen, 3 y, 6 st.....	Payne	0

Betting—5 to 1 agst Le Nicham, 7 to 1 agst Xury, 8 to 1 agst Grey Leg, 9 to 1 agst Macready, 100 to 8 agst Lady Hermit, 100 to 7 agst San Giovanni, 100 to 6 each agst Beggars' Opera, William, and Victor Wild, 20 to 1 each agst Windgall, and Marnovia, 25 to 1 each agst Queen of Navarre and Arise, 33 to 1 each agst Juvenal, Mena, Lord George and Ormac, 66 to 1 agst Breach, and 100 to 1 agst Gallant Queen.

The inside places were drawn by Le Nicham, Juvenal, and Macready, while in the centre were Beggars' Opera, Marnovia, Arise, and Lady Hermit, and on the right Victor Wild, Xury, Breach, and Grey Leg. There was a fair amount of delay at the post, owing to the fractiousness of Windgall and Victor Wild, the latter of whom kicked Arise and broke her leg. After a couple of minor breaks-away, the flag fell, and Grey Leg, who was half on the turn, was left, but the remainder got well away together, with the exception of Macready, the first to break the line being Marnovia in the centre, that filly holding a slight lead of Xury and San Giovanni with Le Nicham heading those on the inside, with Beggars' Opera and Victor Wild close up, and Lord George and William heading in the remainder, the last two being Grey Leg and Windgall. After going a quarter of a mile, Xury joined Marnovia, these two being followed by Le Nicham, Juvenal, Beggars' Opera and Victor Wild, with Mena and William in front of Lord George, Macready, and Lady Hermit, and so they came to the junction of the courses, where Victor Wild went up to Marnovia and Xury, who soon after gave way, leaving Victor Wild well in front of Le Nicham, with Juvenal next, on the stand side, clear of Macready, Xury, and Marnovia. Just inside the distance, Le Nicham drew past Victor Wild and came out with the race in hand, and, though pressed for a time by Victor Wild, and then Juvenal, held his own and won very easily by three-quarters of a length from Juvenal, who finished a length ahead of Macready, the latter just gaining third place from Victor Wild by a head; Mena was fifth, William sixth, Xury seventh, Beggars' Opera eighth, Lord George ninth, Lady Hermit tenth, Marnovia eleventh, Queen of Navarre twelfth, San Giovanni thirteenth, Grey Leg fourteenth, Ormac fifteenth, Breach sixteenth, Whilst Windgall was last.

Grand National Steeplechase of 2500 sovs; second received 300 and third 200; about 4 miles 856 yards.

Capt. C. H. Fenwick's b g Why Not, by Castle- reagh—Twitter, aged, 11 st 13 lb.....	A. Nightingall	1
Mr J. McKinlay's Lady Ellen II, 6 y, 9 st 10 lb.....	T. Kavanagh	2
Mr J. Widger's Wild Man from Borneo, 6 y, 10 st 9 lb.....	Mr J. Widger	3
Mr C. Grenfell's Father O'Flynn, aged, 11 st 3 lb.....	Mr Grenfell	0
Lord Shaftesbury's Carrollstown, aged, 10 st 13 lb.....	G. Williamson	0
Capt. M. Hughes' Esop, aged, 10 st 12 lb (inc. 8 lb ex.).....	Mawson	0
Mr G. Grant's Ardcarne, aged, 10 st 12 lb.....	Capt. Bewicke	0
Duke of Hamilton's Trouville, 6 y, 10 st 6 lb (inc. 4 lb ex.).....	Mr J. C. Cheney	0
Mr F. B. Atkinson's Nellie Gray, 5 y, 9 st 12 lb.....	Escott	0
Mr M. A. Maher's Schooner, 6 y, 9 st 12 lb.....	Taylor	0
Mr M. Firth's Musician, aged, 9 st 10 lb.....	Hassall	0
Mr L. Phillips' Varteg Hill, aged, 9 st 10 lb.....	D. Davies	0
Mr J. C. Leslie's Calcraft, aged, 9 st 10 lb.....	Mr A. Ripley	0
Mr E. Storey's Dawn, 6 y, 9 st 7 lb.....	G. Morris	0

Betting—5 to 1 each agst Why Not and Nellie Gray, 11 to 2 agst Ardcarne, 6 to 1 agst Esop, 100 to 7 agst Father O'Flynn, 25 to 1 each agst Trouville, Schooner, Musician, Lady Ellen II, and Dawn, 40 to 1 agst Wild Man from Borneo, 50 to 1 each agst Carrollstown and Varteg Hill, and 100 to 1 agst Calcraft.

Place Betting—11 to 10 agst Why Not, 5 to 4 agst Esop, 2 to 1 each agst Ardcarne and Nellie Gray, 100 to 30 agst Father O'Flynn, 5 to 1 each agst Trouville, Musician, and Lady Ellen II, 6 to 1 each agst Schooner and Dawn, 10 to 1 agst Wild Man from Borneo, 100 to 8 each agst Carrollstown and Varteg Hill, and 25 to 1 agst Calcraft.

After a slight break away by Wild Man from Borneo, Ardcarne, and Schooner, the flag was dropped to an excellent start at the second attempt, Schooner, on settling down, showing slightly in front of Esop, Trouville,

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Father O'Flynn, Dawn, Nelly Gray, Lady Ellen II., and Carrollstown, with Ardcar, Varteg Hill, and Calcraft the last trio. Going into the country, Esop took up the running from Schooner, Nelly Gray, Trouville, Why Not, Ardcar, Father O'Flynn, Lady Ellen II., and Musician, the others in a cluster, and still whipped in by Calcraft and Varteg Hill, to the fence before Beecher's Brook, where Calcraft fell. Nelly Gray and Father O'Flynn jumped simultaneously, and went on from Trouville, Wild Man from Borneo, Lady Ellen II., Dawn, and Schooner, but at the cross fence before Valentine's Brook Nelly Gray jumped the wing of the obstacle and came to grief.

After this, approaching the open ditch, Lady Ellen II. showed in front of Dawn, Musician, Esop, Father O'Flynn, Carrollstown, Schooner, Trouville, and Ardcar. Esop, Dawn and Musician flew the stand water jump abreast, well in front of Lady Ellen II., Carrollstown, Wild Man from Borneo, Schooner, Why Not, Trouville and Father O'Flynn, with Ardcar and Varteg Hill in the rear. Entering the country the second time, Esop pioneered Dawn, Lady Ellen II., Trouville, Carrollstown, Father O'Flynn and Ardcar, with Varteg Hill absolutely last, till approaching Beecher's Brook. Ardcar was pulled up two fences away, and Dawn stopped at the next jump, Why Not now assumed the command and went on from Trouville, Lady Ellen II., Esop, Schooner and Wild Man from Borneo. Father O'Flynn fell at Beecher's, and before reaching Valentine's, Lady Ellen II. had passed Why Not, Esop, and Wild Man from Borneo, who were followed by Trouville and Schooner, with Musician now last.

Entering the course for the last time, Lady Ellen II. was still in front of Why Not, Esop, Wild Man from Borneo and Trouville; but two fences from home Why Not went to the front, his nearest attendant being Wild Man from Borneo, who was momentarily proclaimed the winner, as he cleared the last fence slightly in advance. Before rounding the last bend, however, Why Not again forged to the front, and, amidst loud cheering, held on his way to the end, winning, after one of the grandest finishes ever seen, by a length and a half, a head only separating Lady Ellen II. from Wild Man from Borneo; then, a long way off, came Trouville fourth, Esop fifth, Musician sixth, Carrollstown seventh, Schooner next, and Varteg Hill last. On entering the paddock Carrollstown dropped down dead.

Lancashire Handicap Steeplechase of 3000 sovs (2000 sovs and a cup value 200 sovs to the winner, 500 to the second, 300 to the third, and 100 to the fourth); 3½ miles.

Mr H. M. Dyas' b g Manifesto, by Man of War— Vae Victis, 6 y, 11 st 3 lb	T. Kavanagh	1
Duke of Hamilton's Fanatic, 5 y, 10 st (car 10 st 1 lb)	Mr J. C. Cheney	2
Mr Lancashire's Brunswick, aged, 9 st 12 lb	A. Wood	3
Mr Powell's The Midshipmite, aged, 12 st 10 lb (inc. 4 lb extra)	Sensier	0
Lord Shaftesbury's Carrollstown, aged, 11 st 4 lb	Williamson	0
Mr J. Daly's Trim, 6 y, 11 st 1 lb	W. Taylor	0
Lord C. Bentinck's Sea Side, 6 y, 10 st 5 lb	A. Nightingall	0
Mr F. Godson's Arran, aged, 10 st 4 lb	Lake	0
Mr J. A. Miller's Baccarat, 4 y, 9 st 7 lb	G. Morris	0

Betting—5 to 2 agst Carrollstown, 100 to 15 agst The Midshipmite, 7 to 1 each agst Trim, Brunswick, and Baccarat, and 10 to 1 each agst Manifesto, Arran, Sea Side and Fanatic.

Manifesto won a splendid race by half a length, a bad third.

It will be found of interest to examine the following pedigrees of the winners of the Liverpool and Lincolnshire handicaps:

WHY NOT (1881)	CASTLEBROUGH	Speculum	Vedette	Voltigeur	Voltaire
			Mrs Ridgway	Birdcatcher	Martial Lynn
	Lady Trespass	Doralice	Alarm or Orlando	Touchstone	Nan Darrell
			Preserve	Vulture	
	Durham	Birdcatcher	Sir Hercules	Emilius	Whalebone
			Guiccioli	Mustard	Peri
	Silverstream	Lady Elizabeth	Melbourne	Humphry Clinker	Bob Booty
			Lady Elizabeth	Cervantes m	Flight
	Silverstream	Lambton	The Cure	Slight of Hand	Humphry Clinker
			Elphine	Margrave	Cervantes m
Silverstream	Lady Louisa	Touchstone	Physician	Morsel	
		Daughter of	Emilius	Variation	
Silverstream	Colonist	Melbourne	Camel	Camel	
		Forget-me Not	Banter	Banter	
Silverstream	Cristal	Crozier	Lanercost	Lanercost	
		Violet	Caroline, b Wskr	Caroline, b Wskr	

LE NICHAM (1890)	HERMIT	New-minster	Touchstone	Camel
			Beeswing	Banter
	THRIFT	Seclusion	Tadmor	Dr. Syntax
			Miss Sellon	Ardrossan mare
	WELLINGTONIA	Stockwell	The Baron	Ion
			Pocahontas	Palmyra
	LA NOCE (late Nounou)	LA NUIT	Braxey	Cow
			Queen Mary	Belle Dame
	WELLINGTONIA	CHAT-TANOOGA	Orlando	Birdcatcher
			Ayacanora	Echidna
WELLINGTONIA	ARAUCHARIA	Ambrose	Glencoe	
		Pocahontas	Marpassa	
LA NUIT	PLUTUS	Trumpeter	Liverpool	
		Daughter of	Emilius mare	
LA NUIT	PRINCESSE DE LA PAIX	Gladiator	Gladiator	
		Gringalette	Plenipotentiary m	

FOOTBALL

The International Association fixture between Scotland and Wales was played at Kilmarnock on March 24th. Play was poor, a good deal owing to the lumpy state of the ground, and though Scotland scored a win by five goals to two the Welsh forwards were much stronger than the Scotch who failed to combine till close towards the end of the match when they scored three goals in quick succession. The teams were as follows:

Scotland: A. Baird (Queen's Park, goal), D. Crawford (St Mirren), R. Foyers (St. Bernard's) (backs), E. McBain (St. Mirren), J. Kelly (Celtic, captain), J. Johnstone (Kilmarnock) (half backs), A. Stewart 3rd Lanark R.V.), G. Chambers (Heart of Midlothian), D. Alexander (East Stirlingshire), D. Berry (Queen's Park), J. B. Barker (Rangers) (forwards). Wales: Gillam (Clapton, goal), O. D. S. Taylor (Newton), Hughes (Rhos) (backs), Williams (Chirk), T. Clapman (Newtown), Worthington (Newton) (half backs), B. Lewis (Wrexham), Morris (Sheffield United), W. Lewis (Bangor), E. James (Chirk), J. C. Rea (Alberistwith) (forwards).

The Old Carthusians and Old Westminster's team met on March 24th in the penultimate round of the London Association Queen's Cup, and though there was little to choose between the teams on paper the better combination of the Old Carthusians gave them a win by three goals to one.

Leicester and Rugby also contested the right of entering a final, that of the Midland Counties Senior Cup Rugby Union Competition, on March 24th. The game was well fought out all through, and ended in favour of Leicester by one point. We read that the play was hardly worthy of the occasion, for although the forwards and halves worked well, the three-quarter line on both sides had very little to do except from an occasional tackle, running and passing, which renders the Rugby game so good to watch, being conspicuous only by its absence. The scores were Leicester two tries (6 points), Rugby a goal (5 points).

The other match in the round lay between Coventry (holders) and Mousley. These clubs played this match at Coventry, the home team winning by a goal and two tries (eleven points) to a goal (dropped) and one try (seven points).

Woodville and Braintree Gordon met on March 24th in the final tie of the Essex Senior Association Cup at Leyton. Braintree held their own for a time but were quite outplayed in the second half and were defeated by five goals to one. They were, however, playing one man short for most of the time one of their players, Vale, having had to retire at the beginning of the game.

Gloucestershire and Somerset, and Surrey and Sussex, played inter-county Association matches on March 26th, and March 28th respectively. In the former fixture Gloucestershire played a team much below their usual strength yet one strong enough to beat Somerset, who also had to call upon several reserves, by three goals to one. Surrey proved much inferior to Sussex who won by three goals to none.

NOTES

During the late Rugby match, Yorkshire v. Glamorgan, Harry Bradshaw, the big Yorkshire and International forward, gained an extraordinary clever try, upsetting in his run all opposition. At the usual dinner after the match this try became the subject of conversation, and one of the players, chaffing little S—, one of the Welsh backs, said:

"How was it you did not stop him S—?"
"Stop him?" he answered. "Good Lord! it took me all my time to get out of his way!"

The following are the clubs affiliated to the N. Z. Polo Association, with their registered colours:—

Name of Club	Shirt or Jkt.	Sash	Cap
Amuri	All black	—	—
Ashburton	scarlet	—	black
Auckland	red, white, & blue	—	—
North Canterbury	white	scarlet	white
Christchurch	white	blue & pink	blue pink & white
Kihikihi	white	pink	—
Lake Tahapuna	all lake	—	—
Poverty Bay	white	violet	violet
Rangitikei	white shirt	—	blue
Warrengate	black & white stripes	—	—
Manawatu	black & silver	—	—
Waverley	white	chocolate	chocolate
Hawke's Bay	—	—	—

The International Regatta took place at Cannes on March 10, in splendid weather, and was favoured by a strong breeze from the south-west. The various contests were watched with intense interest from the Croisette Promenade by a large crowd of spectators. The first race was won by the Prince of Wales's Britannia, which completed the distance (21 miles) in 2h 22min, Signor Florio's Walkyrie coming in second, and the Marquis Rudolf's Oretta third. In the second contest the Luciole proved victorious, and the third race fell to the Va Partout.

The Grand National this year was not so full of incidents as usual. Wild Man from Borneo had looked all over the winner, before the last fence, till Arthur Nightingall brought up Why Not full of running, and settled him, the second place being taken in the last strides by Lady Ellen II. A mishap to Nelly Gray, who jumped the wing of a fence instead of the fence itself, was the other chief feature of the race; and it should be mentioned that Carrollstown dropped dead after returning to the paddock.

A. E. Stoddart will take out a cricket team to Australia next winter. Macgregor, Briggs, J. T. Hearne, Peel, Ward, Lockwood, and Ward will accompany him. Mold may go as well. When Lord Sheffield's team went out it was said that he very nearly sent for Mold to strengthen his side in the match against the combined Colonies. There is great joy in Surrey and in England at the news that Lohmann is bowling again, and really hopes to be back again next year. The Philadelphians have abandoned their tour, as they cannot bring their best team over.

The Prince of Wales is the latest convert to golf. The members of the English Club at Cannes organised a banquet last month at which his Royal Highness consented to be present. The game has long been popular with the Blood Royal and Imperial of Russia, Austria, and Scandinavia; but this is the first time that England has sent a recruit to the illustrious brotherhood.

Expatriation of the Waterloo Cup Winner.—Texture, Taste, and another of Count Stroganoff's English team left England for St. Petersburg on March 19, with the object of being bred from. The Russian rules having been recently altered, only greyhounds bred in the country can now compete in the principal events. In Count Stroganoff's Russian kennels are the English-bred greyhounds Troughend, Simonian, and Monowana, and one of the first-named pair will, no doubt, be selected as Texture's mate. Taste will probably be mated with Monowana.

We read that professionalism is slowly insinuating itself into the South of England, and, unless the amateurs follow the example of the Rugby Union and combine to defeat its insidious progress, football will cease to exist as a game. Already an attempt is being made to legalise professionalism in the Kent F. A., while rumours of a very unsatisfactory character are current with reference to the existence of paid players in Gloucestershire.

A Notable Four Mile Race.—Some years since thousands were wont on Good Friday to assemble within the then famous Lillie Bridge grounds at West Brompton, and the crowded state of the neighbouring inclosure—one is separated from the other by a very few yards—of the London Athletic Club on March 23 last must have revived recollections of those old times, for some 8000 persons patronised a meeting promoted by the employes of West End Restaurants. The chief item in a varied and lengthy programme was a four mile race in which F. E. Bacon (one mile amateur champion), G. Crossland (National Cross-country Champion), H. Watkins (Southern Counties Cross-country Champion), and S. Thomas and J. Kibblewhite took part. For two miles the four first-mentioned kept close company. After Thomas left the race was keen between Bacon, Crossland, and Watkins right on to the straight for home; then the two first-named drew away, and the result of a fine finish was the success of Bacon by two yards. The mile times were 4 min 52 sec, 9 min 54 sec, 14 min 52 sec, and 19 min 40 4-5 sec.

