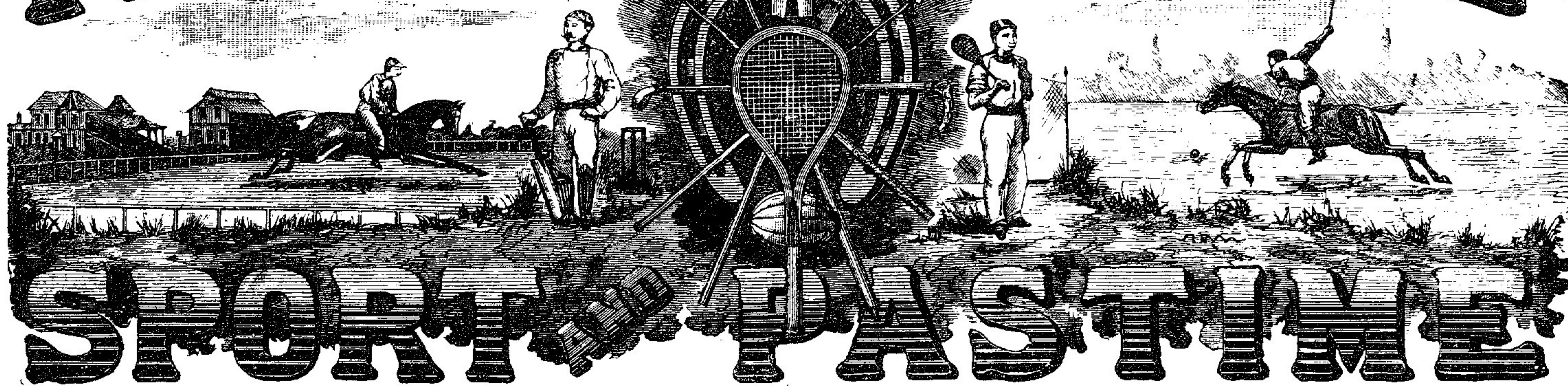


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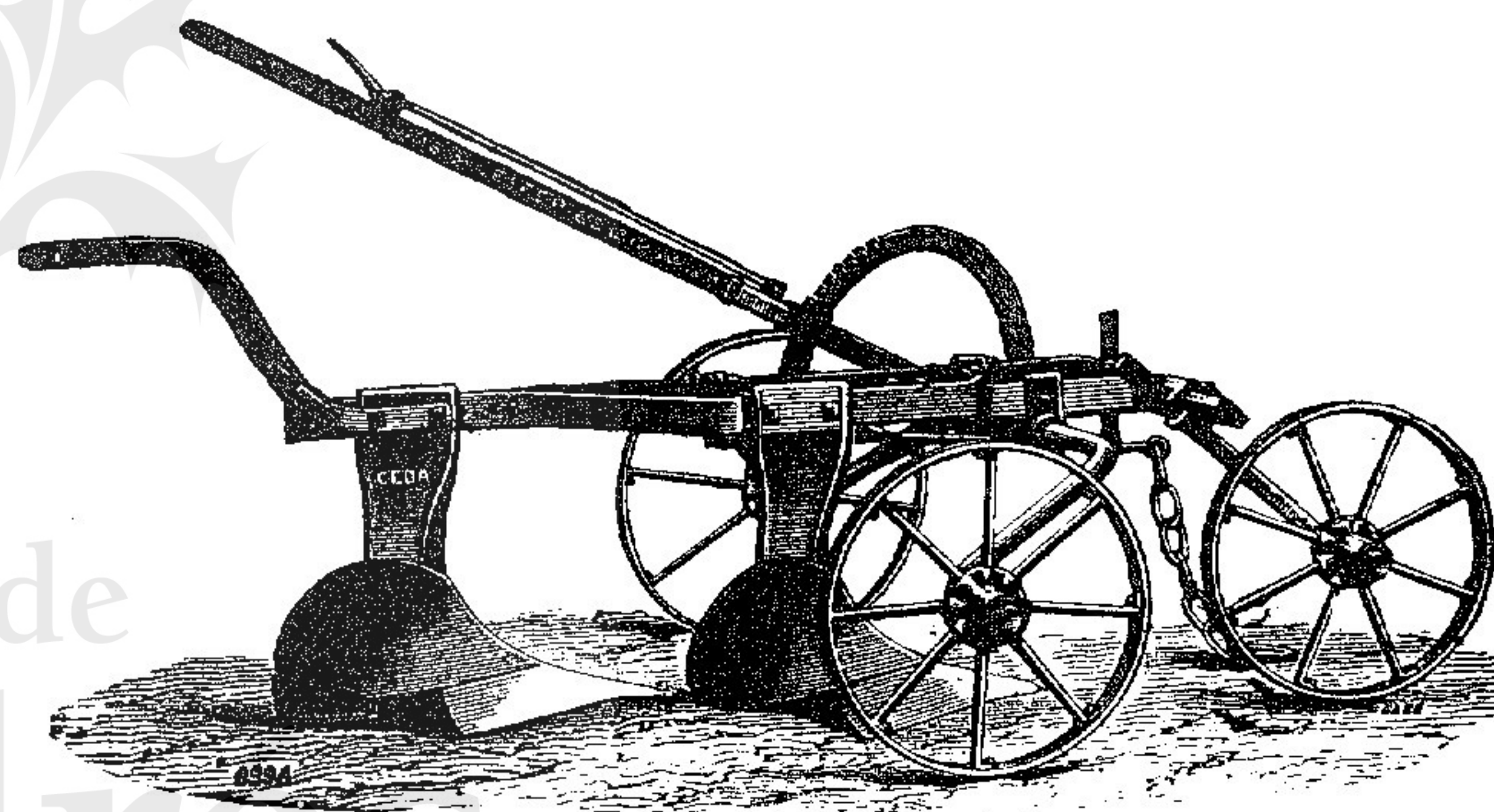
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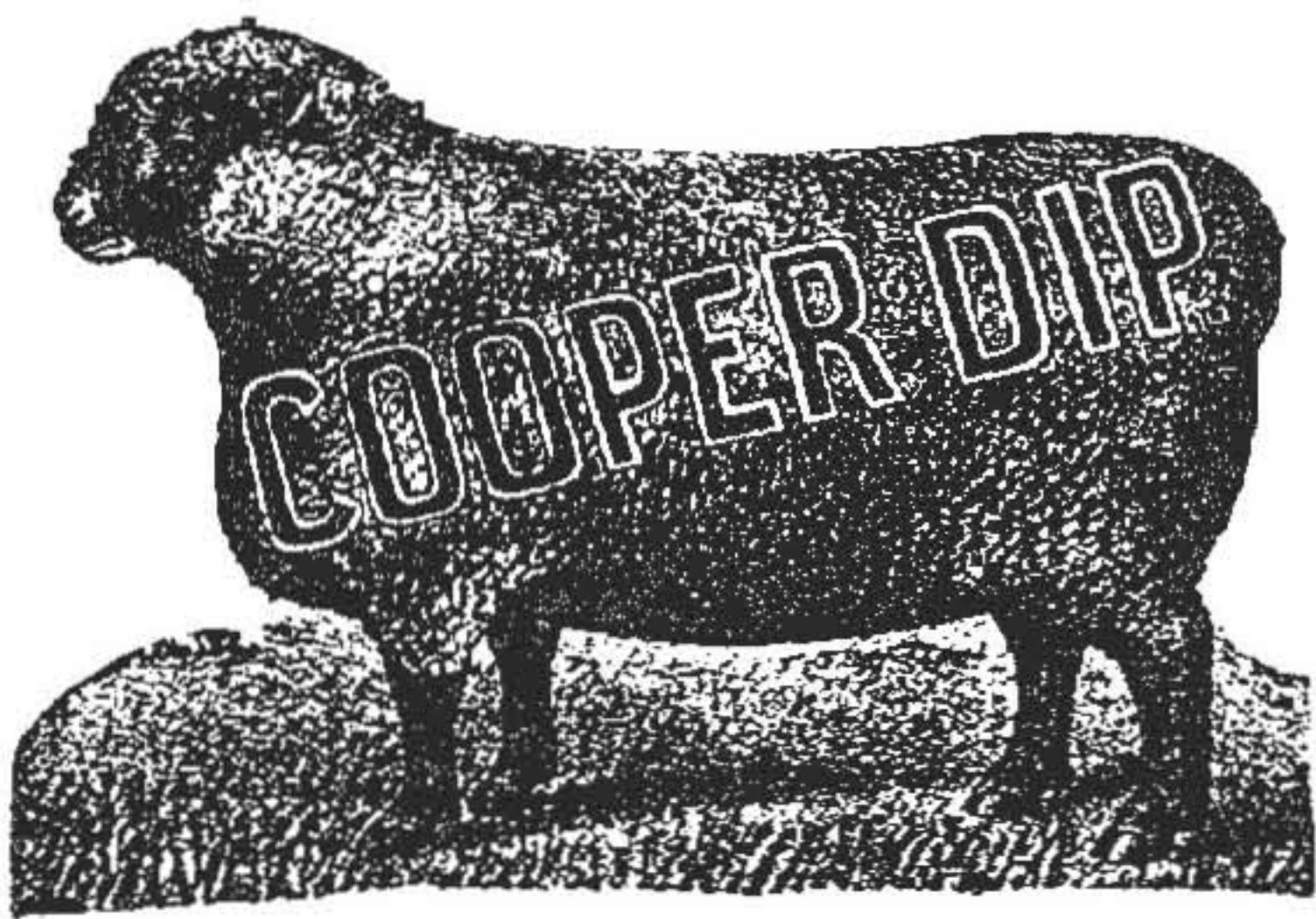
