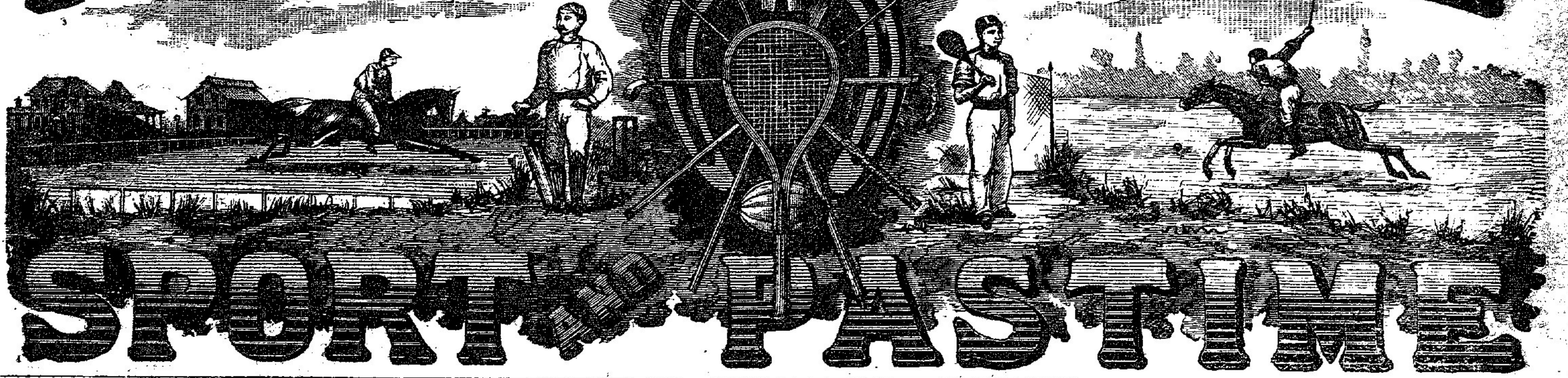


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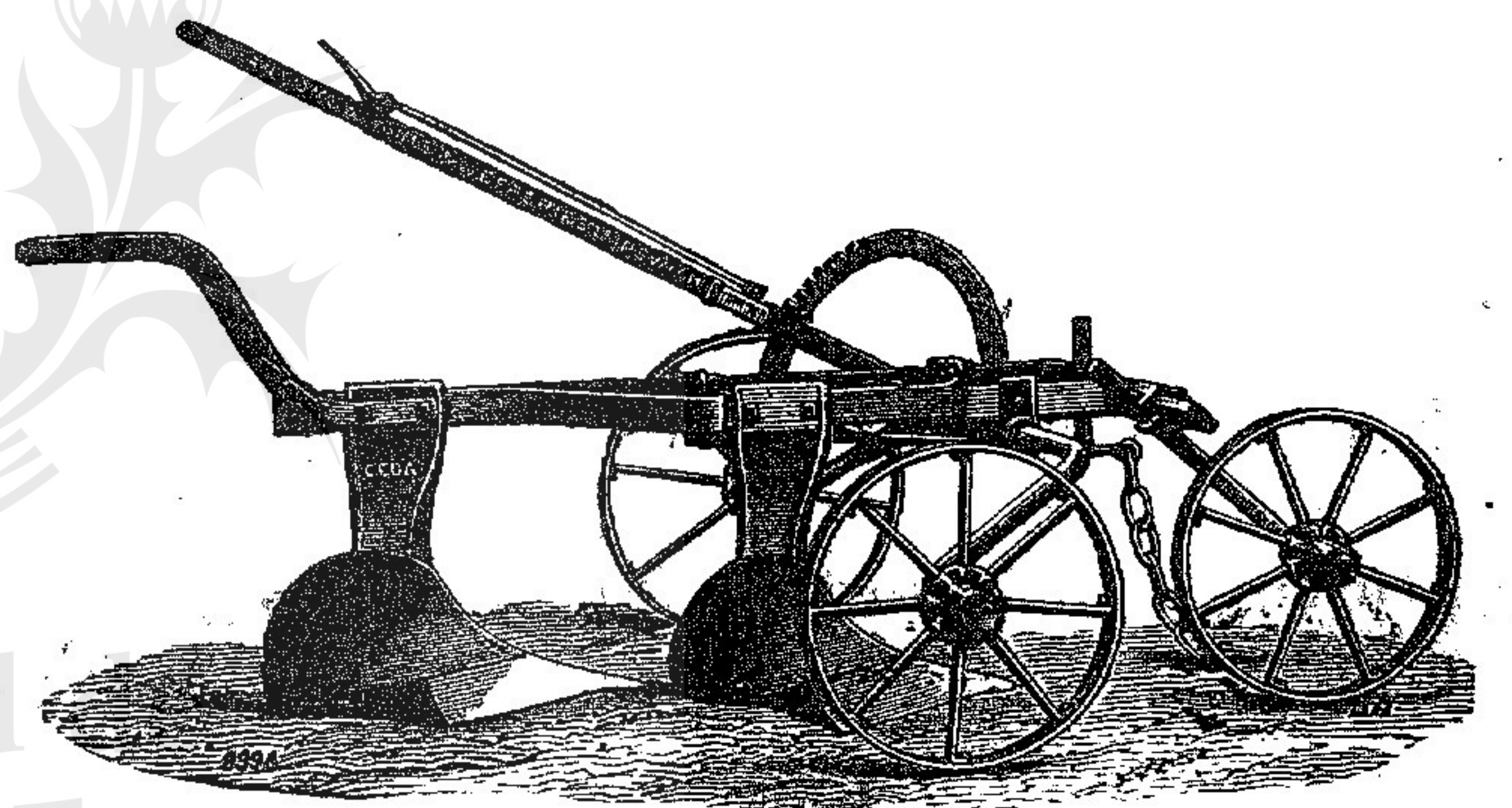
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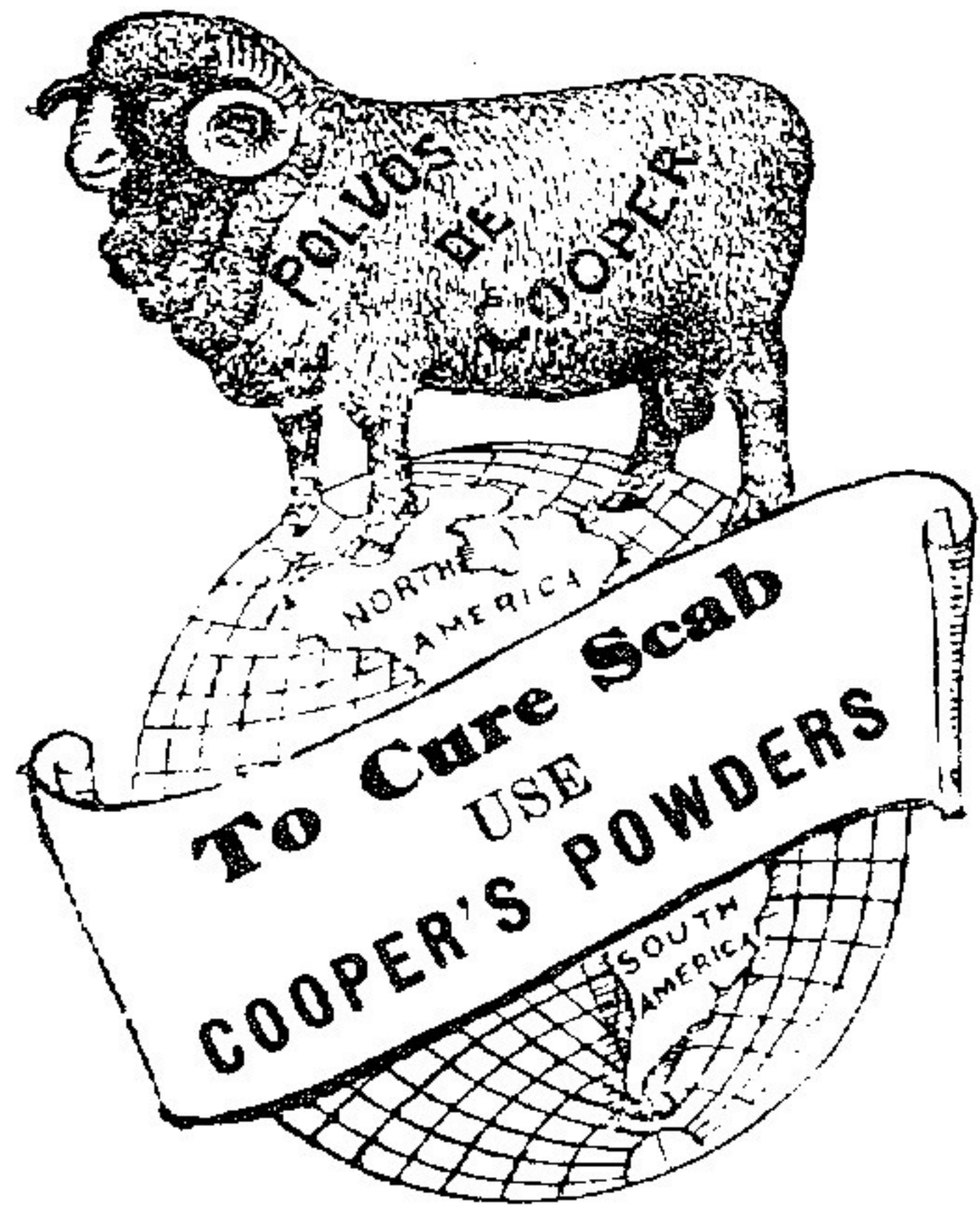
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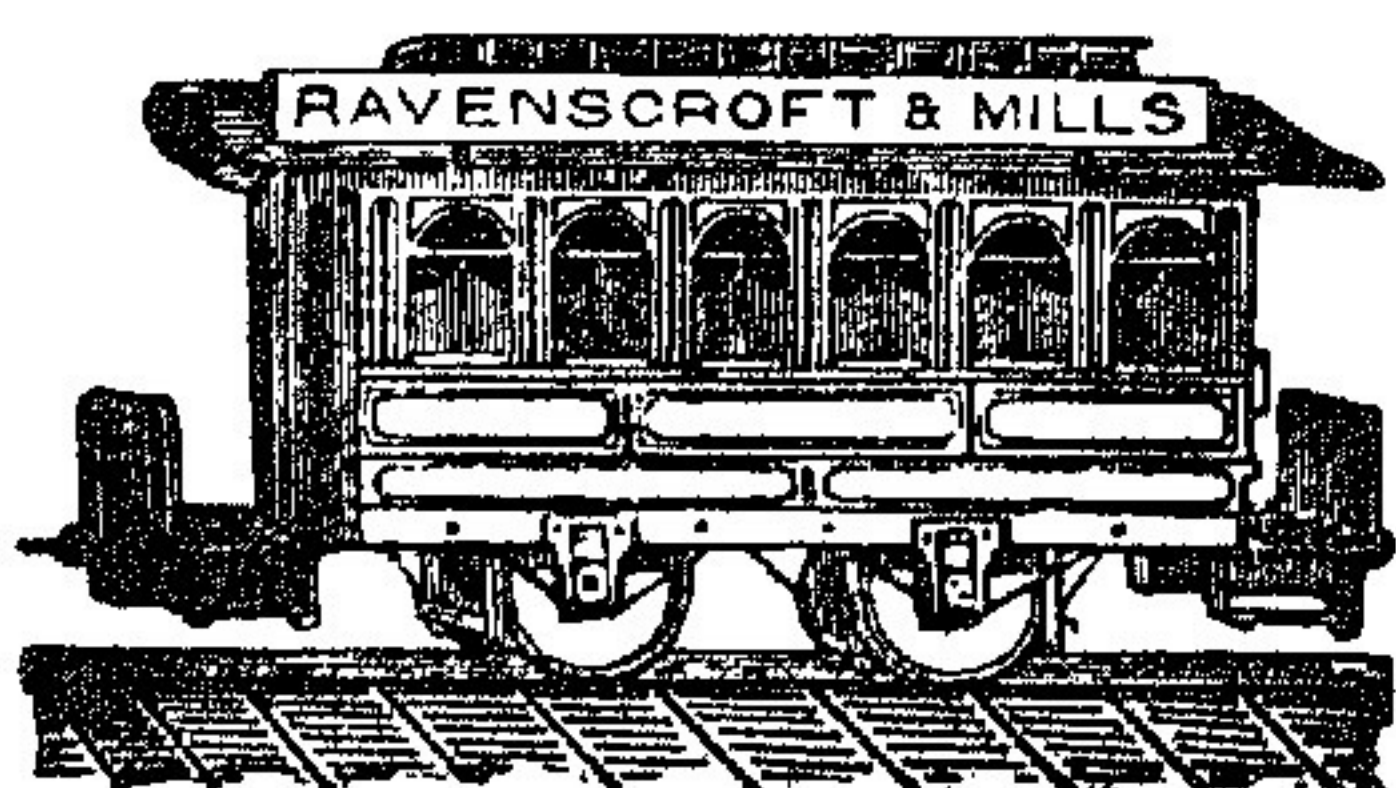
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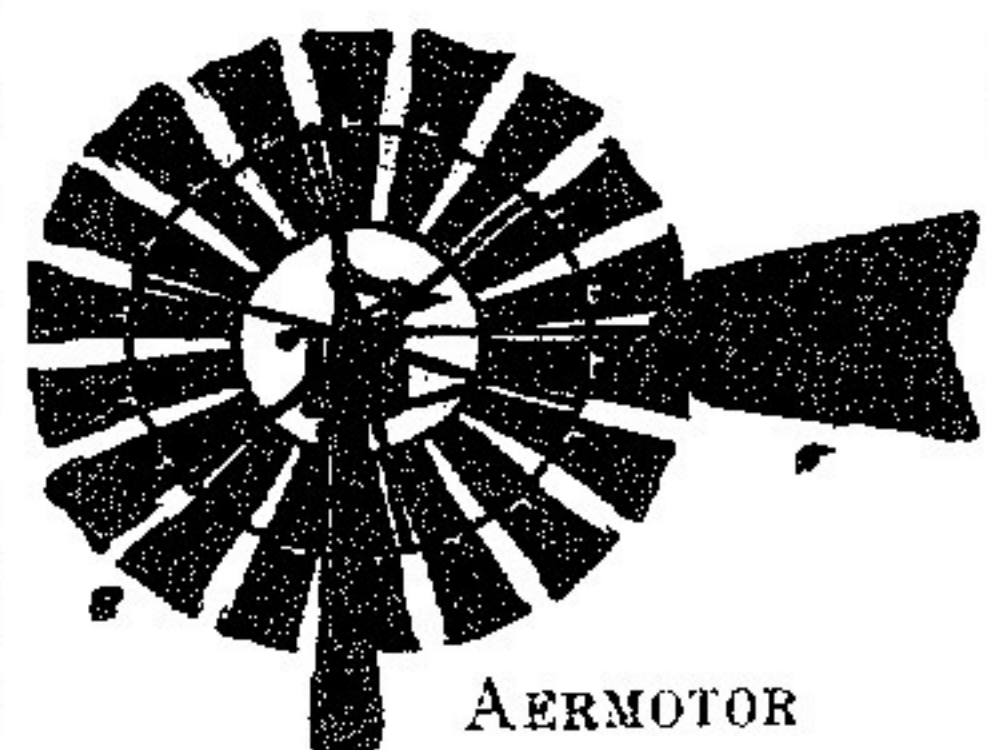
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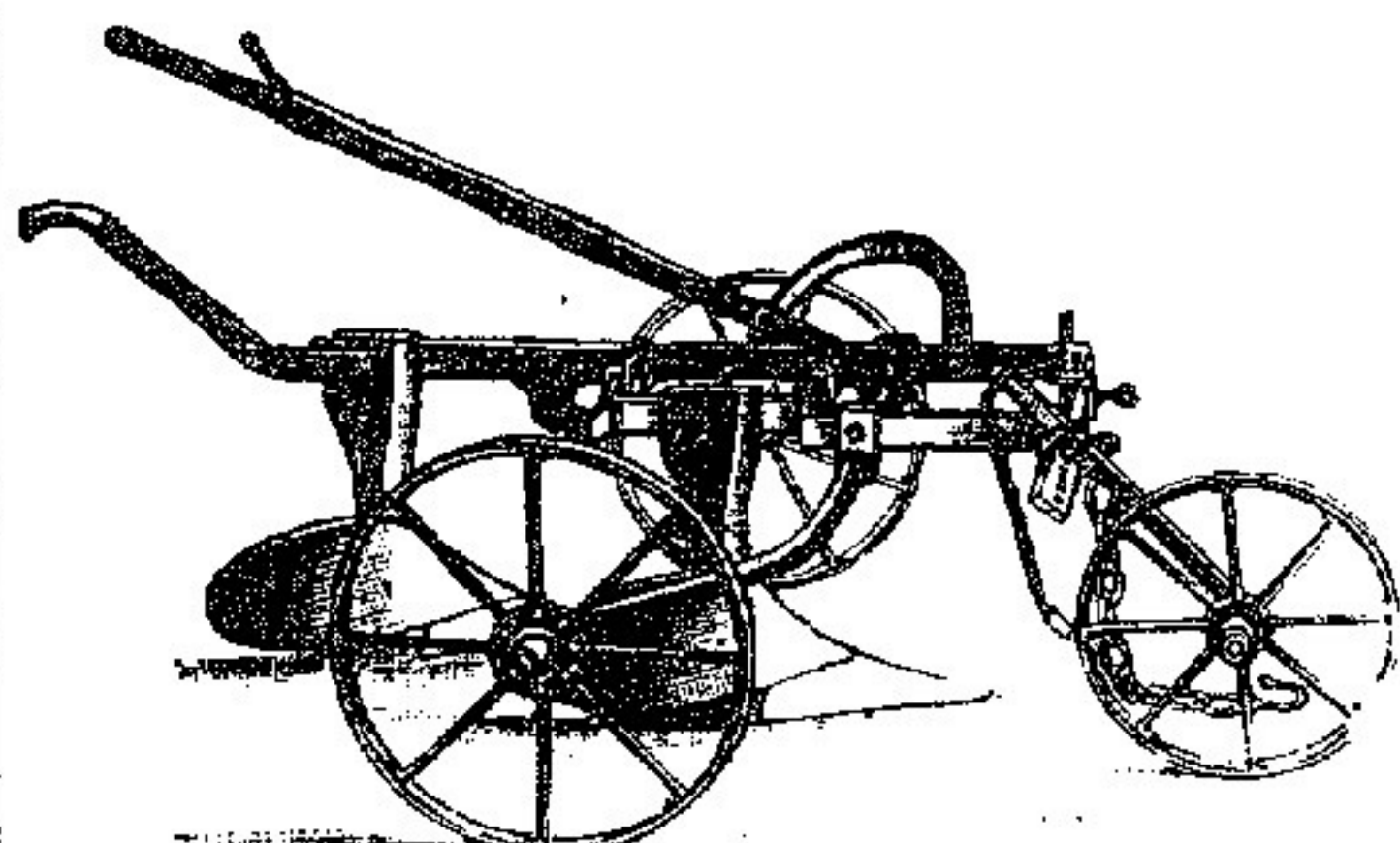
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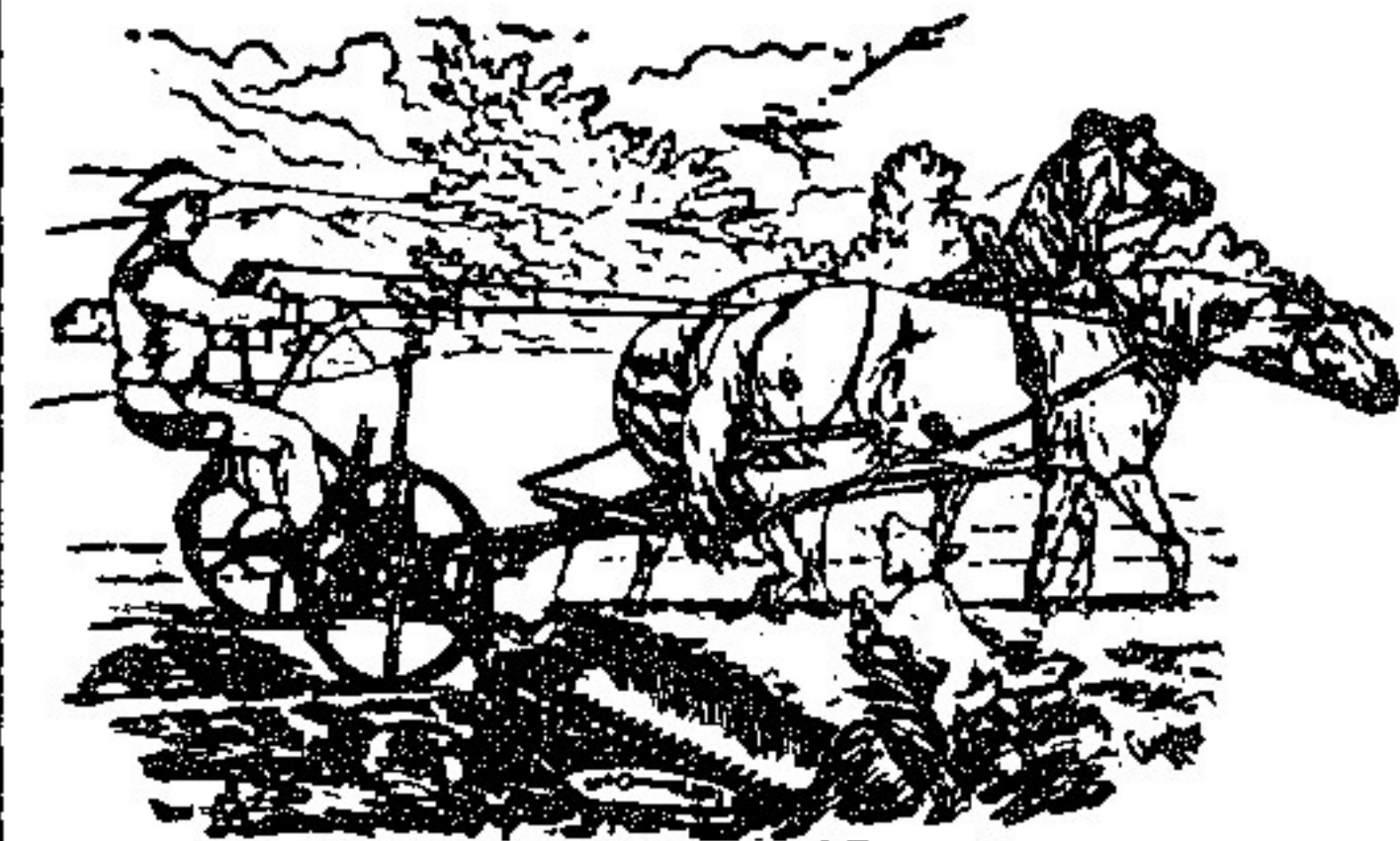
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RACING