An article written by the eminent critic, Francisque Sarcey, in "Le Petit Marseillais," is said to be an eloquent defence of football and other English games, heretofore condemned as dangerous in French lycées. M. Sarcey contrasts the matter-of-course manner in which slight accidents are regarded by parents in England with the outcry that is raised about them in France. "Broken arms," he continues, "can be set, black eyes get well, but what is irrecoverable when it has been lost or never acquired, is courage and presence of mind."

ROUND THE TOWN.

The past week is chiefly noteworthy for the number of atrocious murders that have been committed within the precincts of this city within that period.

At the time of writing, no less than five barbarous crimes have been committed within the last seven days, and it is most seriously to be hoped that all these fiends in human shape will not only be condemned to death, but executed.

Till some such determined action is taken, crime can only go on increasing, for, under the present system, murderers are only incarcerated till they shall have served a short sentence, or are liberated and granted a free pardon on the occasions of some National event, such as the anniversary of the Independence, the accession of the President, etc. The root of the evil will be found in the misplaced pity of the various associations of Argentine ladies, whose charity is such that no crime is too horrible, or criminal too dastardly, but that their good offices are ever to obtain a reprieve from a well-deserved death sentence.

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The Committee of the Cinderella dances have sent out circulars to the subscribers of former years, and as there can be very little doubt, in view of the great popularity of these pleasant reunions, that the necessary funds will be got together, we may expect that the first dance is within measurable distance, indeed I have heard of May 16th spoken of as the date of the inauguration. Subscribers and their friends will be glad to learn that Furlotti has definitely been engaged for the whole series, having proved his efficiency last year. The "locus in quo" will be the Operai Italiano as before, the idea of the Pabellon Argentino having been abandoned. By the way, these dances will in future be known as "Subscription Dances," the Committee having wisely decided that the present name has no further any "raison d'etre."

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The Skating Rink continues to be well patronised, and deservedly so, as the management spare no pains to please their patrons. There are much fewer beginners than formerly and it is quite an exception to see any one being helped round by two instructors, as was frequently the case last year. This must be a great loss to the spectators, as there are few more amusing sights than a beginner, being almost carried round, with his legs sliding from under him and a stern expression on his face, as if the fate of an empire depended on his being able to keep his balance. I note that a few "jovenes concidos," possibly in view of the small number of falls occurring nowadays, have taken to wilfully upsetting harmless individuals so that the public should not be robbed of this diverting spectacle.

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I am glad to notice that in addition to other improvements better arrangements have been made for the refreshment of the skaters, and ladies can now take their "modest quencher" under pleasanter surroundings than formerly. A new kind of skate is also supplied, known as the "pin-bearing," which, I am given to understand, is considerably better than the old-fashioned skate, though not so good as the "ball-bearing."

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I learn that a race will take place to-night between Mr Ridgely, better known in the racing world as Frank Delmont, and Mr Leopold, ex-champion speed skater of France. The conditions of the race are, 200 metres, the Frenchman to receive half a lap start, and \$200 should he be fortunate enough to win.

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The latest novelty in theatrical circles is a proposition by Dr. Spruch, one of the City Fathers, that all the theatre goers shall be obliged to give up the stick or umbrella before entering the theatre. I do not understand the object of the innovation, but certain it is that the effect will be worse than the cause, for it will only give rise to a tremendous crush in the stick and umbrella department and delay the clearing of the theatre.

If Dr. Spruch really wishes to benefit theatre-goers, let him turn his attention to the crowds of young men who block up the doors on the conclusion of the performance in order to see and be seen of the people attending the theatre, much to the annoyance of simple folk who are under the impression that when the curtain has fallen the performance is at an end.

"Revendedores de boletos" are also a nuisance we could well do without, for frequently they are in league with the box-office official, and the public is then at their mercy, having to choose between paying an extortionate price for their seat, or going home disconsolate. Yet another abuse is the presence at the door of the theatre of a horde of beggars who pursue the thirsty soul in search of refreshment during the entractes with cries of "entradita, niño" and so on, not unfrequently offering a price for the pass-out check.

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Ladies hats also have been anathemised from time immemorial by male theatre-goers and might also well be left in the cloak-room and not at all missed by the spectators. In a word, if Dr. Spruch really has the interests of play goers at heart, he could find many ways of benefiting them other than in taking away their sticks and umbrellas, for a stick is to many a man what a bon-bon is to a lady, a thing to be sucked during the performance.

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The Pabellon Argentino has attracted a fair amount of patronage lately, more especially the restaurant department, and I am glad to note that the management have put down the entrance fee to 20 cents during the day time. This fee, however, only covers admission into the building, and every additional attraction is to be paid for. I believe that the ostriches harnessed to little carts for the delectation of the small folk were not quite a success on their debut, and were anything but quiet in harness. The great attraction nowadays with the adolescent portion of the audience is the automatic punching machine. This consists of a huge statue of a negro, who, for the modest sum of ten cents, may be hit in the abdomen, a dial on his breast registering the force of the blow. Leaden counters may be bought at any stall in the exhibition, and this will account for the mysterious legend exhibited everywhere: "fichas para el negro, 10 cents," which puzzles so many people. It is a handsome pastime, but its patrons must remember that a man once punched a similar machine in England with all his might, but the machine being out of order the unfortunate holiday maker broke his arm. He however sued the owner of the machine, and obtained substantial damages. People should be careful with the present machine, as on Saturday last I saw several youths doing their best to spoil it by hitting it without previously putting in the necessary counter.

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Bicycling, or "record," as it has been named by its Argentine patrons, still retains its popularity, and the Club de Velocipedistas are about to move from their present premises on the Paseo de Julio to the new building in course of erection at the corner of Calle Cerrito and the Avenida Alvear, on the ground occupied by Duni's stables and coach-house before being burnt down. This is, perhaps, the best club of the three in existence at present, and the entrance fee of \$25 is fairly moderate. The Club has furthermore three machines to let out to members at the price of \$1.50 per hour.

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In connection with bicycling, I learn that Messrs Ridgely and Harris are laying down a bicycle track at the Arcadia Gardens for racing purposes. This is a new departure, and will help to defray the rent of this resort during the winter months, which must be rather heavy on these popular empresarios. With regard to the \$10,000 rent charged by them to the Committee of the St. Cloud fetes. I cannot consider this sum "most unreasonable" as a contemporary states. Taking into consideration that the gardens were used for fifteen nights at a cost of less than \$650 per night.

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Regular purchasers of lottery tickets are already looking forward to the lottery to be drawn on May 23rd next, with a "grande" of \$600,000, and many of the tickets have already been sold. There is little doubt that those are mainly being bought up by speculators who trust to be able to resell them at a profit, and I would venture on a prophecy that these tickets will be at a premium of at least ten per cent. on the morning of the drawing. The price of a whole ticket is \$100, but they are mainly bought in tenths of ten dollars each by the genuine investors. Should any one person be fortunate enough to win the big prize, he will do well to leave the country at once, for were he to comply with all the demands of charity that he will be subjected so, he would have but little left for himself I fear.

ESTANCIA AND COLONY.

The following figures show the numbers and quantities of live animals and fresh meat imported into the United Kingdom in the week ending March 17, together with the quantities imported in the corresponding week of the previous year:

Animals living—	1893	1894
Oxen, bulls, cows, and calves	4,193	6,897
Sheep and lambs	838	5,720
Swine	—	—
Fresh Meat—		
Beef, cwt.	37,305	44,924
Mutton, cwt.	17,993	44,882
Pork, cwt.	3,820	4,064

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When we read that 6,857 live sheep, 15,074 live cattle, 3,876 horses, and 200 pigs left this country during the month of March this year, it is not difficult to determine the source from whence comes this increase, an increase too which will be sure to become greater every day. As regards meat, 3,017 tons of jerked beef, 27 tons of preserved meat, 12 tons of meat extract, 69 tons of preserved tongues, and no less than 38,445 carcasses of frozen sheep left this country during last month.

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In connection with the question of how long seeds of plants will retain their vitality, it has often been adduced as a fact bearing on the point that seeds got from the swathings of Egyptian mummies have been sown and germinated. This would mean that a seed might retain its vitality for thousands of years. At a recent meeting of the Royal Botanic Society, the secretary expressed disbelief that such a thing had ever taken place. He had made many experiments, and had never succeeded in getting seed to grow which was more than about 15 years old. Sir B. W. Richardson said he had often planted seeds found with mummies, but not one had ever germinated.

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A pamphlet on the subject of ensilage without pressure has recently been issued by Mr Lyon, a well-known Victorian farmer, who has been making large quantities of stack ensilage without the application of any kind of pressure. He states that in December, 1891 and 1892, both months being wet ones, he commenced mowing his hay and stacking it in a stack 44 ft. by 38 ft. wide. The weather was excessively wet during the work of building. Had an attempt been made to convert the grass into hay the crop would have been lost, whereas made into ensilage the same grass made approximately 1000 tons of feed, which was readily consumed by sheep and cattle, thus showing that pressure in making ensilage is not absolutely necessary. It will be well for farmers to make a note of these statements, as suggesting a means of converting waste stuff into cattle and sheep feed.

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Over a million bags of wheat have been shipped from the port of Buenos Aires during the first three months of this year, or almost double the quantity shipped last year. The shipments of 1893 were very much larger than those of any previous year.

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The harvest of wheat in Guaviyú is estimated to have yielded this season over 20,000 fanegas. The stride agriculture has lately made in the district is remarkable.

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Buyers of wheat in Santa Fé town are spreading the report that there will be a great fall in wheat next month, and that this cereal will be bought easily then at \$3.50. The colonists, however, are not frightened by them as yet, and express confidence that in June, when the European demand is greater, prices will improve greatly on present quotations. Maize in Santa Fé is quoted at from \$5 to 5.30 the hundred kilos, and hay at \$48, 50.00 and 52.00 the ton.

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Messrs Funes and Lagos have decided to follow the example of Messrs Bullrich and Co. and hold a show, followed by a sale, of live stock, and certainly their roomy yard offers every facility for a thing of the kind. Horses will be shown on the 16th, 17th and 18th of August, cattle and merino sheep on the 6th, 7th and 8th of September, 1894, and Lincoln sheep on the 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th of February, 1895. Animals for exhibit must be entered forty days before the show, with all particulars.

Sr Victor Vernet last year brought from Mendoza some six thousand vine roots, which were planted in Neuquen in the Luis Albert colony, and we now hear that the surviving vines have given splendid results. Owing to the long distance the vines had to travel before they could be replanted, many were lost, but the remainder show that the climate and soil of Neuquen are particularly favourable for growing grapes.

Now that the revolution in Brazil is over the export of live cattle and produce between this country and the Brazilian port can be carried on as heretofore. Unfortunately the recent troubles have left our neighbours somewhat short of money and so it cannot be expected that the trade will be carried on very briskly for some little time to come.

Reports from all parts of the country regarding the condition of camps and cattle are very favourable, and estancieros are looking forward to a much better winter than they expected to experience some time back. Nevertheless we read that in Rosario thin meat only is obtainable, and that at very high prices.

We read in the "Times" that an artesian well has just been successfully finished on a sugar-factory near Tucuman. It is stated that the water spouted up three metres above the soil. The cost of the perforation is calculated about \$10,000, the depth at which sweet water was obtained being 70 metres. The work was carried on under the direction of Mr Still, the manager of the factory, and a year's steady work was required to effect the operation.

The stock belonging to the late Don Venancio Rioba was sold last week at the following prices—500 novillos at \$13.40 to J. Kelly, 1000 novillos at 13.40 to C. Canére, 324 novillos at 13.40 to M. Martinez, 500 cows at 7.20 to J. Kelly, 842 cows at 6.80 to J. Kelly. The total sale realised \$33,767.20.

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HORSE SALES.

A very large crowd of buyers and others filled Messrs Funes and Lagos' yard on Friday afternoon last to see a very nice lot of horses brought up by Mr Whigham sold by auction. There were in all six pairs and a single harness horse, and the prices they realised must be very encouraging to their owner, who had undoubtedly bestowed on them an exceptional amount of care and trouble, as horses in better condition or with better manners we have never seen, sent up to an auction yard here.

The first pair offered were a couple of pure hackney stallions, a chestnut and a brown, with grand action. These were bought by Sr Juan Fernandez, for \$2700, the top price of the sale.

The others sold as follow:—
 No. 1 pair, \$1800, to Sr Juan Murphy; No. 2, a very neat pair of bays, which would make beautiful phaeton horses, hacks, or light weight hunters, \$2000, to Sr Meyer; No. 3 pair, \$1200, to Sr José Raymond; No. 4 pair, \$1100, to Sr Mayol; No. 5 pair, to Sr Massini, \$2400, and the single harness horse to Sr R. Gonzalez, at \$700. The sale realised a total of \$11,900, each horse averaging \$915.

RACING

PALERMO—APRIL 22.

An unusually large number of people were present at the races at Palermo on Sunday, when a lovely afternoon helped to make things pleasant. Sr Hoevel made his debut as official starter with fair success, and we hope with practice that he will be able to cause the old complaints regarding bad starting to be unheard of in the future.

The first four races were somewhat tame, as they were all won by the horse, which got off first, without much semblance of a race.

Primera is evidently going to follow in the footsteps of Etoile, as she again outpaced and outstayed her opponents in the classic race, for which of course she was a very hot favourite.

The best finish of the afternoon was seen in the Premio Atlanta, which Huri won in a style which marks her as a distinctly improving filly.

Details of the meeting follow:—

PREMIO MERCURIO, a maiden handicap, \$1500 to the 1st, 150 to the 2nd, 1450 metres.

Ecurie Prisonero's br m Alfa, by Keir—Miss Ormerod, 3 y, 55 1/2 k. P. Oroña 1
 Ecurie Lucullus' Silvertail, 4 y, 52 k. L. Gonzalez 2
 Ecurie Les Ardennes' Tristan, 4 y, 60 k. P. Torres 3
 Ecurie Azur's Rosemary, 3 y, 54 k. P. Aguirre 0
 Ecurie Avant Garde's Rondinella, 3 y, 54 k. P. Carabajal 0

Ecurie Misterio's Simoun, 3 y, 54 k. F. Galvan 0
 Ecurie Titan's Metálico, 3 y, 53 k. I. Diaz 0
 Stud Lavallo's Lavallo, 3 y, 53 k. L. Bellino 0
 Stud El Plata's Pyrita, 3 y, 52 k. P. Aguilero 0
 Stud Las Ortigas' Vengeresse, 3 y, 51 k. B. Pavon 0
 Stud Paine's Lighthouse, 3 y, 51 k. G. Morales 0
 Stud A. Lincoln's Argentina, 3 y, 50 k. G. Esleinga 0
 Stud Carpintero's Charmante, 3 y, 50 k. J. Cardoso 0
 Ecurie Colon's Tartas, 4 y, 49 k. L. Gandulfo 0

Alfa jumped off in front, was not headed throughout, and won from Silvertail by two lengths, a length separated second and third.

Tickets—Alfa with 104 win and 172 place, Silvertail 838—951, Tristan 328—404, Rosemary 780—703, Rondinella 487—677, Simoun 535—793, Metálico 317—452, Lavallo 20—58, Pyrita 160—197, Vengeresse 242—335, Lighthouse 222—260, Argentina 94—140, Charmante 270—451, Tartas 74—158. Totals 4471—5751.

Dividends—Alfa \$77.38 win and 16.14 place, Silvertail 4.55 place, Tristan 8.02.

PREMIO VULCANO, an open handicap, \$1800 to the 1st, 180 to the 2nd, 1000 metres.

Ecurie Prisonero's br h Fanion, by El Amigo—Rosina, 4 y, 53 k. P. Oroña 1
 Ecurie Gladiateur's Osmond, 3 y, 49 k. L. Diaz 2
 Ecurie Titan's Chilliarch, 6 y, 60 k. I. Diaz 3
 Stud Santa Fé's Sud America, 6 y, 60 k. N. Sosa 0
 Sr. J. B. Zubiaurre's Guerrillero, 6 y, 55 k. P. Aguirre 0
 Stud Paine's Opal, 3 y, 53 k. L. Morales 0
 Stud Revolucion's Siva, 5 y, 52 k. R. Bagu 0
 Stud La Confianza's Riflero, 5 y, 52 k. J. Bayardi 0
 Ecurie Azur's Friedland, 3 y, 52 k. P. Torres 0
 Ecurie Indecis' Lambaré, 3 y, 52 k. B. Garrido 0
 Ecurie Indecis' Artillero, 3 y, 47 k. C. Braseco 0
 Capt. Hatteras' Clovis, 4 y, 52 k. J. Cardoso 0
 Stud Monte Grande's Florida, 4 y, 50 k. P. Aguilero 0
 Ecurie Montevideo's Saeta, 3 y, 49 k. P. Lara 0
 Stud A. Lincoln's Tenebrosa, 3 y, 47 k. A. Muzio 0
 Stud Carpintero's Alhambra, 3 y, 43 k. A. Saavedra 0
 Ecurie Radamés' Sensacion, 4 y, 42 k. J. Carreras 0

After a number of false starts the flag was at length dropped to a moderate start. Fanion got away in front, and making all the running won easily by three lengths from Osmond, who was a length in front of Chilliarch.

Tickets—Fanion with 1468 win and 1031 place, Osmond 378—334, Chilliarch 615—844, Sud America 170—207, Guerrillero 757—637, Opal 345—438, Siva and Riflero 936—1087, Friedland 300—482, Lambaré and Artillero 800—961, Clovis 240—241, Florida 157—203, Saeta 308—350, Tenebrosa 72—115, Alhambra 185—198, Sensacion 198—248. Totals 6989—7426.

Dividends—Fanion \$8.50 win and 4.89 place, Osmond 10.93 place, Chilliarch 5.53 place.

PREMIO CASARES, for two-year-old fillies, 52 kilos each \$3500 to the 1st, 500 to the 2nd, 3rd saves her stake 1000 metres.

