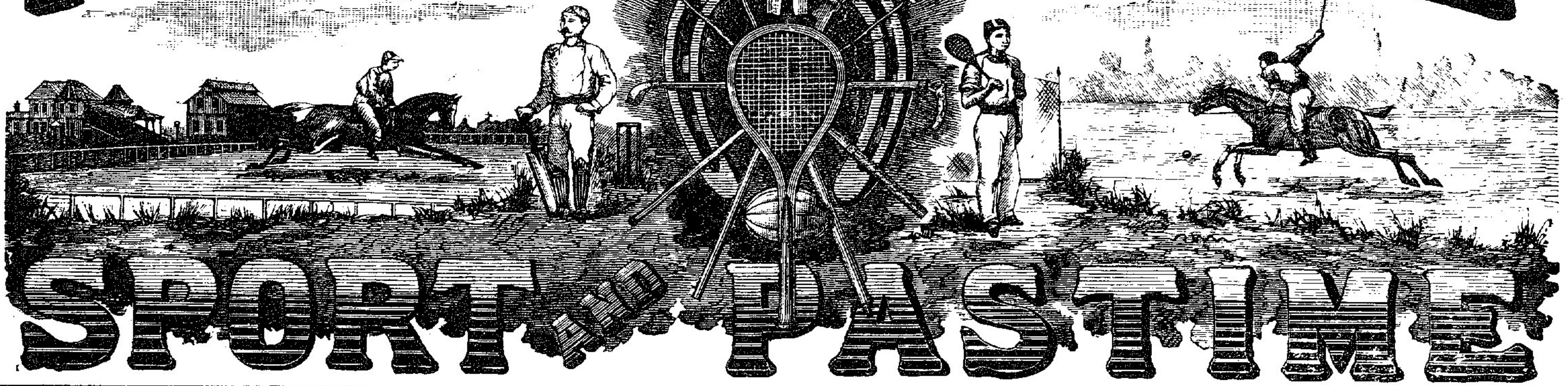


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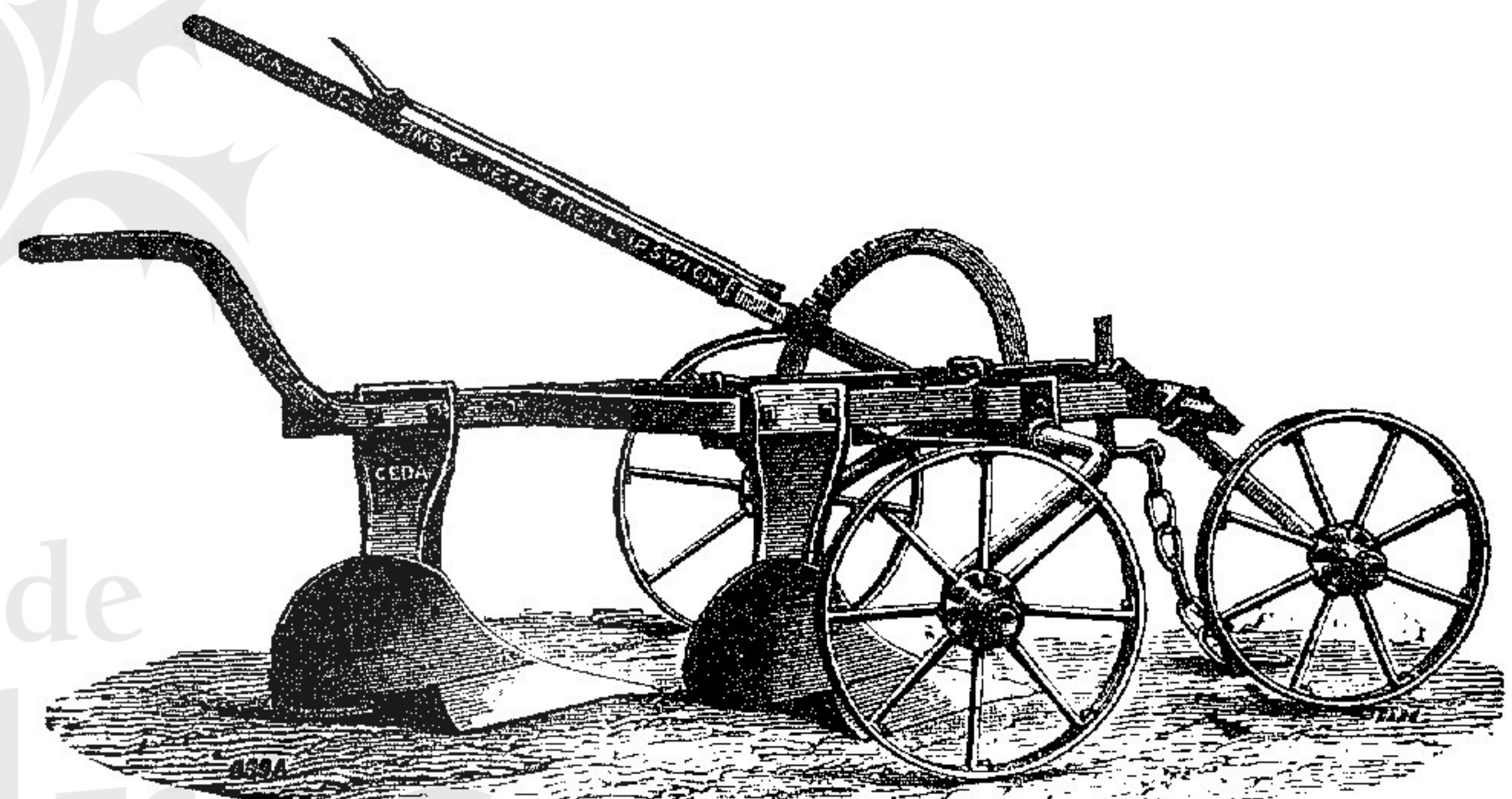
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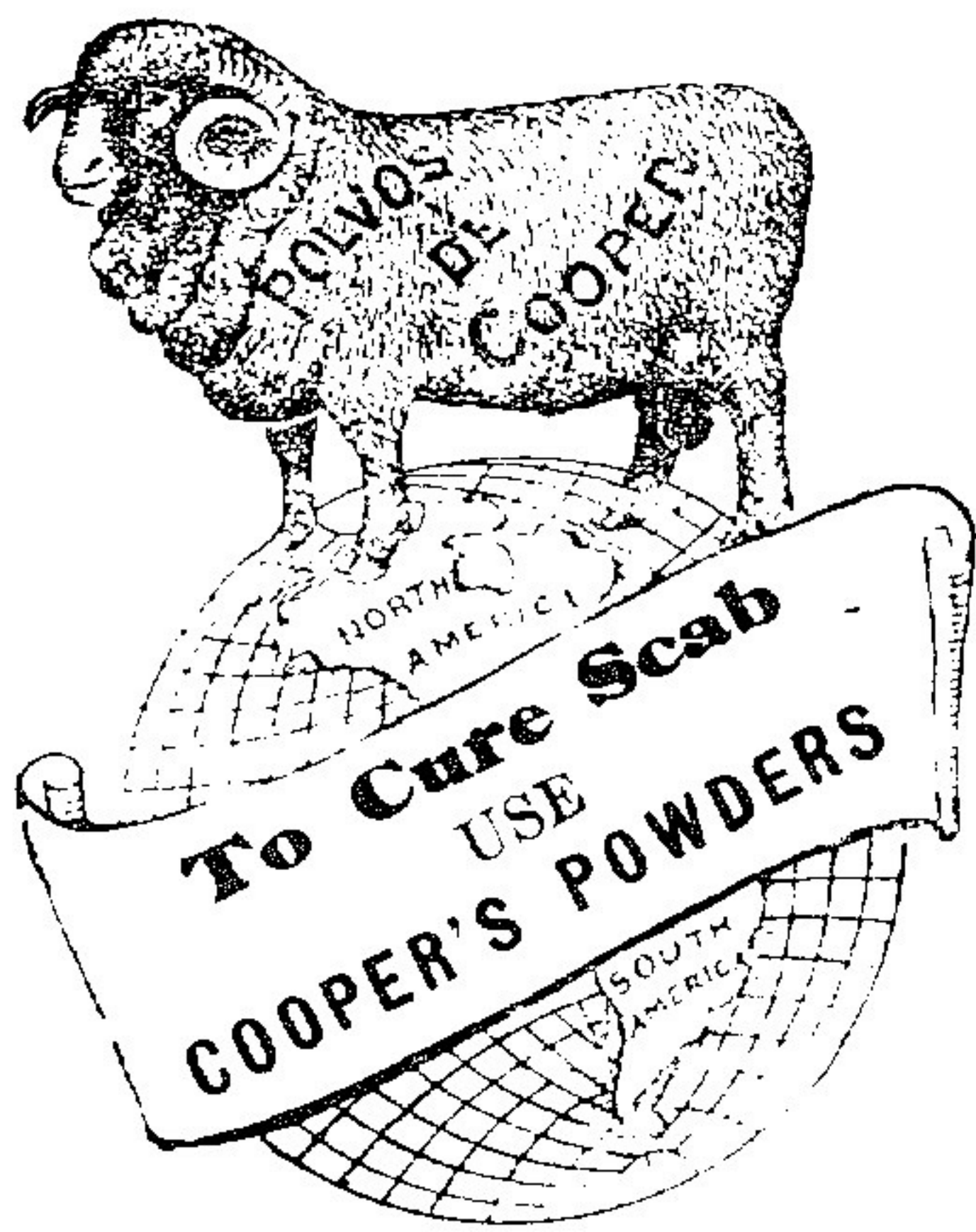
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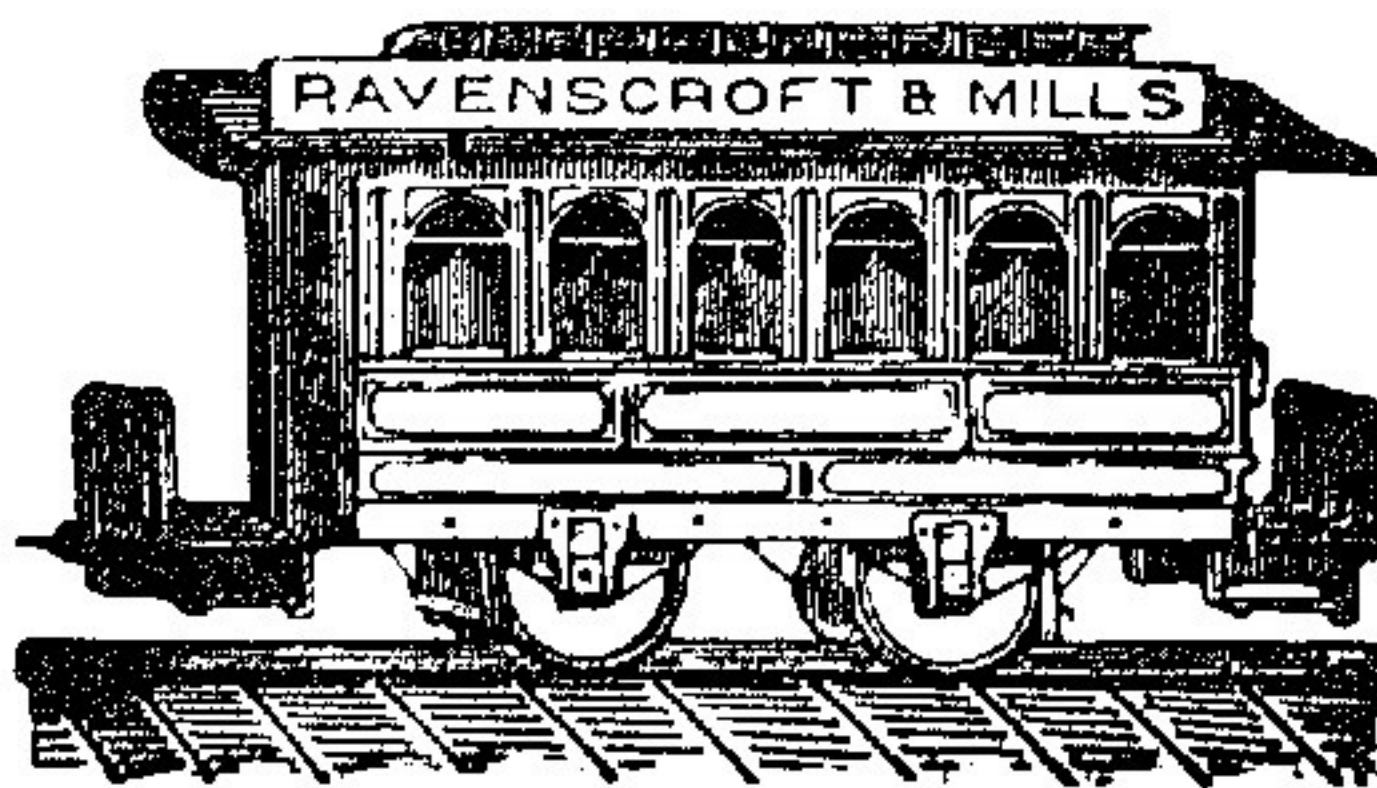
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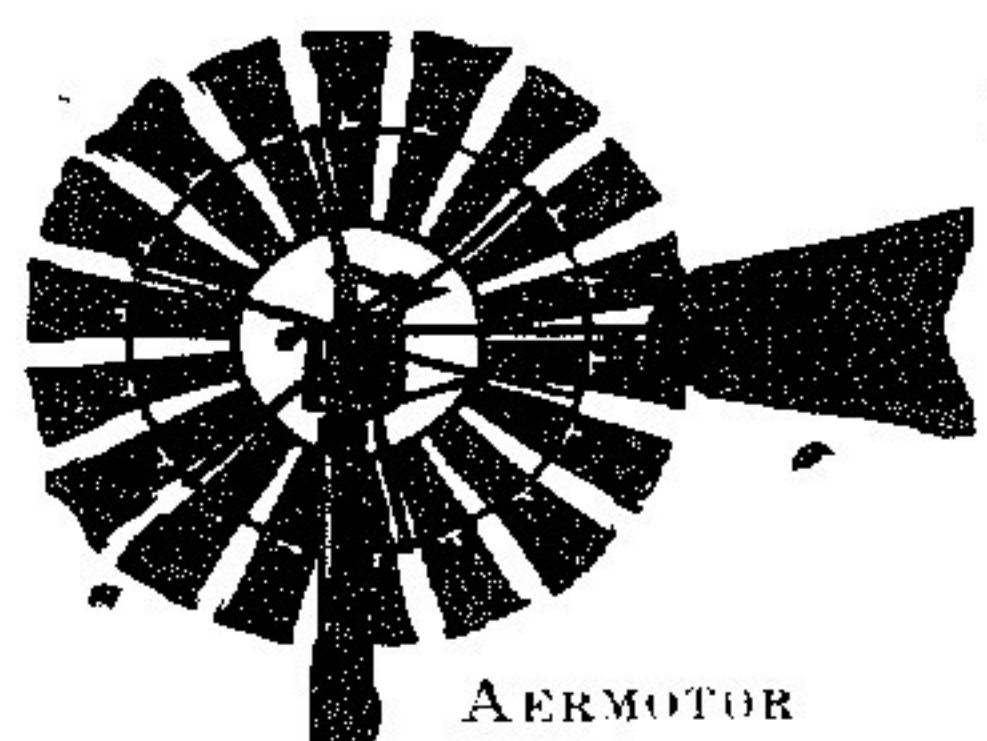
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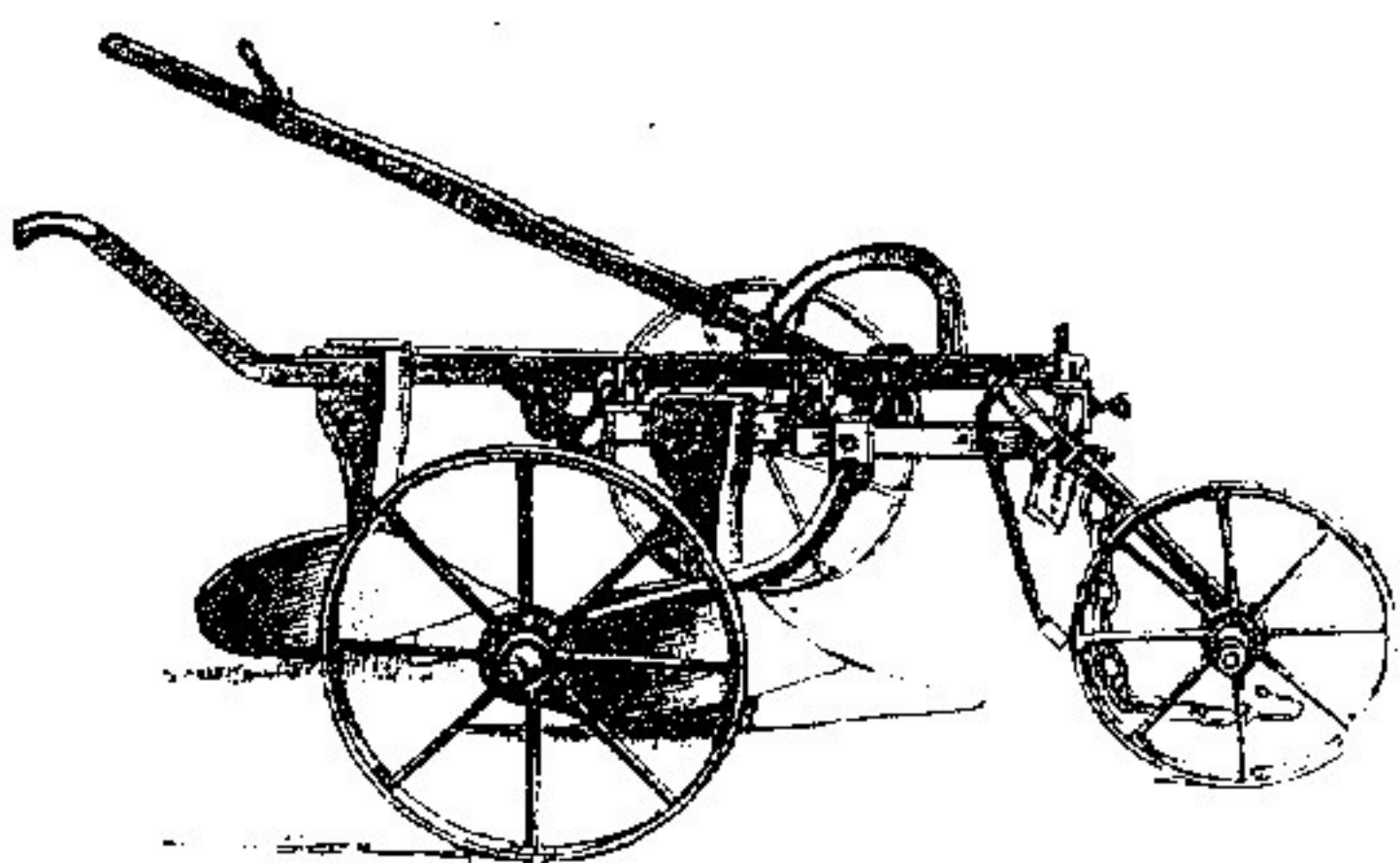
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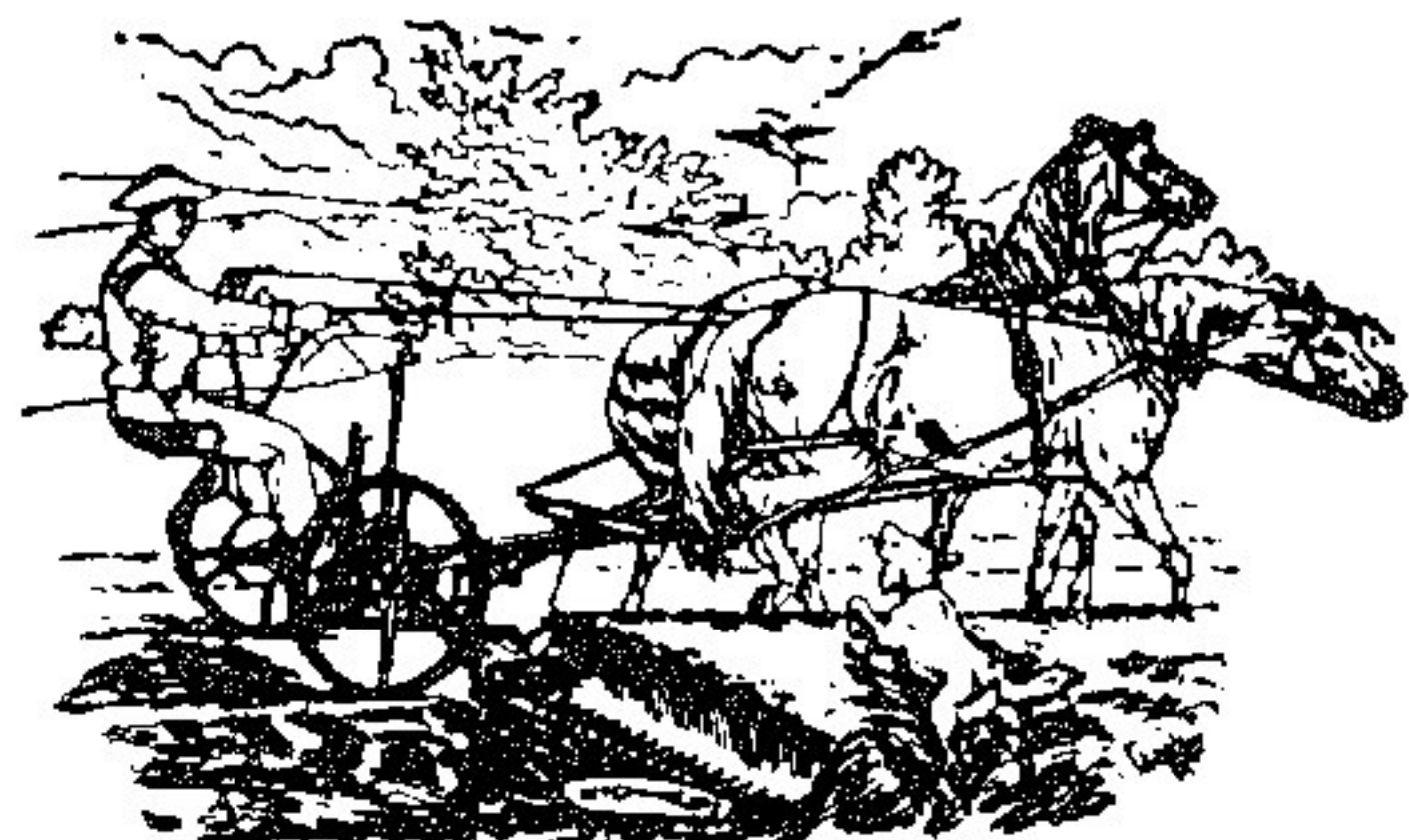