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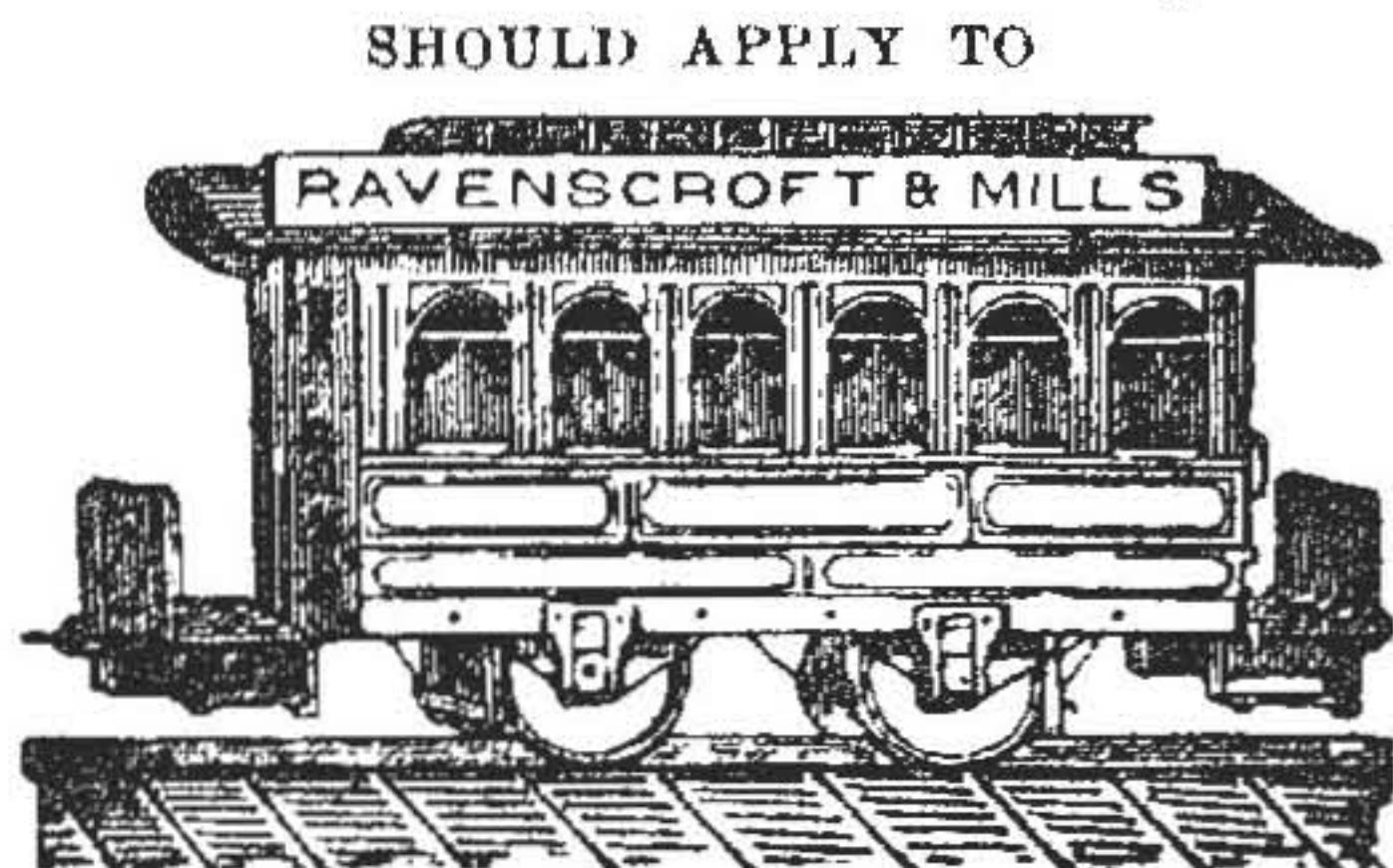
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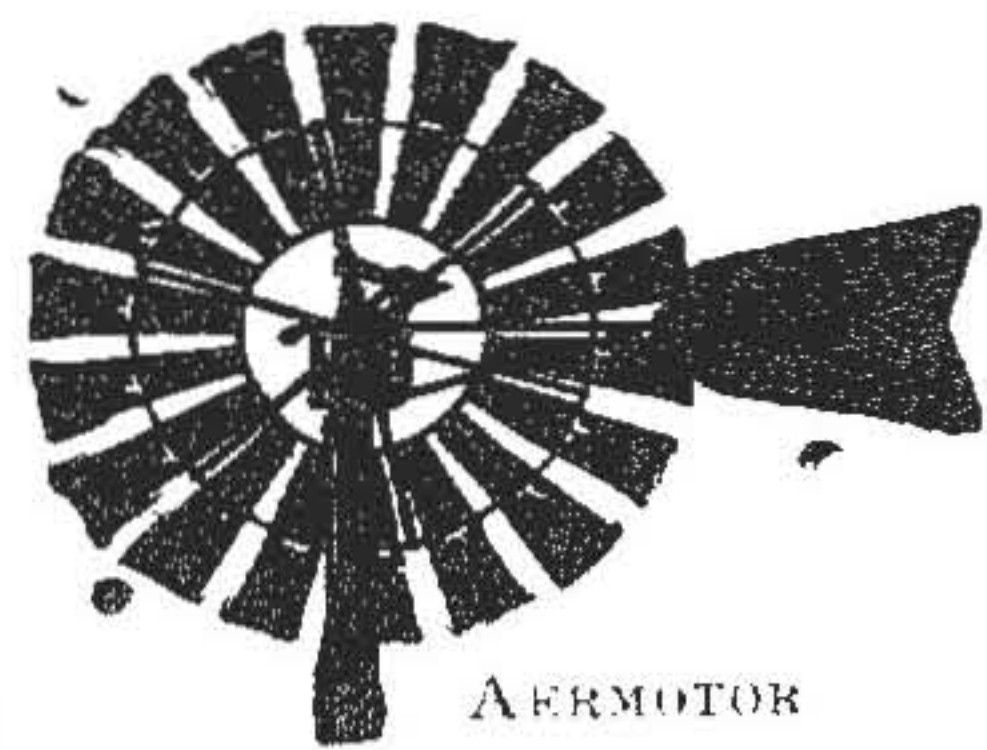
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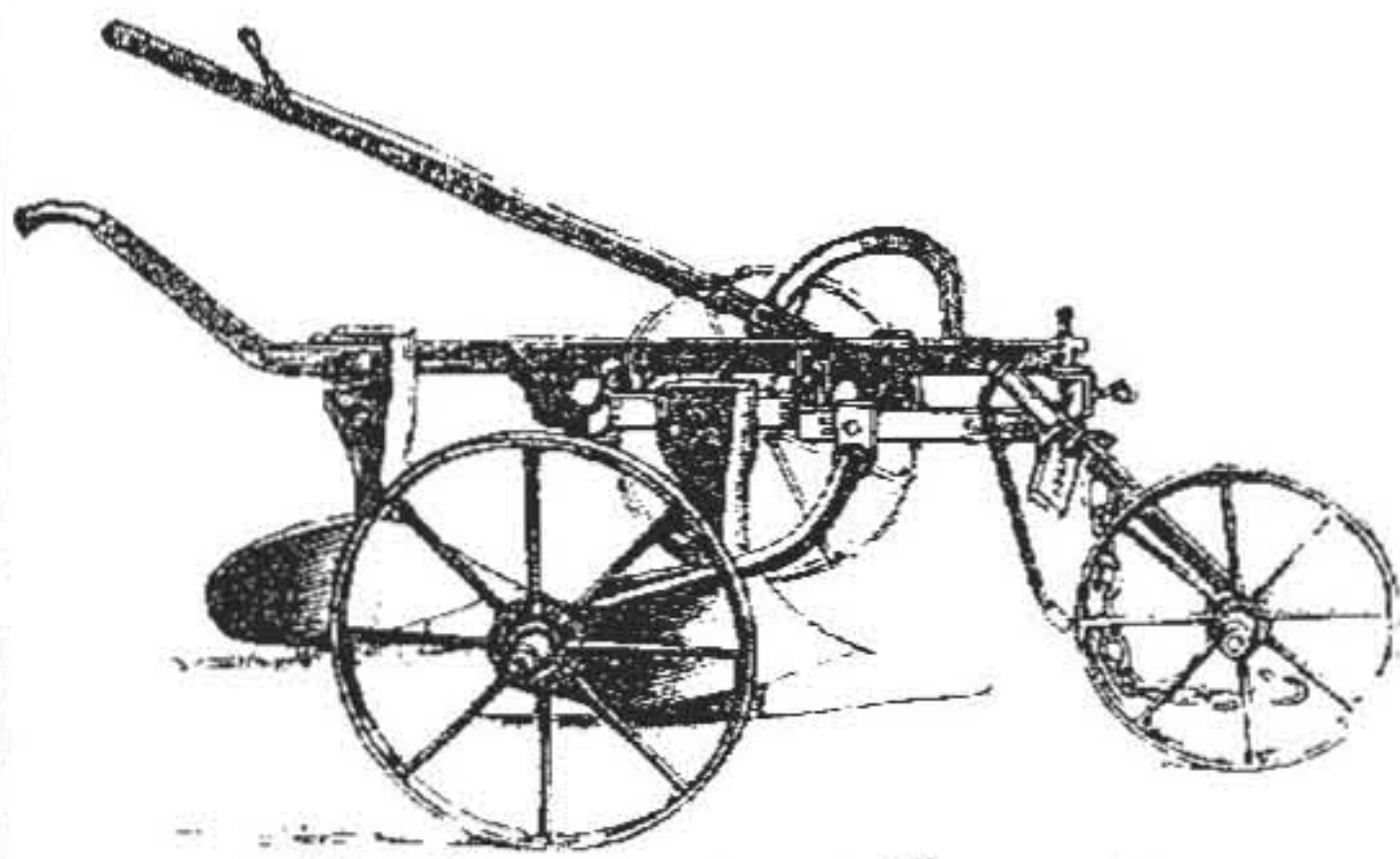