J. B. Zubiaurre's ch f Primera by Noe—Condesa L. Gonzalez 1
 Stud Orissa's Luisita J. Cardoso 2
 Ecurie Titan's Alta Gracia I. Diaz 3
 Stud Las Ortigas' Symla J. Bayardi 0
 La Petite Ecurie's Madreselva P. Torres 0
 Ecurie Indecis' Alexandrine R. Garrido 0
 Ecurie Indecis' Sweet B. Pavon 0
 Stud A. Lincoln's Republica J. Esleinga 0
 San Jose's Mia C. Gueno 0
 Stud Yuqueri's Esparta F. Galvan 0

Primera jumped off in front, made all the running, and won in a canter by two lengths, the same distance separated second and third.

Tickets—Primera with 5751 win and 3109 place, Luisita 203—595, Alta Gracia 488—1375, Symla 274—559, Madreselva 342—771, Alexandrine and Sweet 884—1216, Republica 109—262, Mia 96—216, Esparta 48—86. Totals 8165—8289.

Dividends—Primera \$2.55 win and 2.51 place, Luisita 4.66 place, Alta Gracia 3.15 place.

PREMIA VESTA, an open handicap, \$2000 to the 1st, 200 to the 2nd, 1900 metres.

Ecurie Gladiateur's ch h Clermont, by Soukaras—Clementina, 3 y, 51 k. L. Gonzalez 1
 La Petite Ecurie's Alejandria, 3 y, 55 k. P. Torres 2
 Ecurie Prisonero's Sargento, 5 y, 62 k. D. Ruiz 3
 Stud Taudil's Puygaveau, 7 y, 59 k. J. Lacruz 0
 Ecurie Anacoreta's Clarette, 3 y, 51 k. I. Diaz 0

Clermont went to the head of affairs as soon as the flag fell, and never being headed won by two lengths from Alejandria, who ran into second place coming round the bend. A length divided second and third.

Tickets—Clermont with 1894 win and 1039 place, Alejandria 949—783, Sargento 4479—1971, Puygaveau, 1221—788, Clarette 1711—1636. Totals 10254—6217.

Dividends—Clermont \$9.74 win and 5.63 place, Alejandria 6.81 place.

PREMIO ASTREA, for all two-year-olds that have not won before the day of the race, colts 54 kilos, fillies 52 kilos, \$1800 to the 1st, 180 to the 2nd, 1000 metres.

Stud A. Lincoln's ch f Independencia, by Noe—Teetotum, 52 k. N. Grigera 1
 Stud Las Ortigas' Lamentoso, 54 k. I. Diaz 2
 Ecurie Camors' Haltere, 52 k. P. Aguilero 3
 Ecurie Camors' Consul, 54 k. J. Fernandez 0
 Ecurie Argentino's Comodoro, 54 k. Lasalette 0
 Baron Peers' Dandy, 54 k. J. Cardoso 0
 Stud Niño Dorado's Mila, 52 k. R. Martinez 0
 Ecurie Indecis' Ballimanca, 52 k. R. Garrido 0
 Sr J. B. Zubiaurre's Novedad, 52 k. L. Gonzalez 0
 La Petite Ecurie's Alfalfa, 52 k. P. Torres 0

Novedad led for a short distance when she was passed by Haltere, who made the running to the stands. Here Independencia and Lamentoso drew up and passed him, the former winning by a length, the same distance separating the next pair.

Tickets—Independencia with 1108 win and 1183 place, Lamentoso 1834—1873, Haltere and Consul 1664—1694, Comodoro 259—265, Dandy and Mila 256—206, Ballimanca 414—354, Novedad 1856—1057, Alfalfa 1260—1086. Totals 8181—7218.

Dividends—Independencia \$13.18 win and 5.33 place, Lamentoso 4.66 place.

PREMIO ATLANTA, an open handicap, \$1800 to the 1st, 180 to the 2nd, 1600 metres.

Ecurie Argentino's br m Huri, by Gay Hermit—Bandana, 3 y, 54 k. I. Diaz 1
 La Petite Ecurie's Wagram, 3 y, 58 k. P. Torres 2
 Stud La Confianza's Riflero, 5 y, 55 k. P. Aguirre 3
 Ecurie Gladiateur's Silex, 4 y, 55 k. P. Aguilero 0
 Stud Las Ortigas' Clarin, 5 y, 58 k. G. Palacios 0
 Ecurie Anacoreta's Nubifer, 6 y, 58 k. J. Cardoso 0
 Ecurie Casal's Lumineux, 5 y, 52 k. S. Gil 0
 Ecurie Prisonero's Tambor, 5 y, 51 k. C. Gomez 0

Silex made the running to the turn where he was passed by Wagram, who came on in front to the stands. Here Huri made her effort, and getting the better of the leaders won by a length from Wagram, who finished half a length in front of Riflero.

Tickets—Huri with 2724 win and 2175 place, Wagram 1008—753, Riflero 1645—882, Silex 916—881, Clarin 833—624, Nubifer 363—244, Lumineux 1009—1049, Tambor 494—672. Totals 8992—7280.

Dividends—Huri \$5.94 win and 3.66 place, Wagram \$6.81 place.

PREMIO URANIA, a handicap for all horses that have not won more than \$10,000 before the day of the race, \$1600 to the 1st, 160 to the 2nd, 1450 metres.

Stud A. Lincoln's ch m Libertad, by Star—Lady Ladour, 3 y, 50 k. A. Muzio 1
 Ecurie Les Ardennes' Tristan, 4 y, 53 k. P. Aguilero 2
 Stud Santa Fé's Sud America, 6 y, 60 k. N. Sosa 3
 Ecurie Gladiateur's Muchacho, 4 y, 50 k. L. Gonzalez 0
 Stud Puri's Day Star, 3 y, 54 k. P. Aguirre 0
 Ecurie Montevideo's Saeta, 3 y, 53 k. R. Garrido 0
 La Petite Ecurie's Bijou, 3 y, 50 k. P. Torres 0
 Ecurie Titan's Corresponsal, 6 y, 49 k. I. Diaz 0

Muchacho made the running to the thousand metre post, when he was joined by Sud America, the pair running together in front to the last turn. Here Libertad took command, and holding her own easily to the finish won by half a length from Tristan, who was a length in front of Sud America.

Tickets—Libertad with 1936 win and 1729 place, Tristan 1681—1266, Sud America 392—287, Muchacho 456—351, Day Star 1199—761, Saeta 746—608, Bijou 768—641, Corresponsal 728—864. Totals 7906—6507.

Dividends—Libertad \$7.35 win, 3.65 place, Tristan 4.26 place.

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River Plate Sport and Pastime

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25, 1894.

SPORTING NOTES

The Athletic Committee of the Hurlingham Athletic Sports have to thank Mr T. A. H. Forde for a handsome prize for the thousand metre steeplechase, in the shape of a spirit stand.

Any one in want of good Golf Clubs should call and see a lot Messrs French and Co. of the Caledonian House have just received from Kerr of Leven.

I find that it is impossible give all the cricket clubs' batting and bowling averages this week as promised, as some of them have not yet come to hand, and those that have would take up too much room so we will hold them over till next week when they will all be published. However, the individual averages to be found under Cricket will be read with interest this week.

The handicaps for the Hurlingham Athletic Sports on Thursday week will be found in another column, with the exception of those for the bicycle races. As will be seen the entries are very good, and include most of our best men, though some familiar names will be missed from the programme, to wit those of H. Alexander, T. M. Lees and A. W. Maclachlan.

Mr T. M. Lees who holds the hundred yards and Quarter Mile Championships will be much missed in Athletic and Football circles here, and his place as Secretary of the Buenos Aires Railway Football Club will be very difficult to fill. He has gone to Paysandu as accountant of the branch of the London and River Plate Bank there. By the way another keen sportsman has just left us in Mr J. Stuart, who sailed yesterday in the Thames for a six months holiday.

The Hunt Club have opened the season well, and to judge from their first two runs this season should be a much better one than last. On the 15th the meet was at the Kennels, and the hounds were laid on near the Rosario Railway station. The line lay over the Santa Fé road down the Barranca, across the police potreros to the Club's schooling ground at Palermo, where it finished.

A record field was out, nearly forty horsemen starting with the hounds. On the 22nd the meet was at the Belgrano station of the Rosario Railway and the drag took the hounds almost straight to Villa Devoto. Turning back along the railway line a couple of fences caused some of the field a little trouble, but as scent was very poor they had plenty of time to get over them.

The hounds puzzled out the line slowly to Sr. Saavedra's house where the run finished. There was a good deal of grief, Mr J. Thompson unfortunately being thrown so heavily that he broke a rib and his collar bone, and our worthy secretary's horse came head over heels into a road which took a considerable amount of skin off his rider's face. Mr Martinez de Hoz, driving a nice team of brown bays followed the run on wheels.

Now that the Hunt Club are extending their country and have a much larger pack of hounds to keep, as there are ten couple of puppies now in the kennels, a few more members are required, and with this object the entrance fee has been lowered for the time being from eighty dollars to fifty. On the 29th the hounds will meet near San Martin or Villa Devoto and will probably finish near Hurlingham.

The Jockey Club have elected the following committees for 1894:—

Handicapping Committee—Sr Pedro Chapar, Sr Ernesto Garcia, Sr Santiago Duhalde.
Programme Committee—Dr Pedro Bedit, Sr Ignacio Correas, jun., Dr Enrique Acebal.
Building Committee—Sr Eliseo Ramirez, Dr Ernesto Pellegrini, Engineer Pedro Bedit.
Colours Committee—Dr Carlos Estrada, Sr Ignacio Correas, jun., Sr Carlos Hoevel.
Official Starter for 1894—Sr Carlos Hoevel.

The appointment of an official starter to the Jockey Club will be received with great satisfaction by the public, who have been so long suffering from the want of one. A better man than Sr Hoevel for the post we do not know of, and his appointment has given general satisfaction. It is to be hoped that the Hipodromo Nacional will appoint Sr Hoevel as starter also to their Club, to which he has just been elected a member.

Now that the reign of the incompetent amateurs with the flag is over we may expect one difficulty, at any rate, removed from the extreme uncertainty of short distance racing here, as though at first Sr Hoevel will have to deal with jockeys who have hitherto had it all their own way, from what I know of him he is not the sort of man to stand any nonsense, or to draw a field of youngsters up in line and expect them or their jockeys to remain there at his pleasure without blinking an eye.

The horses belonging to the late Sr Ernesto Olivera are standing at Messrs Bullrich's for sale. They include Potosi, by Star—Printaniere, and his own brother Prometeo, the former a three-year old and the latter four years; and Ojo de Agua by Gay Hermit—Regret, which cost the Stud La Prensa \$17,500.

Reports regarding Etoile are anything but favourable, inasmuch as she gave way on her injured leg as soon as put into fast work. From this I should think that it is very improbable that the filly will ever be got back to her old form, even if her trainer can bring her to the post. Buenos Aires, on the contrary, is as fit and well as he can be, and will probably be seen soon in a good race.

On Sunday next there is racing at Belgrano when the Premio Lamadrid is the classic event. On Thursday the 3rd of May, the meeting is at Palermo, and the Premio Otoño, of 1600 metres, is to be decided. For this latter event Buenos Aires will most likely make his appearance, and with Limethorpe, Sargento and Satanella, as probable starters, the race will be sensational. Sr Zubiaurre has left Rastreador, by Whipper In—Kilmeny in the Premio Lamadrid with General Lavalle.

Next Tuesday, May the 1st, the entries for the Open Lawn Tennis Tournament and Championship of the River Plate, to be held under the auspices of the Buenos Aires Lawn Tennis Club, on May the 24th, 25th, and 26th, will close. The four events in the tournament are open to all Lawn Tennis players, and any resident in South America can compete for the Championship, the winner of which holds the silver Challenge Cup, presented by members of the Buenos Aires L. T. C., for the year.

Entries for the tournament so far are coming in well, and it is expected that the function will be even a greater success than last year. As I have said the entries close on Tuesday, up to which day they will be received by Mr T. S. Boadle at 149 Veinticinco de Mayo. The draw will be made at these offices on Monday the 7th of May, after which date the club courts will be at the disposal of competitors.

A handicap tournament for a prize given by Mr F. L. E. Wallace was finished last week, when after a fine match between Messrs Still and Knox the latter just won. Though handicapped on the same mark, last year's champion arranged to owe Knox, for this match, half fifteen, and the result was a very close and exciting game. Mr Still is somewhat out of condition, but I expect that by the time the tournament comes round he will be in good enough form to again take the title.

The Association Football League will hold a meeting at the English High School on Wednesday the 25th inst. at 8.30 p.m. in order to appoint a secretary in place of Mr Lamont who resigns on account of being about to leave the country. Mr Lamont will be much missed from the post he has so well filled since the formation of the league, in starting which he was one of the most energetic members of the committee.

Satisfactory arrangements have again been made by the Kennel Club with Messrs Collett and Llambi for holding their second dog show on Monday and Tuesday, June the 25th and 26th. As will be seen from the following list of classes these will number many more than last year, as it is confidently expected that the entries will be very much larger, and therefore it has been necessary to divide the classes up in many cases.

Entries will be received at the office of the Club until Saturday, 9th June, inclusive, for dogs of the following classes:—

Hounds (Bloodhounds, Foxhounds, Harriers, Otterhounds, Beagles, etc.), Fox Terriers (Dogs, Bitches, Puppies under 12 months), Pointers (Dogs, Bitches, Puppies), Braques, Setters (English, Irish, Gordon), Retrievers (Curly and Wavy), Spaniels (Clumber, Sussex, Irish, Water, Field and Cocker), Dachshunds, St. Bernards, Newfoundlands, Bulldogs, Bull Terriers (Dogs, Bitches), Collies (Dogs, Bitches, Puppies), Smooth Terriers (Black and Tan, English, etc.), Rough Terriers (Irish, Bedlington, Scotch, Skye, Dandy, etc.), Pomerians, Italian Greyhounds, Pugs (Dogs, Bitches), Toy Spaniels (Buby, Blenheim, King Charles, etc.), Great Danes (Dogs, Bitches), Greyhounds, Deerhounds, General Class (for dogs not included in the foregoing classes).

I am very glad to hear that the Albion Club is going so well. It opened on 1st December last with 118 members and now numbers more than double that number; after 250 members are elected the entrance fee will be raised to \$200. Mr Forde is to be congratulated on this success, for he could not have opened at a worse time, and although the Club will probably be more used in these winter months, things in general have seldom been worse in Buenos Aires, and in a new venture like this in these hard times it must be satisfactory to be even paying its way. The Club is thoroughly English, nicely appointed, and the cuisine as good and cheap as any of the best cafés in Buenos Aires. We believe that as long as things go well it is Mr Forde's idea to build on another storey to his house, and have extra club rooms and bedrooms for the use of members, and this would be a very good idea. The Club house at 25 de Mayo 495, (although four squares from the Bolsa, has been made a good Club house, and the position looking over the river could not be better.

THE CRICKET SEASON OF 1893-94

The season which has just closed will always be remembered by the South American cricket world as one of records. Never before have so many matches been played, and never before have we had to chronicle the doings of a Buenos Aires cricket team in Chile, and we sincerely hope that the visit of last November will prove to be only the forerunner of many others and will lead to an annual international match between the East and West of Southern South America. Those who remember what cricket was in this country, say ten years ago—when the usual record for a season was a small half dozen of inter-club matches—will recognise, in this Valparaiso trip alone, the huge strides that the game has made of late years on South American soil. To the cricket-loving public the incidents and results of the trip are matters of history, and to describe the splendid hospitality extended to the Buenos Aires team would alone fill a volume. This article has to deal with cricket only, and judging from the results of the Valparaiso matches, and as eyewitnesses of them, we think that Argentina is a little ahead of Chile. We hear that several men in Iquique, who were unable to play at Valparaiso, are as good, and some of them better, than those whom we saw play; but then the team that represented Buenos Aires was anything but the strongest in the Argentine Republic. Perhaps we shall have to change our opinion before the end of next season when the Chilians send an eleven here, as we hope and expect they will. But at present, as we said before, we think Argentine cricket a little better class than Chilean. Of course Chile can show no such record of clubs and matches played as we can on this side, but this is only natural when the English population of the two countries is compared. As regards the grounds over there, we saw and admired the Valparaiso one, beautifully level, outfielding and a good pitch, to say nothing of its picturesqueness; but at Santiago, well, it would be a little premature to describe it as a cricket ground at all. No doubt it will improve as the form of our Santiago friends advances.

The other great event of the season—the North and South, now an annual fixture, occasioned great interest. Each side had previously won a match and consequently excitement ran high, and perhaps this accounted in some measure for the rather low scoring and unaccountably bad fielding of the South. But then the wicket was not all that could have been desired, and the North fielding, in contrast to that of the South, was brilliant, so that this argument will not hold good. We do not think that the score sheets of the match were a true index of the relative merits of the two teams, but on their form in the match the North were undoubtedly the better team. Some people said the South team were badly chosen and many people thought so, and certainly several well-known names were absent. But then these several were out of form at the time, at least some of them were, and this no doubt induced the selection committee to try experiments, which might easily have become successes had the Fates so decreed. Next year, with James Gifford at the head of the Southerners, we expect a more keenly contested match than ever. Although many of the Northerners get little or no practice during eleven months of the year they seem to lose nothing of their skill, and with the watchful eye of Mr "Jack" Daniel always on cricket in Rosario and the surrounding camps, and the Tucuman contingent going strong, the Northern outlook seems very favourable.

During the North and South Match Mr "Jack" Daniel, of Rosario, made a proposal that a fortnight's cricket should be played in Buenos Aires and neighbourhood in 1894. The visit of our representatives to Valparaiso had given an additional fillip to cricket, and in the hopes of seeing our generous hosts from the West coast over here next year, the proposal of the Rosario representative had only to be worked into proper shape. With a view to this end a meeting was held at our office on the afternoon of the 13th December last. There were present Messrs W. E. Leach, Julian White, R. Stuart and H. Sheridan representing Salta and Tucuman, and Messrs A. Boyd, H. M. Mills, J. R. Garrod and F. Carlisle representing the Southern contingent. The following scheme was put forward, and it only remains with the secretaries of the various cricket clubs around to arrange their matches next season so as not to clash with the arrangements to carry it out. The last week in November, say 25th to 30th and the first week in December, the 1st to 8th, were the two weeks selected as most suitable for the fixtures.