Point to Point, Red Coat, and Regimental Steeplechases seem to have been more numerous at the end of this hunting season than of any we can remember. The enormous fields, too, which started for some of the Point-to-Points showed how popular these events are, and how much they are appreciated. A very happy idea, which emanated from the Master of the Dove Valley Harriers, Sir Peter Walker, proved to be one of the greatest successes. His plan was to have a ladies' nomination point-to-point race open to all England, barring only winners under Newmarket or G.N.H. rules. The nominator of the winner to receive a diamond heart given by Sir Peter Walker, the owner of the winner to take the sweepstake. Fifty ladies who hunt in Derbyshire and Staffordshire were invited to nominate any horse or rider they thought good enough to win them the trophy. Under such conditions, and in such hands, the race was bound to prove a success, and forty entries figured on the card, which included such well known performers as Captain Gordon and McCrankie, all the way from Ayrshire (the winners of the Army Point-to-Point Race); Lord Lovat and Halma from Hounslow, who ran second in the Army Welter Point-to-Point Race; Mr Arthur Knowles and The Priest who, won a point-to-point race in connection with Lord Gerard's hounds, and Major W. H. Walker and Merriman, who won a 14-stone Cheshire point-to-point race.

Whipster, in "Land and Water," finishes his description of the race as follows:

"Over the last three fences Halma was first, until he fell one fence from home, then K.G. and Grayling went on, with Chance close up. But Major W. H. Walker, on Merrymau, was only waiting his time, and at the right moment shot to the front, and won easily by three lengths, K.G. and Grayling being ridden out determinedly for second place.

Major W. H. Walker, is well known as a shining light on the polo field and with the Cheshire packs, as well as the owner, trainer, and rider of that marvellous pony Dorothy, who won forty-one races out of sixty-one attempts. Not the least interesting object was his old race saddle, so patched and padded up that nothing of its original self is left except the shape, and its weight is now 13lbs. This saddle has figured in 216 races, and on 126 occasions carried its owner first past the post.

Of regular race meetings there were abundance. The North Warwickshire Hunt, Gatwick Spring, Eglinton Hunt, Nottingham Spring, Hurst Park, Aldershot Cavalry Brigade, Tarporley Hunt, Leicester Spring, and Lingfield meetings had all to be recorded for the second week in April, but beyond detailing some of the more important of the events at some of these places we must pass them over.

GATWICK—April 11.

Straight Handicap of 400 sovs; 1 mile:

Mr C. J. Merry's b h Tableau Vivant, by Trap-pist—Actress, 6 y, 7 st 4 lb (car. 7 st 6 lb) G. Brown	1
Mr W. G. Stevens' Tudor, 6 y, 9 st M. Cannon	2
Mr J. M. Hanbury's Versailles, 5 y, 8 st 11 lb S. Loates	3
Mr J. Lowther's First Consul, aged, 8 st 6 lb Rickaby	0
Mr Gottschalk' Medmenham, 6 y, 8 st T. Loates	0
Mr B. Wilyams's Miss Stratford, 4 y, 7 st 12 lb J. Woodburn	0
Mr H. M. Dyas's Delvin, 5 y, 7 st 7 lb W. Bradford	0
Capt. Baird's Vicuna, 3 y, 6 st 12 lb H. Toon	0

Betting: 11 to 4 agst Versailles, 100 to 30 agst Medmenham, 75 to 20 agst Delvin, 8 to 1 agst Tableau Vivant, 100 to 12 agst Tudor, 100 to 6 agst First Consul, and 20 to 1 each agst Miss Stratford and Vicuna.

April 12.

Albert Handicap of 600 sovs; 1 1/2 miles.

Duke of Devonshire's br c Theseus, by Isonomy—Hermia, 3 y, 6st 4 lb R. Jones	1
Mr G. Meadow's Progression, 5 y, 8 st 7 lb S. Loates	2
Mr J. B. Burton's Barmecide, aged, 8 st 9 lb G. Barrett	3
Sir J. B. Maple's Pilot, 5 y, 8 st 10 lb Bradford	0
Mr T. Cannon's Dornoch, aged, 7 st 7 lb G. Brown	0
Mr J. Dawson's Haguebut, 4 y, 6 st 12 lb H. Toon	0
M. J. Wood's Dutch Slider, 4 y, 6 st 4 lb E. Hunt	0

Betting: 2 to 1 agst Pilot, 5 to 2 agst Progression, 7 to 1 agst Barmecide, 8 to 1 agst Dutch Slider, and 10 to 1 each agst Theseus or any other.

NOTTINGHAM SPRING MEETING—April 10.

Nottingham Spring Handicap of 1000 sovs, second received 50; 1 mile.

Mr D. Cooper's ch h Juvenal, by Springfield—Satire, 5 y, 7 st 10 lb Allsop	1
Mr A. D. Cochrane's Egerton, 4 y, 6st 4 lb Herbert Toon	2
Sir J. B. Maple's Macready, 5 y, 7 st 2 lb W. Bradford	3
Mr H. McCalmont's Whisperer, 5 y, 7st 9 lb T. Loates	0
Mr J. North's Mark Macgregor, 5 y, 7 st 7 lb J. Harrison	0
Mr L. de Rothschild's Opoanax, 5 y, 7 st 5 lb W. Pratt	0
Col. North's Royal Harry, 4 y, 7st 2 lb S. Chandley	0
Mr W. Chatterton's Grasp, 5 y, 7 st 1 lb J. Wall	0
Mr Oswald's Mena, 4 y, 6 st 10 lb Knowles	0
Capt. E. W. Baird's Queen of the Spring, 4 y, 6 st 8 lb (car. 6 st 9 lb) Knowles	0
Mr R. Sherwood's, jun., Sancho Panza, 3 y, 6 st 2 lb Braithwaite	0

Betting: 4 to 1 agst Juvenal, 11 to 2 agst Grasp, 6 to 1 agst Macready, 100 to 12 agst Egerton, 10 to 1 agst Whisperer, 100 to 8 each agst Opoanax and Mena, 100 to 7 agst Queen of the Spring, 100 to 6 agst Royal Harry, and 20 to 1 each agst Mark Macgregor and Sancho Panza.

HURST PARK SPRING MEETING—April 7.

Bushey Park Breeders' Foal Plate of 1000 sovs, for three-year-olds; 1 mile.

Mr G. Masterman's b c Comic Opera, by Merry Hampton—Iolanthe, 8 st 6 lb T. Loates	1
Sir J. B. Maple's Dancing Bells, 8 st 8 lb Bradford	2
Mr T. Cannon's Melanie, 8 st 8 lb M. Cannon	0
Duke of Devonshire's Theseus, 9 st G. Barrett	0
Mr W. Johnstone's Cellini, 8 st 11 lb Allsop	0
Mr H. Waring's Enfant Trouve, 8 st 6 lb G. Brown	0
Lord Dunraven's Machiavelli, 8 st 6 lb Finlay	0
Mr A. Taylor's Exodos, 8 st 6 lb Gough	0
M. R. Lebaudy's Pomade Divine, 9 st S. Loates disq.	0

Betting: 7 to 2 agst Comic Opera and Melanie, 4 to 1 agst Pomade Divine, 7 to 1 agst Theseus, and 10 to 1 agst Dancing Bells.

TARPORLEY HUNT STEEPLECHASES.—April 11.

Tarporley Open Steeplechase of 500 sovs; about 3 miles.

Col. Gough's ch c Playwright, by Play Actor—Mary Anne, 4 y, 10 st Dollery	1
Capt. Gordon's Seaforth, 4 y, 10 st A. Nightingall	2
Mr T. R. Irving's Tavora, 6 y, 11 st 7 lb F. Hassall	3
Mr E. Storey's The Dawn, 6 y, 11 st 7 lb J. Capper	4
Mr J. Nelson's Factotum, 5 y, 11 st 2 lb J. Lathom	0
Mr R. Walker's Monk Lewis, 6 y, 11 st 7 lb Mr Crawley	0
Capt. Aiken's Redhill, 6 y, 11 st 7 lb Mr Pullen	0
Mr M. Firth's Torchlight, 5 y, 11 st 2 lb R. Mitchell	0

Betting: 11 to 10 agst Playwright, 4 to 1 agst Redhill, 6 to 1 agst The Dawn, 7 to 1 agst Seaforth, 10 to 1 each agst Factotum, Tavora, and Torchlight and 20 to 1 agst Monk Lewis.

LEICESTER SPRING MEETING—April 13.

Howe Plate of 1000 sovs, for three-year-olds; 1 mile.

Mr E. C. Clayton's b c Simonburn, by St. Simon—St. Helen, 8 st 11 lb G. Chaloner	1
Mr T. Jennings, jun.'s Arouya, 8 st 3 lb Bradford	2
Mr A. Taylor's Bard of Avon, 8 st 9 lb M. Cannon	3

Betting: 75 to 20 on Simonburn, 5 to 1 agst Arouya, and 100 to 8 agst Bard of a von Won by half a length; a bad third.

Of the racing during the week ending on April 21st we will give no more than the following description and details of the City and Suburban, as the mails only reached us late yesterday afternoon:

City and Suburban Handicap of 20 sovs each with 1000 added; about 1 1/4 miles.

Duke of Westminster's br c Grey Leg, by Pepper and Salt—Quetta, 3 y, 7 st W. Bradford	1
Mr D. Hollis' Xury, 3 y, 6 st 9 lb S. Chandley	2
Baron de Rothschild's Le Nicham, 4 y, 9 st 3 lb T. Loates	3
Mr T. Worton's Victor Wild, 4 y, 7 st 12 lb Allsop	4
Mr A. Abeille's Callistrate, 4 y, 9 st J. Watts	0
Mr J. M. Hanbury's Cabin Boy, 5 y, 8 st 6 lb C. Loates	0
Lord Dunraven's Molly Morgan, 5 y, 8 st 4 lb Finlay	0
Col. North's Lady Hermit, 5 y, 8 st Wingfield	0
Mr Dougall's Braemar, 5 y, 7 st 11 lb S. Loates	0
Mr A. Taylor's Certificate, 4 y, 7 st 2 lb Gough	0
Col. Hayward's Marnovia, 3 y, 6 st 12 lb (inc. 5 lb ex.) H. Chaloner	0

Betting—100 to 30 agst Callistrate, 9 to 2 agst Grey Leg, 5 to 1 agst Le Nicham, 6 to 1 agst Molly Morgan, 10 to 1 agst Xury, 100 to 6 agst Victor Wild, 20 to 1 each agst Cabin Boy and Lady Hermit, 40 to 1 each agst Marnovia, Certificate and Braemar.

After a slight delay caused by the eagerness of Marnovia the flag fell to a medium start, Braemar trying to bolt, and virtually taking no part in the race, though he followed the others many lengths behind. Callistrate got badly away and whipped in the others, who were led by Marnovia, on settling down Lady Hermit, Molly Morgan, Xury, Cabin Boy and Victor Wild being the next, Grey Leg and Le Nicham being together close behind these, Certificate soon found the pace too good, and, coming down the hill, Marnovia also dropped to the rear, Lady Hermit coming to the front and causing her name to be first spoken as the straight was entered. Cabin Boy and Molly Morgan were here beaten, and there was no visible sign of Grey Leg having anything to do with the finish, as he was well in the ruck and hampered by those in front. Xury was left with a commanding lead, Le Nicham, however, coming up on the right, after a try for the inside, and these two seemed to have the race between them. Callistrate not being equal to the occasion, whilst Victor Wild was rapidly left. Grey Leg, however, came along on the rails, and Xury then leaving an opening, he stole up alongside, instead of having to go round the whip hand of Le Nicham when drawing away very rapidly from the bell, Grey Leg won by two lengths; Le Nicham failed to head Xury by half a length only; several lengths away Victor Wild was fourth, Callistrate being fifth, Cabin Boy sixth, Lady Hermit seventh, and Molly Morgan, eighth, Marnovia and Certificate beaten off.

LATEST LONDON BETTING

City and Suburban—
4 to 1 agst Callistrate (t and o)
11 to 2 — Le Nicham (t and o)
11 to 2 — Grey Leg (t and o)
9 to 1 — Molly Morgan (t)
9 to 1 — Victor Wild (t)
100 to 8 — Xury (t and o)
100 to 6 — Profit (t and o)
20 to 1 — Aborigine (t and o)
33 to 1 — Certificate (t and o)

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The Derby—
11 to 4 agst Ladas (t and o)
9 to 2 — Match Box (t and o)
8 to 1 — Bullington (t and o)
33 to 1 — Galloping Dick (t and w)

FOOTBALL

The greatest interest of all was centred in the last of the International Association fixtures, England v. Scotland, at Celtic Park, Glasgow, on Saturday, April 7th. The "Field" says that every inch of standing room, both covered and uncovered stands, the Club's Pavilion, nay, even the roofs of the Press box and pavilion were fully occupied, and at one part of the ground the crush was so great that two youths, brothers rather singularly, were jammed against one of the barricades and so seriously injured that they had to be removed to the Hospital. Round the bicycling track the pressure was specially great, and eventually to save life and limb, thousands had perforce to make their way to the track, where by dint of great exertions their progress was stopped by a large force of police, and they squatted on the cinders and watched the play as best they could. £1,994 15s. was the sum drawn at the gates, and £53 17s. at the uncovered stand, and if we add to these

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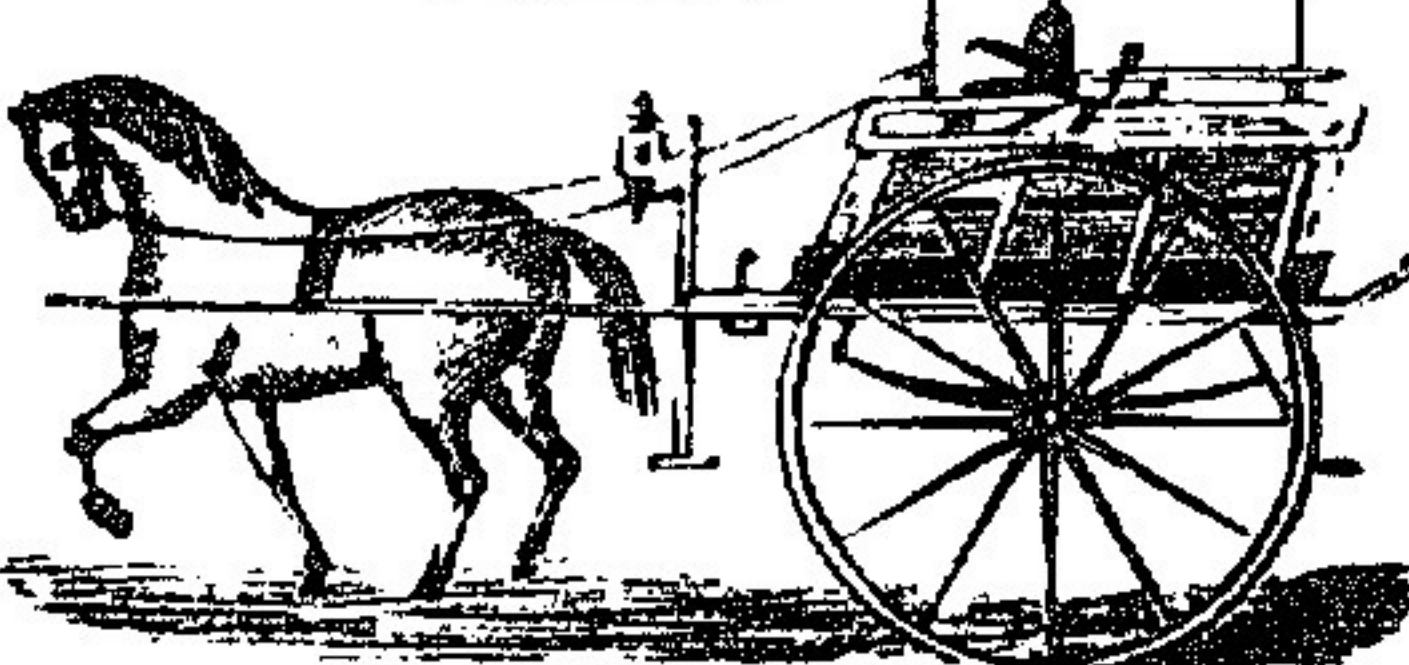
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the £600 netted by the Celtic Club from the covered stand as a *quid pro quo* for the use of their ground, we have a grand total of about £2,648. We fancy, therefore, we are within the mark in placing the attendance at about 42,000.

As regards the game, it was described as a grandly contested one. Scotland were leading within four minutes of time by two goals to one, and people began to leave the ground in thousands, confident that Scotland had won the match, but in the last two minutes England scored from an extremely long range, and so the game ended a draw, two goals each, a very fair result on the whole, though many say Scotland was unlucky to lose. Lambie and McPherson scored for Scotland, and Goodall and Reynolds scored for England. The teams, which in Scotland's case, at any rate, were thoroughly representative, were as follows:—

England.—L. H. Gay (Old Brightonians) (goal); T. Clare (Stoke), F. R. Pelly (Old Foresters) (backs); J. Reynolds (Aston Villa), J. Holt (Everton), E. Needham (Sheffield United) (half backs); W. J. Basset (West Bromwich Albion), J. Goodall (Derby County, captain), G. O. Smith (Old Carthusians), E. Chadwick (Everton), F. Spikesley (Sheffield Wednesday) (forwards).