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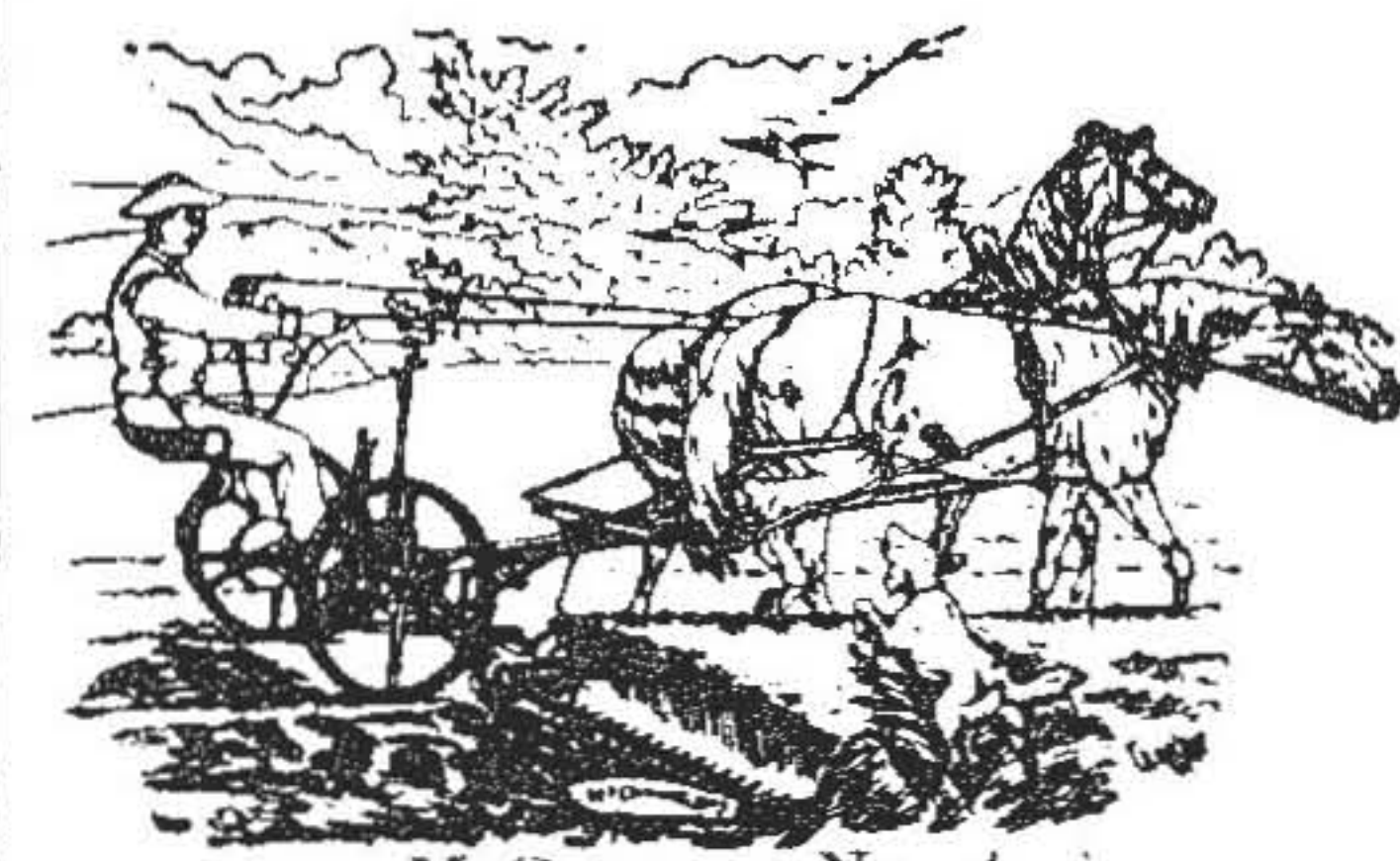
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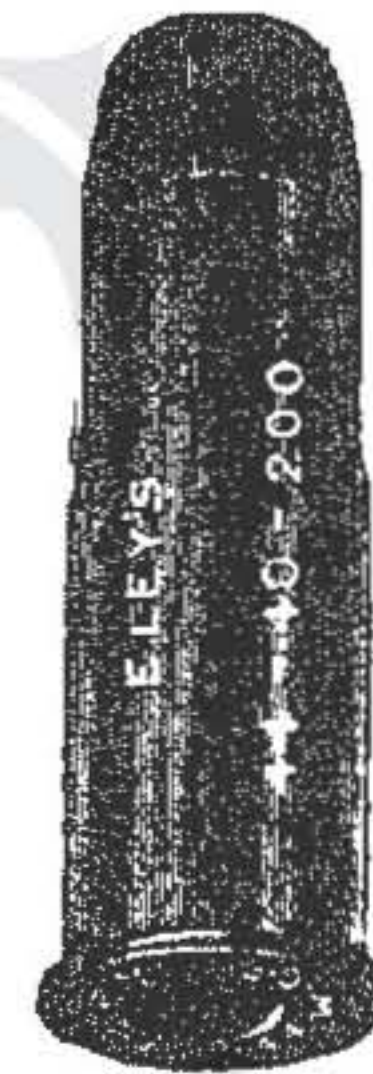
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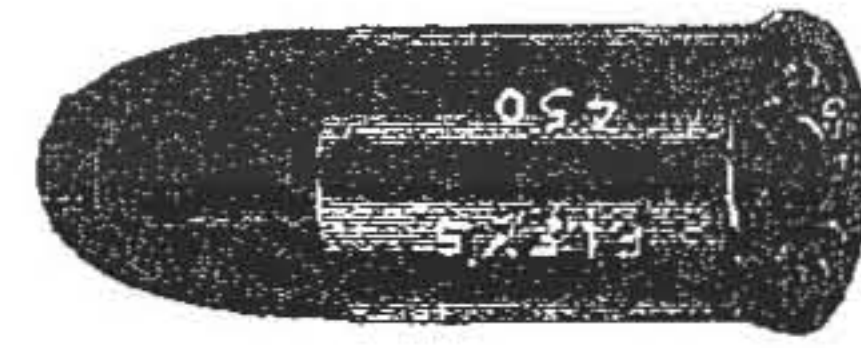