- Nov. 26 and 27—1st match, 2 days, Rosario v. Tucuman, at Hurlingham.
- Nov. 28 and 29—2nd match, 2 days, Southern team, v. West Coast, at Palermo.
- Dec. 1 and 2—3rd match, 2 days, North v. South, at Palermo.
- Dec. 4 and 5—4th match, 2 days, North v. West Coast, at Hurlingham.
- Dec. 7 and 8—5th match, 2 days, East v. West, at Palermo.

By the above arrangement none of the teams engaged would get over four days' cricket running, though in the last match, East v. West, there will be, without doubt, some of the northerners engaged. The following definitions of districts were accepted:

- North—Rosario and further North.
- South—Buenos Aires and district.
- West—Chile and Peru.
- East—Argentine Republic.

Glancing at individual performances we would award first place to Mr P. M. Rath, on account of his very fine all round cricket. He opened the season in sensational fashion with four consecutive centuries—surely this must be a record—and his bowling all through the sea-

son has been most effective. Mr James Gifford, who actually heads the averages, was in great form, and his departure for England early in the season was an irreparable loss to Southern cricket. Mr J. R. Garrod quite surprised his most ardent admirers, and his dashing and brilliant batting has been one of the features of a remarkable season. His score of 217 not out was a fine exhibition of clean hard hitting, but we consider his score of 74 for B.A.C.C. v. Hurlingham early in the season his most finished display. Mr E. R. Gifford has also been in rare form, and his steady, neat batting is always a pleasure to watch. Of the other batsmen Messrs G. A. Thomson, B. B. Syer and Lacey (pro.) can all show splendid records.

With regard to the bowlers, we should think their averages must suffer when compared with those of previous seasons, that of Mr Rath being a notable exception. By this we do not mean to imply that bowling has deteriorated; quite the contrary—but the hard fast wickets told their inevitable tale to the bowlers' analysis. We think that batting has improved where bowling has remained stationary, but this is always so amongst amateurs, even when they have not to trundle at a temperature of some hundreds in the shade, a not unusual state of things in this part of the world.

About fielding, we wish we could write in glowing terms, and at the same time be complimentary, but alas! we cannot. And why? "Ay, there's the rub." Is it that our cricketers are not keen? Are they getting old or stiff, or is it the old story of laziness? We are afraid it is the latter. For this there was but one remedy at school. Would that it could be properly applied out here. Rough grounds may excuse a man failing to stop a ball, or even "buttering" a catch, but nothing but sudden paralysis will excuse a man standing stock still, and not trying to amend a mistake by energetic pursuit of the ball. Notwithstanding the truth of these remarks, there are many brilliant fieldsmen in our midst to-day. As regards wicketkeepers, we have several promising men, amongst them R. E. Anderson, J. Darch, and B. B. Syer. Of the old hands, Mills is not the Mills of yore, but then no wicketkeeper can last for ever, and he is entitled to rest upon his well-earned laurels. Walter Leach was in great form in the North and South match, and it is a pity we cannot see more of his neat style behind the sticks. A man who runs him very close is Beaumont, of Rosario fame. He takes the ball very near the wicket, and altogether we have an exceedingly high opinion of his capabilities as a wicketkeeper.

Now for the several clubs—or rather the principal clubs—for we have neither time nor space for more than a passing word as to their doings. To Lomas we most unhesitatingly award the palm. With Rath always to the fore, the team have done wonders, and their "esprit de corps," real keenness, and consequent good fielding, have been the admiration of all followers of the game. Bridger, their captain, is to be heartily congratulated—indeed the present flourishing condition of Lomas as regards all sorts of athletics, is due in a great measure to his untiring efforts.

And now for the little grumble. We don't like to see cricket played on anything but turf, unless absolutely necessary, so trust that all sportsmen at Lomas, Rosario and elsewhere will endeavour before next season to get a grass pitch, and so prevent there being even an element of truth in the remarks of those grumblers who talk of "door-mat cricket."

Flores, who actually lost one match less than did Lomas, had a most successful season. A young club in its second year does not often possess a better record. At the same time they have had quite their share of luck, though if they could always rely upon the pick of their muster roll they would be scarcely ever beaten by any other purely Argentine Republic eleven.

Hurlingham have also had a capital season. One is always sure of a good wicket on their ground, thanks to Lacey's tender cares. (The outfielding might easily be improved, nevertheless.) No better advertisement of the Hurlingham wicket exists than the fact that two River Plate records were achieved upon it. A glance at the batting averages of the club will reveal their strength in this department, and with Rath and Slater both available as bowlers their outcricket should lose nothing in comparison.

Buenos Aires suffered an irreparable loss in James Gifford's absence. Nevertheless their record is a good one. The pioneer club of the republic, however, is not supported as it should be by some of its playing members. They appear to prefer the Tigre to the dusty railway journey which is too often the necessary accompaniment of an out match, and we missed the magnetic influence of Mr James Gifford.

The revival of cricket in Rosario is one of the most pleasurable features of a remarkable season. Handled with dexterity and skill by their popular captain Mr Jack Daniel, they are indeed a powerful team. In Sweetman and Bury they have batsmen of surpassing merit, and Martin's bowling is as full of promise as it is excellent.

Quilmes, Lanus (who beat both Lomas and Buenos Aires), London Bank and Buenos Aires and Rosario Railway, have been busy throughout the season without any of them possessing very successful records, but they have lots of talent, and we expect to see better results for them next year.

In conclusion, we have heard a good deal about men playing for more than one Club. A great many people speak against it, but so far from doing this, we approve of it most strongly, always provided that a man sticks faithfully for first choice to one Club in a season.

The truth of the matter is that there is an abundance of clubs and not a superabundance of players. Everyone takes it for granted that a man living at Lomas or Flores, for instance, supports his own local club. After that he plays for whom he likes, but always in a certain

order, it may be (as an example) Flores first, Buenos Aires second, and Hurlingham third, according to the strength of the opponents. And those clubs, who, when a strong team is sent to meet them, think they are being harshly treated and talk of a "dead set" being made against them, should rather appreciate it as a compliment. We can get lots of good matches and quite sufficient surprises as we are without laying down hard and fast, cast iron, rules about Club qualification.

The following table shows the doings of our leading batsmen for the season just closed:

Name	Innings	Runs	Times not out	Most in an Innings	Average
Jas. Gifford	11	553	5	177*	92.16
J. R. Garrod	36	1436	2	217*	42.23
P. M. Rath	31	1110	2	138	38.27
E. R. Gifford	33	876	4	115*	30.20
G. A. Thomson	24	551	3	79	26.23
Lacey (pro.)	18	321	5	68*	24.69
B. B. Syer	35	731	4	87*	23.40
J. Murphy	10	158	2	68*	19.75
R. W. Rudd	25	420	2	96	18.26
A. Anderson	21	372	—	63	17.71
A. Boyd	24	392	1	51*	17.04
C. A. Tabor	12	199	—	45	16.58
T. V. M. Knox	15	159	4	24*	14.45
R. E. H. Anderson	26	299	5	42*	14.23
R. L. Halstead	21	266	2	86*	14.
F. Bennett	12	164	—	99	13.66
E. L. Rumboll	12	166	—	35	13.83
C. W. Thompson	20	259	1	46*	13.63
T. A. H. Forde	17	202	2	47	13.46
F. Rooke	12	160	—	36	13.33
H. B. Anderson	29	342	3	45*	13.15
T. Howson	10	93	2	46*	11.62
J. D. Gifford	23	253	1	39	11.50
P. L. G. Bridger	32	318	4	103	11.35
G. S. Anderson	20	180	2	40	10.

The following table shows the scores of over a hundred made during the past season:

Score	For	Against
105	Lomas	Western Ry.
123*	Lomas	Quilmes
133	Lomas	B. A. & R. Ry.
102	Lanus	Hurlingham
138	Hurlingham	Flores
113*	Buenos Aires	Hurlingham
177*	Buenos Aires	Western Ry.
115*	Hurlingham	Lanus
103	Lomas	Hurlingham
139	Hurlingham	Tucuman
217*	Buenos Aires	Quilmes
105	Hurlingham	London Bank
116	Hurlingham	Flores

* Signifies not out.

CRICKET

LONDON BANK v. BOLSA BROKERS.

A match between two elevens, representing the London Bank and the Bolsa Brokers, was played at Palermo on Sunday last. The Brokers scored a win on the first innings by six runs. Scoring was very low on both sides, and strangely enough the winners scored exactly the same total in each of their innings. Goodfellow and G. Anderson divided the Bolsa Brokers' wickets between them, and Barton and Leng secured an equal number each of the Bank's.

The following were the scores:

Bolsa Brokers		1st inn	2nd inn
H. K. Trotman, b Goodfellow	9	st Francis, b G. Anderson	5
J. Macadam, c Barton, b Goodfellow	7	c and b Goodfellow	31
F. M. Still, b G. Anderson	3	b Goodfellow	9
W. Woodgate, c Anderson, b Goodfellow	0	c and b Francis	16
H. H. Leng, c Hardcastle, b Anderson	4	c Rumboll, b Goodfellow	0
D. Bankier, b Anderson	8	c Francis, b Anderson	2
A. M. Barton, b Goodfellow	18	run out	0
R. Watson, c Thompson, b G. Anderson	5	c Rumboll, b Anderson	0
J. Zimmermann, not out	0	b Goodfellow	3
J. Bell, c Jacobs, b Anderson	1	not out	0
Substitute, b Goodfellow	6		
Extras	11	Extras	6
Total	72	Total	72

The London and River Plate Bank

1st inn		2nd inn	
C. Thomson, b Barton	13	run out	8
R. Anderson, b Leng	1	c Bell, b Leng	2
G. Anderson, c Woodgate, b Leng	10	not out	25
S. Francis, b Leng	0		
A. Goodfellow, c McAdam, b Barton	20		
R. Rumboll, c MacAdam, b Leng	4		
H. Barton, b Leng	4	not out	2
A. Bowman, b Barton	3		
M. Wilson, s Watson, b Barton	0		
L. Jacobs, not out	2		
J. Hardcastle, b Barton	5		
Extras	4	Extras	1
Totals	66	Total	33

FOOTBALL

FIXTURES.

ARGENTINE ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL LEAGUE

APRIL

Sun. 29—St. Andrews F.C. v. Retiro A.C., at Lanus.

MAY

Thurs. 3—Flores A.C. v. St. Andrews F.C., at Flores.
 Thurs. 3—Rosario A.C. v. B. A. and R. Ry., at Rosario.
 Sun. 6—Retiro A.C. v. Lomas A.C., at Retiro.
 Sun. 13—B. A. and R. Ry. v. St. Andrews F.C., at Belgrano
 Sun. 13—Lomas A.C. v. Lobos A.C., at Lomas.
 Sun. 20—Lomas A.C. v. Flores A.C., at Lomas.
 Thurs. 24—Flores A.C. v. Rosario A.C., at Flores.
 Thurs. 24—Lobos A.C. v. St. Andrews F.C., at Lobos.
 Fri. 25—Retiro A.C. v. B. A. and R. Ry., at Retiro.
 Fri. 25—St. Andrews F.C. v. Rosario A.C., at Lanus.
 Sun. 27—B. A. and R. Ry. v. Flores A.C., at Belgrano.

JUNE

Sun. 3—Rosario A.C. v. Lomas A.C., at Rosario.
 Sun. 3—Lobos A.C. v. B. A. and R. Ry., at Belgrano.
 Sun. 10—Flores A.C. v. Lobos A.C., at Flores.
 Sun. 10—Retiro A.C. v. St. Andrews F.C. at Retiro.
 Sun. 17—
 Sun. 24—Anglo-Argentines v. British, at
 Fri. 29—Lomas A.C. v. St. Andrews F.C., at Lomas.
 Fri. 29—Rosario A.C. v. Retiro A.C., at Rosario.

JULY

Sun. 1—B. A. and R. Ry. v. Lomas A.C., at Belgrano.
 Sun. 1—Flores A.C. v. Retiro A.C., at Flores.
 Sun. 8—Rosario A.C. v. Lomas A.C., at Lomas.
 Mon. 9—Lobos A.C. v. Rosario A.C., at Lobos.
 Mon. 9—St. Andrews A.C. v. B. A. and R. Ry., at Lanus
 Mon. 9—Buenos Aires v. Montevideo, at Buenos Aires
 (Inter-City).
 Sun. 15—Lomas A.C. v. Retiro A.C., at Lomas.
 Sun. 22—Rosario A.C. v. St. Andrews F.C., at Rosario.
 Sun. 29—Lobos A.C. v. Lomas A.C. at Lobos.
 Sun. 29—Flores A.C. v. B. A. and R. Ry., at Flores.

AUGUST

Sun. 5—Retiro A.C. v. Lobos A.C., at Retiro.
 Sun. 12—
 Wed. 15—St. Andrews F.C. v. Flores A.C., at Lanus.
 Wed. 15—Lobos A.C. v. B. A. and R. Ry., at Lobos.
 Sun. 19—Flores A.C. v. Lomas A.C., at Flores.
 Sun. 19—B. A. and R. Ry. v. Retiro A.C., at Belgrano.
 Sun. 26—Scotland and Ireland v. England and Wales, at
 Wed. 29—Rosario A.C. v. Flores A.C., at Rosario.
 Wed. 29—St. Andrews F.C. v. Lobos A.C., at Lanus.

SEPTEMBER

Sat. 8—St. Andrews F.C. v. Lomas A.C., at Lanus.
 Sat. 8—Lobos A.C. v. Flores A.C., at Lobos.
 Sat. 8—B. A. and R. Ry. v. Rosario A.C., at Belgrano.
 Sun. 9—Retiro A.C. v. Rosario A.C., at Retiro.

B U G B Y

APRIL

Sun. 29—Practice Match, at Lomas.

MAY

Sun. 6—Hurlingham v. Buenos Aires, at Hurlingham.
 Sun. 13—Rosario v. Buenos Aires, at Flores.
 Fri. 25—Lomas v. Buenos Aires, at Lomas.
 Sun. 27—Lomas v. Hurlingham, at Lomas.

JUNE

Sun. 10—Private Firms v. Public Companies, at Lomas.
 Sun. 17—Scotland and Wales v. England and Ireland, at
 Lomas.
 Sun. 24—Hurlingham v. Buenos Aires, at Flores.

JULY

Mon. 9—Hurlingham v. Lomas, at Hurlingham.
 Sun. 15—Private Firms v. Public Companies, at Flores.
 Sun. 22—Lomas v. Buenos Aires, at Flores.

AUGUST

Sun. 5—Rosario v. Buenos Aires, at Rosario.
 Sun. 12—Scotland and Wales v. England and Ireland, at
 Flores.
 Wed. 15—Old Bedfordians v. Buenos Aires, at Flores.

ASSOCIATION

ROSARIO A.C. v. LOBOS A.C.

The above match was played at Plaza Jewell, Rosario on Sunday the 22nd, and resulted in a win for Rosario by five goals to nil. The day was very warm, which seemed to tell on the players, as the play taken all round was rather slow. Teams:

Rosario A.C.—
 A. O'Connell, goal.
 W. S. Penman, D. S. Weir, backs.
 H. H. Jefferies, H. Middleton, E. Glover, half backs.
 I. M. Ellery, J. Beaumont, A. Crowe, F. Francis, R. Dorning, forwards.

Lobos A.C.—
 C. Bowers, goal.
 A. Tucker, — Malcolm, backs.
 M. Bracken, C. Beckford, E. Buchanan, half backs.
 T. Moore, C. Buchanan, S. Murphy, W. Jordon, J. MacKeon, forwards.

LOMAS A. C. v. ROSARIO RAILWAY A. C.

The League match between the Lomas and Rosario Railway Athletic Clubs fell through on Sunday last, as the Railway team did not all put in an appearance. A match was played, however, between the two Clubs, the Lomas eleven winning by four goals to one.

FLORES A.C. v. RETIRO A.C.

The League fixture between the Flores and Retiro Athletic Clubs, on the ground of the latter on Sunday, resulted in a very easy win for Flores by eight goals to love. Though the Retiro Club have plenty of material to work upon they have not yet got their eleven into proper shape, but, should they succeed in doing so, before long they will be dangerous opponents, as they are all strong heavy men and only want to learn more about the game to become a hard team to beat.

ATHLETICS

HURLINGHAM

The following are the entries and handicaps for the athletic sports to be held at Hurlingham on Thursday, May 3rd, with the exception of those for the bicycle races, both of which have filled very well but have not yet been handicapped:

120 YARDS FLAT RACE, Handicap.—Heat 1—G. E. P. Robson, scr.—J. F. Whitman, 4 yds—G. A. Smith, 5 yds—A. Boccard, 6 yds—A. Anderson, 8 yds
 Heat 2—H. Anderson, 2 yds—E. E. Pott, 5 yds—G. R. Thomson, 7 yds—E. Danvers, 8 yds—H. B. Buxton, 12 yds.
 Heat 3—W. Brown, scr.—A. C. Eyton, 2 yds—J. C. Attwell, 7½ yds—J. Hardman, 8 yds—C. J. Love, 9 yds.

QUARTER MILE FLAT RACE, Handicap—G. E. P. Robson, scr.—H. Anderson, 5 yds—G. F. Elliot, 8 yds—J. Garrod, 8 yds—A. Moger, 10 yds—W. Brown, 10 yds—J. F. Whitman, 12 yds—B. Brice, G. C. Kennard, 17 yds—M. A. Caldwell, 20 yds, E. Danvers, 20 yds—J. Attwell, 20 yds—G. R. Thomson, 25 yds—C. J. Love, 30 yds.