Scotland.—D. Haddow (Rangers) (goal); D. Sillars (Queen's Park), D. Doyle (Celtic, captain) (backs); I. Begbie (Heart of Midlothian), A. McCreadie (Rangers), D. Mitchell (Rangers) (half backs); W. Gulliland (Queen's Park), J. Blessington (Celtic), A. McMahon (Celtic), J. McPherson (Rangers), W. A. Lambie (Queen's Park) (forwards).

The first holders of the Amateur Football Association Cup proved to be Old Carthusians, who beat Casuals at Richmond on April 7th in the final tie.

The game was a very fine exhibition of Association Football, the dribbling of R. Topham, the great half back game of Wreford-Brown (who is said to be one of the very best halves that ever lived), some of A. M. Walters' art as a full back, and stout goal keeping at each end were the points which made the match one not easily to be forgotten by those who were lucky enough to witness it. At half time the Carthusians led by two goals to one, and though the Casuals tried hard to equalise in the second half they lost all their chances by lofty kicking, and the score, after most exciting and very fast play, remained unaltered at the finish. The teams were as follows:—

Old Carthusians:—L. R. Wilkinson (goal), A. M. Walters, E. H. Bray (backs), E. C. Bliss, C. Wreford-Brown, E. C. Streatfield (half-backs), C. D. Hewitt, G. A. Richardson, G. S. Wilson, M. H. Stanbrough, E. F. Buzzard (forwards).

Casuals:—A. E. Harrison (goal), L. V. Lodge, C. O. S. Hatton (backs), R. R. Barker, A. G. Topham, J. E. Grieveson (half backs), H. A. Rhodes, T. B. Rhodes, T. N. Perkins, F. W. Carlton, R. Topham (captain) (forward).

Both the Association and Rugby Union Change Cups of Northumberland were won and lost on April 7th when the final ties of both competitions were played at new Newcastle on Tyne. After a draw with Pery Park, Rockcliff won the Rugby Cup, and Shankhorn, for the fifth time, secured the Association Cup, by beating Newcastle United.

The final tie of the Cumberland Rugby Union Cup lay between Maryport and Egremont, and was played at Workington on April 7th, when Maryport won, after a rough and dangerous game, by a goal and a tie to a penalty goal.

On April 7th at Glasgow, the delegates of the various Associations met for the purpose of arranging fixtures for next season. The following were the dates agreed upon for the International Matches:—

- March 9.—England, England v. Ireland.
- March 16.—Belfast, Ireland v. Wales.
- March 18.—England, England v. Wales.
- March 23.—Wales, Wales v. Scotland.
- March 30.—Scotland, Scotland v. Ireland.
- April 6.—England, England v. Scotland.

ATHLETICS

The remarkable performances shown by several schoolboys at more or less important meetings, were the principal subjects for note for the week ending on April 14th. At the London Athletic Club's open meeting on April 8th, J. F. Freemantle, an Eton boy, won the two miles handicap from the 150 yards mark in 9 min. 17 2-5 sec., the best performance of the meeting.

At Marlborough two excellent long distance runners in Foster and Thorpe made fine performances. Foster ran the half mile in 2 min. 3 2-5 secs., and Thorpe the mile in 4 min. 48 3-5 secs.

At Bedford four school records were made at their sports on April 6th and 7th: long jump, 20 ft. 9 in. Leggett; high jump, 5 ft. 4 in., R. Hogg and Langford; half mile, 2 min. 9 secs., Crampton; mile, 4 min. 51 secs., Crampton.

The performances of the Merchiston Castle boys shows that the school possesses some athletes of exceptional merit. Amongst these stands out Turnbull, who for a boy of under seventeen, is, indeed, a wonder. For his years he is a splendidly developed athlete, and weighs nearly 13 stone. His versatility he eloquently testified to by winning the open and under seventeen quarter miles, the cricket ball throw, long jump, putting the weight, drop kick and the hurdles, both open, and under seventeen, or eight events in all, while to a poor start on his part, he owed his solitary defeat in the 100 yards. In the quarter, with no one to draw him out, he clocked 55 1/2 sec.; in the long jump, he covered 19 ft.

5 in.; he put the weight 32 ft. 10 in., and he threw the cricket ball over 102 yards—while his other performances were nearly as good. Guise, who won the hundred, is also a fair athlete, whose special forte is high jumping. He won this event with a fine jump of 5 ft. 3 1/2 in.

LAWN TENNIS

The Covered Courts Championships, at the Queen's Club, resulted as follows:

Ladies' Singles Championship.

Final Round—Miss Austin beat Miss M. Arbuthnot, 2-6, 6-4, 7-5.

Gentlemen's Singles.

Final Round—H. S. Mahony beat "G. Pilkington," 6-4, 8-10, 6-2.

Gentlemen's Four-Handed Championship.

Challenge Round—E. G. Merrs and H. S. Mahony (holders) beat "G. Pilkington" and G. C. Ball-Greene (challengers), 6-2, 6-1, 9-7.

NOTES

"Dooker" in "Land and Water" says that "the Hurlingham Polo Committee were to have met on the 13th April, with the object of revising the Rules of Polo, suggested by a circular forwarded to them by various provincial clubs. Polo players all over the world will be glad to hear this, and it is to be hoped the revised rules, which I trust to give in these columns in time to enable provincial clubs publishing them on May 1, will be of such a nature that for the future they may be clear and concise, and leave no loophole for argument on many doubtful points."

Mr Balfour has recently become the recipient of a present unique in its way. It consists of a beautifully carved oak cabinet about six feet high, with glass door and sides, and containing a complete set of the most highly finished golf clubs that probably has ever been manufactured. The cabinet is surmounted by the monogram of the right hon. gentleman, and bears a silver plate with the following inscription:—"Presented to the Right Honourable A. J. Balfour by one hundred Irish golfers, 1892." The work was carried out by Messrs Aitken, of Edinburgh and Portrush.

It appears to be definitely settled that the German Emperor will follow the custom he has adopted of late years, and again visit Cowes in the Regatta week. His intention is to bring over the Meteor, and once more sail her for the Queen's Cup at Cowes. It is more than probable that before the yachting commences next year the Emperor's present vessel will be replaced by a more modern one. Although for this season it seems more than likely that there will be little, if any, forty-class racing in England nearly all the yachts which have left English waters will meet in the Baltic and there fight their battles again at the races of the German Imperial Yacht Club. The forties will be Lais, Veruna, Irene, and a new boat now building abroad from designs by Watson, and it appears more than probable that Admiral the Hon. Victor Montagu, uncertain of finding sport in England, will take his new boat Carina over to try conclusions with the Baltic fleet. There seems to be some slight chance that after the racing in the Baltic all the forties will come to Cowes for the Regatta week. If this should be so the interest in the Solent racing will be much enhanced, and the foreign boats may feel certain of a cordial reception.

By the death of the fourth Marquis of Ailesbury a curious figure is removed from those circles in which he elected to move. His father, son of the third marquis, was familiarly known as "The Duffer," and died when the late marquis was no more than four or five years old. His education was very much neglected, and when the time came for him to move about in the world he surrounded himself with companions who were certainly not of the class to which he was himself born. His career on the turf was short, and, unfortunately, not very glorious, it being cut short by the Jockey Club warning him off in consequence of the stopping of Everitt at York. For a year or two he kept the Saver-nake Stag-hounds, and for a few seasons ran the Star coach between Windsor and Henley-on-Thames. Whatever his faults may have been he was exceedingly generous to his friends, many of whom did not scruple to take full advantage of his easy-going nature. The late marquis died at the house of his agent at Brixton.

On April 7th chess players of the South of England were pitted against those of the North—216 in all—the antagonists consisting of the best experts in England. The match took place in the Portman Rooms, Baker Street, each side being represented by 108 players, who fought against their opponents (one game each) on 108 boards. A hour after play began the South scored the first result, soon followed by the North. From that point, however, results came quicker, and it became apparent that the South were gaining fast. Never afterwards did the North manage to equalise; and the end proved a victory for the South by 64 1/2 games to 43 1/2. Considering that the South has London to draw on, and that the Northern players were a long way from home, the result is not discreditably to the North. Last year the first match of the kind took place at Birmingham, when the South only won by a majority of one. The principal labours in connection with the match devolved on Mr L. P. Rees, the Southern Secretary. In the evening the players were entertained to supper, when covers were laid for 211.

The Prince of Wales' cutter, Britannia, started from the Mediterranean last month on her homeward journey to Cowes, and will, therefore, be back in ample time for the earlier yacht races. Satanita and Iverna are both being got ready for racing, and they, with Britannia, will probably compose the fleet of large class racers at the commencement of the season. It is stated that Mr Gordon Bennett has succeeded in purchasing the cutter Vigilant.

EN PASSANT.

An incident with somewhat pathetic interest surrounding it, is reported from New Zealand. Sir George Grey, the "Grand Old Man" of the colony, has treated the aborigines with kindness and consideration. Rewi Maniopot, of the famous Ngatimaniopot tribe, who made a last stand against the British in 1864, is one of the few remaining great Maori chiefs, and feeling that his days are numbered, he sent this letter by special messenger to Sir George:—

Salutations! We have now reached the days of our forefathers. This is all. This is a word to let you know that you and I have reached our old age together, and have lived to these days. This is my great word to you. We stay in one stone.—Rewi Maniopot.

Accompanying this letter came a request that Sir George would visit Rewi, which he did, much to the dying chief's delight. Rewi was, it seems, much disturbed by the thought that the Europeans would think badly of him for having once fought against them, but Sir George said it was well known that Rewi only fought after having tried his best to dissuade his countrymen from so doing.

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There is good news abroad for those not blessed with great computing powers, or those, who at a critical moment forget their multiplication tables, one of the great geni of inventors has at last arrived at making, what he considers, a machine capable of taking the part played by the brain of man in addition subtraction and multiplication, it is devoutly to be hoped that there be no mistake about the working powers of this machine and that it will be turned out in such a size and shape as can be carried about like a watch in one's waistcoat pocket, once proved to work correctly a great deal of work in chequing would be saved in big establishments such as banks, railways, etc. Armed with a calculating machine and a type-writer, a clerk can be made out of any material at hand and his work always be legible and correct.

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For those desirous of retaining a figure, the words of Dr Schwenreger, Prince Bismarck's medical adviser, may offer food for thought. They are to be found in a medical paper, and treat of obesity. First and foremost the professor believes in massage, next in diet. Fat people, he says, ought to eat animal food chiefly. Any kind of meat hot, cold, fat or lean will do. Fish, oysters, lobster, eggs, cheese, caviar and sausage are also allowed. He gives a further list of foods that do not produce fat, bread, brown and white, fruit, preserves, spinach, asparagus, cabbage, sauerkraut, cucumbers and salad. Therefore, I take it, that anyone not wishing to weigh too much has only to keep off soups, potatoes, turnips, all pulse, macaroni, rice and butter. From the point of view of one fond of his tippie the matter is not so simple, as the only things allowable in the drink line are water, soda water, fruit syrups, lemon juice, cider, and light hock. Woe unto him who indulges in beer, claret, milk, coffee, tea, chocolate, cocoa, or spirits: his last state will be worse than his first.

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Dr Schweninger advocates frequent light meals instead of two or three heavy ones per day. The best part of the doctor's remarks are the concluding ones of his lecture, in which he says:

It goes without saying that as the fat disappears from the face, a somewhat worn and wrinkled expression predominates at first. The patient's dear friends thereupon greet him with a complimentary "How very ill you look!" Then follows a more or less "medical" talk, and the dear old friends depart with the sage advice, "Beware of these dangerous cures!" And thus the amiable folks to whose mind the idea of good health is only conveyed by fat cheeks and a bulky figure show distrust and then withdraw, considering that their "warning" has been a sympathetic interest in their friend's welfare. The latter, meanwhile, wavers in his resolution to go through with the cure, and the medical man has the greatest difficulties in keeping him from giving it up altogether.

Seldom have I read a more soul-stirring and pathetic narrative than that of the Induna regarding the death of Major Wilson's brave little band. It is a wonderful tale that will linger long in the memory of all Englishmen. There were thirty-four white men surrounded by three thousand Matabeles. When their horses were killed the whites lay down behind the carcasses and kept the enemy at bay for three long hours. At last their ammunition began to give out. They ceased firing and kept still, dead and wounded together, behind the ring of dead horses. For two hours their savage foes, fearing an ambush, prowled round, not daring to attack. When at last they crawled nearer and nearer and renewed their onslaught, the Englishmen who were still able to stand rose up, took off their hats, and standing bareheaded, shoulder to shoulder, sang together their death song. While they were still singing the Matabele rushed upon them in overwhelming numbers and assailed them to a man. The white man, said the Induna, died beautifully. Lobengula's braves lay round the dead white men like mown grass, for eight blacks died for every white man slain. The Induna did not know what the song was, he described it as like one he had heard missionaries sing to the natives. What a magnificent way to die, and yet people are astonished we English are so proud of one another.

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The "Review of the Reviews" in the April number touches a chord we have heard struck before, but I did not know it was generally accepted that as an inevitable consequence of misrule in the Southern Republics, the United States would eventually have to take charge of the whole of the Enormous Continent forming North and South America, it will be a big handful and somewhat difficult to manage. It is in speaking of the end of the revolution in Brazil that the "Review of the Reviews" touches on the point in question by saying, "The chief interest of these South American troubles depends upon how far they hasten the intervention of North America in the Southern half of the Continent. American politicians repudiate with emphasis all suggestions that they will have to undertake the virtual suzerainty of all these distracted republics, but it will come nevertheless. The action of the American men-of-war in Rio Harbour, together with the narrow escape they had of naval intervention with Chile two or three years ago, should convince even the most stubborn that they will have to shoulder, sooner or later, their burden South of the Equator."

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Describing the final tie of the Association Football League, one writer says: "The arrangements for a large crowd of spectators were excellent, but the crowd came not; there were only a paltry twenty-five thousand or so people present." Had I not seen remarks of the same tenor in other papers, I should have thought the scribe was perpetrating a satirical joke, but I have every reason to believe, from what I have read, that twenty-five thousand people was considered a paltry number at the association football match that was to decide the cup for the year. I don't know of any other attraction that would get together such a crowd of people, to stand about generally on wet ground, and often with a cold wind blowing. I am very much afraid the rage for big gates will be the death of association football, already the seed of dissent has begun to germinate freely and it is very probable that their ranks will be reft asunder, with amateurs on one side and professional on the other, all because they could not play a game for the game's sake, but for the sake of a gate which when it numbered twenty-five thousand was considered paltry.

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There will soon be published in France a translation of the Greek manuscript which is said to contain, among other interesting fragments, the end of the Gospel known by members of the Christian Churches as that of Saint Peter. The document was found a few months since by M. Gribaut in the cemetery of Akhmin, in Upper Egypt. It appears to date from the end of the first century, and contains four parts, which are not in accordance with the writings of the Evangelists.

The first of these relates to the trial or arraignment of Christ, who is led before Herod, Pilate sits by the side of that monarch, and washes his hands in token of his freedom from participation in the crime about to be committed, but neither Herod nor the judges follow his example. Joseph of Arimathea, who is present,

asks that the body of Christ shall be given over to him after the crucifixion. Pilate, who is his friend, refers the matter to Herod, who says that there is no necessity for making the application, as the body will be buried by the Tribunal. Pilate's role in the matter is therefore minimised.

The second part deals with the indignities suffered by our Lord before being affixed to the cross. He is placed in a seat of the judges, covered with a purple garment; crowned with thorns; and is pricked, buffeted, and spat upon amid ironical cries of "Let us thus honour the Son of God."

The third part deals with the Crucifixion, and relates that at the moment of the Saviour's death all Judea was so dark that people had to go about with torches. The last words on the cross appear in the French translation as "Ma Puissance! Ma Puissance!! Tu m'as abandonné!!"

The fourth and last part refers to the Resurrection. The soldiers guarding the tomb hear a loud voice crying from Heaven. Two men, radiant with light, approach the sepulchre; the stone rolls back, and the sentinels, full of fear, awake the centurion and those with him. These people go towards the tomb and see coming from it two men, helping a third, who is taller than themselves, although like him they seem to touch the skies. Behind the three is a cross. A voice from Heaven cries, "Hast thou preached to those who are sleeping?" and an answer in the affirmative seems to come from the cross. This is a summary of the fragments discovered, which are destined to prove as curious reading as the "Hidden Life of Christ," purported to have been found in a monastery in Thibet.

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The first annual general meeting of the English Club in Belgrano was held on the 14th inst. The report of the working of the year was entirely satisfactory, and showed the club to be financially solvent, with a role of members numbering 101. Mr Edye was elected president for the coming year. It was proposed to lease a piece of waste ground adjoining the club and make a lawn tennis ground thereon, for those members who take more interest in outdoor exercise than billiards and other games which can only be played inside the club.

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The English Literary Society are going to make another bid for life, and I hope they will succeed. By appointing Professor Martin director of entertainments they have hit on a good idea, that has the advantage of having been proved successful before. The Literary Society should not be allowed to die, if anyone can save it; by affording pleasure and amusement in the histrionic line, the ever ready and hardworking Professor is exactly the man they want.

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"The Western Courier" of Valparaiso gives a most gruesome and appalling account of the late railway accident at Llai Llai, in which it states the railway authorities, who are the Government, suppressed the number of deaths by setting forth they only numbered three, and the wounded as fourteen, whereas they amounted to a great many more. In order to hide their lie, the "Courier" accuses them of preparing bodies for burial by sewing them in sacks without identification, and still worse of having cremated some bodies in a wood fire. Even in this go-ahead age I can hardly imagine the inventive faculty of a newspaper man could or dare pen such a thing, if they were devoid of truth, and still one would fain believe, for the sake of humanity, that the eager writer must have depicted a nightmare.

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One has heard so much of Paraguay, on account of the Australian venture, lately that it seems a heaven-sent thought of the Platense Flotilla Company to put on their best boat for a fortnight's cruise up there. These yachting trips have been very successful at home and at the price of two hundred paper dollars there is every reason to suppose they ought to prove a success here. Ten pounds sterling at the value of the money to-day is about as cheap as one can expect to travel on a first class boat and be well fed for fifteen days. The Eolo sails on the 10th June and gets back on the 25th and I hear good many people have already secured their berths.

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The presidential speech at the opening of Congress does not seem to have hit the popular notion. To judge from what some are pleased to call the barometer of the country, gold, it may

be taken for read that "things are not what they seem." To quote the "Standard" the Treasury have paid off everything to date and still hold a reserve of twenty-eight millions. This ought to be satisfactory, but I suppose the incredulous are in the majority while some have their fears on disturbances in the provinces, rifles and ammunition have been found and seized, the National Guards are to drilled next month (some say not for home purposes) the camp is crying for water and people wonder why gold goes up? Let them wonder, but beware. If they follow the papers they will probably begin to practice economy in case times get worse.

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"Leaves have their time to fall,
And flowers to wither at the north wind's breath,
And stars to set—but all,
Thou hast all seasons for thine own, O Death!"

Mr Leon Walls, after more years work than usually is accorded to the lot of his fellows, succumbed to death, regretted by all those who knew him. He was the oldest journalist in this country, and his place on the "Courier de la Plata" will be hard to fill, for he was a scholar of mature judgment and of no mean intellect.

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How strange our ideas of growing old change as we get on in life. To the girl in her teens, the riper maiden of 25 seems quite aged. Twenty-two thinks 35 an "old thing." Thirty-five dreads 40, but congratulates herself that there may still remain some ground to be possessed in the 15 years before the half-century shall be attained. But 50 does not by any means give up the battle of life. It feels middle-aged and vigorous, and thinks old age is a long way in the future. Sixty remember those who have done great things at three-score; and one doubts if Parr, when he was married at 100, had at all begun to feel himself an old man. It is the desire of life in us which makes us feel young so long.

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Prince George's Hall is on a fair way to become an accomplished fact. Three sets of plans have been selected and are being adapted to the land bought by the Company for the erection of the Hall. Next year we ought to be able to have our dances and theatrical performances in the new Hall, but the builders will have to hurry.

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Letters and papers were landed from the Nile yesterday afternoon. The Nile will sail on the 23rd inst., and not the 24th, as advertised by mistake.

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Just as we are going to press I hear the head of the man murdered in the Calle Montevideo has been found in the docks wrapped up in a bag with which some children were playing. I can only give this as a report, not having time to verify the accuracy of the statement. I wish the police would find the murderers and hang them, and so keep our papers clean from the revolting tales of crime that are forced on our attention day after day.