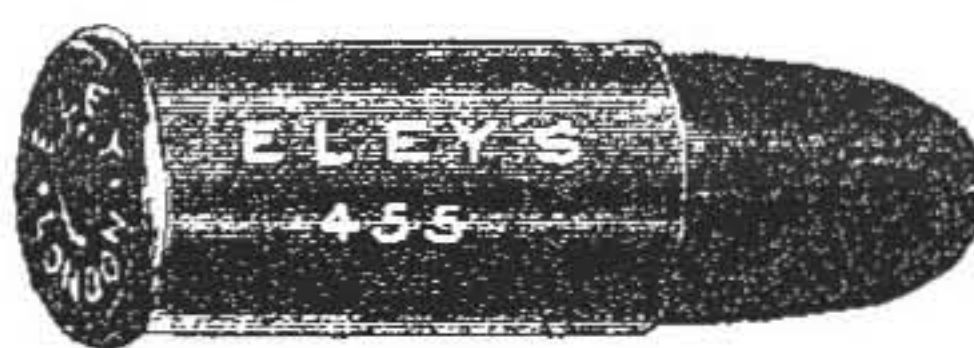
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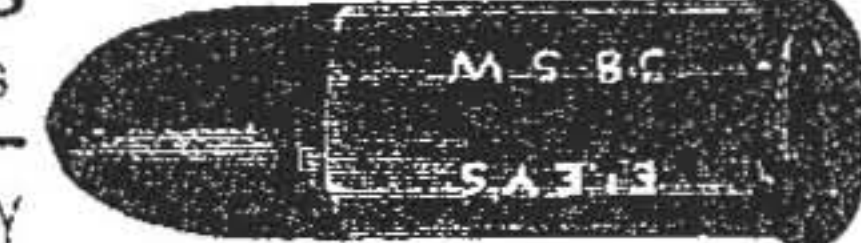
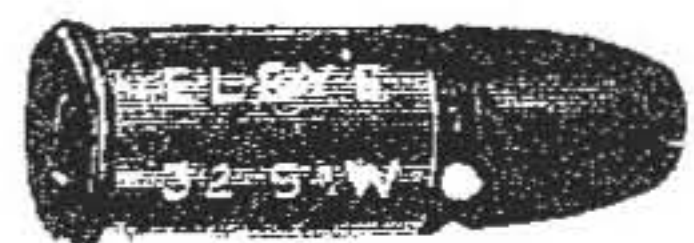
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HOME NEWS