HALF MILE FLAT RACE, Handicap.—W. Mitchell, scr.—H. Anderson, 20 yds—R. L. Dimmick, 25 yds—F. H. Jacobs, 25 yds—A. Anderson, 30 yds—G. C. Kennard, 30 yds—G. R. Thomson, 30 yds—G. E. P. Robson, 30 yds—G. E. Elliot, 30 yds—A. Moger, 40 yds—J. R. Garrod, 40 yds—B. Brice, 40 yds—M. A. Caldwell, 50 yds—E. E. Pott, 50 yds—G. L. Chamberlain, 60 yds—C. J. Love, 60 yds—E. Danvers, 60 yds—F. G. Boyd, 70 yds—G. A. Christian, 110 yds.

ONE MILE FLAT RACE, Handicap.—W. Mitchell, scr.—D. O'Donoghue, 40 yds—G. F. Elliot, 50 yds—A. Moger, 70 yds—A. Anderson, 80 yds—G. R. Thomson, 80 yds—R. L. Dimmick, 90 yds—M. A. Caldwell, 90 yds—E. Danvers, 90 yds—F. G. Boyd, 110 yds—G. L. Chamberlain, 110 yds.

ONE MILE WALKING RACE, Handicap.—E. Bantje, scr.—E. Danvers, 100 yds—G. R. Thomson, 120 yds—H. B. Buxton 150 yds.

HIGH JUMP, Handicap.—E. G. Ritchie, scr.—J. R. Garrod, scr.—G. R. Thomson, 1 in—A. C. Eyton, 1 in—E. Danvers 1 in—F. H. Jacobs, 1 in—J. Leitch, 3 in—W. Mackern, 4½ in.

LONG JUMP, Handicap.—E. G. Ritchie, scr.—A. C. Eyton, 10 in—G. R. Thomson, 1.5 in—E. Danvers, 1.11 in—A. Anderson, 1.11 in—W. Mackern, 2.6 in.

120 YARDS HURDLE RACE; Handicap.—E. Danvers, owes 15 yds—A. C. Eyton, owes 7 yds—G. R. Thomson, owes 3 yds—W. Brown, scr.

POLE JUMP, Handicap.—A. C. Eyton, scr.—W. Treacy, 2 in—F. H. Jacobs, 2 in—G. R. Thomson, 4 in—E. Danvers 4 in.

PUTTING THE SHOT (7 ft. square) Handicap.—T. Murray, scr.—F. Jones, scr.—D. S. Weir, 1 ft—J. Forrester, 1 ft—G. R. Thomson, 2 ft 6 in—E. Danvers, 4 ft—R. W. Murray, 4 ft 6 in.

HIGH JUMP, for Boys under 15 years, Handicap.—J. Hunter, scr.—W. Stirling, scr.—W. Jacobs, 3 in—C. Mold, 3 in—H. Mussen, 3 in—H. F. C. Bell, 5 in.

THROWING THE HAMMER (9 ft. circle) Handicap.—D. S. Weir, scratch—J. Leitch, 9 ft—P. Grassick, 11 ft—T. Murray, 13 ft—E. Danvers, 15 ft—R. W. Murray, 15 ft—G. R. Thompson, 15 ft.

THROWING THE CRICKET BALL.—J. R. Garrod, W. Brown, W. Treacy, G. R. Thomson, J. Elliot, E. Danvers.

1000 YARDS STEEPLECHASE, Handicap.—J. Hardman, scratch—H. Anderson, 5 yds—G. C. Kennard, 15 yds—W. Moscrop, 40 yds—G. R. Thomson, 40 yds—A. Anderson, 60 yds—E. Danvers, 70 yds—G. L. Chamberlain, 70 yds—M. A. Caldwell, 80 yds.

120 YARDS HURDLE RACE (3 ft. Hurdles), Handicap, for Boys under 15 years.—J. Hunter, scratch—G. A. Christian, 2 yds—F. Bond, 6 yds—C. Gibson, 6 yds—C. Mold, 12 yds—H. Mussen, 12 yds—W. Jacobs, 12 yds—H. F. C. Bell, 18 yds.

200 YARDS (Boys).—J. Hunter, scr.—H. Mackern, 6 yds—W. Stirling, 6 yds—C. Gibson, 12 yds—J. Bond, 12 yds—Wal. Stirling, 18 yds—W. Jacobs, 18 yds—W. Bond, 30 yds—E. Gibson, 36 yds—H. F. C. Bell, 36 yds—C. Mold, 36 yds—H. Musse, 36 yds—G. Colbourne, 42 yds—F. Gibson, 48 yds—D. Hanley, 48 yds—C. Lacey, 48 yds—T. W. Mills, 54 yds—J. Hanley, 60 yds—M. Carlisle, 60 yds—F. Danvers, 90 yds.

Venado Tuerto Polo Club

A POLO TOURNAMENT will be held on the 4th, 5th, and 6th of MAY by the above Club at VENADO TUERTO.

The Tournament is open to all Clubs affiliated to the Association.

Entries close on the 3rd of May, when the draw will take place.

LAWN TENNIS.

The handicap tournament, for a prize presented by Mr F. L'E. Wallace, was brought to a finish at the Buenos Aires Lawn Tennis Club's courts on Thursday last, with a very fine match in the final round between Mr T. V. M. Knox and Mr F. M. Still, who holds the championship. Both players had been handicapped the same, at ½ 40, but by agreement Mr Still, in this match, owed Mr Knox ½ 15, odds he did not quite succeed in giving away, as after a wonderfully close game he lost the match by two games (6—4, 6—4), to one (5—6).

The following are the full results of the tournament:

Gentlemen's Handicap Singles.

Preliminary Round—

T. S. Boadle (scr) beat B. Verschoyle (— 30), 6—2, 6—5.
 T. V. M. Knox (— ½ 40) beat C. W. Cumming (+ ½ 15), 6—3, 6—2.
 V. Ker Seymer (— 30) beat B. Goldsmid (+ ½ 30), 6—3, 6—1.
 W. Paton (— 15) beat J. Weinberg (scr), 6—5, 6—3.
 G. F. M. Still (— ½ 40) w. o. Fishback (+ ½ 15).

First Round—

T. S. Boadle beat H. Burr (+ 15), 6—4, 5—6, 6—2.
 T. V. M. Knox beat V. Ker Seymer, 6—1, 5—6, 6—1.
 F. M. Still beat W. Paton, 6—4, 6—3.
 R. Colville Jones (scr) beat Wilson Lamb (scr), 6—0, 6—4.

Second Round—

T. V. M. Knox beat T. S. Boadle, 6—4, 6—1.
 F. M. Still beat R. Colville Jones, 6—1, 6—3.

Final Round—

T. V. M. Knox beat F. M. Still, 6—4, 5—6, 6—4.

POLO.

HURLINGHAM.

It was intended, on the 22nd, that a match should be played at Hurlingham between teams representing the Hunt Club and Hurlingham, but as the latter's team could not all turn up, a match between the Club House and the Club was arranged, with the sides as follows:—

Club House	Hurlingham
1. F. W. Clunie	1. W. Lacey
2. Newman Smith	2. N. Leach
3. F. J. Balfour	3. E. Robson
F. Furber (back)	J. Ravenscroft (back)

What would otherwise have been a very good game was quite spoiled by the dusty state of the ground, which made it impossible to see at times where the ball was.

For the first three quarters the game was very even, and at the end of the third it was found that the scores were four all, but the Club House scored twice in the last period, and so won the game by six goals to four.

Mr N. Leach, playing on borrowed ponies, and though he had just arrived from England, and consequently very much out of practice, played well, as also did the others of his side. The winners perhaps owed their win to backing up each other better than their opponents.

BELGRANO v. QUILMES.

A match between the above two clubs was played on the 22nd at Quilmes, and being the first match of the season, and played on the day after the dance and concert of the night before, a considerable number of people watched the game.

The teams were as follow:

Belgrano.	Quilmes.
1. T. Jefferies.	1. J. Bennett.
2. J. K. Cassels.	2. C. Hope.
3. R. W. Anderson.	3. W. D. Bailey.
M. de C. Findlay (back).	T. Murray (back).

The Quilmes men scored three goals in the first quarter and in the next two periods added three more. In the last period each side scored a goal, so at the finish the home club won by seven goals to one.

The winners played a good game and showed capital combination.

Belgrano were not in form, Cassels especially, as he was feeling the effects of an old trouble in his shoulder a good deal. The losers worked hard, however, and the score gives anything but a true index of the game, which was played at a good pace all through.

Mrs T. Murray, helped by several other ladies, attended to everyone's creature comforts most kindly.

On the 29th a polo match will be played at Hurlingham, commencing at three o'clock, between the Hunt Club and Hurlingham, who will be represented by the following teams:

Hunt Club—F. J. Balfour, J. Ravenscroft, Newman Smith, F. Furber.
 Hurlingham—F. W. Clunie, G. S. Anderson, G. E. Robson, H. S. Robson.

QUILMES CLUB.

The concert in aid of the Club funds took place last Saturday night at 8 o'clock in the Municipal Hall, Quilmes, kindly lent by the authorities for the occasion. The stage had been decorated in a very tasteful and charming manner by Mrs Pembroke Jones, Miss Lisboa and Miss Rooke, and presented a very pretty appearance.

The first part of the programme was opened by "Sinfonia" by the Misses and Messrs Ithurralde and Barrera, and was very well received.

Mr Colquhoun then sang "Six o'Clock in the Bay" in his well known style.

The duet "Varsovia" was played in a very masterly manner by Miss Marrs and Miss Campero. The recitation "The Women of Mumble's Head," by Mr R. H. Morgan, elicited much applause, in deference to which Mr Morgan favoured with "Tommy Triggs."

The next item on the programme, "The Last Watch," had to be omitted owing to the unavoidable absence of Mr Crowe.

Miss Fernandez accompanied on the piano by Miss Mercedes Paez and Mr Barrera, violin, charmed the audience by the simple and unaffected manner in which she sang "Sé."

The Rev. Lyall Wilson, who has already become famous for his elocutionary powers, held the attention of his audience by the recital of "The Pied Piper of Hamelin."

Mr Percy Permain, "Peewit" as affectionately called by his friends, gave in his inimitable manner "The Nasty Way'E Sez it," which metaphorically speaking brought down the house, and in answer to the continued applause, sang a song, the name of which we forget, but from the pathetic manner in which Mr Permain said, or rather sang it, might be called "And the pain will be probably mine." To keep his admirers quiet he repeated the last verse.

This finished the first part of the programme; the second part was opened by a pianoforte solo gracefully played by Mrs Williamson, and was followed by the duet "Per valle, per Boschi," given by Mrs Caldwell and Mr Pembroke Jones.

Mr Morgan again recited, giving, in lieu of "My first and last Appearance," "A night with a stork," the humour of which created much amusement.

Mr Colquhoun then pleased his audience with "The sleigh driver."

Miss Macaulay, who made her appearance on the Quilmes stage for the first time, sang "Gondola Dreams," and in answer to continued applause favored with "Love's sweet song." The next item, another recitation by the Rev. Lyall Wilson, amused everyone so much that it was almost impossible to hear him distinctly owing to the appreciation of his audience, which showed itself in loud laughter arising from the lifelike manner in which the rev. gentleman described the way in which one without any preparation is asked to return thanks for a toast, and finds oneself in a vicarious position without previous notice; he gave as an encore "On the Step."

The sneezing song by Mr Permain was given in such a natural manner that a native in the hall, carried away by the characteristic politeness of the Argentine, called out "salud" and blushed to find himself famous by the people in his vicinity asking him to be quiet. Indulging the popular demand Mr Permain then sang "The wee Nipper," to be only called back again, and delight his audience with "Mrs 'Enery 'Awkins."

The trio from the opera "Marta," by Miss Ithuraldi and Mr Barrera, brought a most successful concert to a close, after which dancing was kept up till 12 o'clock. Mr Lloyd Davies acted very ably as musical director.

EN PASSANT.

Mr John Burns, M.P., seems to be quite an ideal chairman for a meeting of Trade Union delegates. When in a Homeric assembly "a clamorous vile plebian rose"—I quote the elegant version of the late Mr Alexander Pope—it is said of the chairman that "him with reproof he check'd, or tamed with blows." Mr Burns does nothing so rude as that. When at a meeting Mr Delegate Sprow sought to speak, Mr Burns merely said "I ask Mr Sprow to leave the room," adding significantly "stewards do your duty." Forthwith a show of hands was summarily taken, Mr Delegate Sprow was declared to have been expelled, and he left the room, not, however, before he had been "approached" by the stewards. Thereupon, says the reporter, the chairman observed that "Mr Sprow having withdrawn voluntarily they would proceed." For maintaining freedom of debate and the rights of minorities there is no one like a good democrat.

The Mikado (not Mr Gilbert's Mikado, but the actual ruler of Japan) might supply an interesting contribution to that eternal discussion on mothers-in-law which is constantly breaking out afresh in one or other of our cheap periodicals. His Japanese Majesty has, it appears, discovered a "new way" with these not always satisfactory relations, and one that ought to prove, in a certain sense, effectual.

Finding his mother-in-law to be suffering from serious illness the monarch proceeded to call in to her one doctor after another, until some four hundred had been summoned to treat her. There is at present no intimation of the unhappy lady's disease, so that she evidently possesses an unusually strong constitution, caustically remarks the "Lady's Pictorial." But it is impossible to believe she can permanently withstand the united efforts of the four hundred Japanese medicine men. The real Mikado would seem to have as fanciful a taste in punishment, and as keen an appreciation of "something lingering" as his late representative at the National Theatre.

There is a terrible rumour abroad, whether it be founded on fact I know not. But it is one that should strike terror into the hearts of all fashionable dressed maidens. It is that the enormous and preposterous shoulders that girls have been wearing, and continue to wear, are of no inconsiderable weight, and this has brought about a development of the abeltoid and neighbouring muscles, consequently a permanent largeness supervenes, and the graceful, polished, well shaped shoulder of the English maiden is likely soon to disappear altogether. It would be satisfactory if the Lancet would inform us if such a catastrophe is likely to occur, and if so, to insert a wholesome warning with regard to the distensions produced by dress, and if some of our poets would write touching and harmonious verses, entitled "The lady of the lost Shoulder," it might possibly do a good deal of good. If there be any truth in the report above alluded to, all I can say is that it is what an old nurse used to call, "ajudgement" upon damsels who fancy they can improve upon the natural. Now that their shoulders are permanently swollen, they will be in a terrible fix should the fashion of tight sleeves come in again.

Difficulties between authors and their publishers are things of old standing, but the time-worn plea of the writers, "Oh, we are not business men," is getting out of date. A story is told of a well known writer who, in response to a request from a firm of calendar producers for a greeting and motto, replied that he did not know how to greet people with whom he was not acquainted, but that they were welcome to use his motto, "Nothing for nothing, and very little for sixpence." Some credit for the improved business habits of literary men may be justly claimed by the Society of Authors, which presented the annual report of the committee of management at a meeting in the rooms of the Royal Medical and Chirurgical Society, Hanover-square. The most important announcement was "counsel's opinion" on the subject of secret profits made by the publisher under a profit-sharing agreement, by means of charging full rates for expenses on which the publisher himself gets a discount, and similar incidental items.

Frivolous and vexations ought to be written on the proposed rule making it compulsory for every one entering a theatre to leave their stick or umbrella in a place provided for the purpose near the door. Apart from the frivolity and vexation, what, I wonder, will men in the stalls do without a stick to suck, the whole aspect of the body of the theatre will be changed, because, I am perfectly certain if men have to worry through a big crush to get their sticks when leaving a theatre, they will avoid the annoyance by stopping away; so another blow is aimed at the success of theatres in this city which are always being harassed in the most unjustifiable manner by the authorities.

Our Municipality might well take example from the New York Legislative who have just passed a bill abolishing the dog pound in that city and giving to the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals full power to deal with stray canines and felines. Hereafter the uniformed employés of the society will seize all unlicensed dogs and cats found in the streets, and they will be taken to a shelter to be provided up town, there to be kept for forty-eight hours, in order to give their owners time to call and get them. The animals that are not called for will be provided with homes where possible, and the others will be destroyed in as humane a manner as may be. Every owner of a dog must pay a licence fee of \$2, and it must wear a collar, with the metal tag of the society, while owners of cats must wear a collar with a tag on it. The blank applications for licences will be ready on April 1st, and the licences will date from May 1st.

It is all very well for the powers that be to impose a tax on dogs of any amount they please to name, they have also a perfect right to farm out the collection of the tax, as they propose to do, they further have the right to deal in any way that may seem fit and proper with dogs for which licences have not been taken out, but when a law abiding citizen fulfills all the obligations imposed upon him for the pleasure of keeping a dog it seems only fair that the dog should be allowed to live, or at all events not be poisoned by people acting for the city fathers in the death dealing line to dogs not holding the Municipal permit. A dog wearing the badge of freedom as

prescribed by makers of the law was poisoned a few days back and his owner is now suing the Municipality for \$600. He is perfectly in the right, but whether he will ever get his money is doubtful. The subject of dog poisoning as carried on in this town is too horrible to deal with here, but it is one that should not be overlooked by the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

A practical joke in France at the expense of a whole regiment is rather a hazardous pastime to indulge in, as a discomfited peasant has just learnt to his cost in the vicinity of a place called Arras. The regiment was marching through a village, when suddenly the command to halt was heard, and was repeated by the officers of the different companies. Great was the surprise of the colonel when he found his gallant regiment had been brought to a standstill. He had not given the command, but a strict investigation soon brought to light the culprit, who had been watching the effect of his jest with great composure from the door of a public-house at which he was lounging. The fellow was at once seized, and guarded by four soldiers with fixed bayonets, was promptly on the road to Arras, whither the regiment was going. Before reaching the town the colonel released his prisoner after expounding to the yokel, who was half dead from fright, the enormity of his offence.