WOMEN'S GOSSIP.

DEAR MARGERY.—

I read lately that Queen Margherita is an excellent Alpine climber, and when climbing often wears the pretty peasant dress of the Glesson valley, which is a short, full skirt, reaching just to the ankle, of red cloth, and a Swiss bodice of the same with sleeves and yoke of white linen. She is very friendly with the peasantry, who like her much.

The members of the recently formed Ladies Fencing Club wear a very pretty dress, it is a short skirt of accordean pleated black surah, knickerbockers of the same, and a fencing jacket of white doeskin with white sandals, and black stockings, gloves and masks.

The Birmingham and Midlands Ladies' Club has just been opened by the Countess of Warwick, and possesses very spacious and suitable accommodation.

The Inter-University Hockey Match, between teams from the Ladies' Halls at Oxford and Cambridge, came off lately and resulted in a win for the Cambridge women. The costumes on both sides were pretty and appropriate. Both teams wore dark skirts, while the Oxford girls had dark blue jerseys relieved by white turned down collars and cuffs and dark blue caps, and the Cambridge team had white jerseys with pale blue caps, collars and ties.

The draped skirt, slightly lifted in front and at the sides, in the style of a few years ago, over an underskirt of moire or velvet, with the bodice trimmed to match the underskirt, is very pretty. A skirt of olive cloth, lifted slightly to show a petticoat of darker green velveteen, with a bodice of cloth with full sleeves of the

velveteen, looks very nice. It is simple and economical to make, too, as merely a strip of velveteen along the foot of an alpaca underskirt will do, and one can remodel a plain cloth skirt and make it plain at the back and one side and a little lifted and draped at the other side and in front so as to show the velveteen.

Mousseline de soie is more useful and lasting than chiffon and is now very fashionable.

Lace is as much worn as ever, and now your cold weather is beginning you can, as we have been doing during the winter, combine it with fur in any way that commends itself to you.

Velvet in bands and scrolls, often edged with jet, is used on heavy materials with good effect.

Accordean pleating is still the rage, and it is most useful, as one can buy it ready made up and make for oneself, with a little skill, a graceful skirt and a chic bodice with full accordean pleated sleeves, the bodice being kept in shape by bands of ribbon or velvet crossed across it.

The other day I saw two very charming simple dance gowns worn by two pretty fair girls in their first season. The dress of the elder one was a rich, soft white satin made with a full plain skirt and a low bodice; it had a broad-tolded white sash tied in a bow with long ends at the back, and a handsome deep frill of old guipure edged the low bodice and fell over the short puffed sleeves. The younger sister's dress was of soft white surah silk, made in the same style but with some very dainty mechim instead of the guipure; the girls told me although the gowns looked quite fresh they had worn them a good deal, and that they sometimes varied them by wearing sashes of daffodil yellow with bunches of daffodils on the corsage.

I went with a friend last week to choose a gown and bonnet which she is to wear shortly at a fashionable wedding. We went to an excellent West-end house and saw some charming gowns, and she chose a very pretty fawn cloth with a paler waistcoat, embroidered in gold. Then we went to the milliners and saw some lovely bonnets, and there her choice fell on a small toque bonnet in rough brown straw with a crown of gold guipure; it had narrow, black velvet strings and was trimmed with black velvet, fulling a little round the face, over which lay a wreath of bronzed rose leaves and small crimson rose buds, and one high up standing, deep red rose was placed at the back. As the wearer is a handsome brunette, you can imagine the costume is stylish and becoming.

There was in the show-room a lovely hat which we quite fell in love with, it was so dainty and simple. It was a large, fine black straw, trimmed with upstanding bows of apple green velvet, and from the soft twist of apple green velvet which was rolled round the crown there stood up fans of fine black lace, and in each fan a sweet little bunch of most natural-looking lily of the valley with its pale green leaves. Another dear little bonnet was in black jet and lace, quite flat, and trimmed with velvet violets in graduated shades, from the grey of the Neapolitan to the deep purple shade of the large Russian violet.

Now that your cold weather is coming in again you will find the four lined or quilted cloaks and capes, so much worn with us through the winter, useful. They are made very full this year and have all a wide full-like cape, edged with narrow good fur standing out over the shoulders and a wide collar also edged with fur which can either stand up for warmth or turn down so as to form a small upper cape.

Two sisters I saw recently had very pretty ones, the elder had a dark green one of fine cloth edged with skunk and lined with grey fur and wore a dark green hat velvet bonnet trimmed with jet, the younger wore a cloak of lovely pale grey cloth edged and lined with pale grey fur and had a wide picture hat with long grey ostrich feather.

These cloaks are not only most comfortable for outdoor wear but make charming and useful concert and theatre wraps on chilly evenings.

The theatre bodice is still much to the front, and is made in velvet, brocade, moiré or soft silk and is much trimmed with jet and gold galore and jewelled parsemerie; but if one wants something more economical and at the same time pretty some of the charming crépon bodices, accordean pleated and daintily trimmed with lace and ribbon, serve the purpose very well and one can have them in all shades and in more than one shape and style.

And now as summerlike weather and the many festivities and gaieties following on an early Easter and a grey cold Lent are occupying every one and filling us all with moral laziness to the neglect of our every day duties excuse a short letter this week. And so adieu.

MARGERY.

RACING

PALERMO—MAY 13.

Most decidedly the feature of Sunday's Meeting at Palermo was the successful reappearance of Camors, and a more popular win than his, though he was by no means a favourite, Limethorpe starting at two to one, in the Premio Santa Lucia we have not had this year. If the old horse can be kept sound, and at present he is fit and well, there is no reason to doubt his still being one of the best milers we have in training.

The classic race of the day was the Premio Porteno, a handicap over two thousand metres, and its result was a surprise to many, as although Puygaveau and Revancha coupled started favour-

ites, Ituzaingo, Anacoreta, Silex and Sucre coupled, the Indecis pair and Landseer were all heavily backed. The race was an open one, however, and the public thought that Puygaveau was the horse to back, so it was lucky he was coupled with his stable companion Revancha.

There is nothing to say about the rest of the programme more than is contained in the following details:—

PREMIO INDECIS, for all horses that have run without having won before the day of the race, three-year-olds 55 k, four-year-olds and upwards 57 k, \$1500 to the 1st, 150 to the 2nd, 1300 metres.

Ecurie Azur's ch m Rosemary, by Phoenix—Rosiere, 3 y, 53 k.....P. Aguilari	1
Stud Orissa's Bogey, 3 y, 55 k.....J. Bayardi	2
Ecurie Lucullus' Silvertail, 4 y, 57 k.....R. Garrido	3
Ecurie Colon's Tartas, 4 y, 57 k.....J. Garcia	0
Stud Niño Dorado's Zorro, 3 y, 55 k.....J. Gongora	0
Ecurie Titan's Olimpica, 3 y, 53 k.....I. Diaz	0
Stud A. Lincoln's Argentina, 3 y, 53 k.....A. Esleigo	0
Stud F. Marquez' Atlantida, 3 y, 53 k.....J. Peña	0

Silvertail and Zorro led from Bogey and Rosemary to the turn, where the two last named drew to the front and raced home together, Rosemary getting the better of the finish by a neck, Silvertail a length behind, third.

Tickets—Rosemary with 1187 win and 1039 place, Bogey 895—1290, Silvertail 1479—1469, Tartas 192—235, Zorro 152—177, Olimpica 364—463, Argentina 161—205, Atlantida 52—95. Totals 4482—4973.

Dividends—Rosemary \$6.79 win and 4.06 place, Bogey 3.66 place.

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

Ecurie Indecis' br f Sweet, by Phoenix—Marion, 52 k.....R. Garrido	1
Stud Las Ortigas' Lamentoso, 54 k.....P. Aguirre	2
La Petite Ecurie's Miss Edith, 52 k.....P. Torres	3
Stud Santa Fe's Eclipse, 54 k.....N. Sosa	0
Ecurie Camors' My Darling, 52 k.....P. Aguilari	0
Stud A. Lincoln's Republica, 52 k.....J. Esbinzo	0
Stud Niño Dorado's Mila, 52 k.....J. Gongora	0

Sweet was quickest away but was immediately straightened and Miss Edith went on with the lead. In the Sweet and Lamentoso passed her and finished in the order named with Miss Edith third, half a length separating them.

Tickets—Sweet with 2107 win and 1866 place, Lamentoso 2919—2498, Miss Edith 620—581, Eclipse 504—540, My Darling 384—297, Republica 299—333, Mila 104—161. Totals 6337—6282.

Dividends—Sweet \$5.87 win and 2.69 place, Lamentoso 2.51 place.

PREMIO PORTENO, an open handicap, \$4000 to the 1st, 500 to the 2nd, 3rd saves his stake, 2000 metres.

Stud José Maria's ch h Revancha, by Whipper In—Lotus, 3 y, 54 k.....J. Lacruz	1
La Petite Ecurie's Alejandria, 3 y, 54 k.....P. Torres	2
Ecurie Prisonero's Sargento, 5 y, 62 k.....P. Oroña	3
St E. Casal's Ravachol, 3 y, 49 k.....A. Grigera	0
St J. B. Zubiaurre's Ituzaingo, 4 y, 64 k.....P. Aguirre	0
Ecurie Anacoreta's Anacoreta, 4 y, 56 k.....I. Cardoso	0
Ecurie Gladiateur's Silex, 4 y, 46 k.....P. Aguilari	0
Ecurie Gladiateur's Sucre, 4 y, 56 k.....L. Diaz	0
Ecurie Indecis' Infernal, 5 y, 54 k.....R. Garrido	0
Stud Winchester's Mr Gilmore, 3 y, 48 k.....B. Pavon	0
Ecurie Titan's Trebol, 3 y, 43 k.....G. Laporte	0
Stud La Plata's Antropofago, 3 y, 40 k.....R. Bastiani	0
Stud La Confianza's Aprendiz, 3 y, 40 k.....A. Saavedra	0
Stud Pobre's Phlegethon, 4 y, 48 k.....J. Cardoso	0
Stud San Jorge's Landseer, 3 y, 56 k.....I. Sanchez	0
Stud Tandil's Puygaveau, 7 y, 56 k.....J. Laporte	0

Sucre led from a good start from Trebol and Aprendiz, with the others close up, to the thousand metre post. Here Sargento, and Ituzaingo closed up, and Aprendiz went on with the lead. Rounding the bend the two first named dropped back, and in the straight Revancha was seen in front. At the stands Alejandria came with a rush, but Revancha held his own to the finish and won by a head. Sargento close up.

Tickets—Revancha and Puygaveau with 2350 win and 2455 place, Alejandria 473—710, Sargento 1868—1951, Ravachol 380—608, Ituzaingo 1862—1800, Anacoreta 1286—1384, Silex and Sucre 1003—1039, Infernal and Mr Gilmore 1051—1478, Trebol 103—103, Antropofago 218—244, Aprendiz 853—668, Phlegethon 165—180, Landseer 1209—1486. Totals 12,821—14,106.

Dividends—Revancha \$9.82 win and 4.05 place, Alejandria 9.11 place, Sargento 4.58 place.

PREMIO ASTEROIDE, a handicap for all horses that have not won more than \$10,000 before the day of the race, \$1800 to the 1st, 180 to the 2nd, 1750 metres.

La Petite Ecurie's ch h Wagram, by Xaintraillies—Forest Beauty, 3 y, 55 k.....P. Torres	1
Ecurie Montevideo's Marioni, 3 y, 52 k.....I. Diaz	2
Ecurie Les Ardennes' Tristan, 4 y, 52 k.....J. Bayardi	3
Stud Pobre's Ailimé, 3 y, 59 k.....J. Romay	0

Wagram after the first hundred metres went to the front and though challenged first by Tristan, then by Ailimé, and at the finish by Marioni managed to get home first, a head in front of Marioni, who was half a length in front of Tristan.

Tickets—Wagram with 3483 win, Marioni 2822, Tristan 2131, Ailimé 3105. Total 11,541. Dividend—Wagram \$5.96 win.

PREMIO STONE CROSS, an open handicap, \$1800 to the 1st, 180 to the 2nd, 1100 metres.

Ecurie Camors' ch m Whitethorn, by Whipper In—May Blossom, 4 y, 54 k.....P. Aguilari	1
Ecurie Gladiateur's Alina, 3 y, 60 k.....L. Diaz	2
Ecurie Indecis' Atila, 3 y, 48 k.....B. Pavon	3
Ecurie Titan's Chiliarch, 6 y, 61 k.....I. Diaz	0
Stud Las Ortigas' Danseuse, 3 y, 57 k.....P. Aguirre	0
Stud A. Lincoln's Tenebrosa, 3 y, 46 k.....A. Munzio	0
Stud Carpintero's Lyndall, 3 y, 49 k.....J. Cardoso	0
Stud Floresta's Siempreviva, 3 y, 45 k.....R. Saavedra	0

Whitethorn went off at a rare pace and soon held a long head. Coming down the straight, Alina came with a rush and caught Whitethorn almost on the post, the judges giving the result a dead heat. Atila a length off third.

Tickets—Whitethorn with 2072 win and 1412 place, Alina 1269—853, Atila 2916—2751, Chiliarch 1593—1323, Danseuse 1526—1352, Tenebrosa 1078—1195, Lyndall 105—121, Siempreviva 313—342. Totals 10,874—9349.

Dividends—Whitethorn \$7.07 win and 6.35 place, Alina \$5.11 win and 9.20 place.

PREMIO SANTA LUCIA, an open handicap, \$2000 to the 1st, 200 to the 2nd, 1600 metres.

Ecurie Camors' ch h Camors, by Fortissimo or Edward the Confessor—Omphale, 7 y, 61 k.....I. Diaz	1
Stud La Confianza's Riflero, 5 y, 49 k.....R. Garrido	2
Ecurie Les Ardennes' India Muerta, 5 y, 56 k.....I. Sanchez	3
Ecurie Sans Peur's Limethorpe, 7 y, 62 k.....D. Ruiz	0
Stud Carpintero's Carpintero, 7 y, 58 k.....J. Romay	0
Ecurie Anacoreta's Nubifer, 6 y, 52 k.....G. Aies	0

Limethorpe led from Camors and Riflero to the thousand metre post, when Camors went to the front, and holding that place to the finish won easily by half a length, the same distance separated second and third.

Tickets—Camors with 1376 win and 923 place, Riflero 1325—1039, India Muerta 948—949, Limethorpe 5193—2880, Carpintero 497—390, Nubifer 1218—1283. Totals 10559—7464.

Dividends—Camors \$13.85 win and 7.15 place, Riflero 6.57 place.

PREMIO ETONE, a handicap for all horses that have not won more than \$4000 before the day of the race, \$1600 to the 1st, 160 to the 2nd, 1500 metres.

Ecurie Gladiateur's br h Maraton, by Gay Hermit—Barleybreak, 3 y, 56 k.....L. Diaz	1
Stud Orissa's Orissa, 4 y, 58 k.....I. Sanchez	2
Ecurie Prisonero's Alfa, 3 y, 57 k.....P. Oroña	3
Ecurie Camors' Lynham, 3 y, 57 k.....P. Aguilari	0
Stud Yuqueri's Simoun, 3 y, 53 k.....J. Viera	0
La Petite Ecurie's Bijou, 3 y, 52 k.....P. Torres	0
Stud Santa Rosa's Milagro, 3 y, 52 k.....I. Diaz	0
Stud Temerario's May Blossom, 3 y, 45 k.....A. Garcia	0
Ecurie Colon's Tartas, 4 y, 45 k.....J. Gandulfo	0

Alfa led to the straight, when she dropped back, and Maraton and Orissa came on with the lead. Maraton won easily at the finish by a length from Orissa, who finished half a length in front of Alfa.

Tickets—Maraton with 2142 win and 2152 place, Orissa 937—754, Alfa 2347—1706, Lynham 308—412, Simoun 762—715, Bijou 816—819, Milagro 870—1181, May Blossom 475—452, Tartas 672—800. Totals 9331—8991.

Dividends—Maraton \$7.84 win, 3.07 place, Orissa 5.07 place, Alfa 3.35 place.

The following are the entries and weights for the meeting at Palermo on the 20th:

Premio Ajó—1200 metres.			
	kilos		kilos
Carpintero.....	62	Bay Rum.....	53
Alina.....	61	Cabula.....	52
Nautilus.....	58	Artillero.....	49
Lambare.....	57	Danton.....	49
Osmond.....	57	Atila.....	48
Clarette.....	56	Saeta.....	48

Premio Santa Rita—1500 metres.			
Silvertail.....	59½	Florista.....	51
Bogey.....	59½	Hierofant.....	51
Tartas.....	54		

Premio Punta Lara—1750 metres.			
Libertad.....	58	Corresponsal.....	49
Maraton.....	56	Bogey.....	47
Marioni.....	52		

Premio La Ensenada—1500 metres.			
Clermont.....	59	General Grant.....	51
Guerrillero.....	54	Silex.....	50

The classic race is the Premio Rivalidad of 1200 metres for two-year-olds.

HURLINGHAM CLUB

A GENERAL MEETING OF THE HURLINGHAM CLUB will be held on THURSDAY, MAY 17, at PIEDAD 559, at 4 o'clock p.m.

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River Plate Sport and Pastime

WEDNESDAY, MAY 16, 1894.

SPORTING NOTES

The new lawn tennis courts which have been made by the Quilmes Club will be opened for play this afternoon. As many members as possible are asked to attend. Afternoon tea will be provided on the ground.

It is not often we see sixteen horses start for a classic race here, as was the case on Sunday at Palermo in the Premio Porteño, which Revancha, own brother to Reverie, won with fifteen good horses behind her.

I hear from Rosario that several crews have been training some time for the regattas to be held on the 24th. A crew from the San Nicolas Club is expected to compete, and races will be made for the crews from the men-of-war in port.

I again remind members of the Tigre Boat Club that entries for the Club Races on Friday, June 29th, close on Saturday, the 19th inst. As many members as possible should compete in the twelve hundred metre race in clinker fours. A meeting of competitors to form crews will be held at the Boat Club, on the 20th inst., at ten o'clock a.m.

I. Diaz was suspended by the starter at Palermo on Sunday for twice employing the old trick of stopping his horse just as the lot were in a line and the flag about to be dropped. His suspension will affect the chances of one or two horses, notably Thebis, that will run during the next fortnight.

Within a short time, a fortnight or three weeks I am told, Sr. Mariano Marengo will sell by auction all his very valuable blood and other stock on the Cabaña Santa Rita. The horses will include the stallions Finance, Nogal and Hanover, thoroughbred brood mares and Clydesdales, and the cattle are all shorthorns.

Next week will be a busy one. The Buenos Aires Lawn Tennis Club's Tournament commences in earnest on Thursday the 24th, on which day also there is racing at Hurlingham, and I expect as good a meeting as the club has yet

held. The Hipodromo Nacional Club will hold a meeting at Belgrano on both Thursday and Friday, on both of which days there will be Association Football League matches. On Friday Lomas and Buenos Aires play a match under Rugby rules.

As the attendance at Cinco Esquinas during the three days of the Tennis Tournament will probably be very large, it would help the caterers of the lunches, and the ladies who are kindly going to look after the teas, if whenever possible lunch tickets be bought the day before so that some idea of the numbers to be provided for may be gathered. The lunches will be served by the Albion Club in a marquee on the ground.

The one hour's skating match at the Columbian Rink on Saturday night resulted in a win for Ridgely as might be expected, though he gave his competitors a start, and allowed Sres. Alemany and Zavalía to skate in turns. Ridgely covered 28 kilometres and 5 laps, Leopold 27 kilometres and 3 laps, and the other two jointly 28 kilometres 2 laps. The much talked of match between Snowden and Ridgely will likely come off within the next week or two.

The entries for the Hurlingham race meeting on Thursday, the 24th, close to-day at the offices of the Club, Piedad 559. The programme consists of five pony races, which include the Derby Cup, a steeplechase for hunters, and a Galloway race. The latter race must have five entries or it will not be considered to have filled.

Complaints are already being heard at every football match that men who have promised to play have failed to turn up, and without notice of their inability to play being sent by them. Unfortunately players here are none too numerous, and the life of a secretary who has to raise a Rugby fifteen is a hard enough one for the nonce, but when several of the men who had promised him to play do not turn up on the ground at the last minute and a good match is spoilt, it is enough to make him think it hardly worth living.