NOTES

An important and unexpected announcement accompanies a notice of the closing of Henley entries on June 22. It was stated that "the committee reserve the right of requiring some of the preliminary heats to be rowed on Tuesday, July 3, if the number of entries (in the opinion of the committee) renders such a course necessary." This evidently points to the possibility of another heavy list of entries. There are signs that the colonial and foreign interest in Henley Regatta is on the increase. This year were probably welcomed two Canadian oarsmen to British shores. This attraction would probably be enhanced by the presence of continental competitors, who are too sportsmanlike to allow the result of an unfortunate accident last year to interfere with their future attempts to carry off some of the Henley prizes.

Our authority for the above, "Land and Water," thinks that four days for Henley Regatta would be a great mistake, and a few odd heats on the Tuesday is an admirable way out of the difficulty. The committee are, we believe making inquiries as to the amateur status of some of our expected visiting entries, and we trust the task will not be scamped as it has been in the past about some other visitors from distant lands, who had no possible right to row as amateurs.

Mr Van Ingen, as representing Yale University, visited Oxford last month with the view, if possible, of arranging an international athletic contest between Yale University, who recently beat Harvard, and Oxford, the winners of the last Inter-Varsity sports. The matter was discussed at a meeting of the Oxford University Athletic Club on the same day, and most favourably received. It was decided unanimously to meet Yale provided a full team could be got together to train and compete. The suggested time is the first or second week of this month, and the venue Queen's Club,

the programme to be as at the Oxford and Cambridge Sports, substituting a half-mile for the three miles. The chief difficulty with Oxford was the getting men to train just after the summer term. A Dalziel's cablegram, dated New York, May 30, states: "The Yale Athletic team has gone into training preparatory to sailing on June 15 for England."

The Baroness de Rahden is the furore of the season in Paris, and nightly risks her life at the Circus by making her horse walk bolt upright on its hind-legs, and laying her head on its haunches. She is said to have wonderfully gained in appearance since the Castenkiold tragedy made her famous in the monde in which she shines. Her face has taken a bon enfant expression that it used not to have, and which is very Russian. She looks unaffected, which circus women, to be just to them, generally do, is lady-like, and said to be well-educated. She is in such manifest danger of being crushed to death by the horse falling backward that one feels relieved when she disappears. The horse is mottled, like a Dalmatian, and of a docile temper. It only walks on its hind-legs in one direction. It is said that to keep it from losing its balance it comes on the stage after a long fast, and is made to walk on its hind-legs in the direction of a bucket of bran-mash which is kept within its sight in the wings.

Regarding "W. G.'s" feat of taking all ten wickets, and making a hundred runs against them, a correspondent to the "Sporting Times" writes pointing out that "E. M." once performed the same thing. The story of the achievement is familiar, but it is worth telling again. The match was M.C.C. v. Kent, in 1862. "E. M.," who went in early, when he had made 6 was unquestionably out. But the umpire, the great Fuller Pilch, on being appealed to, said in his "old-fashioned, droll, and fearless way, 'He'd heard a good deal of talk of the gentleman, and as a great gathering had met to see him, we had better know a little more what he could do.'" "E. M." therefore stayed in and made 192, not out. Afterwards he took all ten wickets.

Jeff, the trotting Great Dane, which has been shown more than once in the United States, is said to be in great form just now, and his owner, Dr. L. A. Anderson of Cincinnati, is quite anxious to match him against somebody or something, and has issued the following challenge, which was accompanied by a cheque for 100 dols., through the "Cincinnati Enquirer": He will bet from 100 dols. to 1000 dols. that Jeff can beat any horse weighing over 1700 pounds, half-mile heats, two best in three. The same thing is open to any pony under twelve hands, weight not barred, or any bicycle rider under twelve years of age; or he will race any bicycle rider in the world, age not barred, one hundred yards, standing start, for the same stake; or he will match him against any trotting horses in the world, to go three squares with a turn, from a standing start.