A good many theories have been put forward as to the gradual decline of famous old fashioned cafés and expensive or select restaurants in Paris. A close observer of life on the banks of the Seine has been studying the question, and is of the opinion that he has found out the real cause. He does not attribute it to the increasing taste for Munich malt liquors, which many Frenchmen now drink, or to the growing demand for cheap supplies of raw ham, Frankfort sausages, cold roast beef, and brown bread, which can now be had at so many semi-teutonic taverns on the boulevards. According to this authority politics have not a little to do with the decline of trade in the once popular places, of which the Café Anglais is almost the sole surviving example. He says, in so many words, that the Triple Alliance and recent treaties of commerce have strained the relations between France and her neighbors. Then comes the "trains de luxe," which carry the English off to Italy or the south of France, and give them no time to linger in Paris; the general slackness of trade, the drought of last summer, the dynamite scares, the increased love of athletics which causes young Frenchmen who formerly sat up late over bisque soup and champagne to go to bed early; and finally the club dinners. This, the testimony of a Frenchman, and not a foreigner, is noteworthy. It may cause some surprise to those English and American travellers who have not altogether forgotten the fascinations of Paris, and who still regard it as the paradise of epicures and sybarites.

The winter season amongst railway people begins with the month of May, when the timetable on most of the lines undergoes some alteration. It behoves people, therefore, to take note of the various changes which are to be published in a day or two.

As there are waves of heat and cold that pass over the face of the earth, so there seem to be waves of a certain class of crime that affect different points of the globe. The hideous details of the ghastly events that have shocked people both here and in Europe of late are too dreadful to repeat, but the ideas of such an authority as Augustus Sala might well be taken note of by those responsible for allowing murderers to live and go free in this country. I give Sala's own words, which are:—

Private executions have to my thinking proved a dismal failure. Henceforward I would try the experiment of hanging murderers in public.

I know perfectly well that this proposal will at once excite a howl of dissent; but I also know what I am talking about. More than thirty-five years ago I wrote a long letter in the "Times" newspaper deprecating private executions, but protesting against the strangling of capital criminals in such a narrow and normally crowded thoroughfare as the Old Bailey. I would have had the gallows set up on what was then known as Kennington Common; but that expanse has since been converted into a pretty recreation ground. Ten years after my ineffectual protest against private patibulation, the Bill abolishing private executions was passed.

What good has that Bill done? Does the putting to death of a murderer in the backyard of a gaol serve as a warning or example to anyone save the under sheriff,

the governor of the gaol, the chaplain, the warders, and Jack Ketch himself; and are those esteemed officials normally in need of such a warning and example? I am aware of all the arguments which can be adduced against public executions, especially with regard to the riot and ribaldry which used to be rampant at the very foot of the gallows on "hanging mornings." Of that riot and ribaldry I have been the spectator over and over again. I saw the Mannings hanged; I saw James Bloomfield Rush hanged; and I remember the scenes in front of the scaffold with horror, yet, nevertheless do I strongly opine that the execution, *coram publico*, of an assassin would strike a salutary terror into the minds of the beholders. At all events the experiment might be tried. If it failed we could only go back to the present system of strangling murderers in back-yards.

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I have before me the report of the British Hospital for the past year. It opens with a justly merited compliment to Dr. John O'Connor by saying that to his administrative powers, his zeal and his skill is mainly attributable the high state of perfection the Hospital finds itself in to-day. Miss Eames comes in for her mead of praise for her careful management as matron; it is satisfactory to learn she has renewed her contract in the same capacity for another term of three years. Miss Taylor and the other nurses are deservedly thanked for their constant and successful efforts to promote the comfort of patients and generally further the ends of the Hospital. Under the heading of "New Wards" is given a list of the additions to the Institution, comprising a large and pleasant private ward for men, a special ward for men, a new women's ward, a new mortuary, and an extension of the accommodation for the nurses and servants of the Hospital. The number of beds now available for normal purposes is eighty-five, with six private rooms. During the year 1893 nine hundred in-patients (of whom three hundred and seventy-four were free) and one thousand one hundred and ten out-patients were treated. Special attention is drawn to the successful treatment of typhoid cases, which form so large a proportion of the medical cases in this city. Under the heading of "Medical Staff" is the following:—

"The increasing work of the Hospital has for some time convinced the Committee that the Medical service requires strengthening. In securing this end they have recognised the desirability of effecting continuity of system in those administrative details which must be attended to on the spot, and which, receiving the supervision of the Committee, are out of range of their immediate management. This is jeopardised by a frequent change of the Medical Officer responsible on these points.

After careful consideration of so important a question they believe that they will attain the desired end by the adoption of the new law in the Constitution of the Hospital (sanctioned at a general meeting of the subscribers, held 18th August, 1893) giving the Committee authority to appoint (1) a Senior Medical Officer, who is to be at liberty to live out of the Hospital and to engage in private practice, but who will be responsible to the Committee for the general administration, and the direct treatment of patients, and (2) a Junior Medical Officer who will reside on the premises and devote himself entirely to the work of the Institution under the direction of the Senior Medical Officer."

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This is perhaps the most important step that has been taken by the Hospital Committee for some time, and one likely in every way to secure the continuance of the good working of the Hospital in the most efficient way. Under ways and means we see the dark side of the picture, increased accommodation means increased expense, whereas the revenue has actually fallen off. This can probably be accounted for by the fact that a great many people gave largely, and spent freely at the bazaar, thinking thereby to set up the financial state of the Hospital for a long time to come, but the money raised by the bazaar was only available, under agreement, for building purposes, thereby increasing the working expenses of the institution. I think people have only got to understand this and pay a visit to the Hospital to become regular annual subscribers. The Committee say "It is with the utmost reluctance that we make a strenuous appeal, but we feel ourselves obliged to do so in view of the risk of an accumulation of annual deficits." I hope their appeal may be generously answered so that this splendid British Institution may continue to flourish and increase.

We regret to hear that Captain Lovett Cameron, the African explorer, whilst returning from hunting with Lord Rothschild's staghounds on March 26th, was thrown from his horse near his home at Soulbury, Leighton Buzzard, and received such serious injuries to the head that he died four hours afterwards.

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Ewes.....	4.20—5.80

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" (amarillo), old, 100 kilos.....	5.70—6.50
Hay, 1000 kilos.....	40.00—50.00
Wool—Cross Lincoln.....	5.90—10.50
" —Fine mestiza.....	4.80—9.00

FIXTURES

RACING

Sunday, April 29—Hipodromo Nacional, at Belgrano.
Thursday, May 3—Venado Tuerto Polo Club's Meeting.
Thursday, May 3—Hipodromo Argentino, Palermo.

FOOTBALL.

ASSOCIATION

Sunday, April 29—St. Andrews F.C. v. Retiro A.C., at Lanús.
Thursday, May 3—Flores A.C. v. St. Andrews F.C., at Flores.
Thursday, May 3—Rosario A.C. v. B. A. and R. Ry., at Rosario.

RUGBY

Sunday, April 29—Practice Match, at Lomas.

ATHLETICS

Sunday, April 29—Junin Athletic Club's Annual Sports.
Thursday, May 3—Hurlingham Club.

POLO

Friday, Saturday, Sunday, May 4, 5, 6—Venado Tuerto Polo Club's Tournament.

LAWN TENNIS

Thursday, Friday and Saturday, May 24, 25, 26—Buenos Aires Lawn Tennis Club's Tournament and Championship.

Cloister has had very few falls during his career. The last time he came to grief was at Aintree, in 1890, when competing in the Valentine Hunt Steeplechase. He also fell in the Great Shropshire Steeplechase at Ludlow, in May 1890, and in April, 1889, he failed to negotiate the Aldershot Cup course.

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FLORES—*Light Blue, Yellow, and Dark Blue with narrow White Stripes*—B. G. Henderson, 89 B. Aires, Flores.
HURLINGHAM—*Blue, Red and Yellow*—F. J. Balfour, 559 Piedad, Buenos Aires.
JUNIN—C. J. Love, Junin, F. C. Pacifico.
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LOMAS—*Blue and White*—P. L. G. Bridger, Casilla de Correo 1121.
Montevideo—H. D. McMaster, Club Inglés, Montevideo.
QUILMES—*Dark Blue and Orange*—F. W. Fothergill, Plaza Constitucion, F.C.S.
RETIRO—*Black and White*—
ROLDAN—T. H. Wilson, Roldan.
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Club Ciclista—25 de Mayo 583.
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BUENOS AIRES—*Black and Red*—A. Lacey, Banco Británico
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Lanús—D. Duncan, Plaza Constitucion, F.C.S.
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WESTERN RAILWAY—*Dark Crimson*—F. T. Parkes, Tolosa.

FOOTBALL CLUBS

ALBION—*Blue and White*—H. A. Woodcock, Montevideo.
Argentine Association League—A. Lamont, Plaza Constitucion F.C.S.
BUENOS AIRES (Rugby)—*Blue and White*—T. M. Lees, London Bank.
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CAMP OF URUGUAY—*Pale Blue*—L. Edwards, Barracas Colóradas, Colonia.
CAÑADA DE GOMEZ—*Red and Yellow*—J. S. Robinson, C. de Gomez, F.C.C.A.
CASUALS—*Crimson and White*—R. McC. Smyth, Venado Tuerto.

GUALEGUAY—*Crimson and French Grey*—H. J. Perrett, Gualeguay, Entre Rios.

HURLINGHAM—*Blue, Red and Yellow*—F. J. Balfour, 559 Piedad, Buenos Aires.

JUJUY—*Black*—H. Wright Poore, c/o. Leach Hnos. y Ca. Salta, Argentina.

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

LA VICTORIA—*Brown and Yellow*—Magnus Fea, Estacion El Trebol, F. C. Central Argentino.

LAS PETACAS—Frank E. Kinchant, Las Petacas, San Jorge, F.C.C.A.

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

MEDIA LUNA—*Pale Blue with Crescent*—Scott Moncrieff, Soler, F. C. Pacifico.

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

NORTH SANTA FE—H. J. J. Bury, Las Limpías, Estacion Carlos Pellegrini, F.C.C.A.

Roldan—W. Ellery, Roldan, F.C.C.A.

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

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

SANTA FE—*Red and Blue*—Kemball Cook, Las Tres Lagunas, Las Rosas, F.C.C.A.

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

Tuyú—H. Gibson, Los Ingleses, Ajó, F.C.S.

VENADO TUERTO—*Chocolate and Gold*—H. Miles, Venado Tuerto, F. C. S. Santa Fé y Cordoba.

ROWING CLUBS

BUENOS AIRES—*Blue and White*—Piedad 852.

MONTEVIDEO—*Blue and Black*—J. Murray, Banco Británico, Montevideo.

NACIONAL DE REGATAS—*Sky Blue and White Hoops*—Manuel Reu, Piedras 156, Montevideo.

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

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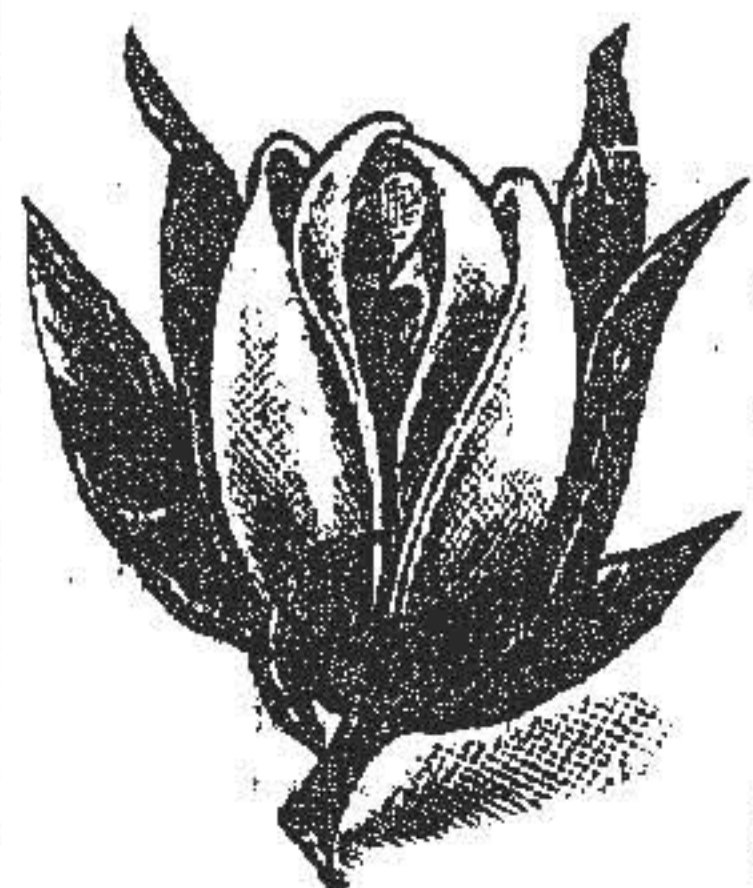
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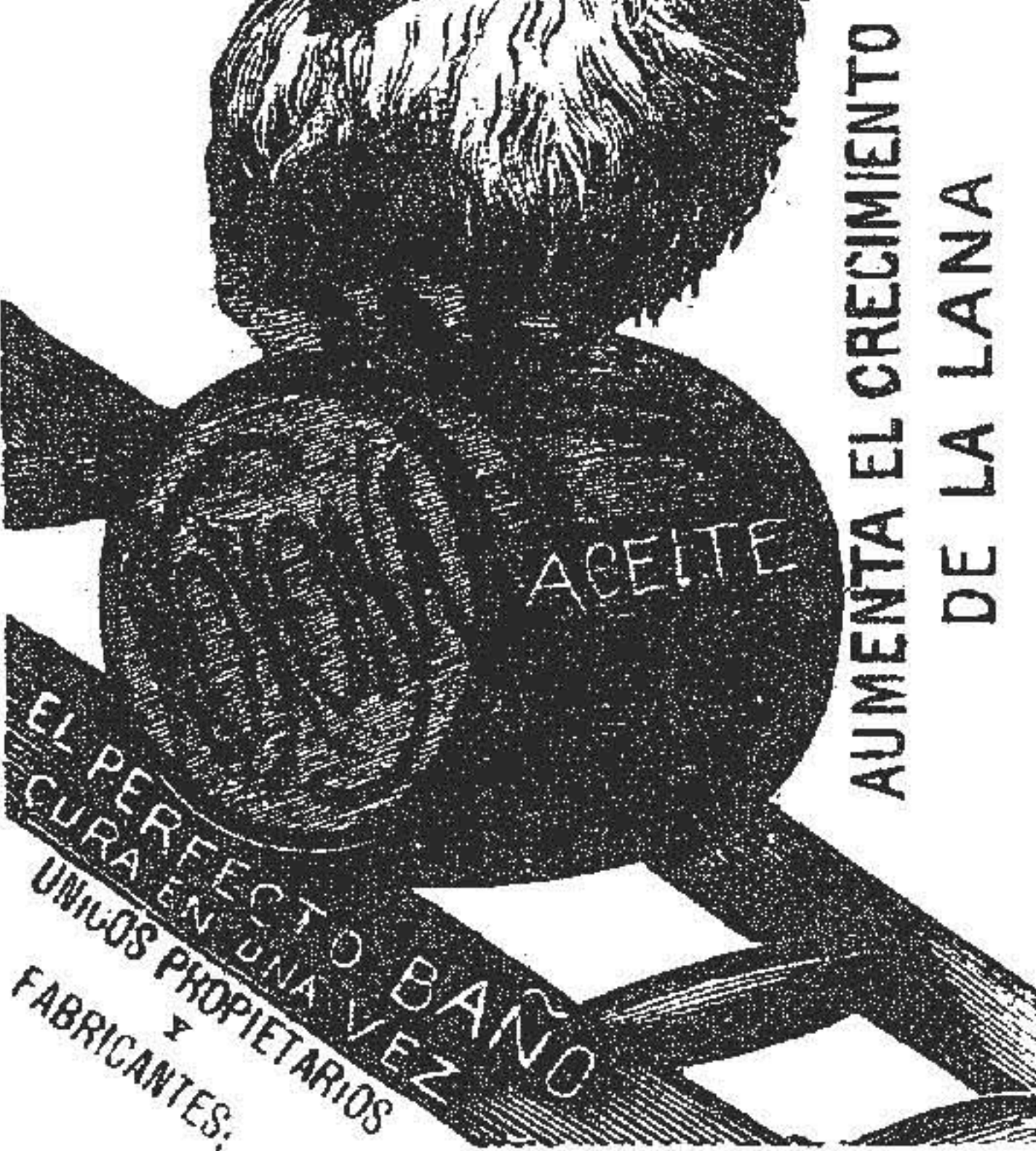