Our phototype this week is a portrait of Camors, by Fortissimo or Edward the Confessor out of Omphale, and one of the best horses in his time on the Argentine turf. Camors is a neat little horse, dark chesnut in colour, and is now seven years old. He has won some of the most important races here, and in Montevideo he won the Internacional twice in succession.

The season of 1891 saw Camors at his best as he then as a four and five year old won the Premio de Honor, the Premio Capital, the Gran Premio Internacional, and the Premio Porteño, besides some good handicaps, which in all amounted to about thirty-five thousand dollars. Had the horse always been in good hands he would have probably always have been in the front rank, but before Brett got him to train for the Montevideoan Internncional, the year before last, he was allowed to go all to pieces, and on again changing hands last year he became a perfect wreck.

The old horse, however, now seems to have been got round again, and from the way he won on Sunday in quite his old form, I expect he will place another classic race or two to his credit before the season ends. He is not an easy horse to train by anyone who doesn't thoroughly understand him which, however, his present trainer seems to do.

I see that the Municipality have refused to exempt the Hunt Club's hounds from taxation as in every other civilised country. I do not know what reason the Municipality have for enforcing their enormous tax on the beagles, as even if they do not wish to encourage a most useful breed of hounds for the country one would think that at least they would do their best to foster a club which indirectly does a considerable amount of good and not an atom of harm.

To maintain the hounds in Belgrano entails an expenditure of at least six thousand dollars a year, nearly all of which sum is spent in Belgrano

itself. By enforcing this tax the Municipality will cause the kennels to be moved outside their jurisdiction, and so some other Municipality will reap the benefit accruing from them, if the hounds are not given up altogether. Then no other clubs of the same kind are likely to be started, there will be no demand, as at present there undoubtedly is, for hunters, and yet another foreign enterprise, which, even though a very small one, does some good to the country, has received a check.

In future the official starter, Sr Hoevel, will not allow horses to be led to the post. He is doing this, I believe, in order to try and get rid of the number of useless, bad tempered, badly bitted, and badly ridden horses which seem to find their way into every race and make the starter's duty a very difficult one. No doubt one of these brutes seems to be always spoiling what for them would have been a perfect start.

If Sr. Hoevel obtains his end by enforcing this rule he will benefit everybody, but I am afraid he will have to make so many exceptions in the case of several of the cracks of the season that the smaller fry will be sure to grumble, and with reason. So long as there are races for crocks, crocks will run in them. A hurdle race or steeplechase at every Meeting would do far more than anything else to weed out from the flat races what my contemporaries call "inservibles."

It is rather disappointing to compare in the home papers the records made at School Athletic Sports with our best records here. Very few of our River Plate records come up to ordinary school performances. The reason for this, I believe, is that very few of our men here are in any sort of condition when they compete even at championship meetings. They have little time to train, and little inclination to do so. Yet we have plenty of athletic talent in the country.

At an Extraordinary General Meeting held in Quilmes on the 3rd inst. to discuss the finances, it was found the Club owed \$241.11. It was decided that another Extraordinary General Meeting should be called to determine in what way this debt be liquidated. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, the 22nd inst., at 8.45 p.m., in the Hotel Universo, Quilmes, and owing to the great importance of this meeting as many members as possible are earnestly requested to make an effort to attend.

BOOTS.

FOOTBALL

FIXTURES.

ARGENTINE ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL LEAGUE

MAY

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Thurs. 21—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.
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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

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Sun. 1—Flores A.C. v. Retiro A.C., at Flores.
Sun. 8—Rosario A.C. v. Lomas A.C., at Lomas.
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Mon. 9—St. Andrews A.C. v. B. A. and R. Ry., at Lanus.
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Sun. 22—Rosario A.C. v. St. Andrews F.C., at Roario. s
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

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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.
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Wed. 29—St. Andrews F.C. v. Lobos A.C., at Lanus.

SEPTEMBER

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

RUGBY

MAY

Fri. 25—Lomas v. Buenos Aires, at Lomas.
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JUNE

Sun. 10—Private Firms v. Public Companies, at Lomas.
 Sun. 17—Scotland and Wales v. England and Ireland, at Lomas.
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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

LOMAS A.C. v. LOBOS F.C.

This match was played at Lomas last Sunday, the 13th, and resulted in a rather easy win for the home side by six goals to nothing. The game calls for little comment, Lomas acting on the offensive all the time; Lobos, though handicapped by the non-arrival of one of their best men, played a good up-hill game and were plucky to the last, but their forwards failed to make the most of their chances, and consequently gave their backs little relief. Of the visitors, Moore, Brooking, Bracken, and Munroe were the pick, the latter in particular worked hard though out of practice.

The brothers Leslie and Jacobs scored for Lomas. The shooting of the elder of the Leslies was particularly true, and his third goal a beauty; the back division were good. Walker in particular; it would seem a pity to take him from his place at half, but we think it would be a decided improvement in the defence if the committee could see their way to putting him behind with either Reynolds or Rath, his kicking being very sure, and possibly a shade too strong for his forwards at half back.

Though Lomas ran up such a high score, there is no saying how many more might have resulted if a little more passing had been done by the centre. The right wing leaves nothing to be desired in this respect, and the left outside is improving, his centering across goal being true, and a score from them has resulted more than once this year; Nobili on the other hand is too unselfish, and might often score instead of passing. Such defects remedied would make this year's Lomas eleven bad to beat.

Next Sunday they play Flores at Lomas, when a good game is anticipated.

The following were the teams:

Lomas—
 F. Carter, goal.
 C. Reynolds and P. M. Rath, backs.
 T. Bridge, F. Walker and A. Buchanan, half backs.
 G. Leslie, L. Nobili, W. Leslie, F. Jacobs, and H. Anderson, forwards.

Lobos A.C.—
 C. Bowers, goal.
 Moore and Malcolm, backs.
 Bracken, E. Brooking, and Buchanan, half backs.
 Jordan, McKeon, E. P. Rowland, Eguino, and Munroe, forwards.

ST. ANDREW'S F. C. v. BUENOS AIRES AND ROSARIO RAILWAY A.C.

The only other match in the league series on the 13th was the one between St. Andrews and B. A. and R. R. A. C. The match was played at Belgrano, and the result was a win for Saint Andrews by two goals to one.

On the 20th the only fixture in the league series is the match between the Lomas and Flores Athletic Clubs.

RUGBY

PUBLIC COMPANIES v. PRIVATE FIRMS.

This annual match under Rugby Union Rules was played on the ground of the Flores Athletic Club on Sunday last, in fine if somewhat warm weather. Much of the interest in the game was lost, as both sides turned up short, some prominent players of the back division not putting in an appearance for the Private Firms. Winning the toss Fothergill elected to play with the wind and the Publics were soon at work, Elliott notching the first point, which Fothergill converted. The latter almost immediately after again scored for his side, the game now standing two goals to nil in favour of Public Companies. However, Rumboll and A. Anderson here put in some good work for their side, which resulted in the former getting a try which he transferred to the major point.

The rest of the game requires very little description, the first half resulted in two goals and try to the Public

Companies, against one goal and one try to their opponents. In the second half of the game Private Firms scored one goal to three of Public Companies. For the latter Fothergill ran in twice, and Elliott four times, the latter proving himself fast and a very reliable three-quarter. A. Anderson and Rumboll did the bulk of the work for their side, the latter especially distinguishing himself; his neat passing and unselfish play was quite the feature of the match. We were pleased to see he bore out our opinion of him in last week's match at Hurlingham. He and Anderson scored the points for the Private Firms. We might suggest that the Flores Club provide a whistle for the referee on a future occasion, as this official's post is anything but a bed of roses, and a cravat fastener is not so demonstrative as the real thing. However, Mr Crawford did wonderfully well under the circumstances, his lung power standing him in good stead. The result of the game was finally: Public Companies 5 goals and 1 try (28 points), Private Frms 2 goals and 1 try (13 points).

Mrs Bowen kindly presided at the tea table; it was unfortunate her duties were light, Rugby football evidently, not having much attraction for the Flores people, judging from the attendance on Sunday. We understand the return match will be much better contested, as both teams intend putting their full strength in the field. Teams:—

Public Companies—

R. W. Anderson, R. E. H. Anderson, F. W. Fothergill, three-quarter backs.

E. Kinch, G. Elliot, half backs.

Forwards—

Alex. Mackinnon, G. C. Kennard, Hannay, P. H. Vargas, L. Jacobs, Burton.

Private Firms—

J. Weinberg (Back).

W. Baikie, A. Anderson, H. Webster, three-quarters.

E. Rumboll, Chantrill, half backs.

Forwards—

M. F. Gilderdale, M. Caldwell, D. King, A. Brodie, W. S. Taylor, A. Jones, F. Tucker.

POLO.

HURLINGHAM v. THE HUNT CLUB.

A return match between the Hurlingham and Buenos Aires Hunt Clubs was played at Hurlingham on the 13th. The teams were the same as on the previous occasion:—

Hunt Club

1. J. Ravenscroft

2. F. J. Balfour

3. Newman Smith

F. Furber (back)

Hurlingham

1. F. W. Clunie

2. W. Lacey

3. G. S. Anderson

H. S. Robson (back)

The game was played under pleasanter conditions than have been experienced for a long time, on account of the absence of dust which has spoilt every game of polo played during the last two months.

In the first period neither side scored, and the game commenced somewhat slow, but the pace improved greatly as it progressed. In the second period the Hunt Club scored one goal at the beginning, and another at the end of the quarter, which was one of the best of a good match. In the third period each side scored a goal, and in the last Hurlingham scored another goal, and should have scored one or two more if they had shot straighter at goal. In the last two periods Robson played No. 3, and the Hunt Club had, nearly all the time, to act on the defensive. In the end therefore the Hunt Club won by three goals to two.

ATHLETICS

At a Committee Meeting of the Rosario Athletic Club held on the 17th inst., the following were elected the officers for the year ending 31st March, 1895:—

President—Diego O. Le Bas.

Vice-President—Malcolm Graham.

Hon. Treasurer—Wm. Boland.

Secretary—Alfred W. Towse.

With the above the present Committee stands (as numbered):—

Vocales—1. W. S. Penman, 2. W. Robinson, 3. R. C. Baines, 4. T. A. Hall, 5. G. Robb, 6. J. J. C. Daniel, 7. A. E. Archer, 8. A. H. Baines.

Suplentes—1. C. C. K. Davis, 2. F. Boardman, 3. C. Jewell, 4. E. Obré.

Sindico—E. J. Homan.

TIGRE BOAT CLUB

Members are advised that at the next Club Races to be held at the Tigre on

FRIDAY 29 JUNE 1894

THERE WILL BE A

1200 Metres Race in Clinker Fours.

This race is open to all Members and it is hoped that as many as possible will compete.

Entries close on Saturday, May 19.

A Meeting of competitors to form crews will be held at the Boat Club on 20th inst at 10 a.m.

P. H. VARGAS.

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Hon. Secretary.

ROUND THE TOWN.

The first subscription dance of the season will take place to-night at the Pabellon Argentino, commencing at 9 p.m. punctually. I learn that the committee has been at pains to make the floor as good as possible, and that men have been engaged planeing and polishing it for some days past, so that it may reasonably be hoped that it will be as good as the floor of the Operaio Italiano hall. It may confidently be expected, therefore, that the change of locale will be a success, and the committee is to be congratulated on its enterprise in securing this desirable rendezvous.

I do not know if the upper story of the building will be open to the guests, but it is to be hoped so, as there are many pleasant little recesses behind the show cases eminently suitable for tetes-a-tetes.

Nothing definite is known with regard to the proposed fancy dress ball in aid of the funds of the British Hospital, but it is much to be hoped that the matter will not be allowed to drop, for not only is the idea of a fancy dress ball a very pleasant one, but its object should be a guarantee of its feasibility and success. I cannot believe that the "Standard" would willingly throw cold water on any entertainment started with so laudable an object, but I fear that its strictures on fancy dress for English people may tend somewhat to persuade the originators that the idea is not a very acceptable one. This is unkind of the "Standard," and not in keeping with its reputation for charity and gallantry.

Apropos of the "Standard," I read in the "Review of the River Plate" that that old established daily proposes to change its form at the end of the present month, and appear in a shape somewhat similar to the "New York Herald." This is doubtless a more convenient form, but I cannot help thinking that such innovations are dangerous, for the "Standard" occupies the box seat next the driver of the Editorial 'Bus and as such is a familiar land-mark that we should be loth to part with, whereas in its new shape it might pass by unnoticed in the crowd of English periodicals which encumber that vehicle. There are some unkind people who say that any change in the "Standard" is desirable, but we are not of that number, and can only express a hope that our Senior colleague will, in its new shape, continue its career of prosperity and usefulness till the end of the chapter.

It was a great disappointment to intending opera-goers on Sunday night to find that the debut had been postponed at the last moment. For residents in the suburbs it must have been somewhat more than a disappointment, and it is regrettable that the management did not find means to publish this postponement somewhat earlier than the afternoon of the opening night. The debut of the troupe took place last night with Boito's Mefistofele which has from time immemorial served at the inauguration of the operatic season, and the announcement of Los Hugonotes as the opening piece came as an innovation not destined to be realised. I trust to be able to give some account of Signor Ferrari's troupe next week.

The "Prensa" of Monday last makes some most pertinent remarks with regard to the ever-growing abuse of the "revendedores." These gentry are the greatest enemy the theatre-goer has to contend with, as their organisation is becoming so powerful that a ring is formed by them to put the prices of the seats at an almost prohibitive figure in the case of any exceptionally popular play. Not unfrequently is the "boletero" in league with these people, always selling them the best seats, and I have myself seen that official taking back the tickets and refunding the money a few minutes before the commencement of the performance, when the attendance and demand for seats proves to be less than anticipated. Surely if the Municipality derives an income by the sale of "patentes" to these speculators, it should, at the same time, adopt some measures for the protection of the theatre-going public.

The debut of the ever popular Frank Brown's circus troupe took place at the San Martin Theatre on Saturday last. He was accorded a most flattering reception, and his present tour,

judging by subsequent attendances, promises to be as successful as his many previous ones. Buenos Aires' favourite clown has lost not a whit of his versatility or humour during his travels, and many of his drolleries continue so popular as to do away with the necessity for producing novelties. Miss Taylor's graceful equestrian act is also a great attraction, though many of the public regret the absence of the fascinating Rosita de la Plata.

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In the world of Zarzuela, never has such a spontaneous success been known as that attained by "La Verbena de la Paloma" by Tomas Breton. This pleasant little "sainete" was produced for the first time at the Rivadavia Theatre some two months ago, and is now being played twice nightly at four theatres in Buenos Aires, to wit Rivadavia, Mayo, Zarzuela, and Comedia theatres, and on Sunday last it was played no less than eleven times in this city, each performance drawing crowded audiences. It is of the usual type of short Spanish pieces with pretty Spanish music which is very catching, indeed the chief souls "Donde vas con manton de Manila" may be heard at every street corner. I am given to understand that the best performance is to be heard in the Comedia theatre, which is the one most patronised by Argentine Society at the present time.

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The popularity of some Zarzuelas is really wonderful, and regular frequenters must have heard such pieces as "La gran Via," "Caramelo," "De Madrid a Paris," and the "Certamen Nacional" an incredible number of times. The statistics published in the *Prensa* of Monday last shew that some 1300 people were present at the eleven performances of "La Verbena" on Sunday only, and taking into consideration the theatre-going public is not really a large one, though a very assiduous one, the 114,861 people who attended theatres during the month of March ult. must know the popular plays above enumerated almost as well as the players themselves.

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The coming Championship Meeting to be held at the Buenos Aires Lawn Tennis Club on the 24th, 25th, and 26th inst., is arousing much interest in lawn tennis playing circles. For such as are not members of this prosperous little Club, tickets for admission to the ground for those days can be obtained from any member of the Committee, or the Hon. Sec. T. S. Boadle, Esq., Calle 25 de Mayo 149. I hear that the Committee is anxious that these tickets should be procured before the day, as the Club's premises are not very large, and it is therefore desirable to know more or less how many people will be present. Refreshments will be provided free to all comers, and lunch will be served on the ground at \$2.50 per head by the Albion Club.

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The Royal Mail Steamship Co. is to be congratulated on its enterprise in putting on a direct steamer from here, and the number of passengers per R. M. S. Elbe, which sailed last Saturday, must have persuaded them that the experiment is worth repeating. The Central Station presented a most animated appearance on that day, as many well known people went home by this steamer, and hosts of their friends congregated at the station to see them off. I noticed several prominent sportsmen and athletes among the passengers, and take this opportunity of wishing all a pleasant journey and speedy return. It is to be hoped that the Royal Mail Co. will put on a steamer from London to Buenos Aires, which does not touch at Rio Janeiro, thus avoiding the irksome and even dangerous quarantine on arriving here.

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A most successful meeting of the shareholders of Prince George's Hall was held on Thursday last, at Messrs Wanklyn, Crane and Co.'s offices. The site has been selected, and an area measuring thirty-five metres by seventy will be available for the building of the hall and offices. The definite plans have not yet been decided upon, but I understand that as soon as this is done no time will be lost in commencing the building, which should be finished by the beginning of next winter. In the meantime, the Committee is in the hopes of obtaining fresh subscribers, in order that the shareholders' list may be as representative as possible.

ESTANCIA AND COLONY.

The sale of Clydesdales at Messrs Funes and Lagos yard last Friday attracted a large number of buyers and others but prices ruled very low, probably owing to the bad condition of many of the mares. The Stallion First-Choice, a grandly bred horse only seven years old, sold to Sr. Calvo for \$4000. The mares fetched the following prices:—Border Gipsy, 12 yrs, to Sr. Imas, \$370; Sussex Lady, 13 yrs to Sr. Calvo, \$290; Gipsy Queen, 11 yrs, to Sr. Imas, \$360; Rosie of Barharrow, 9 yrs, to Sr. Imas, \$450; Rosie of Raith, 10 yrs, to Sr. Imas, \$300; Miss Caven to Sr. Imas, \$230; Kilinarnock Maid, to Sr. Imas, \$360; the fillies Gipsy Queen and Beauty sold respectively to Sr. Imas and Calvo, for \$360 and \$660. The total sale realised \$7160.

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What is described as the first export of horses to England from Entre Rios was effected the other day when forty young percheron and half bred horses were sent from Sr. Dorado's estancia, La Cruz, to England. The animals were sold at an average price of \$100 each.

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Few people would believe that the Anglo-Argentine Live Stock Agency have shipped from this county since January, 1893, 33,467 animals, besides 12,581 tons of produce. The Agency during this period, loaded 82 steamers and the animals were divided as follows:—7970 bullocks, 25,103 sheep and 394 horses.

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The produce exported by the Agency consisted of 10,643 tons of alfalfa, 1805 tons of maize, tons of bran, 153 tons of linseed and 150 tons of hides. The Agency's season for exporting live stock is now drawing to a close as they will discontinue shipping during the winter, but after September estancieros should have their stock in condition to offer for sale to such a good buyer as Mr Kingsland, who by the way intends leaving for a short visit to England shortly.

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Messrs. Collett and Llambi obtained the following prices for the stock on the estancias Lomas Pelada and Santa Isabel, in Magdalena, on Saturday:—500 cows by the cut at \$5.20 each, 60 horses at \$15 each, 30 mares at \$5 each, 434 sheep by the cut at \$2.50 each, 1689 others at \$3.60, and some four thousand others at prices ranging from \$2.50 to 5.50 each. The total sale realised \$24,750.

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The condition of the cattle and camps in the district of Concordia, Entre Rios, is a cause of great anxiety to estancieros, who in that part of the world seem to have suffered more from the drought than in any other part of the republic. Rain has fallen in very small quantities and camps are almost without grass for the fourth year in succession. Cattle in at all decent condition are very hard to find, but thin animals, which their owners fear to keep through the winter, can be picked up at very low prices.