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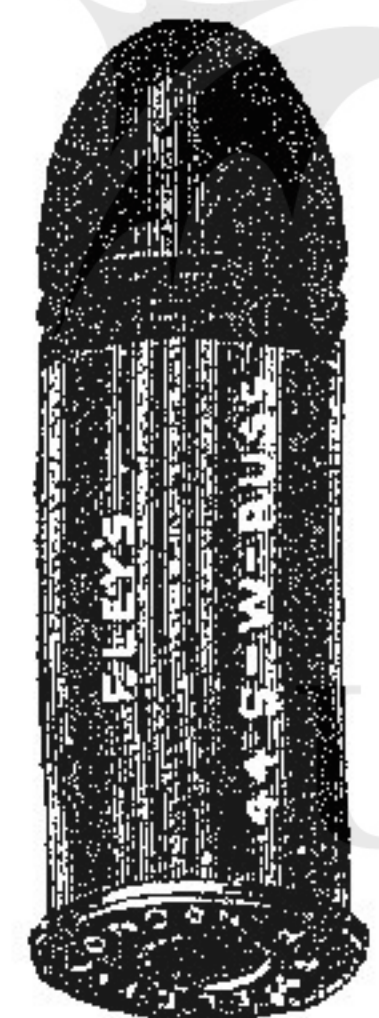
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RACING

May 3.

The Chester Cup (handicap) of 1,200 sovs added to a sweepstakes of 20 sovs each, 10 ft: the second received 100 sovs and the third 50 out of the stakes; winners extra: entrance 5 sovs. Old Cup Course, nearly two miles and a quarter. 31 subs.

Lord Penhryn's ch c Quaesitum, by Hagioscope  
Strange Lady, 4 y, 8 st. . . . . T. Loates 1  
Mr C. Perkin's Dare Devil, 6 y, 9 st. . . . . Fagan 2  
Mr T. Wadlow's Spindle Leg, 4 y, 7 st. . . . . Allsopp 3  
Mr J. M. Hanbury's Cabin Boy, 5 y, 8 st 12 lb

C. Loates 0  
Mr Winters' Con Amore, 4 y, 7 st 7 lb. . . . . S. Loates 0  
Mr R. C. Vyner's Dendoscope, 4 y, 7 st 2 lb

W. Bradford 0  
Mr E. J. Percy's Mimram, aged, 7 st 1 lb. S. Chandley 0  
Mr Bankes's Shulah, 4 y, 7 st. . . . . H. Toon 0  
Capt. F. Cookson's Vetch, 4 y, 6 st 12 lb. . . . . E. Hunt 0  
Mr G. C. Scruby's Mouton, 4 y, 6 st 9 lb, car.

6 st 10 lb. . . . . Wall 0  
Capt. C. Lambton's Titiens, 3 y, 6 st 7 lb. . . . . W. Pratt 0

Betting: 5 to 2 agst Quaesitum, 9 to 2 agst Cabin Boy, 100 to 15 agst Dare Devil, 8 to 1 agst Dendoscope, 8 to 1 agst Mimram, 100 to 12 agst Mouton, 100 to 8 Vetch, 20 to 1 agst Spindle Leg, 25 to 1 agst Con Amore, 25 to 1 agst Shulah, and 40 to 1 agst Titiens.

The race. At the first attempt Cabin Boy jumped off in advance of Dendoscope, Shulah, and Con Amore. He was steadied in the first furlong, and passing the stands Dendoscope led from Shulah, Con Amore, and Mouton, with Cabin Boy, Vetch, and Titiens on their heels, and Quaesitum, and Dare Devil in the rear. Except that Quaesitum pressed Con Amore and Vetch, there was no material change to the Stand the second time, when Dendoscope, Mouton, and Shulah were racing ahead from Mimram, Titiens, Con Amore, and Quaesitum, also in a body, with the top-weight still content to hold the

rearmost birth, As they turned out of the straight Shulah lost its place, and Mimram drew to the head of affairs. Half a mile from home Mimram was still showing the way from Mouton, Quaesitum, Cabin Boy, and Vetch, with Dare Devil following them at a wideish interval, and the others even further spread, and as they came round the corner from Grosvenor Bridge, Mouton was in difficulties and Mimram entered the line for home on sufferance from Quaesitum, with Cabin Boy and Dare Devil third and fourth. In a few more strides Mimram began to collapse, and Quaesitum resumed the command from Cabin Boy and Dare Devil, of whom the latter struggled on stoutly, and took the second berth below the distance: but nearer than this he could not get, as Quaesitum shook him off in gallant style and won by three lengths, with Spindle Leg, who picked up a lot of ground in the straight, four lengths behind, having passed Cabin Boy opposite the stand; Vetch was a bad fifth, Mimram sixth, Mouton seventh, Con Amore eighth, and Shulah last, excepting Dendoscope, who finished in the crowd. Time, 3 mins 29 1-5 secs.

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Avington	4	8	1	..	10 to 1
Basildon	3	6	6	..	11 to 1
Golden Drop	5	8	1	..	11 to 1
El Diablo	5	7	12	..	100 to 6
St. David	6	8	13	..	100 to 6
Skirpenbeck	3	6	9	..	100 to 3
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### EN PASSANT.

Whatever may be the taste of the Municipality in the art of landscape as applied to the beautiful in the city plazas, it does not intend that any money from its coffers should be spent in the encouragement of others, said to be the finer, arts. For this reason it has rejected as "unnecessary and extravagant" a proposal to establish an art gallery—one cannot but uphold their resolve and wish that these flashes of common sense were a more frequent influence in the guidance of our City Fathers in their onerous public duties.

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The Guildhall Art Gallery was thrown open to the public for the first time on a Sunday, at the end of April. During three hours two thousand three hundred and sixty nine people visited it.

This clearly shows how popular it would be were it practicable to open more public places of interest on Sunday at home.

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No point of canine instinct is more admirable than the way in which a dog, when it's washing day comes round, contrives to have an important engagement which removes him from the scene of danger until the shades of evening have begun to fall, and he feels safe to return. The cold weather that has lately come upon us has made a good many feel very like our dog friends as regards bathing in the morning.

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"Le Bonhomme de Neige" is the title of a new operetta brought out just lately at the Bouffes Parisiens which has been well noticed in the papers. The music is sparkling and melodious, but more might have been made out of the plot. It is a weird story, in which the Prince of Darknets, through his representative, Ariella, a bewitching creature, who has been sent from the lower regions to play the part of a recruiting sergeant in this gay world fills a conspicuous role, the savant, Dr Franz is a kind of Frankenstein, his one ambition being to infuse life into inanimate beings.

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In the May number of "The Woman at Home" is published an interesting interview with Paderewski, from the pen of the Baroness von Zedlitz. The article, which is admirably illustrated by Mr Barbour, an American artist, gives a life-like sketch of the distinguished pianist and of his remarkable career, describing not merely the pianist, but Paderewski, the man and the artist, "the charming neighbour, bubbling over

with witticisms, and an admirable raconteur" as he appears in his study as he talks at the dinner table, as he plays in private. The authoress lets her subject speak for himself, and impresses the reader with her idea that "Paderewski is a pianistic poet" and convinces one that "to hear him at his best he should be alone."

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With the march of civilisation comes the question from the "Spectator" "shall we give up asking our friends to dinner as a mode of showing them hospitality?" The objections to dinner parties are many. The idea is not so much the dinner as interesting conversation and the meeting of mutual friends, but one is liable to find one self between neighbours with whom intelligent conversation does not flow like the "Brook" in song. On these grounds principally the "Spectator" advocates abolishing big dinners. I am very glad to see this question being mooted in different places as it proves the days of dinner parties are numbered. It is very easy to sweep away an old custom with a stroke of the pen but it is not so easy to find a suitable substitute that will at one fell swoop wipe off social debts to twenty or more people. One thing that is sure to happen if big dinners go out of fashion, a keener and more appreciative interest will be taken in the cooking and eating of the smaller and more intimate dinners that will be of more frequent occurrence, for a certain number of people will always exist who will dine, especially the man with a cellar who must have a dinner to work up to his wines.

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A literary novelty is promised us of a rather startling nature. A couple of writers who have collaborated in producing a work of fiction intend, it is said, to have the book printed in two different kinds of type, so that the reader may be able to see at a glance which author he is perusing. Anything more irritating than to have the type suddenly changed can hardly be imagined. However, the system would certainly let the world into the secret as to how some literary partnerships are managed. We should know whether one man does the dialogue and the humour, and the other man the sentiment and the sensation, or whether they take these things turn and turn about. It would add to the attractiveness of the plan if coloured inks were used. Any novelist who finds it difficult to secure public attention by more legitimate methods might do worse than have a neat arrangement of diverse hues all through his story—the lively parts to be blue, say, the humorous dialogue green, and the murder or other sensation in bright red. In the case of some novels the use of invisible ink all through would have much to recommend it.

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Professor Herkomer, at the first anniversary of the incorporated publishers association spoke very strongly against "photo-gravure" and likewise against "processes" of all sorts for producing drawings in general. Naturally the learned professor, being an interested party, will do all he can to support the beautiful art of wood engraving. Augustus Sala backs him up by saying that the public taste is being systematically depraved by the display of these ugly masses of smokiness and smut and that wood-engraving is being burked. These arguments are, no doubt very right taken from the wood-engravers point of view, but I can't go as far as my exteemed preceptor in condemning all illustrated newspapers because the proprietors are able to obtain an impression for sevenpence which if produced by a wood cut would cost one guinea. I don't think either that the better class of illustrated journals lower the taste of humanity, on the contrary I think they perform a very useful office in depicting current events in a way that no amount of writing could explain, they picture subjects as they are at present; for instance in one paper, that came by a late mail, some very good views of a new Golf links were given, in one of which a loal celebrity figured "addressing" the ball preparatory to driving with his right thumb down the handle of his play club. Another view tells you of the link lying low, as one of the subjects is wearing agpings. In the older days when only reproductions by means of pen and ink drawings, clear and sharp as etchings on steel or copper were in vogue, such changes of custom as the wearing of gaiters at golf, or the holding of a club in a new way, would have passed without the attention of those abroad being attracted. Then again who could explain, or who understand the real stage of advance the costumes of—ladies—or shall I say "ces dames"

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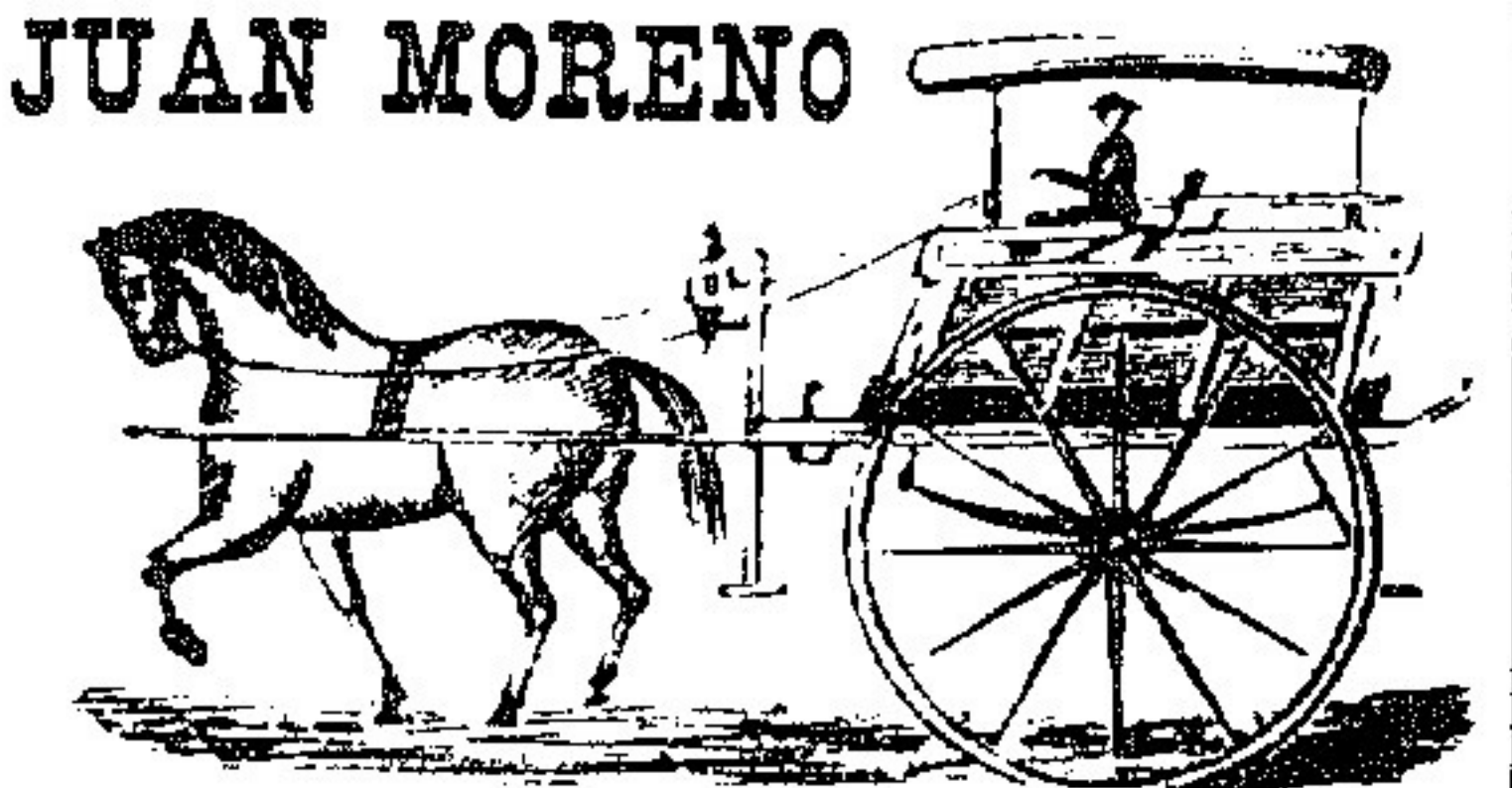
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has reached without the ocular proof given by a process in the "Graphic" of the different suits worn by the lady bicyclist in Paris. Whether they be pretty or not I hardly know, but they look workmanlike.