Herr Dowe, the inventor of the bullet proof cuirass, has a rival, Mr Hiram Maxim, who is willing, if the British Government feel inclined to purchase his invention, to divulge the secret to any officer appointed by Her Majesty's Government for the sum of 7s. 6d. cash (Herr Dowe's price is said to be £200,000). This will pay for the materials, all of which the inventor says he obtained in the village of Erith. Experiments were to have been made with Mr Maxim's invention last month, but we have not yet heard the full results.

One experiment he gave at the Maxim-Nordenfeldt works but the affair proved to be only a clever advertising trick. At the time appointed a large number of spectators had arrived, and Mr Maxim opened the proceedings by announcing that the first item of the display would be an exhibition of the working of these guns in the presence of the representative of his Majesty. Although there were numerous calls for the cuirass, the exhibition of the guns was proceeded with, but when, at the conclusion of this lengthy show, Mr Maxim proposed to exhibit a machine gun for use by cavalry such a shout of indignant protest was heard that Mr Maxim was obliged to forego his intention and turn to the cuirass.

This cuirass weighs 16 in. by 13 in. and is 1½ in. thick; its weight after two bullets had been fired into it, was 9 lb. Mr Maxim called for his own rifle and ammunition, and some delay occurring. Captain Dutton Hunt tendered his own service rifle and ammunition. This offer was declined, Mr Maxim stating that he would fire his two shots first and then others could fire theirs. Mr Maxim fired four shots, two at his cuirass and two at a plate of metal, all at a distance of some 15 yards. The shots penetrated the metal plate, those fired at the cuirass struck it exactly on the centre line and did not show at all on the other side. Mr Maxim now went to the dummy on which the cuirass had been suspended, brought the cuirass for exhibition to show its power of resistance, and made a speech, in the course of which he stated that he had sold this particular cuirass to the manager of the Aquarium for 7s. 6d. It would, therefore, not be right to fire any more bullets into it, and then turning to the representative of the Aquarium Company, he handed it to him, and it was promptly conveyed away.

The spectators stood somewhat bewildered, and Mr Maxim, continuing his speech, assured them that another cuirass for trial by every one and equally effective would be forthcoming immediately. This cuirass was speedily produced, but when it was found to be utterly unlike that Mr Maxim had exhibited as the cuirass, and was nothing except a covered thin plate of metal, a storm of indignant protest broke out. The plate cuirass was put as a target, but the officers, as a body, and Mr Lowe, Herr Dowe's representative, left the works at once.

EN PASSANT.

The greatest leap in the dark ever made by horse and rider, from which the latter survived to tell the tale, was (says the "Live Stock Journal") that made by a young officer, afterwards known as Major-General W. Yorke Moore. It took place of a dark June night in 1818, at the Island of St. Dominica, in the West Indies. Moore, who commanded the troops on the island as colonel, lost his way in the dark. He came to several little objects imperceptible to him, which he forced his horse to surmount. At last something, which his horse greatly dreaded to face, was in his onward route. The soldier, after several vain attempts to persuade his horse to proceed (as the colonel thought) straight towards home, ultimately put the animal at almost full speed, violently spurring his sides the while. The horse violently jumped into the air, clearing what proved to be a little low ledge, to drop 237 feet perpendicular height upon the rocks by the seaside. As if to support the theory that when a man sits properly in his saddle, it is the horse, and not he, who suffers by a tumble—for Moore says, "during the fall I stuck to my horse"—every bone in the steed's body was broken, while his master escaped alive with severe cuts about the body and head, a dislocated ankle, and a back benumbed by the concussion of the fall. On recovery from the shock, Moore sent an artist to make a drawing of the spot, and an engineer to survey the place. The drop was considerably more than half the height of St. Paul's and double the height of the Duke York's column at the bottom of Regent Street. Such an extraordinary tale is almost incredible, but it is given by a general of high character in a letter dated: "University Service Club, 18th March, 1860."

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Mr Jean Casimir Perier, the successor of the late Mr Sadi-Carnot to the Presidency of the French Republic, comes of a distinguished political family. His father was a Minister under Thiers, and his grandfather was the President of Louis Philippe's Council. Casimir Perier, the one under notice at present, began his political career early in life, in fact almost as soon as he had settled down after the Franco-Prussian war in which he took a very active part with a company of volunteers which he raised in the department of Aube and commanded. After the battle of Bapaume he was mentioned in the dispatches, which eventually got him a decoration, at the time of the war he was twenty-three years old which makes him now forty-seven. It is said he was averse to offering himself as a candidate for the Presidency, but his mother persuaded him it was a duty he owed to his country, he was elected by a large majority, and France, I think, is to be congratulated on the choice of a man in the prime of life with plenty of character, of unblemished reputation, and ample independent means.

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If sympathy can soothe grief, the members of the late Mr Sadi Carnot's family and all France must feel the whole world has joined issue and tried to testify its sorrow and indignation in their time of trouble. In all parts of the world funeral services have been held and outward shows of mourning exhibited. No doubt Carnot was an exceedingly popular and a greatly deserving man but I think, without in the least detracting from his great merits, one might say that this universal world wide show of sorrow is also a consolidated feeling of anger and a protest against the society whose deeds have for some time shocked the civilised world. If the present question in its righteous anger leads to the rooting out and hounding down of the Anarchist, Sadi Carnot's death may yet come to be looked upon, as was his life, one of general utility. So great has become the public consciousness of the danger of allowing anarchists to propagate their malicious doctrines, that if there be not some very marked and concerted attack made upon them by the ruling powers, the people themselves will take the matter in hand, and then we may look for times when every lamp post will be decorated with an Anarchist.