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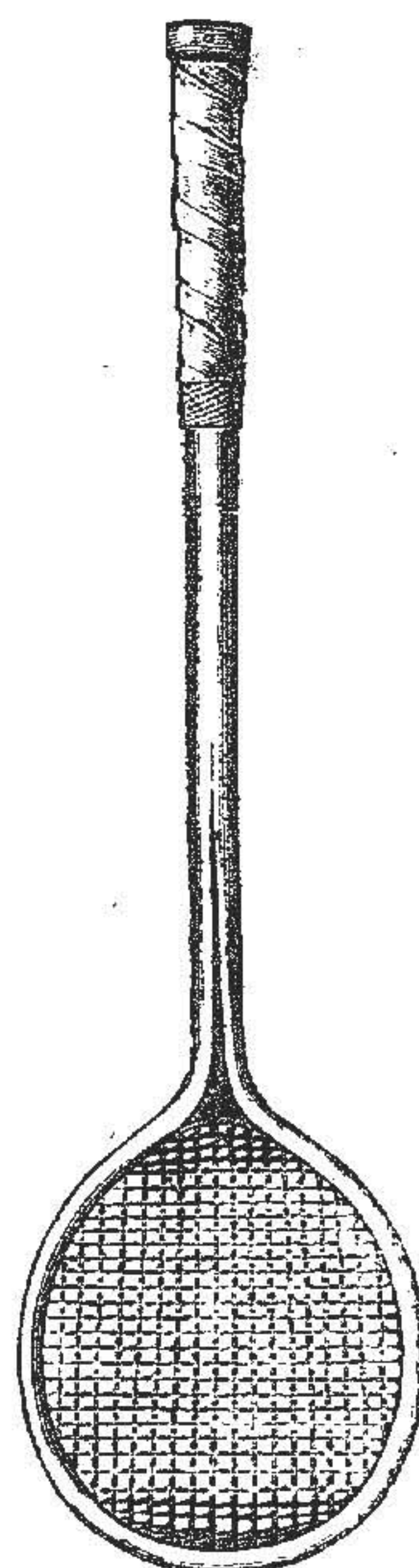
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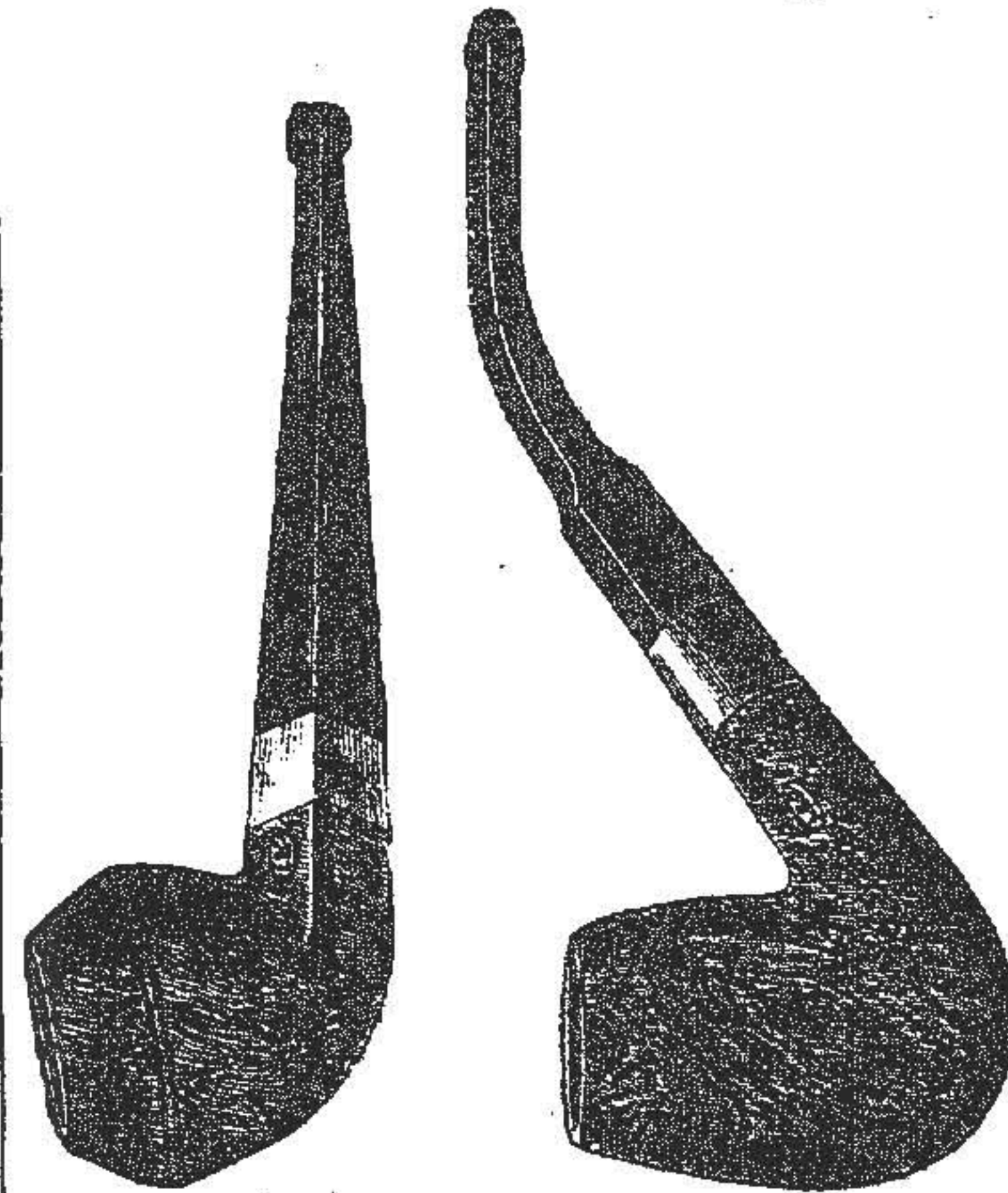
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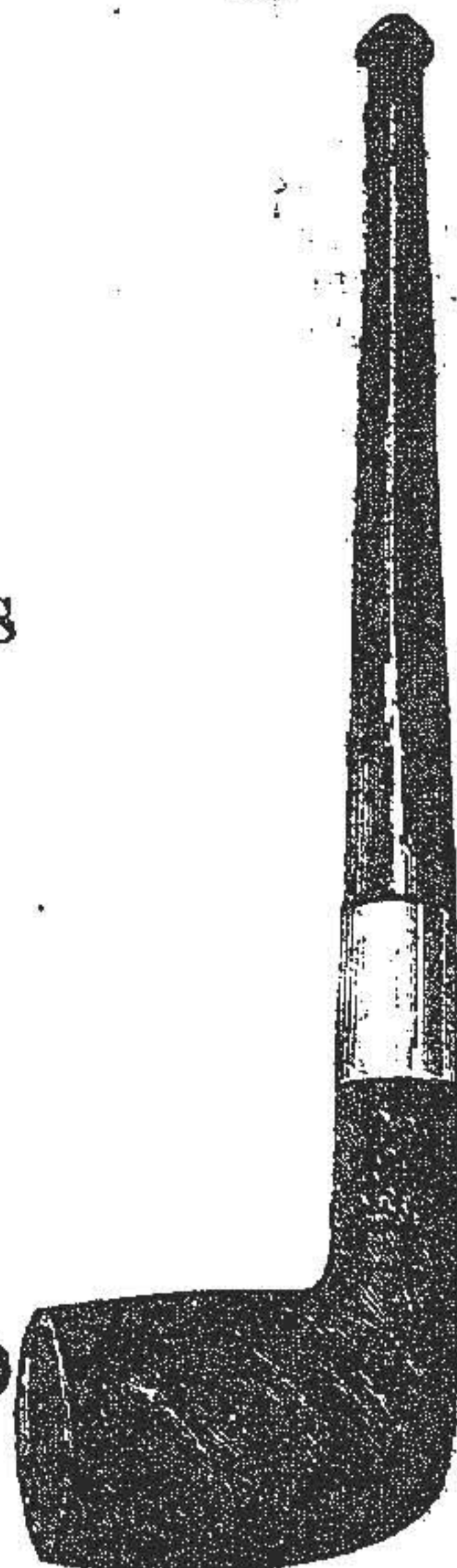
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TOWARDS THE SUNSET.

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A chasqui was sent off post haste to advise Don Rosario Sosa, the jefe politico of San Luis, of what had happened, and asking him to send a body of men up the San Juan Road as far as the Sierras de los Gigantes, to find out whether the deserters had passed that way as they came from the province of Santiago they would certainly try to escape north. He was also requested to telegraph at once to Colonel Arredondo announcing the mutiny, the death of Hugh Frazer, and the escape of the murderers, and asking him to send his authorisation to shoot any who might be caught. The expedition, in charge of Captain Gigena and two other officers, started a little before sunrise, and Phil and I went into Morenigo's room to have some coffee, not caring to go into the officers' dining room, as the colonel had all the officers and a lot of soldiers in there examining them. Frazer was to be buried that morning at ten o'clock in the little cemetery belonging to the fort, and when I went there to see where they were making the graves for him and the sentinels, I was surprised to see what a number of men had been buried there, but the reason was made clear to me by Morenigo, who had spent most of his life on the frontier. Many men, he told me, were killed every year by Indians, many died from natural causes, but the number shot by order of the officers exceeded the two former counts put together. Three-fourths of the men, as I have said, were criminals, sent there to be out of the way. As we had just seen they were liable to mutiny whenever they got a chance, and always deserted when they could, so the officers never spared them, and they were shot on the slightest provocation, but those who were executed were put down on the lists as "deserted." Some few of the graves had little wooden crosses at the heads with a date on, and on one or two I found initials and the words "Muerto por los Indios."

We had nothing to make a coffin for Frazer with, so we wrapped him carefully in his officer's capote and a couple of ponchos, and when the time for burying him came the regiment was paraded, and he was carried out by four men just ahead of the dead sentinels, all the regiment following behind. The bodies were placed in the graves allotted to them and three volleys fired, and then the colonel, pulling of his kepi, cried: "Soldiers of the 10th of the line, here lies a gallant officer and four of your companions, murdered by traitors; you shall avenge them!" And that was all, not a prayer nor the semblance of one, but the order was given to return to barracks, and we all marched silently back.

"I say, Dick, old man," said Phil, slipping his arm through mine as we drew near the gates, "I think I've had about enough of this, we have seen as much of this land of Alvarado's as we want to, and what we haven't seen I'll chance, so just let us hook it out of this as fast as we can."

"What! you mean to say you won't buy it?" I asked.

"Of course I shall buy it," he replied, "but I have no ambition to be here when those men are brought back and shot, as I suppose they will be in a day or two; let us return to San Luis and see how we can arrange for payment of the land and get some things we shall want, a cart, some mules, order the doors and windows to be made for the new house; in fact, begin to get things under way properly."

"Right you are," said I gladly, for I must say I had no particular longing to see those fellows shot as of course they would be. I will get some one to help me catch our mules. You go and find out if Araucibe is coming as well, it is always good to have plenty of company on these roads, as there is no knowing whom one may meet."

He came to the corral where I was a few minutes later and called out that Araucibe had left that morning early or during the night, no one seemed exactly to know when, for no one had seen him go, but he certainly was not here now.

Half an hour later Phil and I had said good bye to the Colonel and the others, and riding through the gate took the road to San Luis. The scenery we rode through was the same we had seen only a few days before, but our eyes that day saw none of its beauties, for our minds were busy with the events of the last twenty-four hours. Only a few hours ago Hugh Frazer had been telling us his woes, and expressing his determination of resigning his commission in the army and coming with Phil and I, only a few short hours ago he had been dancing and singing with the light hearted gaiety of young healthy manhood, and now he was lying murdered in an unblest soon to be forgotten grave, with the bayonet still in his body, for Carcoba would not allow us to pull it out. "What can we do with it," he cried when some one suggested pulling it out of Frazer's body, "I can't hang it up as a remembrance, and I don't like to throw the horrid thing away; no, let it remain where it is and be buried with him," and so it was. No one knew the direction of any of his relations, so no word could be sent by us, and his brother Charlie had died the year before in Rosario. We tried hard, Phil and I on that solitary ride that afternoon, to talk of other things, but some how or other I don't know how, our conversation always veered round to the same topic, so at last by mutual consent we rode on in silence.

As we reached the town our road led us by the rancho where Carlos's mother lived, so we pulled up and got off for a few minutes to tell them the news.

"What a dreadful affair," said Maria getting up from a frame by which she and little Anita were sitting weaving a poncho when we arrived. "We have just heard the news, but couldn't you prevent them sending Carlos to track the murderers?"

"No," I replied, "there was no other 'rastreador' there, besides the Colonel was half mad with rage."

"I won't marry you when I grow up if you let the

soldiers take Carlos," said Anita coming and leaning her arm on my shoulder, for she was a pretty child and I used to call her my little sweat heart.

"Well, there are four or five years to wait before that comes off little one," said I "but he had to go this time and there was no help for it."

"Don Alberto rode by here a few hours ago with his horse all over sweat. I wonder where he had been," said Maria.

"Why he was at the fortin when we got there, and Araucibe was there too," I replied.

"Oh dear, oh dear," wailed the old woman who had stood by listening, "he is plotting evil for my Carlos, I am sure of that."

"Well, I will go round to his house this evening and see what I can find out. You be at the fig tree at half past nine, Maria, and I will let you know. Come along Phil, let us go and unsaddle our mules."

"I say, Dick," said Phil as we jogged slowly on, "you are not spoons on that tall girl are you?"

"No," I replied laughing, "what put that into your head, they did me a good turn when I came up here first, and I will do them one if I get the chance, we are chums that's all, she is going to marry a chap called Palomeque I believe."

"Some brute or other who will beat her and knock her about I suppose."

"Don't you believe it," said I. "she is not the sort of girl to stand any nonsense of that sort and I would pity the man who insulted her in any way or lifted his hand to strike her, pretty and gentle as she looks she is quite capable of taking care of herself."

That evening Phil and I went round to Paneiro's after dinner, and found Doña Matilda alone, she was doing some fancy embroidery when we went in, but remarking that it hurt her eyes to do it by lamp light she got up, and we went out into the verandah. She had heard about the mutiny of course, everybody had, Frazer she had not known neither had she known that her brother had been there only the day before. He had been away three days, as she had been told, on business, though on what business she had not enquired.

"And Carlos has come back with you?" she enquired.

"No, he went with the soldiers to track down the mutineers."

"Oh dear," she cried, "how unfortunate, he never ought to have gone, there was Timoteo Rodriguez only last summer who tracked those men who murdered the Comisario at Santa Rosa, he was himself murdered for it," and she went on to mention cases of two or three other men who had tracked down criminals and had themselves been murdered by their friends and relations out of revenge. We sat there talking for over an hour, and I was beginning to think it was almost time to be going when the street door suddenly opened, and Don Alberto came in, but the opening of the door caused a gust of wind, which blew out the lamp that was on the table near the window at which Matilda had been sitting when we came in, and as Don Alberto crossed the room to come out onto the verandah, he stumbled against Matilda's work basket upsetting its contents onto the floor.

"Oh, you are clumsy Alberto," she said, "to kick over my work basket like that."

"It all comes, querida mia, from not being able to see in the dark," and he struck a match and picked up the basket, but in doing so a large black silk handkerchief fell out on which were embroidered some flowers in gold coloured silk, and in the centre of the flowers were the letters C. B.

"Pretty," said he, "very pretty," lifting it up between his finger and thumb.

"Yes," said she taking it from him, "it is for my cousin Celestina Bengolea."

"Hardly the colour though to please a lively little school girl like the Señorita Celestina," said he with a sneer, more fitting I should imagine to adorn the neck of some lovesick gaucho, and you caballeros? just returned from the fortin I suppose, have they caught the mutineers yet?"

"No," I replied, but a commission of forty men have gone out after them.

"But how do they propose to follow them, have they any idea as to the direction they have taken?"

"Carlos Benavida is tracking them," I answered.

He burst into a loud laugh.

"Well Carcoba has found him his proper vocation at last, tracking criminals, a regular human blood hound, caramba we shall be able to find him plenty of work."

"He doesn't require work," I said quickly, "he is going with us for the winter, and then I shall take him with me to bring more cattle in the spring."

But he made no answer to that, and shortly after we left.

"Now Phil," said I as we stood out in the street, "you cut along back to the hotel and I'll be there in half an hour."

"And where are you going? Off after some of those girls I suppose."

Now it struck me just then that as I was going to be with him all the winter I might want Phil to help some how or other, so that he had better know all about it, so I told him, there and then, about Carlos, and Matilda and Maria's fright that Don Alberto might put her brother out of the way.

"By Jove it's an ugly business," said he when I had finished, "and a confounded pity you ever had anything to do with it."

"I know that," I replied, "but what could I do? I couldn't well refuse to help them, but did you see that handkerchief, that was a piece of bad luck."

"Yes," said Phil, "with a C. B., Carlos Benavida marked in the corner of it as big as a bull's foot."

We found Maria at the tree, and I told her that Phil knew all about them, as I had thought it best to tell him since we were going to be together till the spring, and

then after telling her what we had seen and heard, we walked back to the hotel.

In four days we had done all we wanted. Phil bought the land, and as Don Severiano had a great many more gold condors in his house than he cared to have there, he made no bones about paying Don Manuel Alvarado for the land and receiving from Phil a cheque on the London and River Plate bank in Rosario. We bought a couple of good strong carts and a dozen mules, contracted with a brick maker, and builder, bought a tent and sundry other things, and then started once more for the fort.

"We must give our new estancia a name," said Phil on our way down. "What shall we call it? Something English it ought to be, I won't have it called after a saint like the natives do."

"What do you say to calling it 'The Sunset'? Only it must be in Spanish for the natives to understand it. Call it 'La puesta del Sol.'"

"That will do first rate, I told Armstrong when I started that I was going towards the sunset, you told me the day we first met in Rosario that you were going towards the sunset, and now that we have got here and don't intend to go any further, why I don't see what better or more appropriate name we could give it, so that it shall be."

And that was, in the end, the name of Phil's estancia, but the natives never got the real meaning of it, and always called it "Puesto del Sol," which means the Lodge of the Sun.

When we arrived at the fort that evening, we found that the commission had not returned nor even been heard of, the colonel told us that evening that we might stay at the fort until our house was built and not consider it any favor, on the contrary he said we should be doing him a favour as new faces were always welcome, but Phil kicked me under the table as a hint not to give any decided answer, but later on when we were alone together we decided that it would be better to go out in the morning and select the site for the new estancia and pitch our tent and remain there.

"I think we shall be better by ourselves, Dick," said Phil, "we shall not have quite so much excitement but at any rate we shall be independent."

So next morning, much to the disgust of the colonel and other officers we started off north-west in order to cut the southern bank of the Arroyo Pencoso, the boundaries of the land we had discovered the day we were out with Frazer, so that now when we had found the south-eastern corner and from there had ridden about a league and a half north-west, at which point we cut the river, we knew that we must be somewhere near the centre of Phil's estate.

But how to fix upon a position for the new house lay the trouble, in vain we rode up and down, backwards and forwards. The whole way along the river the view was simply lovely, and then the advantages at each place we found were more or less even, here we could see a league or so up one valley where cattle would be hoped eventually be feeding, there more or less the same distance down another, so that at the end of two hours' searching we were no nearer a decision than when we set out.

"This won't do at all, Dick," said Phil at length, "it is no use our going on any longer, we shall never make up our minds. I tell you what we must do, we will ride up on to that ridge over there and pick out the tallest tree we can find and build the house right behind it, it will do for a land mark in the first place, and as a look out as well, and we will have a staircase made right up to the top."