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The "Standard" of this city, ever liberal in its ideas, has adopted radical measures with regard to its present shape. In addressing its readers with regard to the last change, we are told the "Standard" is exactly eight times the size it was when born thirty-three years ago, and that its subscription is less. We hope that thirty-three years hence the "Standard" may have increased yet eight times more, and that the currency of the country it supports so zealously may return to its normal sphere, and thereby make the subscription to the "Standard" a paying quantity once more.

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People will think I am always begging for some charity, last time it was for the Benevolent Society, before that the Hospital, now it is for an unpretentious little establishment that has done a lot of good work in its own quiet way. It is called the Victoria Convalescent Home. The governors had a meeting yesterday afternoon, and disclosed a state of affairs that is unfortunately very usual with charitable institutions, a balance on the wrong side. The annual subscriptions only amounted to \$2335.10, and donations to \$1237.64. Paying patients and the interest on a mortgage made up the total amount of income to \$10,789.80. Expenses amounted to \$14,386.04, and the difference would be a serious one were it not that the institution is in itself such a valuable one to the whole community that it has only to be made better known to increase the subscription list.

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As an adjunct to the Hospital the Home is practically indispensable; it was created with money destined in some way to improve the well being of the Hospital, but at the Jubilee meeting in the year 1887 the president of the Hospital did not see his way to accept the people's offering in honour of their Queen in the way offered to the Hospital, so in order to benefit the sick in some way the idea of the Convalescent Home was generated and carried out.

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Being so far off, a great many people have never seen how nicely Llavallol's old quinta has been done up, and what a pretty place it is, as is also the drive from Temperley to the Home. The office the Home fills is a very important one in various ways, the two principal of which are that it relieves the Hospital of patients who are fit to go out, but who are not able to work, thereby making way for those in the first stages of illness, and it gives people time to recover thoroughly and have a change of air instead of going straight from the Hospital into harness. To the rich this does not apply so much, as they can go where they like, but to people who are here without a superabundance of money, or a desire to trouble their friends, the Home is a necessity after an illness. Again, even for the rich, if any of their household get ill it is much cheaper to send them there, where they will be under medical care, than run up a doctor's bill. Increased subscriptions are very necessary for the thorough maintenance of the Home, but support in the way of patronage by paying patients is almost more necessary, as once the place gets well known it will be very nearly self-supporting.

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Our Chief Magistrate is so overcome with the cares and worries of office that he is obliged to keep his room through indisposition. Little wonder, I should say, now that Anarchists have landed on our shores with all the paraphernalia necessary for a first class explosion, and internal troubles are freely talked about, times must be much too up to date for a placid citizen such as the President, to enjoy.

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The Queen's birthday was kept here all round in a way that has never happened in this country before, the weather was all that anyone could wish and the attendance at most of the entertainments good and especially at the champion Lawn Tennis Tournament meeting. In Rosario a very successful regatta was held after which a dinner was given at the Union Club which was entirely spoilt by the unfortunate accident to Mr J. Thornburn of the London and River Plate Bank. The

unfortunate gentleman who had been in Rosario seven years and was exceedingly popular fell from the balcony of the Club into the street and fractured his skull. Death took place within an hour without his having regained consciousness.

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I am sorry to hear of the accident to the old quinta Belle-Vue, by which Mr Roberts, Manager of the Western Railway, lost some furniture. The fire luckily broke out in the upper storey. The house, it appears, was insured, but not the furniture.

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At the Annual Banquet of the Press held in Holborn it was suggested that each member should contribute a quota to a collection of compositor's blunders. Such a work, I am sure, would prove highly amusing, and command a ready sale, which would be useful to the funds of the association.

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The President of the French Republic has issued a decree which stipulates that no agents in the diplomatic service may contract marriage without the authorisation of the Minister of Foreign Affairs. If a marriage is to be contracted with a person of foreign nationality, a notification must be made at least one month before the publication of the banns. If these orders are not carried out the agent is liable to dismissal from the service.

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Says the "Westminster Budget" --- The problem of milk adulterations has apparently been successfully solved at Forest Gate, a suburban district on the East side of London. A small dairy proprietor, instead of taking his milk round in the ordinary milk cart, brings his cows to his customers' door. This was, as everyone here knows, the fashionable way of dealing out milk in this city for many years, until the authorities stopped it as unhealthy.

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The Buenos Aires Choral Union will hold their next concert in the "La France" Hall on June 7th, particulars of which will be in the papers next week. In the meantime, if anyone wants to make sure of a seat, tickets can be bought of Mr J. Grant, Calle Cangallo, or French and Saunders, Calle Piedad, for \$3 a-piece.

## WOMEN'S GOSSIP.

DEAR KATE,—

Some sailor hats I saw recently in a West-end milliner's appeared to me as admirably adapted for rough wear. They were of medium size and coarse black straw, and had for trimming a neat band of tan leather with a nice flat bow at the side; they should stand damp and rain perfectly.

Three little children I saw lately were so neat I really must tell you about them; their ages were from six to three, and the smallest, a wee boy, had brown boots, leggings and stockings, a long brown coat with big buttons with a black Astracan collar, and a peaked cap of brown with an edge of the Astracan.

The two little girls had long pelisses and capes of rough brown freeze, edged round the capes with Astracan, flat Dutch bonnets with a band of Astracan round the face, and large brown ribbon bows tied under the chin; they wore black stockings and patent leather boots, with the smartest little brown leggings to match the coats, and were dear little tots all three, so sweet and pretty with their big brown eyes, fresh healthy faces, and long fair curls.

The frocks of elder children promise to be very pretty this season, and the new shade of blue crepon called "Astar des Alpes" is, dressmakers tell me, to be much used for girls' frocks. Etamine canvas, too, in pink, blue, or the new and lovely shade called "saxifrage" green makes up prettily for children and young girls. Most of these frocks are simply made with a blouse or pleated bodice with waistbands of moiré ribbon and lace ruffles at neck and wrists; the skirts are made plain, or only very slightly draped. But one sees some for full dress occasions—or older girls—with moiré or silk sleeves and full vests, and some of them are made of accordean pleating and have trimmings of insertion over coloured ribbon, a style of trimming much in vogue just now, and one that most usefully freshens up a half worn-out gown.

A plain black cashmere, which I had seen worn a good deal in slight mourning lately, looked quite like a new dress, with the collar lined with red silk of a good shade with black guipure insertions, straps of red ribbon an inch wide, also covered with guipure, being placed in loops over the full sleeves from shoulder to elbow, a line of red under guipure outlining the short basque of the bodice and the full silk yoke, and three rows of the same trimming the skirt about six inches from the foot, the bands of ribbon and guipure were laid on about two inches apart.

Hats for girls and children are simple and pretty, many sets of fancy straws in white, black, brown or various mixed colours of flat wide shape being trimmed with velvet or moiré bows of a shade to suit the gown, and some of the really lovely artificial flowers so much in fashion just now. The flowers most worn are those to be seen at present out of doors or in forcing houses, primroses, rhododendron blooms, all shades of primulas, polyanthus and auriculas being very popular. Parma violets, also—and violets and roses made in black velvet—daffodils, white and lavender lilac, mignonne, hawthorn, and lily of the valley; flowers are worn tucked under the brims of hats this Spring, and are pretty and becoming there.

On the flat Dutch bonnets there is very little trimming, only a velvet rosette or a spray of flowers at one side and wide ribbon strings tied under the chin. The other styles of small bonnet so much worn have an inclination to have the trimmings placed higher in front than of late, jetted wings, fans of lace, ostrich tips, or sprays of flowers being placed quite in front and standing well up.

Boat-shaped hats in coarse straws, in white, black, brown, and navy, are much worn, and are simply trimmed with either velvet or ribbon bows and quills, or a little coarse guipure.

Moiré in bows, or as a wide scarf worn round the neck and edged with white or cream guipure at the ends, is very fashionable. All sorts of coloured laces seem likely to be much worn this season.

Sleeves are still large—both in dresses and jackets—and they remain drooping down and do not stand up stiffly from the shoulders. The vest and coat style of gown is to be as much worn as ever apparently, and one sees it everywhere in remarkably smart forms. The coats are to be worn shorter and fuller in the basques than last year, and many of them have the revers turned back with velvet moiré or silk.

A new and very pretty material for waistcoats is plush leather, which when ruffled shows up in lovely shades, but Tattersall vestings and linen waistcoatings both plain and in checks are fashionable as ever. This is to be rather a season of checks, and the new tweeds are much made either in clear or broken checks or honeycombs.

Lingford and Wisbeach are pretty new check materials. Wisbeach, I think, is the prettier of the two, and what is called the Dalmeny, a light woolen fabric in fawn with a blue check makes up well, and I recently saw two smart tailor costumes, one in a small black and white, the other in a brown and white, clear check with Tattersall waistcoats, serviceable looking pockets, and big buttons on the coats, the skirts were quite plain.

Covert coats are very fashionable, and one sees them almost more in greys than in tans this year, tailor gowns in covert coating of a light make look well, and are made very plainly with broad double-stitched outside seams as sole trimming.

Some of the new capes have long ends like pelerines, but one will not find these so useful in cold weather as the cosier circular shapes, and you will begin to find the long full skirted pelisse of fine cloth, with sleeves of velvet or moiré, which we are just discarding for cooler garments, very useful; it is likely to reappear with us in the autumn, authorities on fashion say, some will be quite up-to-date in wearing it, and it is always a useful, graceful, and comfortable addition to one's wardrobe.—And so, ta-ta, MARGERY.

## RACING

BELGRANO—MAY 24.

Thursday last saw the hitherto unbeaten filli Primera, defeated in the classic race of the day. She had to carry a penalty of five kilos for having won more than five thousand dollars and this she was unable to concede to Mignonette, a lovely Saint Mirin filly, the property of Sr. Unzué. Mignonette was trained by Brett specially for this race which it was his ambition to win, falling as it did on the Queen's birthday. That he succeeded in doing so, he is to be, and was, heartily congratulated. The filly was trained to the hour, and won as good a race as we could wish to see, a neck only separating the first three, the third of whom, by the way, we should have said was Primera, instead of Independencia, as the judges gave it.

Brett scored another win with another Saint Mirin, Atila, in the Premio Danton; his youngsters are doing so well that Saint Mirin's two-year-olds bid fair to head the winning list for this season. So far they have won, we think without going into statistics, the second largest number of two-year-old races.

The rest of the races on the programme we will pass over without comment, except to remark, in view of the way Wagram carried off the Premio 25 de Mayo, how easily Maraton beat him in the last race of the day.

Details are as follows:

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## River Plate Sport and Pastime

WEDNESDAY, MAY 30, 1894.

### SPORTING NOTES

Owing to the rain which fell nearly all day on Sunday last, the Jockey Club had to suspend their meeting which was to have been held at Palermo that afternoon, and the programme will be carried out to day, the first race being started at a quarter to one o'clock.

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The Lawn Tennis Tournament which was brought to a close last Saturday at the Buenos Aires Lawn Tennis Club was a most successful affair in every way. The arrangements were all perfect and great credit and the thanks of competitors and visitors alike are due to Mr T. S. Boadle who worked most hard for everyone's comfort. The club can no doubt afford everything of the best, but it is not everyone who is like Mr Boadle and knows how to do things well.

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The final match in the Ladies and Gentlemen's Doubles in the Lawn Tennis tournament between Miss Pakenham and Mr T. V. Knox and Mrs Williamson and Mr A. G. Gumpert will be played at Cinco Esquinas on Friday afternoon next, according to present arrangements.

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Etoile appears to have entirely got over the injury to her legs and is now once again doing fast work. She is expected to make her first appearance in the Premio Las Haras on the 3rd of June, in which she will carry 55 kilos. The distance for the race is 2200 metres.

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The Saint Andrews Football Club are to give a smoking concert at the Salon La France in Calle Suipacha to-morrow evening for which a very large number of tickets has already been sold. Some one is going to do a skirt dance, a ventrioloquist will perform, and several popular favourites have been asked and have promised to help to make the evening a success.

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Some good fishing was had at Punta Lara during the past holidays, two rods landed 19 pejerays of a fair size in about an hour. This ought to be good enough sport for any fisherman.

Mr Lundstorm took some very successful photographs of the Buenos Aires Lawn Tennis Clubs Courts and of some of the principal competitors during the tournament last week. We hope to reproduce one or two of the best of them as soon as they can be got ready.

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The dividend paid on Wagram after the Premio 25 de Mayo on Friday last was a big enough one, but a still bigger, \$127, was paid on Amazon the year before last after winning the same race. Last year Jack the Ripper unexpectedly won this race and paid \$23.74. The 25 de Mayo seems to be a day on which to go for the field if precedent counts for anything.

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To-day week the Derby will be decided at Epsom, and according to the latest mails, Ladas still remains favourite for the great race. He also was favourite for the Two Thousand, run three weeks ago, and of which the telegraphic agencies have omitted to send us the result. If they would forget to send us the results of all the unimportant races they have been telegraphing the winners of and take particular care to send us details of a race like the Two Thousand we should be more pleased. A Derby sweep has been started at Hurlingham, subscriptions to which will be received at the office of the club.

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It was a pity so capital a race meeting as that at Hurlingham on Thursday last was not better attended, yet when looking down the list of fixtures for that day it is not to be much wondered at. The next meeting at the club will be held on June the 25th when the Members Cup will be run for. The conditions for this race are as follows:—The Members' Cup, value \$250, added to Sweepstakes of \$20 each, a handicap for Ponies of 56 in. or under, the property of and to be ridden by members of the Hurlingham Club: 1200 metres.

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The members of the Yacht Club Argentino who left Buenos Aires last Wednesday have had pleasant though evidently a somewhat rough cruise during the past week. The yachts were expected back last evening but only the Gladys has arrived. By the way, I am told that Mr C. Newton's new sloop purchased for him in New York is on the point of being shipped, and that the racing forty-tonner expected from England by one of the members of the club will shortly arrive.

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The Beagles had the run of the season on the 27th, when the meet was at Hurlingham. As rain was falling heavily at ten o'clock, the time appointed for the meet, a move was not made till eleven o'clock, so as to give time for the ground to become less greasy on top. The hounds were laid on in Mr Ravenscroft's farm, and after running a big ring round the club grounds passed the back of the station, and ran straight for Mr Campbell's place, where they should have checked. However, scent was too good for that, and without hesitating a moment they ran a circle round the English Bank's land and back to the wood in front of the club where the run finished.

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Altogether some eighteen fences or so, of all sorts and sizes, including the brook, had to be crossed, and no one who has seen the hounds would believe they could have travelled at such a pace. Those who came to grief, and the two or three who unfortunately were delayed at a wire on which a rail had been loosely placed, never really got on terms with them afterwards; old Rama Negra and his owner having the last three or four miles of the run almost to themselves. It was by far the best run the hounds have shown since the pack was formed.

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I have often heard the following story before, but perhaps there are many of my readers who have not, so I will give it. It was at Lillie Bridge racecourse, Melbourne, and coming up the straight there were only two of them in it, and there was not more than half a length separating them. The jockey on the second horse, thinking to relieve the anxiety of the leading man, suddenly sang out: "All right, Charlie, go on and win; I ain't a-tryin'." "Oh, ain't yer?" re-

plied the other: "then 'ere's off," saying which he proceeded to fall off, as his orders, too, had been of the milking description.

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An extraordinary general meeting of the Quilmes club was held in the "Hotel Universo" Quilmes, on Tuesday the 22nd inst. at 8.30. The meeting was well attended, its object being to discuss the finances of the club. It was found on going into the accounts that the club would only owe \$241 11 at the end of June, and the second half yearly subscriptions would not only pay the club's debts, but leave it with a small balance at the end of the financial year December 31st 1894, a most satisfactory result compared with many clubs, considering the excessively heavy expenses the club has met with since its initiation.