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The felling of trees by means of electricity has proved to be a handy and practicable method. It is done by means of a platinum wire stretched between two poles; the use of a continuously incandescent wire being much easier than that of a saw. In addition to the reduced amount of work there is also another advantage, as there is no sawdust, and the fact of the surface of the

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We also take this opportunity to advise OWNERS of FAT STOCK that the season for exporting is now drawing to a close, and we shall leave off shipping during the winter months, so they should get their stock into as forward a condition as possible for the months after September next, when we hope to be able to offer good prices for suitable animals.

The Anglo-Argentine Live Stock Agency

severed trunk being slightly charred tends to preserve it. Tree felling by this method saves labour and time, the respective time as compared with sawing the trunks being about one to eight.

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For many years it was a cause of lamentation with horse raisers in Scotland that their best stock for breeding purposes was secured and exported to foreign countries, principally the United States and Canada. Now, however, the process is reversed, and we find the progeny of the early emigrants sent there for work purposes, and with interest. Amongst the first to import States and American horses stands the name of Mr Machattie, late of Aberdeen, now of 100 West Nile Street, Glasgow, who began a few years ago with an experimental shipment which proved so successful that the trade has become an increasing permanent business. Mr Machattie does not bring large numbers of animals indiscriminately, and he has by careful selection made a character for excellence of class and invariable soundness of stock, thus realising prices unobtainable without a widespread connection and undoubted reputation. His principal imports are the better class of carriage horses, but he has been fortunate in securing as consignments to Scotland several trotters, which have won prizes on many race courses in England and the Continent.

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In answer to Mr Seymour Keay, in the House of Commons the other day, Mr Gardner said that when the bill of the hon. member for South Molton (Mr Lambert), dealing with foreign meat, came before the House, the Government would give it their most careful consideration. They were, however, not satisfied that further legislation was necessary, or that the adoption of the proposals of the Committee of the House of Lords on the marking of foreign meat would be of any real benefit to the home grower. Mr Lambert's bill proposes that the sale of foreign meat in Great Britain should be regulated in order that the public may know the meat they are purchasing, and that the producer of British meat may not be unduly interfered with by the sale of foreign meat as British meat. It provides that an invoice shall be given to the purchaser of such meat, stating that it is foreign, or he will be liable to a penalty not exceeding 15 for a first and £20 for a second offence. It will, however, be a defence if a servant has committed the offence without the master's knowledge or connivance. Dealers in foreign meat must affix due notice on their premises, and the local authority must keep a register of such dealers.

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A TRUE STORY OF TO-DAY.

I.

My tale begins in the Roumanian Kiosk at the Paris Exhibition. The Roumanian gypsy band, the "Laotari," are, on dulcimer, pan-pipes, guitar, and violins, playing one of their strange, weird, sad national airs, and as they play the rustle of dresses, the creak of men's shiny boots, and the whispered words are hushed as the wild, wailing notes hold the audience in awe-struck silence. All seem mesmerised as those handsome, wicked-looking "Tzigani" in their bright, ungraceful national dress, and handling their instruments with rare skill, portray in those sad notes, now low and wailing, now high again and screaming, as well as could a painter with brush and palette or historian with facile pen, the past sad history of their country—the fearful tale of rapine, murder, slavery and oppression. But the tune dies away with a sound like the last swooning cry of some being perishing in misery and pain. From the band of musicians standing picturesquely grouped there steps forth a young man. Tall, brown as a berry, with long black hair and great violet eyes, such a one as one seldom sees except in pictures, and then seldom painted as this young Apollo. He touches a few chords on his guitar, and then in a grand but uncultured voice (for these gypsies only play and sing by ear) renders a modern Roumanian "Romanza." As he sings we see that his eyes, those great, wild, dark eyes are fixed on a most lovely fair girl, English you would say at the first glance, but no; there is a something about her which says she does not hail from our Island Home. She is American; an American heiress and an orphan. Accompanied each day only by an old servant, she has sat out each concert, only gazing longingly, abstractedly at the young gypsy singer, for she is madly, hopelessly, infatuatedly in love with him, has written to him, met him, and he—well, he is an Oriental and a gypsy, and he likes amusement and a *liaison*, whether with a fabulously rich American or a half-wild gypsy girl.

II.

A third-class carriage on the Austro-Hungarian Railway. A band of dark-looking men sit or lie on the hard seats, some smoking, others talking in low, weird tones, for it is evening and hot, and the open windows let in no air, only the fine sand from the parched plains, covering everything and everyone with dust. Apart in one corner sit a pair, strangely out of keeping with one another. He, a tall, dark, gypsy-looking fellow in rough, loudly-checked clothes and slouch hat, sits and smokes, gazing idly out on the dry, yellow Hungarian plains, where the patient white oxen and ugly buffaloes vainly search for a few blades of grass. She, in expensive and tasteful robes, but sadly bedraggled by the long journey, leans her head on his shoulder, clasping one of his dark claw-like hands between her two tiny pink ones. Do you recognise them? It is the same pair we watched in the summer at Paris. He, tired of his plaything, would have said good-bye there, and leaving, would have forgotten; but not so she. "Leave you?—never!" she had said; "I mean to become one of your people, to learn your language and habits; I have only relations in America, no parents—no ties." And then a thought had struck him. She should go—and this is how we find them on their way to Roumania.

III.

A long, low, dusty valley; no trees, only here and there even a small copper-coloured bush, or sign of yellow grass, for the hot summer wind and sun has devoured all. At the lower end of the valley are standing some dozen rough gaudy-coloured tents or huts; at least so they look as a couple approach them. One a young man in Roumanian peasant dress, the other a girl looking dainty and cool in a light white summer costume. As they get nearer, a number of great savage wolf-like looking dogs rush out and surround them, barking and showing their gleaming white teeth; behind them come some dozen little boys and girls, the smaller ones naked, who begin to hold out their hands and demand alms, pulling the skin of their bodies to show how thin and hungry they are; but at a word from the young man in a language the girl does not understand, they leave the pair and go rushing and tumbling back to the tents, raising a cloud of dust behind them. Now the couple are among the tents, from the doors of which dark wild-looking men and women blink curiously at them, and one great hulking man comes striding up to view the interlopers, dragging a huge half-savage bear after him on a chain. "Ha!" he recognises the young man, and begins to gabble to him in the hard gypsy language, taking no notice of the girl, who at the sight of the bear starts back in terror. All round her stand the crowd of dark, black-eyed beings; to her affrighted gaze they seem devils.

"Come," says the young man in French; "you want to see my mother and sisters," and half dragging the frightened girl, he leads the way into a tent, stooping to lift the flap of dirty greasy cloth which forms the door. Inside, as her eyes become used to the smoke of a charcoal fire, she sees crouching on a heap of rags a *thing*—human it cannot be; thin, brown, no teeth, and only a few lanky grey hairs on her head; it is an old, old woman, not seeing, not feeling, only swaying slowly backwards and forwards as she mumbles unintelligibly. "My mother," says the young man; and turning to where two tall girls, one slightly older than the other, sprawl on the ground, their scanty dirty linen leaving their round brown bosoms entirely bare, "and here are my sisters; the man with the bear is my brother."

The American Consul at Bucharest was surprised to receive a visit late at night from a young girl, thickly veiled, who asked to have her passport *viséé*, as she meant leaving for America that night.—"Rook," in "Sporting and Dramatic News."

AUSTRALIAN ROUGH RIDERS.

An area of several acres of level grass was enclosed with a fence, perhaps eight or ten feet high, formed of sawn battens, on which was stretched the coarse sacking known to drapers as Osnaberg. This answered the double purpose of keeping the public who would not pay out and the performing horses in. I had heard of the way in which the selected horses were saddled and mounted, and was therefore partly prepared. But, tolerably versed in the law of the wilderness, I had certainly never seen such primitive equitation before. About thirty unbroken horses were moving uneasily within a high well-constructed stock-yard, the regulation four rails [and a *cap* presenting a solid unyielding fence over seven feet in height. As each animal was wanted it was driven or cajoled by means of a quiet horse into a close yard, ending in a *crush*, or lane so narrow that, once in, no turning round was possible. A high gate in front was well fastened. Before the colt could decide on a retrograde movement long and strong saplings were thrust behind his quarters and the post of the crush; he was therefore trapped, unable to advance or retire. If he threatened to lie down, a sapling underneath prevented that last refuge of temper. Sometimes the imprisoned animal preserved an expression of stupid amazement or harmless terror; occasionally he displayed fierce wrath or reckless despair. Before the colt has done thinking what unprincipled wretches these bush bipeds are, a *blind* (ingeniously improvised out of a waistcoat) is placed over his eyes, a snaffle-bridle thrown over his head, a bit forced into his mouth; at the same time two active young men are thrusting a crupper under his reluctant tail, have dropped a saddle on his back, and are buckling leather girths and surcingle (the latter run through slits in the lower portion of the saddle-flaps) as if they meant to cut him in two.

This preparatory process being completed in marvellously short time, the manager calls out, "First horse—Mr. St. Aure!" whereupon a tall, well-made young man from the Upper Murray ascends the fence and stands with either leg on the rails immediately over the angry, terrified animal. Deftly he drops into the saddle, his legs just grazing the sides of the crush. "Open the gate!" roars the manager. "Look out, you boys!" and with a mad rush out flies the colt through the open gate like a shell from a howitzer. For twenty yards he races at full speed, then "propping" as if galvanised, shoots upward with the true deer's leap, all four feet in the air at once (from which the vice takes its name), and comes down with his head between his forelegs and his nose touching the girths. But the rider has swayed back in saddle with instinctive ease and is quite prepared for a succession of lightninglike bounds—sideways, upward, downward, backward, as the agile and frantic animal appears to turn in the air, and to come down with his head in the place where his tail was when he rose. For an instant he stops; then perhaps the spurs are sent in so as to accentuate the next performance. The crowd, meanwhile, of six or seven hundred people, mostly young or in the prime of life, follow cheering and clapping with every fresh attempt on the part of the frenzied steed to dispose of his rider. A few minutes of this exercise suffice to exhaust and steady the wildest colt. Shortly, with lowered head and trembling frame, he allows himself to be ridden to the gate of egress. There he is halted, and his rider, taking hold of his left ear with his bridle hand, swings lightly to the ground closely alongside of the shoulder. Did he not so alight, the agile mustang is capable of a lightning wheel and a dangerous kick.

A middle-aged, wiry, old-fashioned stock-rider from Gippsland next came flying out on a frantic steed *without a bridle!* For some time it seemed a drawn battle between horse and man, but towards the end of the fight the horse managed to "get from under." One horse slipped on the short green grass and came over backwards, his rider permitting himself to slide off. The next animal was described as an "outlaw," a bush term for a horse which has been backed but never successfully ridden. She fully sustained her character by a persevering exhibition of every kind of contortion calculated to dissolve partnership. At one time it looked as if the betting was in favour of the man, but the mare had evidently resolved on a last appeal. Setting to with redoubled fury, she smashed the crupper, tore out the girth-straps, and then performed the rare, well-nigh incredible feat of sending the saddle over her head *without breaking the remaining girth or the leather surcingle!*

As an Australian I may be slightly prejudiced, but I must confess to holding the opinion that our bushriders in certain departments are unrivalled. The South American gaucho and cowboy of the Western States are doubtless wonderful horsemen. But they ride under more favourable conditions than those of our bushmen. The saddle of the American is on the old-fashioned Spanish pattern, heavy and cumbersome. In addition to the high pommel and cantle, it is provided with a horn-like fixture in front to which the lasso is attached generally, but which serves as a sort of belaying pin and an excellent holdfast for the rider in case of need. The tremendous severity of the curb-bit must also tend to moderate the gambols of any but the most vicious or untamed animal. The horses, too, are mere ponies compared to the big, powerful Australians, and as such weaker and more easy to control.

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TIGRE—*Black and Golden Yellow*—P. H. Vargas, London and Brazilian Bank, Buenos Aires.

COWBOY OR CLERK.

The colonies—at least Australia—are mainly used by English parents as a dumping-ground for the failures of the family, without duly considering whether they are likely to become successes, says "Hearth and Home." The young man whose health has broken down at home in spite of the care of his relatives, what likelihood is there of his regaining health, and holding his own alone among strangers, when he has no one to cheer him in his depression caused by bad health, or the weary waiting for work that comes not? The lad who has failed in his examination through stupidity or idleness is a favourite object for shipping out to the colonies. But if he is stupid how is he to compete with hard-headed colonists, with no influence to back him up, as his colonial rivals often have? Or, if he be idle, is he any more likely to be hard working when deprived of the exhortations and reproaches of his family and friends, and surrounded by loafers, only too anxious to make him as themselves? But the young man who is most usually selected for emigration is the failure in steadiness. The lad who has given way to drink, or extravagance, or gambling, is packed off to the colonies by his often justly enraged family to be cured of his evil ways. But if family ties and associations, and the sternness of public opinion at home have failed to restrain him, is it likely that he will refrain in the colonies, when separated from all ties, and where public opinion is more lenient to the first lapses?

BRIGANDS

Brigands still appear to maintain a free hand in the Caucasus. The other day, twenty-four of them, armed to the teeth, issued from a village about five o'clock in the afternoon. A pack-horse laden with cartridges and other munition brought up the rear. Before reaching Zaturoff, one of the industrial villages within the Bakn naphtha region, the party met four peasants, whom they interrogated as to the dwelling of the richest man in the settlement. The first peasant refused to say, and was immediately cut down. A second also declining was stabbed. The other two led the brigands to the house of a benevolent and wealthy compatriot, Hadshi-Husseini, in the village of Kobi. Hadshi-Husseini hesitated to state where his money was kept, but a dagger driven through the muscles of his right arm, and left there, induced him to lead the robbers to his safe. Here they found ten thousand roubles in gold and paper money, and ten thousand roubles' worth of valuables. Hadshi-Husseini was afterwards cut down and decapitated. The housekeeper wore gold earrings, the glint of which attracted the attention of the murderers. In a moment her ears were slit from the sides of her head. She sprang to the door, but was stabbed. Her cries had, however, alarmed the villagers, who opened a fusillade on the robbers. The latter made a desperate sortie, regained their horses, and made good their retreat, leaving four of their number dead. All efforts have so far failed to unearth this band from their fastnesses.

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Wool—Cross Lincoln	5.90—10.50
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FIXTURES

RACING

Sunday, May 20—Hipodromo Argentino, at Palermo.
 Thursday, May 24—Hurlingham Club's Meeting.
 Thursday, May 24—Hipodromo Nacional, Belgrano.
 Friday, May 25—Hipodromo Nacional, Belgrano.

FOOTBALL.

ASSOCIATION

Sunday, May 20—Lomas A.C. v. Flores A.C., at Lomas.
 Thursday, May 24—Flores A.C. v. Rosario A.C., at Flores.
 Thursday, May 23—Lobos A.C. v. St. Andrews F.C., at Lobos.
 Friday, May 25—Retiro A.C. v. B. A. and R. Ry., at Retiro.
 Friday, May 25—St. Andrews F.C. v. Rosario A.C., at Lanus.

RUGBY

Friday, May 25—Lomas v. Buenos Aires, at Lomas.

LAWN TENNIS

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

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| 9. Setters (English, Irish, and Gordon) | 26. Italian Greyhounds |
| 10. Retrievers (Curly and Wavy) | 27. Pugs—Dogs |
| 11. Spaniels (Cumber, Sussex) | 28. " Bitches |
| 12. Spaniels (Irish, Water, Field and Cocker) | 29. Toy Spaniels (Ruby, Blenheim, King Charles, etc.) |
| 13. Dachshunds | 30. Great Danes—Dogs |
| 14. St. Bernards | 31. " —Bitches |
| 15. Newfoundland | 32. Greyhounds |
| 16. Bulldogs | 33. Deerhounds |
| 17. Bull Terriers—Dogs | 34. General Class (for dogs not included in the above classes) |

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Should sufficient entries be received of any description of dog for which no special class is named, a class will be formed for them.

No prize will be given in any class in which there are fewer than three competitors.

In making entries it will be necessary to state if the dog be imported or bred in the country.

Any person wishing to enter a dog—For Sale—must state the price at time of entry, and the secretary shall have power to sell such dog at the price mentioned any time during the show.

All entries are received subject to the Club's rules for shows, which may be obtained on application to the Secretary, Piedad 559.

PROGRAMME OF A RACE MEETING

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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.

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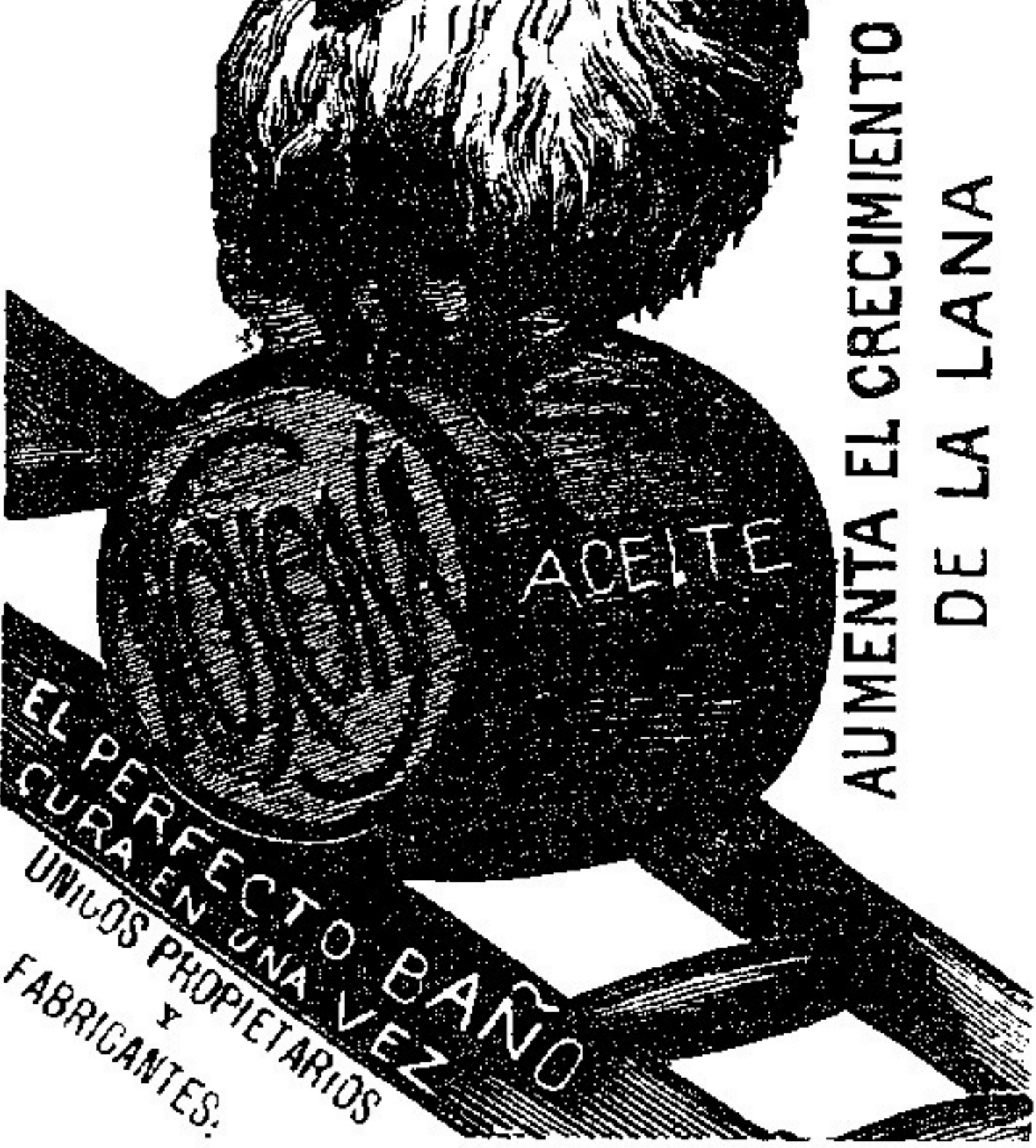