We soon discovered the tree we wanted, about a mile from where we were then, and riding up to it found it to be an enormous black algarrobo situated on a little rise or knoll about a hundred yards from the river, and in front of a lovely valley which stretched away for over a league to the north.

"Well," said I, "if we had hunted for a year we could not have found a better place."

So then we brought the carts, and began to plan out the estancia.

Four days after that we went off to the fort, we had no more meat so we went to see what we could arrange. As we arrived we saw the regiment drawn up about two hundred yards from the gates, and under a tall tree a lot of men were seemingly engaged digging a deep hole, and as we got nearer we saw that all the men who were thus engaged had bandages with blood stains on them on some part or other of their body. One had his head bound up, another his arm, and so on. Thirteen of them we counted, and all with spades in their hands, sullenly digging while the rest of the regiment stood close by with their rifles in their hands.

"By Jove," I cried to Phil, "do you know who those fellows are and what they are doing? those are the mutineers come back, and Carcoba has set them to work to dig their own grave."

"Don't say so," said he, "it can't be, the man couldn't be such a brute as that."

But just then the Colonel himself strolled up to meet us and put an end to our conjectures for pointing to where the thirteen men were working. He said,

"I am glad you have come, amigos, for you will now see the end of our little drama, those gentlemen there were not polite enough to dig poor Frazers grave before they left us, but they have the advantage of being allowed to dig their own, they have nearly finished now and then we will put them in and go and have our breakfast."

Phil grew white as a sheet and I know I did too and felt a most unpleasant sensation in my inside. I turned to ride up to the gate of the quadrangle. But the Colonel shouted out.

"Stop where you are, if you please, señor, you were present at the mutiny, and I wish you to witness this execution."

"No, señor," I shouted, "I really can't do that, I—" "But I order you to," he cried savagely, "here, Sergeant," and he motioned to a sergeant who was standing behind him with five men. We were surrounded at once and there we had to sit and see the first execution I ever beheld, and I hoped it would be the last, but it wasn't.

After about five minutes the spades were taken away from the men, and the Colonel gave some orders to Gigena, six of the men were taken away a few yards and the other seven were made to sit on the mound of earth that they had just thrown out of the hole that was now to be their grave.

"Good God," cried Phil, "they are going to shoot them now at once, before our eyes! I can't stand this, come along."

And he made as though he meant to move off, but the Sergeant caught hold of his reins and cried, "Halt," holding up his hand. Then I heard the Colonel shout, "Tiradores, adelante!" and I turned my back and put my hand over my eyes and I saw that Phil had done the same. Next came the order, "Make ready," "Fire," and there followed a very uneven volley. And then for the life of me I could not help turning round to look. And what I saw I shall never forget though I were to live a thousand years. Against the dark background of the trees rose the mound of red earth, on the mound lay three figures perfectly still, and three others writhing about in agony their dirty brown holland uniforms smeared with blood, and in front of these stood a man with hands held high above his head staring at the sky a red stream of blood spurting out from under his left ear. Thus he stood while we sat horror stricken looking on, perhaps for the space of ten seconds, and then he pitched forward heavily on to his face.

"Come on," I shrieked to Phil, and dashing through the men put to keep us there I made my way at top speed of my mule for the gate of the fort. Round the corner we went, for Phil was close behind, and up to the door of the dining-room. Here we jumped off our mules and leaving them standing ran in and shut the door and barred it. Then we both of us sank into chairs and I felt as though I was going to be sick and Phil afterwards told me that he felt the same, the sweat poured off my face and my hand shook so that I could not get my handkerchief out of my pocket, but just then another volley rang out and I was glad to see that Phil jumped so that he nearly fell off his chair and I knew that I was not the only coward there. But just then my eye caught sight of a bottle of anis on a side table, and Phil following the direction of my gaze saw it too.

"Yes, for God's sake, get me a drink, old fellow," said he in a very shaking voice, "what a blackguardly thing of that Colonel to make us stay and see those fellows shot."

With that I got up and went and got the bottle and poured out two good stiff tots into a couple of glasses and handed one to Phil and drank off the other myself. That made us feel better, and I went and barred the door for I was beginning to feel awfully ashamed of myself, though as I afterwards found I had no reason to be for most of the young officers were just as bad, and poor little Dupont, the Frenchman, had fainted dead away, while Blackburne, who on several occasions had proved his pluck both in taking deserters and fighting Indians, was so ill that he had to go to his room and lie down. And now I come to think calmly of it all these years after it happened I see no cause to make excuses for any of us, for even now I believe I should feel just the same as I did then. Since then I have been mixed up in many fights with Indians and others, and have taken my own share of killing, and have thought nothing of it after, but I know that even now I would think less of shooting a man in a regular mixed up row and a fair fight than I would of shooting a dog in cold blood. I remember once having to shoot a favourite old dog of mine which was badly hurt and could not possibly recover, and the look in his eyes as I held the revolver to his head (for I believe he knew quite well what I was going to do) haunted me for weeks after. But these are things hard to explain, and which moreover have no part in my story.

The colonel came in almost at once after the second volley had been fired, with any amount of bluff, but I saw that his face was paler than usual, and that his hand shook considerably as he poured himself out half a glass of aguardiente.

"You youngsters are no good at all," he said after he had drunk it off, "a little bloodshed knocks you all over, but by the Virgin you will have to get used to it if you are minded to live on the frontier, if the men were to mutiny this minute there is not an officer fit to stand up and deliver an order, but I think they have had a pretty good lesson this time."

As may be supposed no one had much inclination for breakfast, and Phil and I were both anxious to get away, so we got hold of Gigena, who was at that time in charge of the comisariat department, so as to try and make some arrangement with him for taking meat, but he told us that he could neither sell us meat nor beasts.

"What I can do," said he, "is this, you can have half-a-dozen beasts if you like to take them on loan, and when you have animals of your own there you can return them, but you can have what meat you want for to-night and send for the animals in the morning."

Then about three o'clock, Phil, Carlos and I started for our camp, and as we rode out through the gates of the quadrangle we noticed that the hole, by the side of which the thirteen mutineers had been shot that morning, had been filled in, and the place where it had been was now marked by a mound of red earth some four feet high.

"It makes me feel as though I were a murderer," said Carlos, as we passed near the mound, "if it hadn't been

for me those men would certainly have got away, even as it is the real criminal, the man who planned the whole thing and killed Lieutenant Frazer, did get off, and now it is just a toss up between us which kills the other, he will hunt me as soon as this blows over, as I hunted him, but as I know him by sight I shall have as good a chance as him, perhaps better."

"But where did you catch them up?" I asked, "tell us all about it."

"We caught them about thirty leagues to the north of San Luis, and it was only by chance that we did catch them, for Ortiz, though an awful villain, is a very clever man; he is a well-educated man, I hear, and comes of a good family, but I don't know what he was sent to the frontier for. The day we left here we followed their trail due north and camped that night in the forest to the north-west of San Luis, and the next day as soon as it was light enough to see we started again; on enquiring at an estancia we passed that afternoon we heard that a commission had passed the afternoon before in charge of a sergeant looking for some deserters, but as for the deserters themselves none of the people at the estancia had seen anything of them. Not a bad idea that, was it Señores, for these very men to pass themselves off as a commission looking for themselves? They had all ridden close together, and as we rode on I noticed that one of the horses, the last one, too, for his tracks came on the top of all the others, was lame. I noted places where he had stumbled badly, and I soon saw that this one at least could not go much further, and as none of them had led horses I knew that when the horse gave out we must catch the man unless he could manage to procure a remount. And that was not easy, for as you know the people north are very poor and horses are scarce and estancias a long way apart. And sure enough shortly after we found a place where they had all stopped for a few moments only, for only a few had dismounted, and here the lame horse had left the track and turned off into the forest to the west. This had happened twelve hours or more before we got there."

"How the deuce did you know that?" asked Phil.

"Because when they passed the grass had been wet. It had not rained during the day, therefore they had passed in the night when the dew was still heavy, but it was too late to follow the single man then, so we camped there and started again as early as possible. We followed this single trail for about four leagues, and came to a little rancho; there was no horse to be seen anywhere, nor signs of one, so Gigena said, but the rancho was composed of two small rooms, each of which had a door, one was open and one was shut, and in front of the shut one sat an old woman washing."

"How now," said Gigena, angrily; "you have lost the trail, and we have lost two hours."

"No," I replied, "the man has crossed the patio, and gone into that room where the door is shut, and where the old woman is washing."

"He gave orders at once for the rancho to be surrounded. The old woman pretended to be very frightened and very angry when Gigena asked her who the man was who was hid in the room. But we pushed her aside and opened the door, and there was the horse sure enough, the saddle lying in a corner, a remington and a sabre against the wall, a small window in the wall open, and the man gone. But only just gone, for the smell of tobacco was still in the room, so we ran out and got on our horses, and I found his track, and after following him for about half a league we found he had climbed a big algarrobo. And there he was lying flat on a great branch like a puma. Gigena told him to come down if he did not want to be shot at there. So he came down, but he was so frightened that he slipped and fell, and nearly killed himself. He refused to say which way the others were going, or anything about them, though Gigena promised to intercede with the Colonel for him if he would speak. But at last Gigena got angry, and shouted out: 'Four men dismount! load! make ready!'

"Stop!" cried the unfortunate man, "I will tell all I know if you promise to spare my life."

"I will spare your life," said Gigena "if you will swear on this cross (and he held up a long knife with a cross bar on the hilt) that you had no actual hand in the killing of the sentinels or Lieutenant Frazer."

"I swear I had not," said the man, "I stole the cartridges, but nothing more. The lieutenant was killed by Ortiz himself and four others, while I and some more were catching horses to get away on."

"Then I suppose Ortiz is acting as head man, and the others are all under his orders. What are his plans?"

"Ortiz has stolen the stripes from the sleeves of one of the sergeants' jacket, and after we started he stitched them on his own sleeve, so that he looked like a sergeant. He has with him a paper written by himself, and signed with the Colonel's name, directed to Don Nicolas Posse, in the Province of San Juan, saying that he is in charge of a commission hunting for deserters, and asking him in the name of the Government to furnish us with horses to go on, should we require them. Ortiz never expects to be caught until he gets there, and then with fresh relays of horses you would never have caught us."

"And why did you not separate like a handful of flies?"

"Because one man in uniform is known at once for a deserter, and gets hunted down, but together we looked like a commission, and with the letter Ortiz had written and signed with the Colonel's name we were quite safe."

"Did you go to any estancia to ask for food?"

"We went to none for fear of some one carrying word to San Luis. We each carried a small bag of toasted maize and nothing else."

(To be continued.)

PROGRAMME OF A RACE MEETING

TO BE HELD AT

HURLINGHAM

ON

THURSDAY, MAY 24th, 1894

THE PIGMY STAKES, a Handicap for Ponies of 53 in. and under; a Sweepstakes of \$15 each with \$50 added; 700 metres.

THE HUNT STEEPLECHASE, for Ponies or Horses that have been hunted with the Buenos Aires Hunt Club either this season or last; \$50 added to a Sweepstakes of \$30 each; 2800 metres; catch weights. To be ridden by Members of Hurlingham or the B. A. Hunt Club.

THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HURDLE RACE, a Handicap for Ponies of 56 in. and under; over five flights of hurdles; \$50 added to a Sweepstakes of \$25 each; 2000 metres.

THE HURLINGHAM DERBY, a Cup value \$1000 added to a Sweepstakes of \$50 each, for Ponies of 56 in. or under, the bona-fide property of, and to be ridden by, members of the Hurlingham Club; weight for inches, 56 inches to carry 70 kilos; a winner of this race once to carry 3 kilos extra, twice 5 kilos extra; 2000 metres.

This race has to be won three times by the same owner before the Cup becomes his absolute property.

THE POLO STAKES, a Handicap for Polo Ponies 56 in. or under; \$50 added to a Sweepstakes of \$20 each; 1200 metres.

THE MAIDEN HANDICAP, for Ponies of 56 in. or under that have run at Hurlingham but without having won; \$50 added to a Sweepstakes of \$20 each; 800 metres.

Entries close on Wednesday, May 16th, to the Secretary, Piedad 553.

Buenos Aires Lawn Tennis Club

OPEN TOURNAMENT

AND

CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE RIVER PLATE

An Open Tournament, consisting of the following events, will be held on the Club Grounds, 299 Calle Vicente Lopez, Buenos Aires, on THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY, MAY 24, 25, 26. Play to commence each day at 10 a.m.

CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE RIVER PLATE,

Open to any Resident in South America.

Entrance fee \$10.

A Silver Challenge Cup, value £30, offered by Members of the Buenos Aires Lawn Tennis Club, to be won three years in succession before becoming the property of the winner. The name of the winner of the year will be engraved on the Cup, and he will receive a prize value \$100. A second prize will be given should there be ten or more entries.

LADIES' SINGLES, HANDICAP,

Entrance fee \$5.

GENTLEMEN'S SINGLES, HANDICAP,

Entrance fee \$5.

MIXED DOUBLES, HANDICAP,

Entrance fee \$5 each player.

GENTLEMEN'S DOUBLES, HANDICAP,

Entrance fee \$5 each player.

The entrance money, to which \$200 will be added by the Club, will be given in prizes.

Entries will be received by the Hon. Secretary at Calle 25 de Mayo 149, Buenos Aires, up to noon of Tuesday, 1st May.

No entry will be considered valid unless accompanied by entrance fee.

The Draw will take place at the "Sport and Pastime" office on Monday, 7th May.

Should the number of entries be excessive, Preliminary Ties, as may be arranged, will be played off on such courts as may suit the convenience of players.

Ayre's Championship Balls will be provided by the Club.

The Tournament will be held under the Rules of the Lawn Tennis Association (of England).

The best of three sets (the third to be an advantage set) will be played throughout the Tournament, except in the final match for the Championship Cup, which will be the best of three advantage sets.

The Club courts will be at the disposal of competitors on and after the 7th of May. Competitors' tickets admitting player and a friend, may be obtained from the Hon. Secretary.

Visitors' tickets, available for the three days of the Tournament, may be obtained from the Hon. Secretary in exchange for visiting card signed by a competitor or a member of the Buenos Aires Lawn Tennis Club.

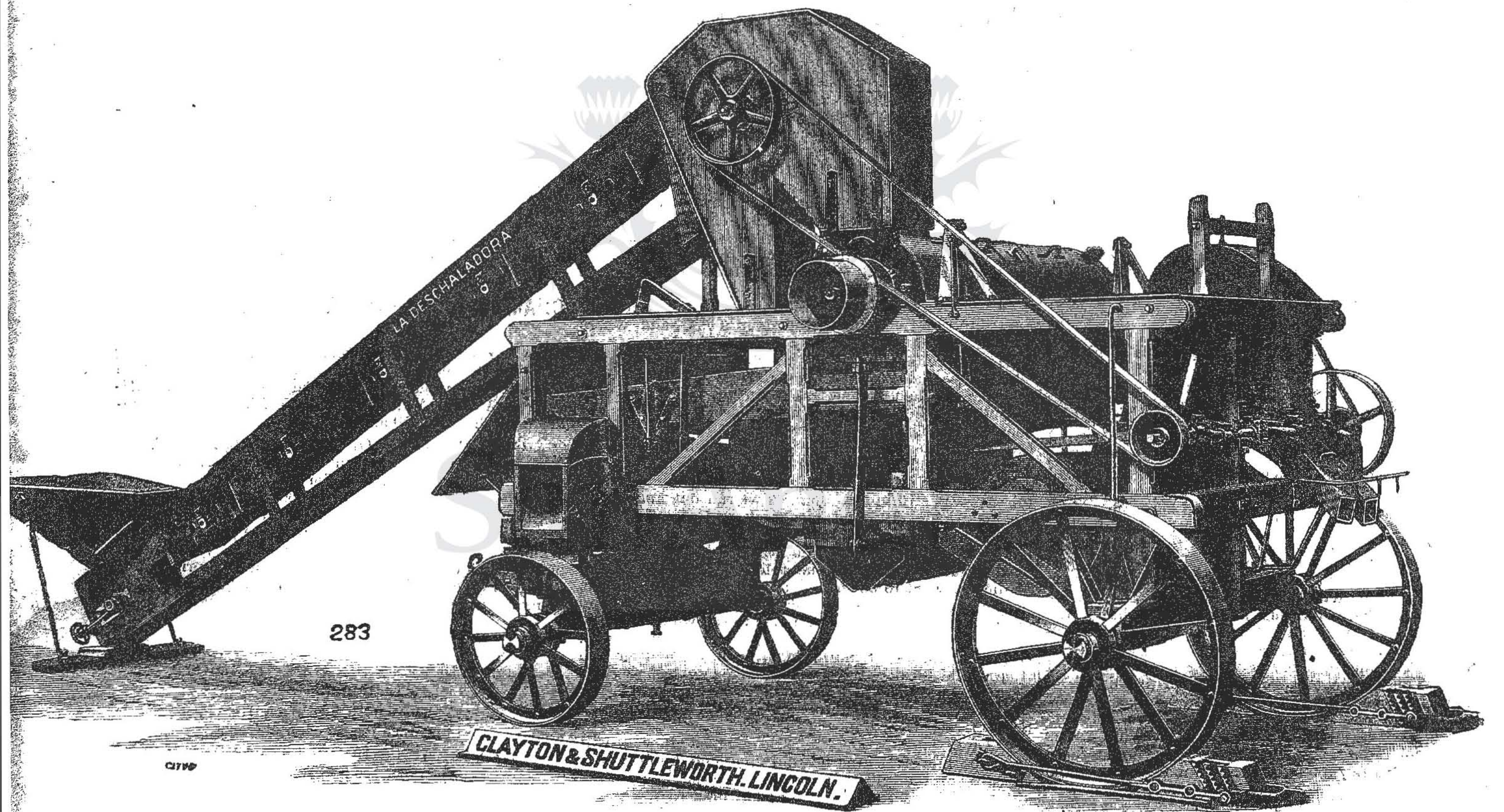
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