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Owing to a certain feeling amongst the tennis contingent of the club objection was made to the giving up of the old tennis ground on the Barranca, the reason being that the courts on the new ground, though of the very best, were too far away to be of convenience. As the new courts are situated only four squares from the railway station and are as good as could be wished for, it seems a very foolish idea to give them up, especially as it would apparently lead to giving up also the athletic ground which contains one of the best running and bicycle tracks in the country, and has every facility for laying out a first class grass cricket pitch, ample room for football, with the practicability also of arranging golf links, and on which a very large amount of money has been spent. The club have decided to keep on the old Polo field in Bernal. The following form the Committee:—F. Pembroke Jones, President; A. Boutell, Vice-President; T. G. Stead, Treasurer; T. B. Sinclair, Secretary. Committee: F. Bocquet, George Paton, Rev. G. S. Hall, Henry Marrs, W. D. Bailey, A. M. Hudson, F. Cobby.

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### LAWN TENNIS.

#### BUENOS AIRES LAWN TENNIS CLUB'S OPEN TOURNAMENT AND CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE RIVER PLATE—MAY 24, 25, 26

This, the most important tournament of the year in the River Plate, was brought to a successful termination on Saturday, May 26th.

The weather, though cold for spectators, was bright and pleasant, and never troubled the players by illtimed interference.

The courts were in perfect condition, having been under the vigilant care of the ground man "George," to whose incessant zeal great credit is due. The number of spectators for the first two days was considerable, but on Saturday, the day on which the finals for the different events were played off, the ground was filled to overflowing with a most enthusiastic crowd of onlookers, who followed with the greatest interest the fortune of the different players. Luncheon was provided by the Albion Club on all three days, and a most delightful and recherché lunch it was. In the afternoons tea, etc., was provided by different lady members of the club to all comers, and they deserve the thanks of all concerned for the able manner in which they managed to satisfy the cravings of the great number of people who attended.

Now to proceed to the details of the game. Most of the preliminary and first rounds were played off before the actual three days of the tournament.

#### LADIES' SINGLES

The first round produced some close struggles. Mrs Williamson beat Mrs Horn, 6-5, 6-2. Mrs Horn led off well, being 4 to 1, then Mrs Williamson drew ahead and won 6-5, in the second set Mrs Williamson held her opponent all through and won 6-2. Mrs Boadle beat Miss Chawner after a close game. Miss Pakenham beat Mrs Daniel, 6-0, 6-2. Mrs Daniel we were sorry to hear had been unwell lately, otherwise we have no doubt the match would have been closer.

Mrs Williamson beat Miss Jacobs, 5-6, 6-5, 6-4. This was the best contested match in this event, both ladies playing a fine strong game, returning fast and with good length and, what was a pleasure to see, short pitched balls were finished. This match was keenly followed by admiring friends of both sides.

Second Round—Miss Pakenham beat Mrs Williamson, 6-3, 6-2. Some parts of the game were well contested, but Miss Pakenham's surer play gained the victory. Miss Russell beat Mrs Wallace after a lengthy struggle, 6-1, 6-5, 6-3. Both ladies were playing too carefully and slowly.

Final Round—Miss Pakenham beat Miss Russell 6-1, 6-0. Miss Pakenham proved herself altogether too good for her opponent, who, nevertheless, played pluckily. Miss Pakenham, all through this event, played extremely well, placing being her strong point. She won 48 games and lost 11.



**MIXED DOUBLES.**

**Preliminary Round**—Miss Pakenham and T. Knox beat Miss Mohr Bell and F. H. Jacobs. A close match, Jacobs playing freely and volleying well very nearly pulled the match off from his strong opponents. Mr and Mrs Rattray beat Mrs Livock and B. W. Gardom; this was an excellent match, Mrs Rattray's playing being quite a revelation in the way of ladies' volleying, undoubtedly a very strong attack against a pair not quite so strong as themselves, but we venture to think risky against a strong pair. Mrs Williamson and A. G. Gumpert beat Miss Chawner and F. M. Still; this was unexpected, and was owing to the brilliant way in which Mr Gumpert played, for being the receiver of the points he did quite right in playing a bold and dashing game, and not all Mr Still's hard play could avail. Mrs Williamson backed up her partner well.

**First Round**—Miss Pakenham and Mr Knox beat Miss Williamson and Mr Forde 6—0 6—5. The second set was well contested, Miss Williamson playing up hard though showing want of practice. Mrs Williamson and Mr Gumpert beat Mr and Mrs Horn. Mrs Horn, if she had good practice, would be a formidable opponent to some of our lady players. Mrs Wallace and Mr Verschoyle beat Mr and Mrs Boadle, the latter pair not playing up to their usual form.

**Second Round**—Miss Pakenham and Mr Knox beat Mr and Mrs Rattray. The latter pair started off by winning four games straight off, but the former pair playing up hard managed to pull off the set; in the second set they won easily, the Rosarinos were not playing as well as usual. Mrs Williamson and Mr Gumpert beat Mrs Wallace and Mr Verschoyle after a prolonged struggle. This event was not finished on Saturday, and was postponed to Friday, June 1st, at 3.30 p.m.

**GENTLEMEN'S DOUBLES.**

**Preliminary Round**—A close match was played between Messrs Romer and Gwyther and Messrs Wallace and Burton, the former pair winning.

**First Round**—Messrs Gumpert and Boadle, after a hard fight, beat Messrs Leslie and Bridger.

**Second Round**—Messrs Corry Smith and Mohr Bell v. Messrs Gumpert and Boadle, resulted in a protracted struggle, the former pair winning. Messrs Findlay and Verschoyle only just managed to beat the Messrs Jacobs. In the second set, though standing at 5 to 1, the Messrs Jacobs playing up hard pulled off the set.

**Third Round**—Messrs Corry Smith and Mohr Bell pulled off their match against Messrs Knox and Seymer, after an exciting game. The latter won the first set and stood at 5 to 3 in the second, but failed to win the set. The winners played a good combined game. Messrs Daniel and Rattray easily defeated their opponents.

**Finals**—Messrs Corry Smith and Mohr Bell pulled off the finals, beating Messrs Daniel and Rattray. Mohr Bell's steady play from the back of the court won the match. He was not to be beguiled into playing into the hands of the two good volleyers who opposed him, but lobbed everything out of their reach, while Corry Smith waited at the net for an opportunity to score, which he seldom failed to do when it came. The winners fully deserved their victory.

**HANDICAP SINGLES.**

In the preliminary and first rounds there were few matches of any great interest, in the second round Mr Paton had a hard fight with Mr F. M. Still, playing very steadily and waiting for his opponent to give him an easy chance before trying to score. Mr A. Mohr Bell's match with Mr R. A. Sumner was also well contested.

**Third round**—The match between Messrs Seymer and Gwyther turned out to be a peculiar one, in that each won a set to one game, Seymer taking the third, 6—4.

**Fourth round**—Messrs Findlay and A. Mohr Bell had a close and interesting game, both playing hard from the back of the court; sometimes the rallies were kept up to quite an exciting length, Findlay's low cutting stroke to the off being most effective. Mr Seymer beat Mr Verschoyle rather easily, the former playing a brilliant game.

**Final round**—Mr V. Ker Seymer simply walked away from Mr Findlay, and won the handicap singles after having played extremely well all through.

**CHAMPIONSHIP.**

**Preliminary Round**—Mr Sheehan beat Mr Forde after a close game. Messrs Verschoyle and Rattray had an excellent game, Verschoyle playing up at the net as much as possible seemed to disconcert his opponent, who played into his hands and enabled him to score. Mr Sweetman beat Mr Ker Seymer. Mr Seymer seemed unable to get hold of Mr Sweetman's cut stroke. Mr Knox beat Mr Findlay. This was a close fought game. Findlay playing up hard won the first set, but Knox won the next two.

**Second Round**—W. F. Francis beat Dr J. O'Connor, the former playing a nice free game, won a good match. Mr Verschoyle had not much difficulty in beating Mr J. S. Sheehan. The match between Messrs Sweetman and Daniel was exciting while it lasted. Mr Daniel played a grand game in the first set, but could not keep it up and retired. Finding he was getting very tired and unable to win the third set he very generously gave up the match to Mr Sweetman, who had to play another hard match soon after.

**Second Round**—Messrs Francis and Verschoyle played a close fought game, Mr Francis pulling it off very pluckily in the end, though the game looked all in favour of Mr Verschoyle at one point.

Mr Knox v. Mr Sweetman—In consequence of the form shown by Mr Sweetman against Mr Daniel this match was looked forward to with great interest, and the spectators had the pleasure of witnessing two hard-

ly contested sets, each of which ended in Mr Knox's favour by 6 to 4.

**Final round**—Knox v. Francis.—In the final round Knox had to meet Francis. The first four games were most evenly contested, Knox then pulled himself together, and winning the next four in succession gained the final set. In the second set each player again scored two games, Knox won the next two, and games one and one alternately, until the score was called 5 to 4. Knox then won a love game and the match, thereby taking first prize and becoming entitled to play Still for the right of holding the cup and bearing the title of champion for the ensuing year.

In this match Francis did not perhaps do himself so much justice as in the previous ties. It may have been that he was a little stale after his severe contest with Verschoyle the previous day. There is no doubt however that he has immensely improved since last year, and with a little more experience will prove himself a most formidable opponent, and we shall not be at all surprised to see him carry off the cup on some future occasion.

**KNOX V. STILL.**

Knox, as winner of the all comers' prize, was now called upon to play Still for the Championship Cup. Still, for some time past, has been very unwell, so much so that it was feared that he would be unable to put in an appearance to defend his title; however, he pulled himself together in the most plucky way, and treated the spectators to a rare exhibition of scientific play. In the first set after 3 all had been called Still won the set at 6 to 3.

In the second set Knox won the first game, Still the next three; then Knox won four in succession, Still the next, and Knox the tenth at 6—4. The game was now called "set all," and it was obvious to all that Still had taken so much out of himself by his exertions in the previous sets that he stood no chance in the final, and such proved to be the case as Knox won easily by 6 to 1.

Knox thoroughly deserved his success as he has worked hard for the coveted trophy. Still played beautifully in the first set, after which want of condition was bound to tell, otherwise there is no doubt that Knox would have had even harder work than he had to wrest the cup from its previous holder.

Thus ended one of the best tournaments held out here; we have seldom seen such a keen interest as was shown all through.

The committee have asked us to convey their thanks to all the visitors who played in the tournament, for the ready way in which they helped to carry out the programme by coming at the different times fixed for them to play, more especially to the Lomas players, who played at the earliest hours without a protest: it was due to this in a very great measure that the committee were enabled to finish the tournament.

Appended is the full score of the tournament:

**CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE RIVER PLATE,**

Open to any Resident in South America.

A Silver Challenge Cup, value £30, offered by Members of the Buenos Aires Lawn Tennis Club, to be won three years in succession before becoming the property of the winner. The name of the winner of the year to be engraved on the Cup, and he received a prize value \$100. Second prize value \$75.

**Preliminary Round—**

- J. S. Sheehan beat T. A. H. Forde, 6—5, 5—6, 6—4.
- B. Verschoyle beat H. M. Rattray, 5—6, 6—3, 6—4.
- J. J. C. Daniel beat T. W. Horn, 6—1, 6—2.
- P. J. Sweetman beat V. Ker-Seymer, 6—0, 6—4.

**First Round—**

- F. Francis beat Dr O'Connor, 6—3, 6—4.
- B. Verschoyle beat J. S. Sheehan, 6—3, 6—2.
- P. J. Sweetman beat J. J. C. Daniel, 2—6, 6—2 (Daniel retired).
- T. V. M. Knox beat M. de C. Findlay, 5—6, 6—1, 6—3.

**Second Round—**

- F. Francis beat B. Verschoyle, 6—5, 2—6, 7—5.
- T. V. M. Knox beat P. J. Sweetman, 6—4, 6—4.

**Final Round—**

- T. V. M. Knox beat F. Francis, 6—2, 6—4.

**Championship—**

- T. V. M. Knox beat F. M. Still (holder), 3—6, 6—4, 6—1.

**LADIES' SINGLES, HANDICAP.**

First Prize value \$60; Second Prize value \$30.

**Preliminary Round—**

- Mrs Williamson (scr) beat Mrs Horn (+ 1/2 15), 6—5, 6—2.
- Mrs Boadle (+ 1/2 15) beat Miss Chawner (scr), 6—2, 6—5.
- Miss Pakenham (— 15) beat Mrs Daniel (scr), 6—0, 6—2.
- Miss Burr (+ 30) v. Mrs Livock (scr). Miss Burr w. o.
- Mrs Wallace (+ 1/2 15) beat Miss Jefferies (+ 1/2 30), 6—2, 6—1.

**First Round—**

- Mrs Williamson beat Miss Jacobs (scr), 5—6, 6—5, 6—4.
- Miss Pakenham beat Mrs Boadle, 6—3, 6—0.
- Mrs Wallace beat Miss Burr, 6—1, 6—4.
- Miss Russell (+ 1/2 15) v. Miss Barfield (scr). Miss Russell w. o.

**Second Round—**

- Miss Pakenham beat Mrs Williamson, 6—3, 6—2.
- Miss Russell beat Mrs Wallace, 6—1, 5—6, 6—3.

**Final Round—**

- Miss Pakenham beat Miss Russell, 6—1, 6—0.

**GENTLEMEN'S SINGLES, HANDICAP.**

First Prize value \$100; Second Prize value \$50; two Third Prizes value \$25 each.

**Preliminary Round—**

- A. M. Barton (+ 15) v. J. F. Macadam (+ 1/2 15). A. M. Barton w. o.
- T. W. Horn (+ 15) v. K. Moscrop (+ 1/2 30). T. W. Horn w. o.
- G. Gwyther (+ 1/2 30) beat N. M. Whitworth (+ 1/2 30), 6—1, 6—3.
- C. S. Clarke (+ 15) beat F. L'E. Wallace (+ 30), 1—6, 6—5, 6—0.
- R. W. W. Romer (+ 1/2 30) beat E. S. Evill (+ 1/2 30), 6—0, 3—6, 6—1.

**First Round—**

- B. Goldsmid (+ 30) beat B. W. Gardom (+ 1/2 15), 2—6, 6—3, 7—5.
- B. Verschoyle (scr) beat H. B. Burr (+ 30), 6—0, 6—1.
- J. Weinberg (+ 15 3/4) v. R. C. Jones (+ 15 1/4). J. Weinberg w. o.
- F. W. Tucker (+ 30) v. G. W. Cumming (+ 1/2 30). F. W. Tucker w. o.
- T. A. H. Forde (+ 1/2 15) beat G. W. Thompson (+ 15 1/4), 6—2, 3—6, 6—5.
- V. Ker Seymer (scr) v. H. H. Woodgate (+ 1/2 30). V. Ker-Seymer w. o.
- A. G. Gumpert (+ 15) beat A. M. Barton, 6—2, 6—5.
- G. Gwyther beat T. W. Horn, 6—1, 6—0.
- R. W. W. Romer beat C. S. Clarke, 6—0, 6—0.
- M. de C. Findlay (+ 1/4 15) beat H. A. Still (+ 1/2 30), 6—3, 6—3.
- T. S. Boadle — 15 1/4 beat L. A. Fawsett (+ 15), 6—3, 6—4.
- Wilson Lamb (+ 1/2 30) v. S. Lyndon Owen (+ 1/2 30). Wilson Lamb w. o.
- W. G. Paton (+ 15) beat M. G. Fortune (+ 1/2 30), 6—3, 5—6, 6—2.
- F. M. Still (— 15) v. C. C. Day (+ 1/2 30). F. M. Still w. o.
- A. Mohr Bell (+ 1/2 15) beat F. H. Jacobs (+ 1/4 15), 6—1, 6—3.
- R. Sumner (+ 1/2 15) v. F. H. Bethell (+ 15 1/4). R. A. Sumner w. o.

**Second Round—**

- B. Verschoyle beat B. Goldsmid, 6—2, 6—4.
- J. Weinberg beat F. W. Tucker, 6—3, 6—1.
- V. Ker-Seymer beat T. A. H. Forde, 6—2, 6—1.
- G. Gwyther beat A. G. Gumpert, 6—5, 6—0.
- M. de C. Findlay beat R. W. W. Romer, 6—3, 6—3.
- T. S. Boadle beat Wilson Lamb, 6—3, 6—1.
- W. G. Paton beat F. M. Still, 6—3, 6—4.
- A. Mohr Bell beat R. A. Sumner, 6—4, 6—3.

**Third Round—**

- B. Verschoyle v. J. Weinberg. B. Verschoyle w. o.
- V. Ker-Seymer beat G. Gwyther, 6—1, 1—6, 6—4.
- M. de C. Findlay beat T. S. Boadle, 6—3, 6—1.
- A. Mohr Bell beat W. G. Paton, 6—5, 6—1.

**Fourth Round—**

- V. Ker-Seymer beat B. Verschoyle, 6—1, 6—4.
- M. de C. Findlay beat A. Mohr Bell, 6—3, 6—4.

**Final Round—**

- V. Ker-Seymer beat M. de C. Findlay, 6—1, 6—0.

**GENTLEMEN'S DOUBLES, HANDICAP.**

Two First Prizes value \$80 each; two Second Prizes value \$50 each.

**Preliminary Round—**

- C. S. Clarke and L. A. Fawsett (+ 15) beat T. A. H. Forde and R. A. Sumner (+ 1/2 15), 6—4, 6—5.
- T. V. M. Knox and V. Ker Seymer (— 15) beat W. G. Paton and J. Weinberg (+ 1/2 30), 6—2, 6—2.
- R. W. W. Romer and G. Gwyther (+ 15) beat F. L'E. Wallace and M. H. Burton (+ 30), 6—2, 5—6, 6—3.
- J. S. Sheehan and P. J. Sweetman (— 15) beat Hon. F. J. Pakenham and Dr O'Connor (+ 15), 6—1, 6—4.