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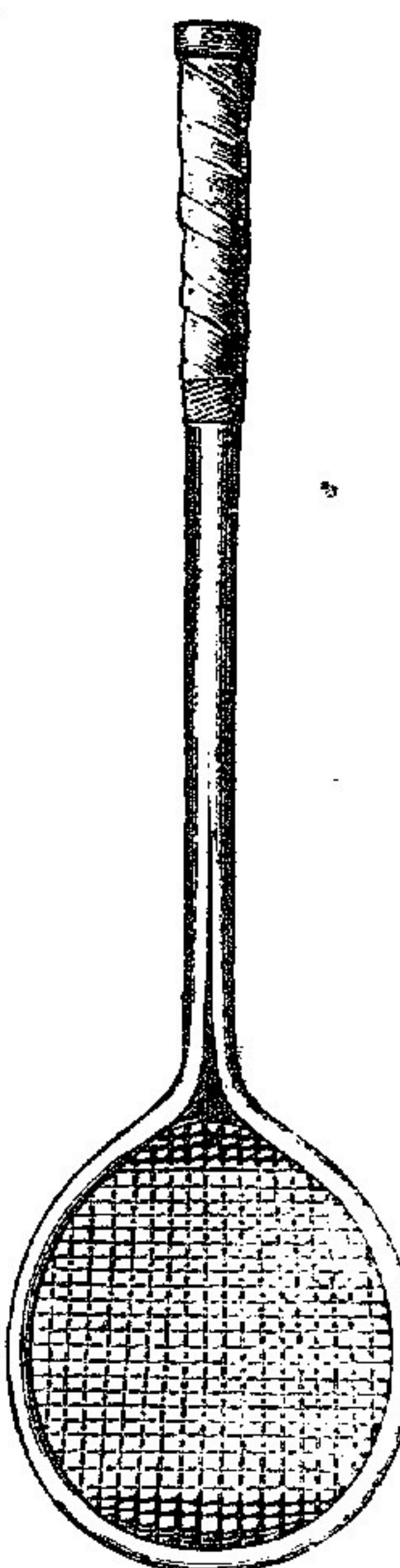
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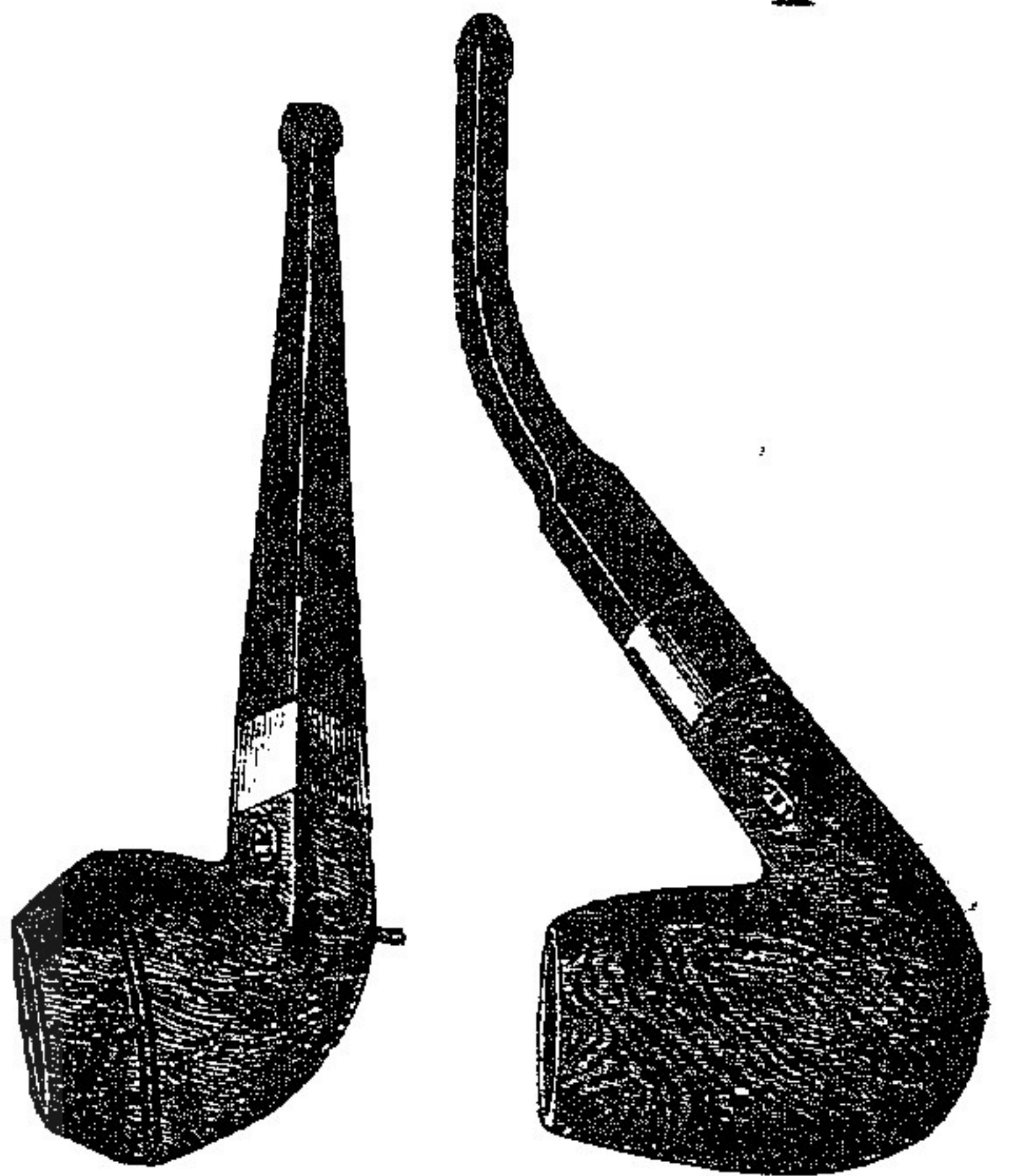
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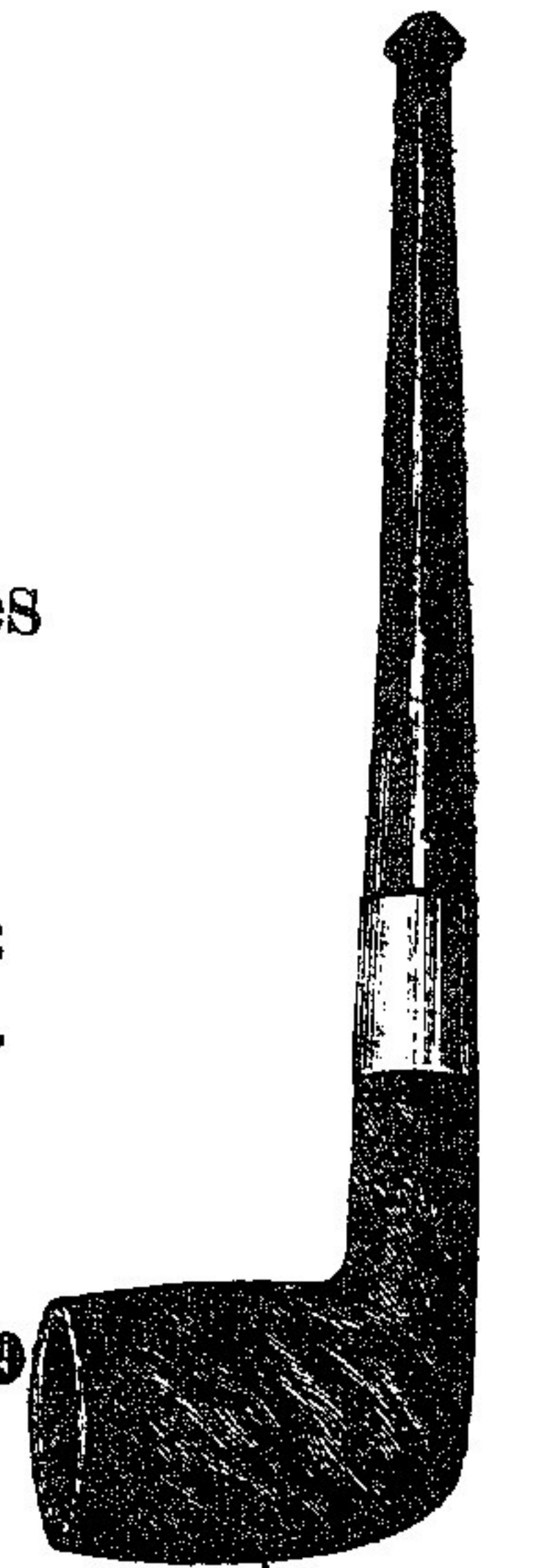
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TOWARDS THE SUNSET.

(Continued).

"No," he replied, "I have seen nothing, but there are a couple of tigers about a league off down by where the soldiers killed the cows on the banks of the Desaguadero, but they must have filled themselves by this and gone off, I heard one roaring just after it was my turn to watch, and another answered him from a long way off, but gradually came nearer, but I haven't heard either of them for over an hour."

So he turned in and I went and sat down about twenty yards from the fire taking my rifle with me in case of accidents. I suppose that nobody who has never kept a watch like this can imagine the number of different sounds that issue from the forest a couple of hours before sunrise. The Indians say that this is the time the trees talk, all I can say is that their superstition seemed to me that night to be well founded. Every little breath of wind would cause some of the thinner branches to knock against or graze one another, and the sounds they gave out sounded weird and uncanny in the extreme. Many sounds I heard too which I could not explain, nor can I now, though many were familiar, the cry of the plover, the tweet-tweet of the burrowing owl and the occasional grunting of the biscachas were all sounds I knew well, and now and then a rush of wings would come, and looking up I could see a string of ducks, clear against the pale cold light of the moon wending their way towards the mysterious south. Odd, strange thoughts and reasonings too come into one's head at such a time, for I remembered that Araucibe had told us to expect queer things on the frontier shortly, and then I remembered what Iranowski had said that afternoon about being told to spy on the ideas and actions of certain officers on the frontier, and the two things seemed to connect themselves somehow in my mind. Could the authorities in Buenos Aires suspect that there was trouble brewing? and then again even if they did, how should Araucibe know anything about it. Odd, but still there might be something in it. And after all even if there was a big revolution it could not affect Phil and I, Carlos could not be made to serve as a soldier either, as he was the only son of his mother and she was a widow, so he was exempt from all military service, but that affair between him and Matilda was the deuce and all, and Alberto was bound to make it hot for him if ever he got the chance. My thoughts just about this time were suddenly brought to an abrupt termination, as for some half hour or so I had been too busy with them to pay much attention to what was going on round me, but now as I happened to turn my eyes in the direction of the dead bull I saw beyond him a longish dark looking figure of some animal stealthily approaching it. To my excited imagination it immediately took the form of a tiger, for in the uncertain light of the moon it looked much further off than it really was. I cocked my rifle and stood up determined to risk a shot and slay him if possible unaided, but the beast saw me and stopped and then turned tail and bolted.

"Bah," I exclaimed, "only a beast of a fox," but the sky was growing pink in the east, it had got wonderfully cold and the fire was nearly out, so I threw on some more sticks and went and got some water to boil for coffee.

"I suppose we had better start off and look at Araucibe's hiding place at once," said Phil half an hour later as we sat drinking our coffee and eating cold roast beef left over from the night before, "we can be back here by nine o'clock and home by five, we shall have to go by the fortin or else the colonel would be vexed, but we needn't stay there any time."

So we started without any loss of time. We had to cross the arroyo Desaguadero to get round to the southern shore, and as we rode along the banks for a short distance looking for a suitable place to cross, we came across one of the dead beasts, or rather I should say the bones of one of the beasts the soldiers had killed the day before; for they had stripped the carcass of most of the meat and I saw that as Carlos had told me in the night, tigers had been at it, most of the bones being gnawed clean and some of them carried away a considerable distance. Tigers tracks too were plentiful all around, but we paid no heed to those that day, but hurried on intent only on finding the hiding place of our slippery friend and getting back home before night fall.

We could see the tracks Carlos had spoken of as soon as ever we reached the shore of the lake, for there they were as plain as writing on paper, imprinted on the white salt. For about two miles they led us right by the waters edge and then suddenly turned to the right and entered what seemed to be a narrow gap in the cliffs which here rose to a height of somewhat over twenty feet. Carlos entered first, Phil next, and I brought up the rear. After passing in some twenty or thirty yards we found a post planted on either side of the road which here was about eight feet wide with a couple of stout pieces of timber tied cross ways so as to bar the egress of a horse or other large animal which might seek to find its way out.

"Ah," said Carlos as he dismounted and proceeded to untie the thongs which supported the cross bars, "El amigo Araucibe has a corral here it seems, let us see what we shall find further in, he is a very cunning fox but we have found his home."

As we rode through we found that the cliffs on either side widened out and we came upon a space of some sixty yards wide in which were a quantity of trees of different sizes and kinds, some of them being very bushy and evergreen, but ahead of us perhaps a hundred and fifty yards the gully if I may so call it suddenly came to an end. Under the trees and all about there was plenty of good grass, and near the centre a little pond of clear sweet water.

"An excellent retreat, by Jove," said Phil laughing,

"but I see no sign of a house or shanty of any kind, do you? Where did the fox live, Carlos?"

"There," said Carlos, pointing to a large evergreen that stood right up against the face of the cliff.

"I think we shall find his hole behind that tree. There are traces of smoke on the side of the barranca there and see here is a burnt bone."

We rode round behind the evergreen and found first of all a place where a fire had been made only a few days before, for the ashes had not been rained on, and against the face of the cliff a dry, white cow's hide staked out wide.

"Pull it down," cried Phil, jumping off and running towards it, "and let us see the inside of the black-guard's house."

There was no need, however, to use any violence to attain our end, for on each corner of the hide was a thick loop which was slipped over a stout peg firmly driven into the side of the wall, and when we had unfastened the two top ones the hide fell down disclosing an opening or door way and inside a room or cave about eight yards in depth by six wide. The floor was level and sandy and the walls had evidently been chipped flat with an axe or some other sharp instrument and were white and looked as though they were of chalk or lime and very hard.

There were a quantity of things hung all round the room, some in ordinary canvas bags, some in softened guanaco skins, in the far corner were a couple of raw hide trunks such as Chilians and Mendocinos use for carrying clothes, money, etc., on mule back; each of these was secured with an enormous padlock, and laying alongside we found a small keg with a cork in the top which Phil promptly removed and applied his nose.

"Brandy, by Jove," he cried, "and first rate stuff, too, if I am any judge, the fellow knew how to make himself comfortable."

But while Phil had been examining the keg I had lifted down a long curious looking package from the wall which had roused my curiosity as it was carefully tied up in guanaco skins.

"I say, old fellow," said he, when he saw what I was about, "we're no burglars, we must respect the fellow's belongings."

"Of course we will," said I, "so far as carrying anything belonging to him away, but now we have found out this place, for my part I am going to find out as much as I can about the owner, it is more than probable that you, and perhaps I, too, may have a considerable deal to do with this gentleman before we have done with him, so with your leave I am just going to investigate some of his belongings."

"Oh, if that's all I'll bear a hand too; here Carlos come and give me a hand to get this iron box down, it isn't fastened and there may be something interesting inside."

Carlos laughed and went to help Phil while I went on unfastening the bundle on which I was busied when Phil suggested our not being burglars. When I had undone the outer skin I came upon two other long parcels and three small ones all done up in greasy skins. The first I opened was a long rapier with an ornamented sheath and a common cross-bar handle made of silver. The steel of the blade as also the silver of the hilt was black with age or damp or both, but the blade was as flexible as a steel spring, for on trying it I found that I could bend the point of the blade almost down to the hilt quite easily, though I refrained from actually doing so fearing that it might snap and fly and hurt one of us. The second parcel contained a straight sword, the blade nearly, if not quite three feet long about two inches wide at the widest part, the handle which was of wood had been cracked and tied up by pieces of hide and seemed very old. The other bundles each contained a long barrelled pistol with flint locks and silver mounted stock on which was inlaid in the same metal the letters J. M. A. with the date 1584, but while I was busy examining these things I was startled by a sudden exclamation from Phil.

"Treasure trove," he cried, "I'll bet you have found nothing half so valuable as this," and he held up what seemed to be part of an old book sewn together and very dirty and discoloured.

"What is it?" I enquired hurriedly, for I could see from the excited expression of his face that he had evidently found something worth having.

"Well, if what I can make out is true," he replied, "it is the most extraordinary affair anyone has ever heard of, beats Jules Verne's yarns into fits I should say, but come and look for yourself."

I hurried over to where he was standing and took the book from his hand and on opening it at the first page I saw at once that it was most beautifully written in a small neat round hand, in Spanish, but the heading of it nearly took my breath away for what I read there was this:

"True and authentic declaration written by me, Pedro Aneiros, Parish Priest of the town of Valdivia, situated in the south of Chile, A. D. 1589. Respecting the descent into the extinct Volcano Tupunairo and what we found therein, for the use only of Juan Manuel Araucibe and his heirs."

"Caramba," I cried, "if this is bona fine, which it certainly seems to be, it must really be worth reading, but it will take some time," and as I turned over the pages I saw that it was all closely written, but from one or two passages that caught my eye I made up my mind to go through the lot.

"We must stop here all day," I said, and I will translate it for you, a day more or less doesn't matter to us, we can shut our horses into this little natural paddock when Carlos has brought them, he can bring meat, too, and we will see what this old parish priest has to say for himself. How will that suit you?"

"I'm game," he replied, "there can be no harm

done by reading this wonderful story, and putting it back where we found it, though of course we could not carry it away with us. So send Carlos off for our things and horses, tell him to bring plenty of meat and we will just sit down and you can begin translating at once."

I dispatched Carlos at once, and then Phil and I went and lay down in the shade under a tree and I began my task, not a difficult one, for the writing, though in many places considerably faded was exceedingly beautiful and the language very simple. But the actual translation which I give here was not made for some years after, when at my request Araucibe lent me the document for a few days.

"Now then light up and fire away," said Phil, as he filled his own pipe and threw his tobacco pouch over to me. "I am anxious to hear the old chap's yarn, and I expect it is only a yarn too, for who the devil would think of going down an extinct volcano, and what for?"

"How the deuce am I to know until I have read it," I replied, "shut up and let me begin."

I first translated the heading, and then began with the so-called declaration and what I read ran as follows:

"I have been robbed, swindled by a bad man, and to my sorrow, and shame be it said, that man my own cousin, but I have hopes that by telling my whole story, the heart of him into whose hands these pages are to be committed, may be led to see the wickedness of the man who robbed me, and at whose bedding I took the oath which compels me to give up to him the riches which I ought to share. On the night of the 15th October, 1588, after saying evening prayer in this our little chapel in Valdivia, I went my way to my own humble room, but as I approached the window, I saw that lights were burning inside, and to my surprise and consternation, I saw that two men were seated at my table opposite one another drinking, and shouting out ribald songs with uproarious drunken voices, so I, wishing to put an end to such a scandal advanced quickly, and asked them what they meant."

"Ha! my cousin the pious Don Pedro," cried one of them, jumping up and holding out his hand. "how goes it, cousin? Badly I should say from that greasy cassock and narrow belly, but we will soon remedy both, we will change the greasy black for the glossy people, and we will fill thee out so thou shalt bellow from thy pulpit like any bull of Bashan for the good of thy flock. But how now? Hast thou no greeting for thy mother's sister's son?"

I stared in amazement, for I could scarce believe that the man I saw before me was my cousin Jose Maria Araucibe. I had not seen him for eighteen years, and in that time he had grown to be a veritable giant, but as I looked, something in his face told me that what he said was true, though when last I beheld him he was a smooth-faced boy, while now his mustachios almost reached, curled upwards as they were, to his eyes, while his pointed beard came near to the second button of his leather coat. Blood is stronger than water, and this man though seemingly half drunk, was my cousin, so I held out my hand.

"Welcome, cousin," I said, "I am glad to see you, but what need of so much noise, two men such as you would scare our simple villagers out of their seven senses."

"Two," cried he, with another laugh, that sounded like the roar of a wild beast, "two are nothing, wait till the other ten come, they will be here to-morrow, and then you will see."

I failed to understand his meaning, so I shut the door and windows to keep inquisitive people from prying, and then seating myself, bade him do the same, and then tell me calmly why he had come, and what he wanted, for when he had mentioned the other ten who were to arrive on the morrow a horrid dread had come over me lest he should by any possibility be one of a band of men, twelve in number, who blasphemously called themselves "The Twelve Apostles," and of whom fearful tales were told. The year before they had been hunted out of Peru for their misdeeds, but where they had gone no one knew, though money had been offered for their capture. So it was with fear in my heart and trembling in my limbs that I awaited his answer.