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The newspapers last week were full of wrath at the discovery of a large wine factory in Rosario that was using aniline dye to color the mixtures they called wines. This particular factory, it would seem, has not been playing fair with the Government, to whom it owes some \$200,000 m.n. for duties and fines, therefore the factory has come to grief. "I don't see we should

cry out against the iniquity of one particular factory of liquids sold for a wholesome article, when we all know of the production called "Chateau Once," and many times have we heard of Boca gin as being hotter and more fiery than—the same article made anywhere else. The manufacture of these articles, according to law, is perfectly legitimate. The gentleman in Rosario tried a short cut to fortune, and came to grief by forgetting the Government collector. Aniline dyes, though perhaps not as flavoursome as some other things, I don't think is strictly prohibited as an ingredient of locally made wine, but it is absolutely necessary for a winemaker's success to pay up his taxes. There is some more to be said about these home manufactured wines and other imitations produced locally. The public, the class that frequent boliches, we will take for the moment, have from time immemorial paid five cents paper for a drink, which is for the sake of those who prefer thinking in English money about three farthings, and very often is worth less than a halfpenny. Taking gin, which is always supposed to come from Holland, as an example, if dispensed carefully, from forty to fifty tots can be got out of a bottle; call it fifty at five cents, each bottle produces \$2.50 for the retailer, who buys it from the mayorista, who buys from the manufacturer. How much, therefore, can the manufacturer afford to spend on the gin? as he has to provide also the bottle, the cork, the capsule, the label, and the packing and packing case. The public must know this as well as I do, yet they ask for a drink at a price that even inferior poison leaves no profit to the retail vendor. It is the same with cigarettes, higher up the social ladder people expect to get Havana tobacco made up into cigarettes for twenty-five cents a packet, when everybody who has anything to do with tobacco will tell them the thing is impossible to do without a loss; people ask for Havana tobacco and insist upon being told they get it, but they don't. I think, therefore, that people themselves bring bad things into the market by insisting upon a fixed price in this fluctuating currency, down to which the manufacturer has to work to get customers.

"Judgment unto Truth" is the name of a book containing an epitome of the Lent sermons preached by Canon Pinchard at Lomas, which has just appeared at the bookstalls. The subject is carefully and skilfully treated and makes a very interesting and pleasant read.

We have been looking for trouble in Europe for so many years that it is quite a relief to read in the cables that a distraction is likely to occur in the East. China is said to be annoyed with Japan, and has dispatched twenty battalions of soldiers to Corea. I am afraid the country of the Mikado will not have much of a chance if it does come to fighting, however up to date the Japanese may be. I think the whole army does not count much more than eighty or at the most one hundred thousand men, whereas the number of Chinamen is something enormous.

The funeral pageant of the late Mr Sadi Carnot is reported to have been the most magnificent show ever seen in Paris; over two millions of people are said to have been in the city for the ceremony which was of a very impressive order. Many people stayed in the streets all night so as to have a good place to see the procession pass by. The day was very hot and some sunstrokes were reported, amongst others a captain, cousin of the deceased. There was no disorder of any kind, the crowd remaining very silent except, at times, when they murmured their approval of Casimir Perier as he passed. Two hundred Anarchists were arrested during the day.

The German Emperor did a very graceful thing out of compliment to the national grief of France by pardoning two French officers who had been convicted of being spies and were under sentence of death. This feeling and generous act has made a very good impression in France where the papers warmly applauded the Emperor.

"No game was ever yet worth a rap,
For rational man to play,
Into which no accident, no mishap
Could possibly find its way."

Truthfully sang the Australian poet Lindsay Gordon, golf the all absorbing game of the present has no need of further attractions, it is per

se good enough without the extra excitement of a broken arm, which was reported to have taken place at Lomas. I am told a gentleman who had been playing Golf did break his arm, but not when in the act of playing, he was in fact in the act of jumping a gate, tripped and fell. I make a note of this so that it may stand recorded when the "Puritan Elder" makes up his statistics of accidents on the Golf Green this one may not be added to the score of the noble and ancient game.

Mr Gladstone has been operated upon on one eye for cataract, the operation is said to have been successful, in three weeks it is supposed the veteran politician will be able to go out again.

What can the citizens of this town expect? Last Sunday ten out of seventeen tables were opened for the inscription of the names of people wishing to register a Municipal vote. The population of the city is counted at near half a million souls, out of which three hundred and fifty came forward and recorded their desires to have a say in electing the Municipal councillors. The rest of the populace will see the issue of their sloth later on, and no doubt complain and grumble when taxes are imposed which pinch them.

A word of praise is due to the Royal Mail for the new boat the Company has given to the travelling public in the Danube. She is a great improvement upon anything we have seen here before, except her sister ship the Nile. The promenade deck is like the explanade of a fashionable watering place, so roomy is it, and the smoking room has a small bar in it as well as other conveniences close by, it can be got at by a companion from the lower deck without going outside in bad weather. The commander is Captain Hicks and a right good Captain too.

From a sporting point of view the race meeting at Hurlingham was one of the best ever held there, and the credit accorded to the handicapper was well deserved, as there was not a single race without a tussle for first place. The ladies' bracelet was won by Mrs Balfour's hack Patchwork, ridden by her husband. It was a most exciting race, Mrs Scott Robson's nomination, Huerfano, only being a head behind. The arrangements at Hurlingham are improving, and the hot dish that formed part of an excellent lunch was a distinct advance in the catering department. The blue jackets from H.M.S. Racer and the cadets from the military college brightened up the lawn considerably.

The latest stories of the men on strike at the Colorado silver mines read like a chapter from the history of some savage race. The strikers have murdered a number of workers by the dastardly method of exploding powder in the mine, and now, some four thousand strong and armed with rifles, they have entrenched themselves among the mountains, and are prepared to resist by force the Government troops. In all the stormy chronicle of our English labour struggles there has been nothing nearly so bad as that. Yet one must not too hastily asperse the citizens of the United States upon the strength of this. Comparatively few of the Colorado miners are Americans, or even Anglo-Saxons by birth, they are, for the most part, the scum and refuse of every country in Europe.

The Chilean engineer, Sr Abelardo Pizarro, has just arrived over the Andes, and reports on the practicability of making a cart road from here to Chile across the mountains. The Argentine Government have expressed their intention of doing all they can to forward the scheme, which may prove useful, if the railway does not get completed.

By the 9th of July the Boulevard 25 de Mayo will be "un fait accompli." If I mistake not the idea was conceived in 1887, now they are in a hurry to finish it and four hundred workmen have been put on to get it in order for the National Guards to parade in on the famous holiday on the 9th. The last building was hauled down in forty-eight hours.

To-day, La Prevenida Accident Insurance Company opens its doors to the public at Piedad 475. The board of Directors points to its future success as a foregone conclusion.

NEW AUSTRALIA

We take the following from Mr M. de C. Findlay's interesting report on the general condition of Paraguay. As so many conflicting reports have been published in the newspapers in the form of letters and articles written by colonists and others who have had grievances and quarrels with the organisers of the colony on the one hand, and by men interested in its administration on the other, that the impressions of one entirely unconnected with the settlement are exceptionally interesting and welcome by all who are watching anxiously the development of the movement.