**First Round—**

- L. Corry Smith and A. Mohr Bell (+ 1/2 15) beat M. G. Fortune and K. Moscrop (+ 1/2 30), 6—1, 6—2.
- A. G. Gumpert and T. S. Boadle (+ 15) beat A. Leslie and P. L. G. Bridger (+ 15), 4—6, 6—4, 6—1.
- B. W. Gardom and H. Mohr Bell (+ 1/2 15) beat R. C. Jones and E. P. Rowland (+ 15), 6—4, 6—5.
- T. V. M. Knox and V. Ker-Seymer beat C. S. Clarke and L. A. Fawsett, 6—5, 6—0.
- J. S. Sheehan and P. J. Sweetman beat R. W. W. Romer and G. Gwyther, 6—2, 6—4.
- J. J. C. Daniel and H. M. Rattray (— 15) beat F. M. Still and H. A. Still (+ 1/2 15), 6—2, 6—1.
- M. de C. Findlay and B. Verschoyle (— 1/2 15) v. S. Lyndon Owen and T. W. Horn (+ 15). M. de C. Findlay and B. Verschoyle w. o.
- F. L. Jacobs and F. H. Jacobs (+ 1/2 15) beat B. Goldsmid and Wilson Lamb (+ 1/2 30), 6—1, 5—6, 6—3.

**Second Round—**

- L. Corry Smith and A. Mohr Bell beat A. G. Gumpert and T. S. Boadle, 6—3, 5—6, 6—3.
- T. V. M. Knox and V. Ker-Seymer beat B. W. Gardom and H. Mohr Bell, 6—4, 6—2.
- J. J. C. Daniel and H. M. Rattray beat J. S. Sheehan and P. J. Sweetman, 6—5, 6—5.
- M. de C. Findlay and B. Verschoyle beat F. L. Jacobs and F. H. Jacobs, 6—3, 5—6, 6—3.

**Third Round—**

- L. Corry Smith and A. Mohr Bell beat T. V. M. Knox and V. Ker-Seymer, 3—6, 6—5, 7—5.
- J. J. C. Daniel and H. M. Rattray beat M. de C. Findlay and B. Verschoyle, 6—4, 6—1.

**Final Round—**

- L. Corry Smith and A. Mohr Bell beat J. J. C. Daniel and H. M. Rattray, 6—4, 6—5.

## MIXED DOUBLES, HANDICAP.

Lady's First Prize value \$80; Lady's Second Prize value \$40.

Gentleman's First Prize value \$30; Gentleman's Second Prize value \$15.

## Preliminary Round—

Miss Pakenham and T. V. M. Knox (— 15) beat Miss Mohr Bell and F. H. Jacobs (+  $\frac{1}{2}$  15), 6—4, 6—5.  
Miss Jacobs and A. Mohr Bell (+  $\frac{1}{2}$  15) beat Mrs Daniel and J. J. C. Daniel (— 15), 6—0, 6—5.  
Mrs Rattray and H. M. Rattray (— 15) beat Mrs Livock and B. W. Gardom (+  $\frac{1}{2}$  15), 6—1, 6—5.  
Mrs Horn and T. W. Horn (— 15) beat Miss Taylor and J. Weinberg (+  $\frac{1}{2}$  30), 6—1, 6—2.  
Mrs Williamson and A. G. Gumpert (— 15) beat Miss Chawner and F. M. Still (— 15), 6—4, 5—6, 6—1.

## First Round—

Miss Pakenham and T. V. M. Knox beat Miss Williamson and T. A. H. Forde (+  $\frac{1}{2}$  15), 6—0, 6—5.  
Mrs Rattray and H. M. Rattray beat Miss Jacobs and A. Mohr Bell, 6—5, 6—3.  
Mrs Williamson and A. G. Gumpert beat Mrs Horn and T. W. Horn, 6—2, 6—4.  
Mrs Wallace and B. Verschoyle (scr) beat Mrs Boadle and T. S. Boadle (+ 15), 2—6, 6—1, 6—2.

## Second Round—

Miss Pakenham and T. V. M. Knox beat Mrs Rattray and H. M. Rattray, 6—4, 6—1.  
Mrs Williamson and A. G. Gumpert beat Mrs Wallace and B. Verschoyle, 6—2, 5—6, 7—5.

## Final Round—

To be played on Friday, June 1st, at 3.30 p.m.)

## FOOTBALL

## FIXTURES.

## ARGENTINE ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL LEAGUE

## JUNE

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

## JULY

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

Sun. 15—Lomas A.C. v. Retiro A.C., at Lomas.  
Sun. 22—Rosario A.C. v. St. Andrews F.C., at Rosario.  
Sun. 29—Lobos A.C. v. Lomas A.C. at Lobos.  
Sun. 29—Flores A.C. v. B. A. and R. Ry., at Flores.

## AUGUST

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

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

## SEPTEMBER

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

## RUGBY

## JUNE

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

Sun. 24—Hurlingham v. Buenos Aires, at Flores.

## JULY

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

## AUGUST

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

## ARGENTINE ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL LEAGUE

The following table shows the present positions of the clubs competing in the League Competition of this season:

Club	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points
Lomas	4	4	0	0	8
Flores	4	3	1	0	6
Rosario	4	3	1	0	6
Lobos	4	2	2	0	4
St. Andrews	5	2	3	0	4
Retiro	4	0	4	0	0

B. A. and R. Ry. have scratched all matches up to date.

## ASSOCIATION

## FLORES v. ROSARIO.

This match, played under the auspices of the Argentine Association Football League, took place at Flores on Thursday, 24th inst., before a fair number of spectators. A cold north wind prevailed, which necessarily took away a good deal of interest from the game. Owing to Ireland failing the Flores team a few alterations were made in the positions, J. J. Murphy playing back, J. D. Gifford centre half, and Moffat forward. Flores won the toss and elected to play with the wind. Beaumont kicked off for Rosario, the ball immediately finding its way to the Rosario goal, where it narrowly missed going through. From the goal kick the leather was rushed down to the Flores goal where a corner kick was awarded to Rosario, but nothing resulted. After some up and down play Syer shot a goal which was disallowed, offside being claimed and given. The ball now went to all parts of the ground, and plenty of shooting at both goals followed, but from a splendid pass of Murphy's Moffat notched the first goal for Flores from a fine kick considerably beyond the twenty-five flag. Two minutes after this, and resulting from a pretty piece of combination between E. R. Gifford, Cowes and Syer, the latter, who was within two yards of the posts, was enabled to score a second goal. The rest of the first half was noticeable for some fine shooting by Francis, Dorning Beaumont, and Penman, who from a corner kick put the ball just over the bar. Another of these fifteen minutes' intervals followed, which we think the captains ought to cut down to five, especially on these biting cold days when enthusiastic admirers' feelings ought to be considered.

Gahan restarted for Flores, and although Flores now had the wind against them they soon invaded the Rosario goal, but the shot went wide of its mark. Rosario now seemed to warm up and the ball was taken to the Flores twenty-five, where Francis put in a good shot which only missed by inches. Some more even play followed, when Ellery made a left-footed screw kick, which Beaumont tried to run through, but Fothergill was equal to the occasion, although he had to allow a corner, from which nothing resulted. Rosario again shot at the Flores goal, Fothergill in saving took three steps with the ball, the referee awarding a free kick to Rosario, from which however nothing was scored. Penman and Crowe now changed places, the former at once shooting at goal, the shot going wide. The ball now being taken down to the Rosario twenty-five Gahan passed prettily to Syer, who did the necessary and scored the third goal. Rosario once more played up hard and Jefferies shot a most perfect goal from at least thirty-five yards. Rosario now kept the ball down the Flores end, and Beaumont, Penman, Carman and Crowe had some good shooting practice, but Fothergill saved well. Beaumont ought to have scored but delayed his shot till Fothergill rushed out and saved. Thus the game ended leaving Flores winners by three goals to one.

## Rosario team—

A. O'Connell, goal.  
D. S. Weir, W. S. Penman, backs.  
H. Jefferies, A. Crowe, B. Carman, half backs.  
F. Francis, H. Glover, J. Beaumont, J. M. Ellery, H. Dorning, forwards.

## Flores team—

F. W. Fothergill, goal.  
J. E. Gordon, J. J. Murphy, backs.  
R. W. Rudd, J. D. Gifford, W. Williams, half backs.  
W. Cowes, E. R. Gifford, Gahan, B. B. Syer, Moffat, forwards.

The Rosario forwards showed a great lack of combination; individually they played well but must learn to play a less selfish game. Jefferies and Crowe played well at half back, but Carman often omitted to keep his place. Penman was safe at back.

For the home team a decided improvement was shown all round from their Sunday's performance. The most conspicuous of the forwards being E. R. Gifford, who played a brilliant game all through and he was well supported by Gahan and Moffat. J. D. Gifford at half back was good and showed that it certainly is his proper place. Gordon and Murphy at back never missed their ball, and Murphy's kicking was a treat to witness. Fothergill left nothing to be desired as goalkeeper. G. Leslie refereed to the satisfaction of both sides, Bridger and Rath officiating as linesmen.

## ROSARIO v. ST. ANDREWS.

This match, in the League series, was played at Lomas, on Friday, 25th ult., before a few, and seemingly disinterested spectators. Rosario won the toss and elected to defend the northern goal, having both wind and sun in their favour. Hudson kicked off for St Andrews. After a good deal of even play the ball was taken down to the St Andrews twenty-five, where Dorning and Penman each had a shot at goal, both going wide. Rosario shortly after this were awarded a free kick right in front of the St Andrews' goal, nothing resulting. St Andrews now woke up, and Bridge taking the ball right up the field, gave a splendid centre right in front of goal, which was not put through. A good piece of play by Perkins followed, but he failed in his shot. After some give and take play Hudson made a good run up the field, and passed to Bridge, who failed in his shot. The ball was now taken to the St Andrews twenty-five, where Ellery gave a good centre, and Beaumont headed it through the posts. The leather for some time remained in the St Andrews half, when Beaumont got in a clinker, but it was saved by Dawson. Clarke sending the ball well up the field, Hudson took it along and made a pretty pass to Bridge, who failed to

score an almost certainty. Play from now till the end of the first half was very even, neither side scoring.

After a short interval, Beaumont restarted for Rosario, and the ball being taken down the field, Ellery passed to Beaumont, who nearly scored. Carman shot well at goal, but Dawson each time saved. The game was now for some time very evenly contested, when Ellery ran the ball down the field from a neat pass of Jefferies', but failed in his shot. Rosario were now pressing the St Andrews men, and Ellery, passing well to Beaumont enabled the latter to score a second point fifteen minutes before time was called. Till the finish of the game there was nothing to record save a very neat shot at goal by Bridge, which hit the post but failed to go through. Thus Rosario were left the winners by two goals to nil.

Of the Rosario forwards Beaumont and Ellery played best, at half back Jefferies was always there, and at back A. Crowe played a hard and sure game.

For the St Andrews forwards Bridge, Hudson, and Perkins played well; Gibson at half back was a little host in itself; Clarke and Muir at back both did good service.

C. W. Reynolds as referee carried out his arduous duties to the satisfaction of both sides.

W. Buchanan and Williams acted as linesmen.

## Rosario team—

A. O'Connell, goal.  
A. Crowe, W. S. Penman, backs.  
H. Jefferies, D. S. Weir, B. Carman, half backs.  
H. Glover, H. Dolphin, J. Beaumont, J. M. Ellery, H. Dorning, forwards.

## St Andrews team—

F. Dawson, goal.  
F. Muir, R. Clarke, backs.  
D. Gibson, Weir, W. Buchanan, half backs.  
J. J. Bridge, T. A. Greenlees, T. Hudson, E. Morgan, A. Perkins, forwards.

## RUGBY

## LOMAS v. BUENOS AIRES

This Rugby match was played at Lomas on Friday, the 25th ult., before five or six hundred spectators. Neither team were fully represented, Gilderdale and Elliot not playing for Buenos Aires, while Lomas were without Jacobs, Gwvther, Tait and Rowland, all of whose places had to be filled at the last moment—a difficult operation.

Buenos Aires won the toss, and elected to defend the northern goal, having the wind in their favour. Kennard kicked off for Lomas, R. W. Anderson bringing the ball back to about midfield, where a succession of scrummages took place; the ball was now kept for some time in the Lomas twenty-five, when Bridge made a good run and passed to H. B. Anderson, who was well collared by Webster. The Buenos Aires however managed to get the ball away from their twenty-five, when R. E. H. Anderson made a fine run, but was beautifully collared by Rath within five yards of the goal line. The forwards rushed the ball away from its dangerous position, and Norwood passing to A. Anderson, who immediately sent the leather on to his brother, the latter kicking well into touch. From the scrummage which followed, the ball being well heeled out, Norwood passed to H. B. Anderson, who tried to drop a goal but failed, forcing Buenos Aires to touch down in self defence. The ball was now rushed down to the Lomas twenty-five, when it was kicked behind the Lomas goal line, Rath touching down. The game was now for some time transferred to midfield, when Rumbold passed to Fothergill, who sent the ball to R. W. Anderson, the latter after making a fine run scored the first try for Buenos Aires, having been brought down by L. Jacobs just over the goal line. Fothergill failed in his kick. From the kick off Lomas at once got the ball well into Buenos Aires twenty-five, when Bridger made a good run, and only just missed scoring a try. The Buenos Aires forwards now rushed the ball out of danger, when Anserim, one of the Lomas forwards, made for his own goal, which cost Lomas dearly, for R. W. Anderson got the ball and scored the second try for Buenos Aires; Rath collared well, but Anderson's weight, combined with the pace he was going, enabled him to get over the line, almost in the same place where the previous try was scored, and when both came very heavily to the ground Rath was underneath, and being consequently damaged, he had to retire. Fothergill's kick failed.

The whistle now blew for half time with the score Buenos Aires 6 points, Lomas nil. G. Anderson restarted the ball after a five minutes interval, and Lomas had to manage without a back. After some scrummages at midfield Bridge passed to A. Anderson, who sent on the leather to Bridger, and the latter after making a good run was neatly brought down by Webster within 5 yards of the Buenos Aires goal line. The ball was soon returned to the Lomas 25, where one of the Lomas men, stupidly running into one of his own side, got his wind knocked out, and caused a 5 minutes delay. When the game recommenced R. E. H. Anderson made a tricky run right along the touch line and would have scored had not one of the linesmen in the excitement of the moment held up his flag, the referee blowing his whistle, and the ball was brought back. Fothergill now ran in and scored a third try, but was tackled by Rath who had now returned to his place. R. W. Anderson failed with the kick. The ball was now kept for some time in the Lomas half, when A. Anderson passed well to Bridger, enabling the latter to run behind the posts (minus his jersey) and thus scored the first try for Lomas, A. Anderson converted. The ball was now kept in the Buenos Aires 25 when Norwood scored a second try from a scrummage within 5 yards of the

goal line. The kick was taken by A. Anderson, who just failed to convert, the ball striking the cross bar. The ball was now kept down at the Lomas end of the ground, Rath repeatedly saving well.

Thus Buenos Aires were left winners by nine points to eight. The Buenos Aires forwards were a good and heavy lot, G. S. Anderson being the most conspicuous among them; they outmatched their opponents in all points, and at one time ran completely over them. At half back Rumboll was in his usual form, and Caldwell worked hard and unselfishly. At three quarters the brothers Anderson, particularly R. W., who has seldom played a better game, did yeoman's service for the old Club. Lomas, as has already been stated, had to patch up their team considerably, taking from their forward to strengthen their back division. In consequence of this re-arrangement the forwards were not as united as they should have been, and invariably tried heeling the ball before having held the scrummage; as a natural result their opponents repeatedly came right through them. Kennard, Casini, Liversidge and Hannay worked hard. Considering that Bridge played Rugby football for the first time his performance at half was very creditable. The three-quarters and back certainly saved Lomas from a severe defeat, H. Anderson's and Bridger's running and A. Anderson's kicking continually gaining ground for their side, while the latter along with P. Rath tackled in capital style.

- Buenos Aires XV.—  
H. Webster, full back.  
R. E. H. Anderson, F. W. Fothergill, R. W. Anderson, three-quarter backs.  
E. Rumboll, M. Caldwell, half backs.  
G. S. Anderson, A. Brodie, E. Kinch, W. S. Taylor, O. King, G. Hardman, P. H. Vargas, N. M. Whitworth, T. K. Gibeau, forwards.
- Lomas XV.—  
P. M. Rath, full back.  
H. B. Anderson, A. Anderson, P. L. G. Bridger, three-quarter backs.  
O. Norwood, T. Bridge, half backs.  
G. C. Kennard, L. Jacobs, H. Dolphin, S. Gibson, E. H. Liversidge, P. Casini, T. Gebbie, E. W. D. Hannay, V. Ansermia, forwards.

**ROWING**

The regatta at Rosario on Thursday last was a great success, the perfect weather and condition of the river both combining to make the races most enjoyable to competitors and spectators alike.

The first race was between ships' boats, which the crew from the ss Gellivara won easily from that of the ss Weighbridge.

A four-oared race over a thousand metres then followed between the Rosario and Villa Constitucion Clubs which the former won very easily. The crews were as follows:—

- Rosario—H. A. Dale (stroke), W. T. Fleming (2), P. G. Talbot (3), Rev. E. G. Cocks (cox), J. H. Greene (cox).  
Villa Constitucion—D. L. Glass (stroke), A. Dick (2), F. Richards (3), F. Darch (bow), F. Miller (cox).

A four-oared race of a thousand metres amongst members of the Club resulted in a win for Mr C. P. Morley's crew, and a pair-oared race between the Rosario and San Nicolas Clubs, also of a thousand metres, resulted in another win for the home club. The crews for the latter event were as follows:—

- Rosario—H. A. Dale (stroke), W. T. Fleming, Rev. E. G. Cocks (cox).  
San Nicolas—R. G. W. Tucker (stroke), G. Moyano, Cecil Mallet, Rosario R. C. (cox).