"A straight question and a straight answer, cousin," he replied. "I have come in the name of our company to ask your help to make us all rich beyond your vaguest imaginings. We have found untold gold, see here is a specimen."

And he drew from one of his pockets and cast upon the table before me a lump of yellow metal of about a pound in weight. I took it up and examined it, it was surely gold, but of a peculiar shape, it seemed to have been molten, for one end was thin, and at the other it looked as though it had been sawn off from a larger piece, and was nearly triangular in form, and its thickest part was about an inch.

"Where got you this?" I enquired.

"Nay, will you help us to get it all?" he asked, "I came to make a bargain with you. I know that you are well used to blocks and tackle, for you lived till after your beard was grown in your father's shipbuilding yard in Cadiz, so you are the man to help us if you are so minded. Nay, you must so mind, for even your pious soul would not shrink from taking wealth and power from the bosom of our Mother Earth. Say yes, cousin, and in three months' time you shall be richer than any crowned head in the world."

"Tell me first where this came from," said I, for I began to fear I knew not what, "tell me where you got it, and if there is no sin in the matter and I can do it, I will help you all I can."

"Ha, Ha, Ha," he laughed, "so there is some of the old Adam left in you yet; gold is a powerful lever since it will open the heart of my pious cousin, but fear nothing, for the gold I tell you of is deep down in the heart of the extinct volcano Tupunairo."

Surely I thought the man is mad, the drink where-with he has soddened his carcass has at length turned his brain, so thinking to humour him and at the same time gain a few moments to plan an escape from his presence, I asked him how he had found it.

"Go, Mateo," he said to his companion, "and see that none of those inquisitive dogs are listening, and you, before I tell you, must swear, in case we don't come to terms, not to reveal the secret until I give you leave."

The man, Mateo, came back at once and said that there was no one near, and then I swore the oath he imposed upon me.

"We came down from Peru," began my cousin, "last winter, and got among the Indians on the eastern side of the mountains, in the hopes of making them tell where gold was to be found, but they either would not or could not give us the information we desired, though we saw both gold and silver on them which, needless to say, we took, but as luck would have it we heard about six weeks ago from one of them of a sacred mountain, said to have been at one time a volcano, down the mouth of which they cast their head men, or caciques as they call them, when they died, together with all their belongings, so we determined on seeing it, and at once procured a guide.

But it was winter still, and the snows lay heavy on the mountains, though, luckily, the one we purposed to ascend was neither so high nor so difficult of ascent as many we saw round. Leading up from the southern side was a ridge, which slopes gradually almost to the summit, though on the north side the mountain comes sheer down like the side of a wall for several thousand yards. Our guide would have had us wait for yet another moon, as by that time, according to him, much of the snows would have melted and the ascent would on that account be both less dangerous and less difficult, but we, unwilling to waste time, obliged him to set out that same day taking with us enough dried meat to last us each ten days, each man taking with him the piece of rope which we always carried when we journeyed among the mountains. We started early in the morning and climbed all day; of difficulties we found many, and dangers not a few, one of our men coming near to being killed, for he slipped and fell a considerable distance, but falling on some soft snow was not much hurt, though it cost us over an hour's work to drag him up again, which we did by knotting our ropes together and lowering the end down to him. By nightfall we were within a hundred yards of the top, but finding ourselves then on a level plateau of rock, on which there was no snow, and where we found shelter behind some large blocks of stone from the wind, which blew with a dreadful coldness from the south, we decided to pass the night. At first we felt little of the cold, for our bodies were heated by continuous climbing, but after a time, as night came on, the cold became so intense that we had to get up and march about, beating our bodies with our arms to keep any warmth in them. The Indian, however, after he had eaten sufficient for his wants, curled himself up behind a rock and went to sleep.

A night spent on the top of a mountain is longer than a month passed in a town, but at last the sun rose once more, but our limbs were so stiff that it was some time before we dare begin the last ascent, and what was worse we found our guide was dead, frozen hard.

Some of our men now wished to return, saying no good could be got by going on, but they were overruled by others who said that having come so far 'twere folly to turn back without seeing the inside of the crater, so when the sun was a span's height above the forest we once more started, and found the journey not so hard as we had expected, for though the way was steep the great number of rocks lying about kept us from slipping; neither was there so much snow up there, for the wind, which never ceases blowing, had evidently prevented it from resting where it fell. In less than an hour we stood on the summit, which, to our surprise, we saw was hollow like the inside of a cup, sloping down towards a great round hole in the centre. The top of the cup is, I should say, about two hundred and fifty paces across, to the hole about a hundred and twenty, and the hole itself is just twelve-and-a-half paces in diameter. I tell you these things, cousin, in order that you may make your own calculations as how best to carry out the work you have to do.

We stood there looking round for some time, in hopes of seeing the bones of some of the dead caciques, and finding some of the golden armlets which they had worn during life, and which according to accounts we had heard from the Indians were always cast in there with them. But not a sign of a bone or anything else could we see, and the men began to murmur among themselves, especially those who had wished to return in the morning, for as they said it would now be too late to commence to get back that day, for we should not reach the base of the mountain till nightfall, and therefore would be obliged to spend the night on the snow, and probably share the fate of our guide.

This angered me, though indeed there was reason in it, and though I knew we had come on a somewhat foolhardy errand, based only on the word of those lying dogs below, yet I was as yet unwilling to give up the quest, so cursing them for a lot of white-livered, chicken-hearted varlets, I told them that we could not be sure of finding nothing until we had searched thoroughly, and with that I commenced to climb down the inside of the crater towards the hole, the others followed my example, but one of them either by intuition or accident (I know not which, since my attention was taken up in trying not to slip), dislodged a great stone from the side, which went rolling and crashing down until it reached the hole and fell in, but no sooner had it fallen than we heard it strike bottom. This caused us all to wonder exceedingly, for they, like I, had imagined that this hole through which fire and smoke had formerly

been vomited, as is usual with burning mountains or volcanoes, led down into the bowels of the earth.

How then how had it reached the bottom so soon? We scrambled down as fast as we could, and approached as near the mouth of the hole as we dared, endeavouring to see in, but we could see no great depth, for the sides seemed to slope away from the mouth, widening out as it grew deeper, and all below was dark. We threw in other stones and they like the first touched the bottom soon after they had disappeared from our view, though one thrown somewhat at an angle rolled for a considerable distance, thus leading us to believe that it had entered some sloping passage, which doubtless led to the centre of the earth where the fires had formerly raged of which the hole had been the outlet. Other stones hurled in the same direction rolled off down the same passage, and the heavier they were the longer we heard them rolling, till all sound was lost in the distance.

"Nay, don't interrupt me," he cried, seeing that I was going to ask him a question, "let me tell my story and then ask what questions you will."

"How now," I cried to the men, "dolts and idiots that you are, don't you see that if the old caciques were thrown down yonder hole we can find them all, and also the golden ornaments they possessed?"

"That seems so," some of them replied, but who is going to venture down?"

"We must draw lots for that," said I.

"Why," they all cried, "you are our leader, and you brought us here, and you must go down."

What they said was true, so there being no help for it, and though I liked but little the job, I bade them knot the ropes together securely, and fastening a good sized stone to the end we lowered it over the edge, so as first to ascertain that our ears had not deceived us as to the depth, and that we had sufficient rope to reach to the bottom. This touched when little more than twenty fathoms were out, but as we were drawing it up a strange thing happened, for a gust of wind came out of the hole, and with it a thin coil of haze or steam, which disappeared as soon as it came in contact with the cold air outside.

We cleared all the loose stones away from the mouth of the hole, lest any falling on my head as I was being lowered should put an end to a life, which I am not yet willing to give up, and then, after tying the rope round my body under my arms, I lay down on my belly on the edge of the hole, and allowed myself gently to slip over, at the same time giving the order to the other eleven to lower away. But I had calculated little on what I had to undergo, for I am a big man, Cousin Pedro, and very heavy, so that the rope though thick cut into my body as I hung suspended, and every time a knot came to pass over the edge it gave me a little jerk which seemed to tear my flesh. But at length my feet touched the floor, and I felt that it sloped away from the side down which I had come, though I could see nothing, and like a fool I had forgotten to bring anything to make a light. So untying the rope from my body I shouted to them to haul it up and lower me down some grease and rags, such as we carried to start a fire with in damp weather.

I soon had a kind of torch made with some of this, and getting a spark from my flint and steel, blew it into a flame, and then proceeded to look round. I found myself in a kind of room bulging out on all sides, the hole down which I had come being almost in the centre of the roof, and just in front of a wide opening, slanting down, though what struck me as strange, was that while the air which was in the former felt icy cold, that which came out of the latter felt quite warm, and, moreover, damp.

I looked about on the floor for the bones of the dead Indians supposed to have been cast down and found many, but not an ornament of any sort could I see; so doubtless they had lied when they told us they had cast them in with all their belongings, and I determined to make them pay severely for the trouble and risk they had caused us, but before leaving this hole I determined to have a look at the tunnels which led out from the chamber, in which I then stood. The first one I entered was that which as I have said was cold as death, the sides and roof were rugged and cracked, and black, and the floor cumbered with huge pieces of rock, and I saw nothing to make me think it would be worth my while to go further in, indeed the difficulties, both on account of the extreme slope with which it went down, together with the lumps of stone which lay about, besides my torch being nearly burnt out, caused me to turn from it to have a look at the other, expecting to find it much the same, but to my surprise I found it quite different, for it was nearly round, the floor unobstructed by any stones whatever, and the sides apparently quite smooth.

But before I had time to examine further my light went out, and then not being satisfied to go up again without seeing more I shouted for them to throw me down some more grease and rags, which they did, together with innumerable questions, all of which I refused to answer. When I had again lit my torch, I stepped carefully forward to examine the hole, which in a manner bore the appearance of a burrow, made by some large beast, being nearly round and with sides, floor and roof, quite smooth though as I touched them I found that they were damp with moisture, and as I groped about with my hands along the side, in the flickering light of my rag torch, I found that; and he pointed to the lump of gold he had thrown on the table. "It looked as though it had melted in the rock, and run out and cooled just on the edge of a crack, from the edge of which it hung. At first I thought it was lead, for it looked black as it hung down, and I took out my knife and scraped it to make sure, and then I saw it was yellow and glittered in the light, and I assure you cousin Pedro, that a child might have knocked me down without trouble, my knees trembled and my head awam, I

thought I should faint and then I shouted to that ugly villain, you see there at the end of the table, to come down and bring more rag to make another torch. Ha, ha, you should have seen the villain jump when I shewed him the piece of melted gold I had found; 'Gold by God,' he shouted to those above, 'Gold!!' and then he fell to laughing until I thought he had gone mad. We hacked the piece off as close to the rock as we could, with our knives, and then went a little way down the hole, to see whether we could find more, we saw several more pieces, but had not time either to cut them off or explore further, as our torch was for the third time nearly burned out, so we decided to go back and be hauled up, for we had seen enough to make us aware that there was enough gold in that place alone, without exploring the other cavern, to load fifty, aye or for that matter a hundred men. Mateo here was for being hauled up first, but I was not likely to allow that, they had said that morning that I was the leader, and made me come down first, so I asserted the right of leader to go up first and I did, though I was nearly dead when I got to the top, and they nearly broke my back as they pulled me over the edge. Then I pulled the piece of gold we had chopped off out of my pocket and threw it on the ground, and you ought to have seen the way they scrambled and fought for it.

'There dogs and sons of dogs,' I cried, 'look at that, it is gold, pure solid virgin gold, and there is enough down there to load you all, and fifty more like you, what say you now, am I a leader worth following or not?'

Quickly it passed from hand to hand, amid shrieks of laughter, and gladejaculations, until presently we heard a yell somewhat like a scream, came up from down below where I had left Mateo, for he, impatient at not being hauled up, thought we had forgotten him, and were going to leave him to perish there alone, and in his fright had begun stamping about, till he trod on something that broke, and stooping down to ascertain what it was, he picked up something round and light that had holes in it, and by feeling with his fingers he found that what he held was a man's skull, and he now had shoved his thumb into a space formerly occupied by an eye, and was yelling like a thousand devils, and calling on the Virgin, who he never thinks of but when in trouble, to get him out, for though Mateo dreads no man living, he has a holy dread of a dead one. We lugged him out green with terror, and then sat down to discuss what was best to be done. We had found boundless wealth, of that there could be no doubt, and it belonged equally to all of us, and we there took an oath, that under no conditions, living or dying was the secret to be divulged by anyone of the society, without the full consent of all the others. How to work it to best advantage was the question, we could not keep on continually being pulled up and let down, as Mateo and I had done that day—and the hole was far too wide to work a windlass on, and yet a windlass we must have, and that brought you to my mind. You are the man who can put us up a swinging platform, which must hang down from chains secured in the stone of the crater, into this hole, and on that swinging platform you must contrive the windlass, and by that means we can go up and down easily and also carry up the gold from below. We have money in plenty for the work. Between us all we can muster over a thousand gold pieces, so you can use what you require, but you must set to work at once, and you shall receive as reward an equal share with us, or say one thirteenth part of the whole."

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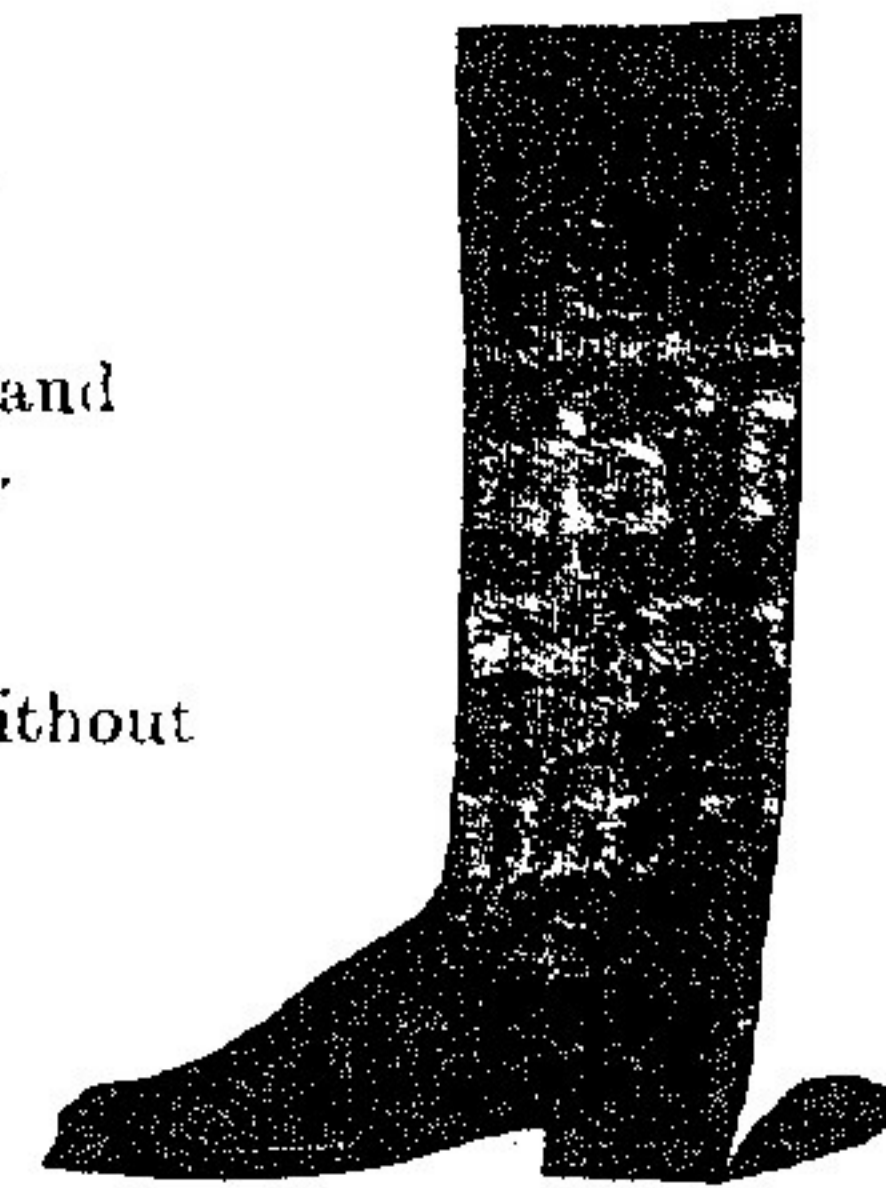
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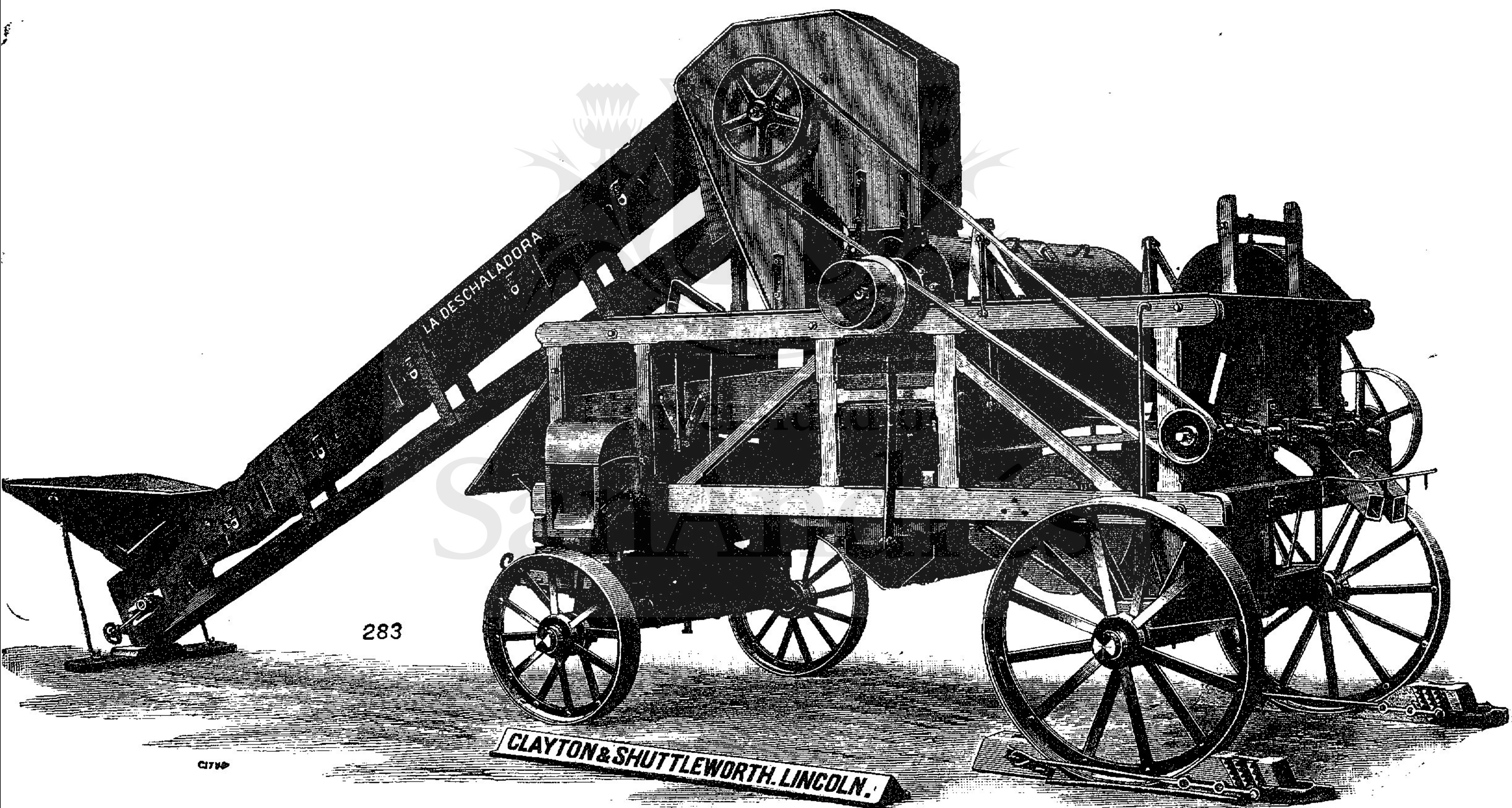
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