An exciting race between boats from the gunboats Republica, Capitania and Resguardo resulted in the crew from the Republica winning. The distance for this event was also a thousand metres.

Messrs H. A. Dale and W. T. Fleming, with the Rev. E. G. Cocks as cox, won a club double sculls race of a thousand metres from Messrs J. Ross and C. E. Morley coxed by Mr H. S. Ferguson, Junr.

The boat stroked by Mr C. E. Morley again proved successful in a Club open four-oared race. A yacht race unfortunately fell through owing to the entire absence of wind.

The course was situated opposite the Central Argentine Railway's wharves, and was lined by a large number of people who came from Rosario, San Nicolas, and the suburbs and neighbouring towns.

The Committee of the Rosario Rowing Club are to be congratulated on the success of their enterprise, and we hope this will be the forerunner of many such regattas at Rosario.

An enthusiastic party of rowing men, members of the Buenos Aires, Tigre, and Teutonia Rowing Clubs, consisting of Messrs M. F. Gilderdale, J. Hosman, H. Wilson, A. M. Wilson, H. de Boer, S. Husseck, E. E. Brandes, and J. Hope Brown, left Rosario on Thursday last at twelve o'clock in an irigged four-oared boat with intention of rowing to the Tigre. The first day they expected to reach San Nicolas, the second Baradero, the third Zarate, and to arrive in the Tigre on Sunday evening. They left the boat house of the Rosario Rowing Club, amidst the hearty cheers of a large number of its members, for a safe voyage, and for the Queen, and they replied with ringing shouts, for the Rosarinos. The boat came up by rail from the Tigre.

**YACHTING.**

The following particulars regarding the Yacht Club Argentino's cruise last week have been kindly furnished us by the skipper of the Gladys:—

The Gladys left San Fernando on the 24th at eight o'clock, having failed to leave the night before, owing to excessively low water, and arrived at Carmelo at five p.m., without having seen any of the other yachts that left the Boca the night before. On the following morning she started up the Uruguay with wind dead ahead but current in our favour. At about twelve noon we sighted the Chana asterly of us making for Higuieritas, and arrived at the mouth of the Rio Negro at seven p.m.

Turned out at seven a.m. on the 26th, and started back with wind SSE. At 1.30 p.m. we sighted the Chana, Ariel, and Emma as they were leaving the Arenal Grande. Trimming the sails well we started in chase.

At 3 p.m. we arrived at the Arenal and passed all the yachts at 5.30, getting to Higuieritas at about 8 p.m., where we stopped the night. Before going to bed the small squadron entertained the town with a good display of fireworks.

On the 27th we all set sail for Buenos Aires, with wind as usual dead ahead. At ten a.m. wind freshened so much that we had to stow the mainsail, and went under jib and mizzen only. At 11 half a gale was blowing, and with current against us, we found we could do little good, so went into shelter at the mouth of the Paraná Guazú where the Ariel and Emma joined us. It rained all day and part of the night. The visitors on the Gladys found some difficulty in sleeping, as a couple of rats had taken rather a fancy to them. The Chana went back to Higuieritas to wait for the weather to improve.

At daybreak next morning we found the weather had calmed a little, so we decided to try to get through the Canal de Tierra to San Isidro, and started with close reefed sails, taking with us the Emma and Ariel's messages to their "relaciones." From the Guazú to the Tigre the wind was dead ahead, and tacking was the order of the day, but the Tigre was reached at last at 10 p.m. on Monday night.

As usual the port authorities at Carmelo and Nueva Palmira were very attentive to all of us.

**POLO.**

It will be interesting to many of our readers to know that a polo club has been organised in the Department of Paysandu, B.O., under the name of the Bellaco Polo Club. The club is to be carried on on the same principles as some of the camp clubs here, i.e., the games are to take place at the various estancias on the Arroyo Bellaco in turn.

The first meeting took place at the Estancia San José, belonging to Mr Croker, on the 19th and 20th of May, when a genial host, combined with glorious weather, made everything a great success. The game was played on a splendid ground, which was newly mown, and marked out with red and blue flags, the colours of the club.

Captains were chosen for the day, and the following sides were picked:

- Reds—Messrs Croker (captain), Lees, Warburton and Dent.  
Blues—Messrs Henderson (captain), Peel, Disbrow and Hughes.

On the first day, after four quarters of twenty minutes each, the Blues came off victorious by three goals to nil, Peel scoring each time.

The second day's play ended with the same result, the Blues being again three goals to the good, Henderson scoring twice and Peel once.

Throughout the two days play was very good. Each player had a pair or more of capital ponies. On the second day a marked improvement was noticeable, as there was less standing over the ball and some fast play resulted.

Last Sunday the meeting was to have been held at Mr Peel's estancia Bella Vista, when an enjoyable game was expected, as the ground there is almost perfect.



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**ESTANCIA AND COLONY.**

The ex-president of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons of England says public drinking troughs for horses are a curse to horse-flesh, as they spread farcy and glanders. A considerable ventilation of the matter is in progress, and it seems to be conceded by experts that the danger is in the contact of the horses' mouths and not so much in their using the same troughs. Troughs with separate compartments are recommended. A safer plan, to those who appreciate the danger would be to have every vehicle furnished with a bucket or two, so that drivers could use them for watering their horses without their going near the troughs.

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The export of horses from Canada to Scotland seems to be on the increase as we see that already a contract for the buying of 4000 has been received from Scotland, the order coming from the Glasgow Tramway Company, whose agents have so far bought about half the number and are shipping them mostly by way of Portland.

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With a view to arousing the interest and enthusiasm of Californian horse breeders, arrangements are being made to exhibit Ormonde, Salvator, Firnzi and a number of other famous thoroughbreds, besides coach stallions and hackneys, at a horse show to be held next November in San Francisco. Harness and carriages of the latest styles will be brought from the east, and everything from the lightest buggy to four-in-hand coaches will be seen. Exhibitions of jumping and high school riding will be given. Trotting horses—the most famous in California—sires, brood mares and campaigners will appear. Valuable prizes will be offered.

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The following table of statistics for 1893, comparing the English and American results of thoroughbred breeding, is of exceptional interest. It is a pity so large a number of mares in America have the words "no report" against their names:

	Number of Mares	Number of Foals Slipped Dead Foals, etc.	Barren	No Report	Sent Abroad, etc.
England	5061	3087	281	1335	222
United States and Canada	5550	2879	516	1189	996

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Messrs Funes and Lagos sold the stock on the estancia San Pascual de Moro in Loberia at the following prices: 30 Lincoln sheep at \$21 each, 32 at \$20.50, and 41 at \$18.50. Five hundred ewes at \$9.20, 900 at \$8.60, 1600 at \$3.30, 1500 at \$6.20, 1500 at \$8.40, 750 at \$8.60, 750 at 8.50, 1500 at \$5, 1187 at \$4, and 400 at \$10. Two colts fetched \$85 each, 14 Lincoln rams \$25 each; five \$58, and other five \$16. Sixteen hundred sheep sold at 3.40, 1200 at \$3, 1700 at \$3.50. Two thousand cows fetched \$7. The total sale realised \$100,053.50. Messrs Rodriguez, Maureso, Aristizabal, Brie, Lozato, Pierestegui, Magal, Alvear, Iraisos, Neira, M. Gall, and the Ojo del Agua were the principal buyers.

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The Banda Oriental government has given permission for cattle to be removed over the frontier to Brazil for winter grazing between the months of June and September inclusive. At present, however, these frontier lands are short of pasturage and water and the unsettled state of Rio Grande is a further drawback to the concession.

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The news came from Verua on Friday last that an enormous flight of locusts passed over the colony travelling from north to south. It is a long time since we heard of locusts, and we hope it will be a long time before we do so again. The drought has done quite enough damage without any other plague attacking our estancias and colonies.

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Messrs Funes and Lagos sold last week to Sr Pedro del Carril three young shorthorn bulls for the Cabaña Santa Catalina belonging to Sres Frias and Co. at \$500 each, and another at the same price to Sr B. Iturraspe. These bulls are all reds, are eighteen months old, and descendants from the celebrated Duke of Gloucester.

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Sr. Assiz Brasil, who has a breeding establishment in the Province of Rio Grande, Brazil, has just bought on the Cabaña Santa Rita twenty-eight thoroughbred mares served by Nogal, Hanover and Finance. They include Lent by Carnival, Belliere by Narcisse, Fascia by Chatbox, the dam of Farandol, Fileuse by Nougat out of Ambuscade. Favorite by Pero Gomez, and Margery by Phoenix. Sr. Assiz possesses one stallion, San Carlos by Energy out of Fanchette, and he has we believe been negotiating for the purchase of Nogal or Finance. He paid about \$1200 each for the mares.

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The London "Live Stock Journal" has this to say on the subject of breeding and temperament. In breeding horses there are other things to be considered besides the appearance and performance of sire and dam. One of the most important of these is temperament. A vicious and ill-tempered mare, whatever her good points may be, should never be retained for breeding purposes. Moral qualities are as surely transmitted to descendants as physical features. A vicious brood mare should at all times be rejected. De Curnieu, a French authority, rightly says, "No mare should be used as a brood mare unless she is perfectly well known." If she has any vice it will most probably be perpetuated, and in an augmented form, especially if the sire has defects of a kindred nature. It is, of course, equally as important that the sire should be free from vice, as that the dam should be so. As, however, it is difficult to ascertain the temper of the stallion, whether confined to his own stable or travelling the country, unless he has displayed his bad temper in public, the greater the importance of breeding only from such mares as are not actually vicious themselves, and that have not even an hereditary taint of potential waywardness and ill-temper in their constitution. All though the produce of a vicious mare, if they have good looks and free action to commend them, may be sold at high prices as unbroken colts, no one should attempt to breed horses for his own use from such an animal. On the whole, it is good policy never to breed from such mares.

## ROUND THE TOWN.

The celebrations incidental on the Argentine day of Independence were duly brought to a termination on Saturday last. The programme was much the same as in former years, and carried out in accordance with precedent in these matters. It is, however, worthy of note that the crowd which assembled in the Plaza Victoria on Friday night to view the illuminations was chiefly composed of foreigners, French families largely predominating, which is perhaps accounted for by their natural love of a show of any kind. A special feature of the national fetes was the smart appearance of the troops, though these latter were outshone by the police force, consisting of picked men in gala uniforms, who were on duty at the theatres.

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The theatres themselves were crowded to the portals in every case, as is customary during the "fiestas Mayas," and an enormous amount of money must have been disbursed by the crisis-stricken populace of this city. Money is always forthcoming for lottery tickets, races, frontones and theatres on Sundays and holidays, and it would appear to a casual observer that the inhabitants of this pleasure-loving city are either very improvident, or else that times are not quite so hard as they are represented to be. It is, however, satisfactory to note that law and order always prevail on these occasions, and a perusal of the daily papers of the following day shows a notable absence of police reports and proceedings which I regret to say are such a prominent feature in our English journals after a Bank Holiday.

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Amidst the general rejoicing, the due celebration of Her Majesty's seventy-fifth birthday was not forgotten, and a large and representative gathering assembled at the Hon. Mrs Pakenham's reception on Thursday night. The first part of the proceedings consisted in some music considerably above the usual amateur average, and the musical portion of the evening was brought to a close with an excellent rendering of the National Anthem, led by Miss Lumb, and sung by all the guests with due honors. This most pleasant reception terminated with a few turns round the room, the music being supplied by Señor Hilarion Moreno, better known as Signor Ramenti, the composer of the justly popular Boston waltzes, who played his own compositions with a charm and a swing which was as accomplished as it was irresistible.

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The annual championship meeting of the Buenos Aires Lawn Tennis Club passed off with great élat on the 24th, 25th and 26th inst. The

names of the various winners of the handsome prizes provided, as well as a description of the same, will be found elsewhere, and I will therefore limit myself to recording that the tournament was a most enjoyable one, and well in keeping with the reputation of this hospitable club. Refreshments and tea were provided to all comers, and the lunch served on the ground by the Albion Club was excellent both in quality and quantity. "Pal mamqui meruit ferat," says the Latin poet, and I cannot close this short notice without congratulating the hard-working Hon. Sec. Mr T. S. Boodle, on the excellence of all the arrangements made for the accommodation both of the players and the spectators.

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The police are to be congratulated on their action in the Calle Montevideo mystery, for not only have they succeeded in finding a head for the "hombre descuartizado" but have also discovered his assassin. It is therefore to be hoped that this matter will be allowed to drop now that the mystery is at an end, and above all that we shall have no more pictures, for the crime is sufficiently repulsive in itself, without bringing us face to face with its perpetrator and his victim. Now that Raoul Tremblay has been captured, I trust he will be made to pay the penalty, but it is to be feared that in the interval which must elapse between his arrest and his arraignment so many equally sanguinary crimes will have been committed that the indignation at present reigning in the minds of our rulers will give place to the ill-judged "misericorde" which is so seldom absent from it.

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In connection with this arrest, I must not omit to draw attention to the very long telegram published in yesterday's "Prensa," giving a full account of the arrival of the ss Paraguay in Dunkirk, and the subsequent capture of the assassin.

The "Prensa" has always been in the front rank as regards its telegraphic service, but yesterday's telegram can really be considered a journalistic triumph, and denotes an energy and enterprise worthy of a pleasanter subject. All through the progress of this now solved mystery the organ which Dr Davila so ably edits has kept its readers informed of the crime and its minutest details, and lovers of sensational literature—and the Buenos Aires public belongs essentially to this category—have every reason to be proud of a journal that has doled out to them so much unwholesome excitement at so small an outlay.

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The Columbia Elite Skating Rink still retains its popularity, and indeed so well do its proprietors cater for the public, that attendance there would appear to be on an increase. Professor H.A. Simmons, The "Champion Figure skater of the world" has arrived and made an unofficial debut on Saturday last. I have not yet had an opportunity of seeing him, but I am given to understand that he is all that he is represented to be, and omits none of the somewhat perilous feats depicted in the pictorial advertisements now to be seen in all places of public resorts and he should consequently be well worth a visit. In the meantime, I would remind my readers that on Friday next, 1st prox., a benefit in aid of the funds of the British and American Benevolent Society, at which Professor Simmons will give his performance, will take place at this popular resort.

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Much excitement has been caused by the reported discovery of a nest of Anarchists somewhere in the neighbourhood of the Recoleta. It is only natural that the police are somewhat chary of giving details of the discovery to the press and the public, but it is understood that a diabolical plot was in process of incubation for the blowing up of the Bolsa, Congress Hall and other buildings. Let us hope that this matter has not the real importance which was at first attached to it, and indeed I have no doubt that the project had not yet assumed definite shape, for Anarchists capable of carrying out slaughter on so large a scale are few and far between, and their services would be more valuable in Europe where they would be able to blow up many more people at one fell blow, which, I understand, is the object and chief aim of these dangerous gentry.

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After thirty four years of prosperous existence, the doyen of the English press in this country has

decided to change its shape, and in a measure march with the times (no joke intended). Although the new shape is a decided improvement, and both reading matter and advertisements are presented in a more convenient form. I must still adhere to the remarks I made in a previous number of this journal, and regret in a measure this innovation, as savouring too much of changing horses in the middle of the stream. I should, however, be wanting in the elementary principles of journalistic courtesy, which I regret to note is becoming rarer every day, if I did not wish our senior colleague every success on this auspicious occasion, and express a hope that it will continue to be as acceptable to the public in the future as it has undoubtedly been in the past.

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Calves . . . . .	6—10.50	6.50—16.00		

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" —Cow . . . . .	5.00	6.50
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Lambskins, per dozen . . . . .	2.20	3.00

Sheep—Lincolns . . . . .	\$10.00	12.00
" —Mestizo-Lincolns . . . . .	6.00	8.50
" —Rambouillet . . . . .	3.50	6.20
Ewes . . . . .	3.60	6.00

Wheat (barleta), 100 ks . . . . .	\$4.50	6.30
" (French), 100 kilos . . . . .	5.00	6.10
" (Candeal) . . . . .	4.00	6.50
" (Saldomé) . . . . .	4.50	6.20
Maize (morochó), 100 kilos . . . . .	6.00	6.60
" (amarillo), 100 kilos . . . . .	5.70	6.50
Hay, 1000 kilos . . . . .	40.00	55.00
Wool—Cross Lincoln . . . . .	5.90	10.50
" —Fine mestiza . . . . .	4.80	9.00

## FIXTURES

### RACING

Wednesday, May 30—Hipodromo Argentino, Palermo  
 Sunday, June 3—Hipodromo Argentino, at Palermo.

### FOOTBALL.

#### ASSOCIATION

Sunday, June 3—Rosario A.C. v. Lomas A.C., at Rosario  
 Sunday, June 3—Lobos A.C. v. B.A. and R. Ry., at Belgrano.

### ROWING

Friday, June 29—Tigre Boat Club's Regatta.

### POLO

Saturday, Sunday, Monday, July 7, 8, 9—Cañada de Gomez Club's Tournament.

## TIGRE BOAT CLUB

### PROGRAMME OF CLUB RACES

TO BE HELD ON

FRIDAY, 29th of JUNE, 1894

1. CLINKER FOURS (entries closed), 1200 metres.
2. INRIGGED FOURS, 1000 metres.
3. DOUBLE SCULLING RACE, in Half-Outrigged-Boats, 800 metres.
4. CANOE RACE, 300 metres.
5. PAIR OAR RACE, in Clinker Boats, 1000 metres.

Entries close on June 23rd next.

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## Cañada de Gomez Polo Club

A LOCAL POLO TOURNAMENT will be held on the above Club's Ground on SATURDAY, SUNDAY and MONDAY, JULY 7, 8 and 9.

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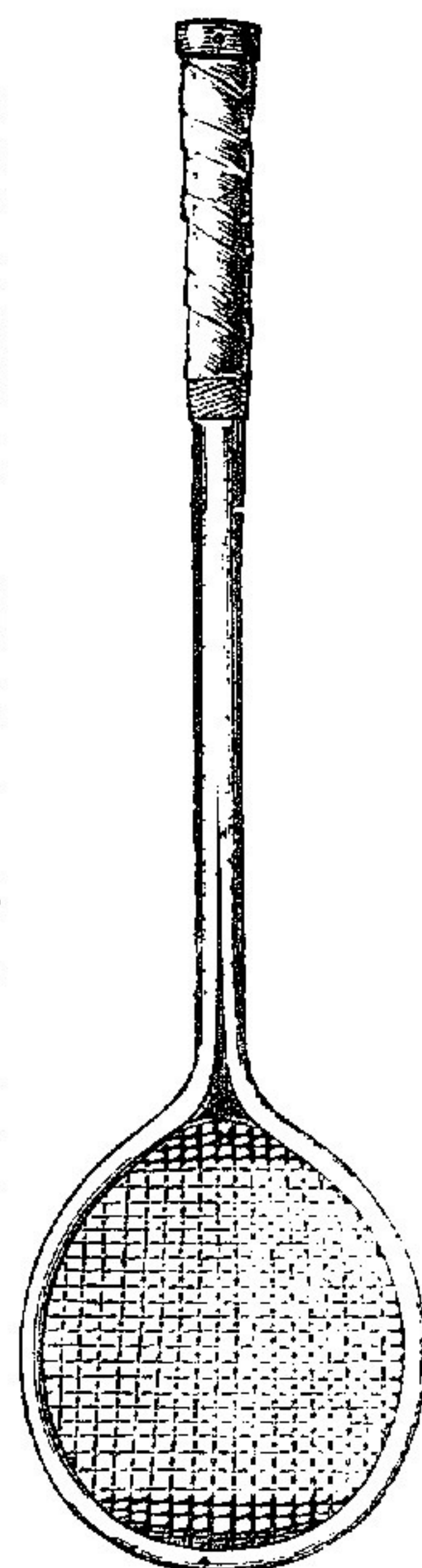
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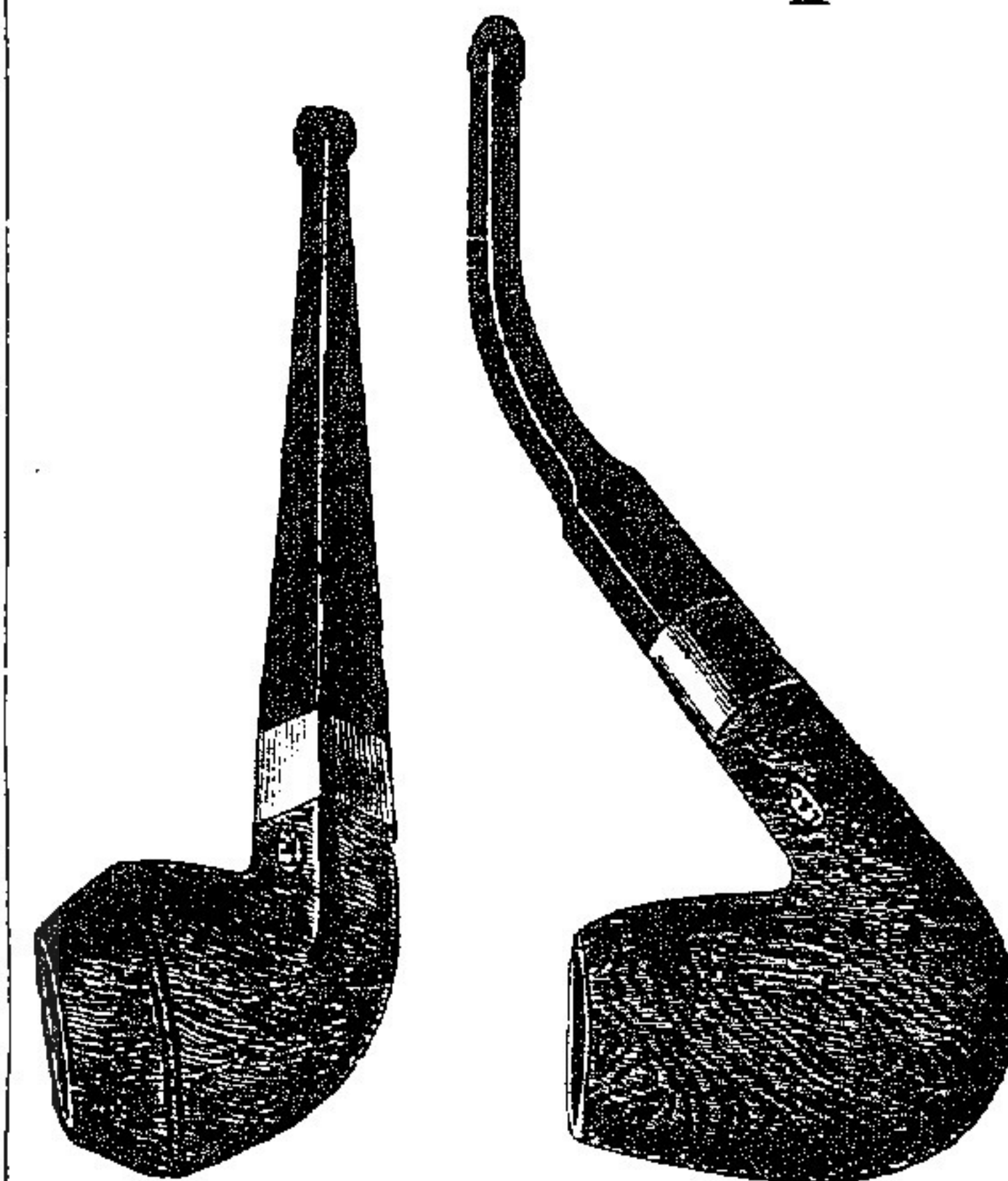
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I saw my cousin and his men gain their feet to fly, and then the steam overtook me, a sudden burst of wind flung me on my face, and the next instant the water, warm as blood, lifted me up and carried me with irresistible force along the shaft down which we had come. For what seemed almost a lifetime, though it could only have been a few moments, I felt myself carried on thus, until one of my knees struck on the floor, then the waters seemed to hesitate, and then began to recede, turning me on my back and rolling me over and over, until at last I stopped. Bruised, breathless, and shaken I sat up and listened to the backward rush, for a moment after all was still, again I heard them surging towards me, and then I cried aloud in my anguish. Close to, out of the pitchy darkness, came an answer, and I knew that my cousin had also been saved, while from below came three more shouts, but two voices had been stilled for ever, two men had been carried back with the stream, and those we never saw or heard of more. We collected, and sat for a time close together, we all had bruises and sprains, though luckily no bones broken, and all our lamps of course were put out, and everything about us being wet, we had no means of making any light, and were surrounded by such black darkness, as I have never before or since seen or heard of. The water continued to surge up time after time, but each time with less violence, and at length we merely heard it splashing faintly down below. This then was the cause of the puff of white steam which we had seen coming up every four or five hours through the mouth of the mountain, though when it reached the opening the wind was little more than a sigh. In the distance it had spent its force.

My cousin, bad as I believed him to be, was a man of action, for when we had rested there a short time and gained our breath once more, he ordered us all in his own masterful way to get up and march right back to meet the men he had sent to bring provisions. If the journey down had been trying, the return was doubly so, for as we were in the darkness the distance seemed twice as long. Every now and then we shouted, hoping to hear some answering voice from up above, but once again the wind and steam overtook us before we heard the welcome sound, and shortly after came upon them seated round a fire. They asked us for their comrades, and then my cousin told the tale, though for the dead men's fate they seemed to care but little.

Day after day, at least so far as we could calculate the time, our only means for doing so being the gust of wind and steam that came up every four hours or so from down below, they worked on, collecting the gold in small piles, but still there was work to keep them employed for nearly a month; not being content with enough to make them richer than probably any men have ever been before or since, they meant to have it all. But I fell ill, I don't know why it was, it may have been the wetting and the fright I got that time the water overtook us down below, or it may have been that my clothes never dried upon me, but I was seized with an aching in my limbs, and pain in my chest, that I could neither help them in their task, nor could I get up from off my couch of skins, so fearing that I might die there, I one day spoke to my cousin, and asked him for pity's sake to have me carried up above. He laughed aloud.

"What," he cried, "are you willing to renounce your share of all this gold, for a supposed illness?"

I told him I was indeed ill, and feared to die down there, and asked him but to give me sufficient to enable me to build a church in our little village of Valdivia, and to keep the rest of my share to be divided among his men. At last he acceded to my prayers and entreaties, and I was carried up to the cave below the windlass, one man loaded with lumps of gold walking by my side. I was fastened securely into the sling, for by this time I was unable to support myself, and two of my faithful peons wound me up to the hanging platform. As I lay there looking up at the dark blue vault of heaven, once more the puff of vapour came from down below, and I thanked Almighty God for having preserved my life through so terrible an experience.

When once I was carried up to the outside of the crater, a strange sight met my view. One of my cousin's men was lying asleep close by my tent, which was still up, he, I afterwards heard, was dead drunk, the other was sitting on a stone close by, with a huge flagon of aguardiente in his hand, singing, on the top of the ledge were seated my ten remaining peons, looking down in silence, and in front of them, on the opposite side, were the three large condors, sitting as I had seen them once before at night, with outstretched wings and heads craned forward ever looking down.

In less than half an hour a voice hailed from below, and two of my men going down quickly pulled up my cousin. He looked round hurriedly, and seeing me came on towards me.

"Ah, ha," he laughed, "my saintly cousin, you thought you had got off with our secret did you, but I remembered in that case, and here I am to prevent you."

"Surely you don't intend to take me down below again," I cried in fear.

"No," he replied, "if you will take the oath I propose to you, you can go where you will, and carry your gold along with you, otherwise I must take you back there till we all leave."

I promised to take any oath he required, so long as it was not sinful, if he would only let me go.

"Kneel down, then," said he, "and repeat after me word for word."

I did so, and after considering for a moment he began—

"I Pedro Aneiros, parish priest of Valdivia, solemnly

swear by the Virgin, and all I hold holy in heaven and earth, never to divulge, in sickness or in health, either by confession or any other means, what I have seen and known about my cousin José Maria Araucibe, or the gold which he has found. I also solemnly swear, that should I not see my cousin within one month from to-day, to draw up a written statement of all our conversations that I can remember, all we have seen and done together, and all my ideas and reflections respecting the same, so as to aid by my experience and knowledge to the best of my power, Juan Manuel Araucibe, brother of José Maria Araucibe, to whom this written statement is to be sent by the first available ship leaving for Cadiz. I think that's all," he said, "so now you can add—and if I do not this, may the devil hold my soul in torment for all eternity."

I shuddered as I finished that last dreadful sentence, and he seeing it laughed and held out his hand.

"And now farewell, cousin," he said, "until we meet again," and with that he turned and again descended the shaft.

Next day I was carried down the mountain by four of my men, and once more I lay in my own bed in my house in Valdivia. For fifteen days I suffered all manner of tortures, and then felt better. One afternoon, about three weeks after leaving my cousin, I was sitting in the porch of my house in the sun when I saw eleven of my men, who had been with me up the mountain, coming down the street towards me. As they came near I saw by their faces, and the manner in which they walked, that something was wrong.

I asked them what had happened, and why they came, and then they told their tale.

The very afternoon of the day when I had left the drunken soldier had told one of the peons to go and fetch water, because the man did not go as quickly as he wished he struck him. The peon enraged at this, picked up a stone and hurled it at him, whereupon the man drew his sword and killed him on the spot. The other peons seeing their comrade fall each picked up stones to avenge his death, and one striking the murderer on the head knocked him down the shaft, he missed the platform and fell below, and was doubtless killed. Frightened at what they had done, and dreading the revenge of the rest of the band, they resolved to kill the other man who lay there drunk, which they did by smashing his head with a stone. They then dug up the ends of the chains which we had embedded, and the platform fell with a crash. Soon after this they heard shouts and cries from below, but they paid no heed. For eight days they sat there and listened, and every day the sounds became weaker until they ceased altogether. Yet another eight days they waited, and then were sure that all down there were dead; then they came to tell me. And then I saw why God in his wisdom had sought my cousin from among all men to find that gold, to punish him by the hands of a race he had so grievously wronged. But still the gold I had brought away with me would amply suffice to build a church; and to that end would I dedicate it. As for the men, I could not punish them for carrying out his will, though I bid them begone, nor come near me again; and sorrowing they went.

What remained for me to do I have now done. I have related as nearly as may be our conversations and actions, my ideas and thoughts about that dreadful place, and now my task is done I feel to be suddenly ageing, my sight is growing dim, my limbs shake as with a palsy, and I fear my end is near at hand. I have written to the bishop at Valparaiso, telling him where the gold I brought is hidden, and telling him it is to be used to build a church, and I charge you, my cousin, Juan Manuel Araucibe, when you find the place and bring out the treasure, to give my portion of one thirteenth part to the church, to be used as the bishop of Valparaiso may see fit.

I shall leave with this my written declaration, in my friend Vazquez's ship, sailing direct for Cadiz: but should I not live to see my native soil, this will be handed to you by him, remember my charge and fare thee well.  
PEDRO ANEIRO, Valdivia, 1590.

As I finished the translation I closed the manuscript and looked across at Phil.

"Well, of all the extraordinary yarns I ever heard," he exclaimed, "this licks the lot."

"It is rather a tough one I admit," he replied, "but I don't see any reason for that matter why it should not be true, if you come to think of it there are dozens of extinct volcanos in the Cordilleras and I never remember hearing that there was any difficulty in descending one, though I certainly never heard that any one had ever tried to do so. The whole thing seems probable enough, at any rate it is quite possible."

"It seems too extraordinary a thing for a man to invent, I suppose it must be true, the writing looks genuine enough. But we will ask Araucibe about it when we see him again."

"Yes," I said, "there is no harm in telling, I suppose, that we found his hiding place and overhauled his family papers, and I am rather ashamed of it now to tell the truth, though I am awfully glad we found this old book and read it all the same, but I say, what time is it?"

I pulled out my watch and saw that it was half-past four. We had been so interested in the narration of old Pedro Aneiros that we had not noticed how late it was. We had begun the story about nine o'clock in the morning and gone on with it, till it was finished, but Carlos had not returned yet.

"What the dickens can have become of him," cried Phil.

Let us walk down to the opening of the shore and have a look round," said I.

We did so, and in the distance made out the horses, still on the western side of the lake, feeding quietly and

there also was the figure of a man busily engaged in a stooping position.

"There he is," said I, "and I expect he is cutting some meat off one of the cows, but he ought to have been here long ago."

Our hunger, for we had eaten nothing that day, added to our impatience, but soon we saw him mount and collecting the horses commence to drive them in our direction, and as he drew near we saw tied on behind his recado and banging down on either side of his horse a magnificent tiger skin.

"I suppose he will plead 'urgent private affairs,'" said Phil laughing, "well, we have been engaged on the same business only that the affairs were not our own, but what a beautiful skin!"

It was a beauty, and as we handled it, stroking the beautiful yellow fur with black rings and spots on it I asked Carlos how he managed to kill it alone and without arms.

"With my lasso," he replied, "what further arm than that would I want, though he gave me a heap of trouble, I was bringing the horses down to the Desaguadero when the beast started up out of the grass and made off towards the woods, but I galloped after and cut him off, turning him once more towards the water, and before he got tired enough to stand at bay I had the noose round his neck, but he struggled and fought dreadfully, now coming at me, now trying to get away that I began to be afraid that he would tire my horse out before I had him strangled. I shouted as loud as I could to try and make you hear, so as to come to my assistance but it was no use, and just as I was beginning to think I should have to cut my lasso to save my horse who was regularly dead beat, the brute gave up and fell over on his side. I was afraid he was shamming so I continued to pull for a good five minutes and then as he didn't move I went up and found him dead. He was a splendid brute, wasn't he? About four years old and in fine condition, but, vamos, señores, you must have thought I was lost and perhaps are hungry, let us go and make a fire."

"I tell you what," said I to Phil as we walked back up the ravine behind Carlos, "don't let us say a word about what we have found out from Araucibe's manuscript to anybody; let us keep it to ourselves, Araucibe may not mind us knowing, but I don't think he would like us to tell anybody else. And for my part, I think we have done about enough, and vote we don't overhawl any more of his things. You saw those pistols I found with J. M. A. in silver on them, I expect those belonged to Juan Manuel Araucibe. José Maria's brother, the man to whom the priest had to send his story; so no doubt he came out here to look for the treasure. Do you know the more I think of it, the more I fancy the whole thing is true. These pistols undoubtedly belonged to Juan Manuel for the other fellow's pistols of course remained down the shaft in the volcano with him."

"Well, if you wish to argue," said Phil laughing, "what do you say to Juan Manuel having come out and fished his brother José Maria up pistols and all?"

This was a clincher, certainly.

"I give it up," I said, "suppose we wait till we see Araucibe himself, he is sure to know all about it, as he has the manuscript, and now let us go and have some grub."

It was a good bit too late that night to think of going back to the estancia, so after disposing of several roast ribs of beef we set to work to explore the remainder of friend Araucibe's domain. It extended for over a hundred yards beyond the cave or room we had discovered, and then, as I have said, ended abruptly. Nearly at the end we found a narrow ledge sloping up the side of the cliff at an acute angle, far too steep to try and come down with safety, but we saw from the marks on the soil that Araucibe had evidently led his horse up it. Trees were about everywhere, both down below as well as up above, and under these an abundance of soft, sweet grass, enough to last one horse a month had he chosen to remain so long, and our six, for we had brought two each, were now busily cropping it, and enjoying themselves to their hearts' content. Above us on the topmost branch of an old algarroba was a "calandria," an ugly grey bird, but the most wonderful songster in South America, singing away as though there were no such things as Indians or wickedness in the world. Phil and I stopped to listen to him a moment.

"I believe," said he, musingly, "that animals and birds spend far happier lives than we human beings."

"Do you," said I, "how would you like to change with a cab horse or a working bullock?"

"Well, but that is going into extremes, look at all the wild animals, the happy lives they lead."

"I don't know one that hasn't an enemy and doesn't live in a perpetual state of scare lest he should turn up."

"Wild ducks and other waterfowl have no enemies."

"Gammon," said I, "don't the foxes and skunks scoff the young ones and themselves, too, when they get a chance? Man is undoubtedly the ruler of all, feared by every living beast and bird."

"Well, at any rate, tigers and lions have little to fear, they hunt the others for a living, and must have a pretty good time of it."

"Especially when they are playing round at the end of Carlos' lasso."

"Look here, young 'un," said Phil, slowly, he always called me the 'young 'un' when he wished to impress me with his seniority of eight years. "Look here, young 'un, you'll come to a bad end one of these days, for I'll be hanged if I think you believe in anything."

"Yes I do," I replied, laughing, "I believe we shall finish your house and then go down south with Araucibe and fish up the bones of his ancestors out of the mountain."

"I shouldn't wonder but what you are right," said he.

"but come along it will be dark directly, let us go and put his things back where we found them."

We went back and I tied up the old swords and pistols and hung them up on their peg on the wall, and then replaced the old volume in the iron box, though, in doing so, I perceived that it was half full of other papers and documents, and I fain would have looked over them, too, but Phil would not have it.

"No," he said, "leave those alone, we have no business in prying into his private affairs, what we read this afternoon was written nearly three hundred years ago, so that could not much matter, but those other things are evidently of fresher date, and if the fellow has secrets it is no business of ours to find them out. We will ask him when we see him, and if he likes to tell us well and good."

There was something worth knowing, though, in that little keg standing in the corner, so I took down a tin pannikin from a shelf, and pulling out the cork helped myself and handed the empty tin to Phil.

"I like your confounded cheek," said he, laughing, "they used to teach us 'seniores priores' at Bloundal's school, but you seem to have no kind of respect for your elders."

"Put my two years in the country against the seven or eight years you are older than I, and we shall be about quits, I'll bet you never saw such queer things in all your life in England as you have seen in the few months you have been out here."

"That's true enough," he replied, "but these things which happen every day out here could not possibly occur in England. Who ever heard of thirteen men all at work at once digging their grave, knowing it was to be their grave, or our going out on a cow hunting expedition?"

That night we slept in Araucibe's cave, for the air was frosty and we had few ponchos with us, and next morning early started for the fortin. They were all anxious to know what had kept us, and the Colonel declared that had we not turned up that day he intended sending a commission out to look for us.

"It is not safe," said he, "for so small a party to be knocking about by that laguna, the Indians are in the habit of going there for salt and also to hunt wild cattle, one never can tell when the brutes will turn up."

"Carlos killed a tiger yesterday afternoon," I remarked, "and it was too late to start back through the woods after that so we decided to sleep there."

We started off again as soon after lunch as possible in order to get home early, for we were anxious to see how the work had gone on in our absence; but as we rode up to the new estancia another surprise awaited us, for we found Maria standing just outside the door of our tent.

"What have you come down here for?" asked Carlos before he dismounted.

"Look," she cried, "what we found at the door of our rancho the day before yesterday," and she handed him a piece of crumpled paper.

Carlos took it, and opening it glanced over the contents, and as he read I saw his face grow grave.

"What is it?" I asked.

"What I told you would happen," he replied, handing it to me.

I took it, and read as follows: "Amigo Carlos,—You did a foolish thing when you undertook to bring the soldiers after us, though I suppose it was not your fault, otherwise I should have sent you before this to join my thirteen compañeros who were shot. I warn you however for the future, beware how you meddle with Silverio Ortiz."

"Well, that is all right," said I, "and very decent of the blackguard, too, and if I were you I should take his advice. It does not seem from what he writes that he bears you any grudge, so give him a wide berth in the future, and you, Doña, how did you come down; by yourself?"

"By myself, of course," she answered, "and why not? I followed the road to the fortin until I came to the place where the carts turned off to come here, and followed their tracks. I got here yesterday evening."

The following day a man turned up with a note for me from Don Severiano, saying that he had bought twenty-five carts with their complement of mules, and wanted to see me at once, and to bring Carlos with me; so we set off, Carlos, Maria, the man who brought the note and myself.

I was dreadfully sorry to leave Phil, we had had some good fun and seen some queer things together, and we felt a friendship for one another beyond the ordinary run of such things.

"I shall write for Armstrong to come out at once, unless he has changed his mind," said Phil, as I stood by my horse waiting for Maria to mount. "And then, as soon as he gets to know the ropes a bit, and I can leave him by himself, we will look up Araucibe and go on that expedition down south. I have set my heart on it, so mind you don't back out."

I answered him that I had no intention of doing so, for to tell the truth I was fully as anxious as he was to be off, the only difficulty was to manage so that it would not clash with my work.

The cattle trooping business only lasted from August to February, leaving all the intervening months free, but what about those carts which Don Severiano had bought? If he meant to go in for carting that was a job that could be carried on throughout the whole year, and 'quien sabe' whether Don Severiano's note recalling me so unexpectedly from Phil's place had not something to do with that. If it had I fully made up my mind to have nothing to do with it, but "man proposes and God disposes," and things fell out not as I expected, thereby proving the truth of the saying, as the sequel will show.

Maria, poor little simple-minded Puntana girl though she was, differed in some things in no way from the

most aristocratic dame in the land. Starting on a journey was always a trouble, and the inevitable "something" sure to have been forgotten and not remembered until the last moment, but at length she was ready, and having been hoisted into the saddle by Carlos the moment for our final parting came.

"Good-bye, old man," said Phil as he shook my hand, "drop me a line whenever you are able, and come back as soon as possible."

I was very fond of Phil. I do not know how or why it is that some people seem to draw together from the very first time they meet, while with others you may know them for years and live with them even for any amount of time, but you never seem to know them any better or care for them any more than the first day you met them.

Phil, however, was not of this sort, from the first day we met in Rosario we had become chums, and our friendship had grown until it had become like that of Saul and Jonathan. Any one meeting him for the first time would be apt to think him silent and reserved, especially if the topic of conversation were to be sheep or cattle; for to tell the truth, farmer though he had declared himself to be, and as he actually was, he never in all the time I knew him evinced anything like even a decent amount of interest in either of the species; but let the conversation once turn to a day's hunting, shooting, or fishing and the whole man changed. Of these he would talk by the hour and many were the yarns he spun of an evening as we sat by our fire cooking our supper, or runs he had had with Squire Bisset's stag hounds, or Mr Froude Bellew's, so well known on the breezy moors of Devon.

As I got to know Phil better it became a source of wonder to me how ever he could have remained in England so long pottering about a five hundred acre farm. One day I asked him.

"For the very same reason," he replied, laughing, "that those fellows stop down in the eastern provinces. I didn't know anything better. I was born there, and brought up there, and was contented as long as I stayed there, and if it had not been for a succession of bad years I suppose I should have remained there to the end. But when I saw things going from bad to worse, I sold out and cleared before I was ruined altogether, and thank goodness I did. Fancy a five hundred acre farm out here. Why you could put three of them into that valley beyond the river, and that is only one of several there are on the land, besides a man could live for ever amid such scenery and in such a climate as this."

How many of us are like Phil I wonder. Contented with our lots until we know something better, and then looking back are surprised at having been able to tolerate what had been almost happiness before. But so it is, there is a wise providence which conceals some things from the many and reveals them only to the few, thereby balancing the three grades known to humanity—happiness, existence, and misery.

This was a retrospect, and occupied my thoughts most of the way, for Carlos also was silent, pondering doubtless over the possibilities of a meeting with Matilda, and Maria also had wherewithal to occupy her thoughts, for Carlos told me the evening before that Palomeque had a few days ago proposed for her hand and been accepted, and that the marriage was to come off in the Spring.

When we got to San Luis I rode straight on to Don Severiano's house, through the zaguán into the patio behind where I unsaddled my mule. Doña Indalecia came out presently and told me that Don Severiano was not in at the moment, but that he was round at the club most probably talking politics.

"All right," said I, "politics don't interest me in the least, so I will wait here till he comes, but what is this I hear of his having bought twenty-five carts? Is he going in for carting as well as trooping?"

"I don't know at all. I know that he has bought them, and that is all. You know he never tells me anything of his business matters."

And quite right, too, thought I to myself. For Doña Indalecia was one of those women, good kind soul though she was, who are never so happy as when they have a dozen kindred spirits sitting round, each discussing their different husband's affairs. But Don Severiano knew this, and gave her nothing to tell except what he expressly wished should be known to everybody, and then his wife became really valuable.

But my patience was to be tried that afternoon: Don Severiano didn't turn up, and I began to think that even mate drinking could be overdone, so I went out telling Doña Indalecia I was going round to see Doña Matilda, and would be back for supper.

Doña Matilda was in, and, as usual, alone, and looking very pale and ill.

"You don't seem well, Señorita," said I, after our first greetings, "you should go out to camp for a month or two, sitting here doing nothing, in the town, doesn't suit you. You should have a good gallop every day."

"Yes, I daresay that would be best for me, but I dare not. I dare not leave the town, I have a horrible dread that something is going to happen, and Alberto is always sneering at me about Carlos. I have a good mind to go into a convent and end it all."

Poor girl, I was very sorry for her. I liked her and sympathised with her, and I liked Carlos too, but still I could not help seeing that it was absurd their ever thinking of marrying, the difference between their stations was too great. She came of one of the old Spanish families, and the Spaniards in those days formed a separate community both in San Luis and Mendoza, and hated the Argentines, keeping them aloof, and never intermarrying. And Matilda was of the Spanish Grandees while Carlos was an Argentine peon. Such a thing, therefore, could never be. I knew that Alberto would shoot them both rather than that it should be said that his sister had married a peon.

Unluckily, as things turned out, we only had about five minutes to ourselves, for shortly after my arrival Alberto came in, bringing Don Severiano with him.

"The very man we were talking of," cried Alberto, as we shook hands, "here was our friend in a quandary the other day. He has to send 2000 condors in gold to Rosario to pay for this troppa of carts he has bought. He can't go himself, and didn't know who to trust, so I recommended you. Send the youngster, Severiano, I'll go bail for him."

"It is not that," said Don Severiano, "but it is so confoundedly risky he might be robbed, perdition take that fat-headed fool Gonzalez sticking out that the money was to be paid in gold coin in Rosario. But what say you, Arturo, will you undertake the job? The money has to be paid in Rosario by the 25th, we are now the 15th, you have lots of time. You can start to-morrow afternoon, I have to send some men to Rio Cuarto, they will escort you and from there you can take the train, the railway is open now as far as that."

It was not a pleasant job by any means, but I didn't like to refuse.

"May I take Carlos with me?" I asked, and as I spoke the words I caught a grateful look from Matilda, and glancing at Alberto methought I saw a look of malignant triumph in his eyes. Ah, had I only been able to interpret the meaning of that glance how much misery and wickedness might have been averted, but Kismet, we must live our lives as they are laid out for us, and the future is kept from our view.

"Certainly," said Don Severiano, with considerable animation, glad, I fancied, that this was the only condition I imposed. "Certainly, take him by all means right down to Rosario, and I will give you money for your expenses."

Don Severiano and I walked home after that and I asked him what he had bought all those carts for, but he answered me evasively. He generally told me his reasons for what he did for he knew he could trust me to keep them to myself, so I was astonished and somewhat hurt at this, and after dinner went out saying that I would go round and tell Carlos that he had to come with me the next day to help me guard the money. I found Luis Palomeque there and all the family discussing the newly arranged marriage, so it was late when I returned home and everybody in bed. I wasn't sorry, for, to tell the truth, I felt angry with Don Severiano. My room looked out on the street, and after I had undressed I lit a cigarette and lay down on the outside of my bed to smoke and think. Just as my smoke was finished and I was about to turn my attention to going to sleep in earnest, I heard my name whispered at the window.

"Who's there?" I cried.

"Hist! it's I, Carlos."

"What the devil do you want now?" I asked surprised, for I had only left him about an hour ago.

"Come to the window," he whispered, "and I'll tell you."

I got up and went, wondering what he could mean.

"I shan't be able to come with you to-morrow," said he.

"How's that?" I asked, considerably annoyed, for I had counted on him, trusting him thoroughly.

"I have just got a letter from Doña Matilda saying she is going to Mendoza to-morrow. She starts before daybreak. She says she is going into a convent, and asks me to meet her at 'El Valde.' She sends me this handkerchief worked by herself."

He handed me a little square package done up in pink paper and scented. I struck a match and at once recognised the black silk handkerchief I had seen once before with the yellow embroidered flowers and the letters C. B.

"Well, I suppose you will have to go, but it is a horrid nuisance, besides what will Don Severiano say?"

"You must tell him that I was unavoidably called away, but I shall take my piebald horse and another good one, and when I have seen Doña Matilda I will gallop after you. You cannot go fast as you will ride mules, so I shall catch you up by the time you get to the Rio Quinto or the Moro at latest. I will cut straight from 'El Valde' for the pass on the river, if you have crossed I will follow, if not I will wait; at any rate I shall not come back here. That must suffice for Don Severiano, I am sorry to disappoint you but you see I must go."

"All right," said I, "be as quick as you can, but mind I cannot wait when once I start, I must go straight on for the money must be delivered by a certain time. Good night Carlos."

"Good night, Señor, y gracias."

"Stop!" I cried, as he moved off. "Who gave you the letter?"

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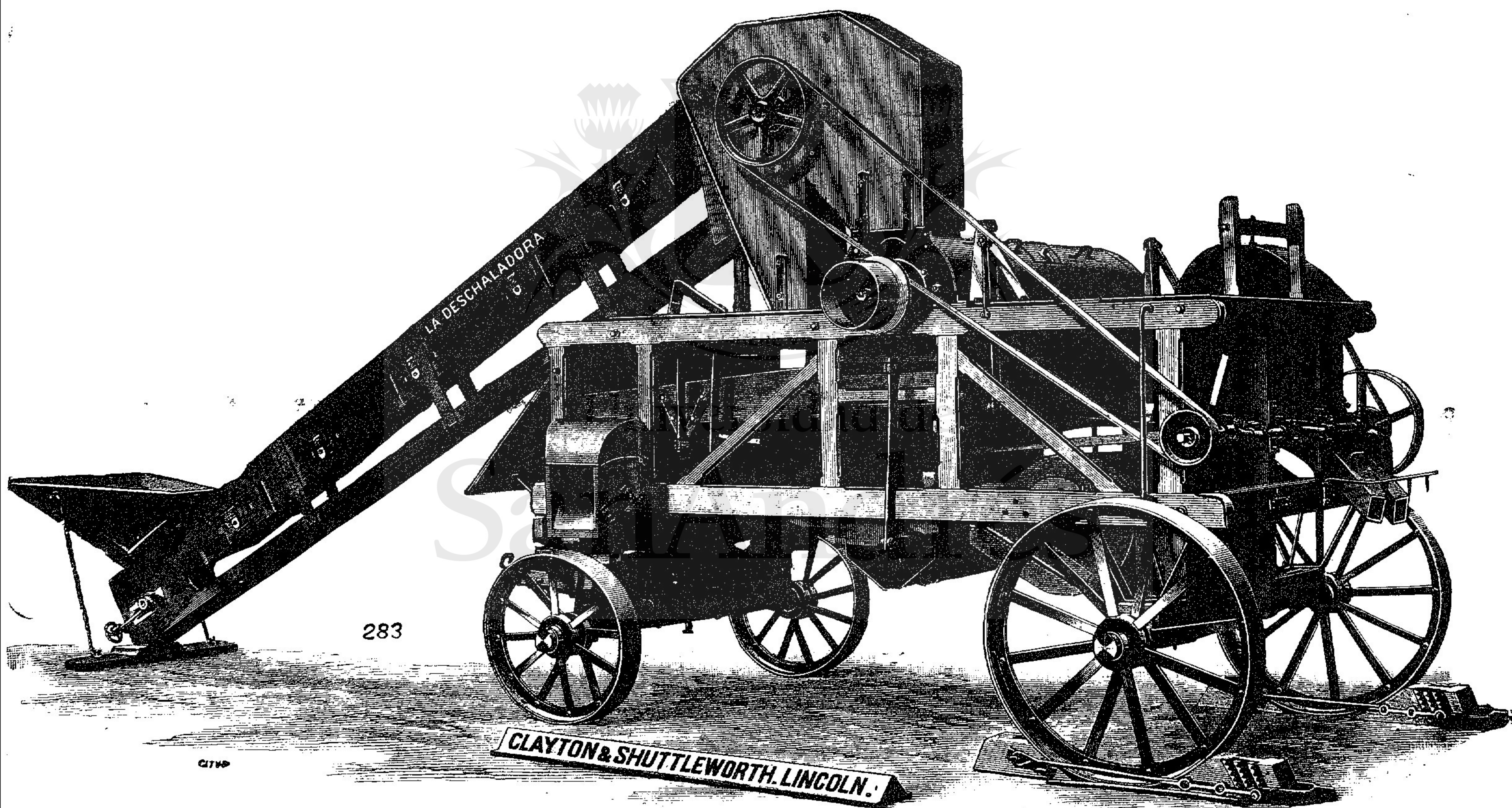
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