The movement which has resulted in "The New Australia Co-operative Association" began about two years ago, and originated, as I was informed, in dissatisfaction with the conditions of labour and the land legislation now in force in the Australian colonies. The great Australian labour strikes in which the trade unionists were beaten brought it many recruits, and it was determined to found a community on co-operative principles, with the object of "putting into practice, upon a voluntary basis, and under the most favourable conditions available, that form of industrial association which will secure justice for all."

The basis of the association is as follows:—

BASIS OF CO-OPERATIVE ORGANISATION.
Ownership by the community of all the means of production in exchange and distribution.

Conduct by the community of all production in exchange and distribution.

Superintendence by the community of all labour-saving co-operations.

Maintenance by the community of children under guardianship of parents.

Maintenance by the community of all sanitary and educational establishments.

Saving by the community of all capital needed by the community.

Division of remaining wealth production among all adult members of the community equally, without regard to sex, age, office, or physical or mental capacity.

Subject to the supremacy of the laws of the state settled in, which all members pledge themselves to observe loyally, the following authority and regulations shall be observed between the members of the community:—

Ballot vote of all adult members to be supreme authority.

Director, elected by two-thirds majority of general ballot, to be sole executive authority, advised by Board of Superintendents.

Superintendents, elected by two-thirds majority of departmental ballot, to be sole departmental authorities, subject to director.

Regulations affecting the community at large to be confirmed by a two-thirds majority of all adult members.

Departmental regulations to be confirmed by a majority of all adult members interested.

All regulations to be submitted annually for continuation or rejection.

Disputes arising between the community and any member or members to be decided in equity by an arbitrator mutually agreed upon between the communal authority and the member or members interested.

Disputes arising between members to be decided in equity by an arbitrator mutually agreed upon by them.

Dismissal from the community, for persistent or unpardonable offence against the well-being of the community, to be decreed only by a five-sixth majority of all adult members.

All offices to be vacated annually and whenever occupants cease to retain the confidence of their constituents.

The individuality of every member in thought, religion, speech and leisure, and in all matters whatsoever whereby the individuality of others is not affected to be held inviolable.

The sexes to be recognised as equally entitled to full membership.

Religion not to be officially recognised by the community.

Amendment of this basis for co-operative organisation to be made only by a two-thirds majority of all adult members.

The following are the principal financial clauses from the articles of association.

FINANCIAL CLAUSES.

Every member of the association, by act of joining the association, agrees to subscribe to the funds of the association all he may possess when he is finally enrolled for actual migration, such subscription to be not less than £60.

The necessary funds for all preliminary expenses, including prospecting, organisation, and colonisation arrangements, shall be provided by a preliminary payment of £10, £5 of which must be paid within one month of provisional enrolment, the other £5 within three months of provisional enrolment; this £10 to be counted as part of the £60 which is fixed as the minimum final subscription.

The payment of £10 for preliminary expenses and the final subscription of not less than an additional £50 shall both be, when made, free and voluntary donations to the board of trustees for the purposes of the association, which no member shall reclaim if he decides, after having made either, to withdraw from membership. But any member shall be entitled to reclaim any amount over £10 which he may have paid to the board of trustees in advance for and on account of his final subscription should he decide, before final enrolment for migration, to withdraw from membership. The board of trustees, if for any reason whatever it decides to strike from the roll any member who has fulfilled to the time

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SPORTING NOTES

The principal event of the near future is the Polo Tournament at Cañada de Gomez, which will be played on Saturday, Sunday and Monday next the 7th, 8th and 9th. No team has been entered from here so the affair will be purely local.

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The next race meeting at Hurlingham will be held on August the 15th, but the military sports I have mentioned as about to come off there will take place on the 5th of August. As these will be the first of the kind ever held here, they will be sure to cause great interest and excitement.

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The Rugby football match between Hurlingham and Lomas at Hurlingham will have to be unavoidably postponed owing to so many of the players in both teams having to attend the parade of the National Guards. The same I am afraid will have to be said of several other matches set for decision on that day.

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With a view of getting up a football team of Old Bedfordians, I have been asked to get the names of as many as possible of those who would be eligible to play. There are undoubtedly a large number of Old Bedfordians in the country, and the promoters would like to get as many of their names as possible, as a dinner is also spoken of as a means of gathering their old schoolfellows together.

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The Quilmes Club intend giving a dance on Tuesday, August the 14th, in the Municipal Hall at Quilmes. All particulars regarding the dance may be obtained from the secretary of the Club, Mr T. B. Sinclair, at Piedad 559.

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The sale of Sr. Mariano Marengo's horses at absurdly low prices was a very true sign of the times, and no money seemed to be forthcoming for even the best of them. Nogal at a little over a hundred pounds and Hanover at considerably less, were great bargains, and some of the fillies were simply thrown away.

The classic race for next Sunday at Palermo, where the Jockey Club will hold a meeting, is the Premio Libertad, weight for age, with a penalty for the winner of the Premio Hipodromo Argentino. In this race Etoile, Malakoff and Buenos Aires, the last named carrying the penalty I speak of, will probably start, besides Camors, Sargento and Satanella.

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On Monday, the ninth, there will be racing at Belgrano, the Gran Premio Hipodromo Nacional being the race of the day. The race is for two-year-olds, over a mile, with penalties according to the amounts won in classic events. General Lavalle on this account will have to carry top weight, if he runs, of 58 1-2 kilos, Primera on account of her sex only coming next with 56 1-2.

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Lomas at present seems to be the head quarters of golf, not only because there are the best links round about town, but also because it can evidently boast of more players than any other suburb. The number of young players trying the game, at Lomas and evidently enthused with it, is extraordinary.

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A show was given at the Buenos Aires Fronton on Sunday, for the benefit of the Brazilian refugees, by the Club de Gimnasia y Esgrima and Club de Pelota. The different games were watched by only a small number of people, most of whom, however, were ladies. Amongst the players Sr. Julio Martinez de Hoz and Sr. E. A. Gismondi showed themselves players of no mean order, and both have a very fine service.

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Entries for the Kennel Club's Show, which is to be held on the 23rd and 24th of this month, have come in fairly well, and though they do not number many more than last year at least the dogs entered will all be worth exhibiting, which is more than could be said of the Club's first show, when many dogs were entered which could not be classed, even by their greatest admirers, as anything else than mongrels.

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The show will be held as last year in Messrs Collet and Llambi's yard when the committee, profiting by their past experience, will have things even better arranged if possible. At least this is their intention though any improvement on the first year's show does not at first seem very possible. A few decorations to the yard however, in the way of exhibits from such firms as supply necessities for dog owners are, I believe, to be added. A few exhibits from the best gunmakers in town would be interesting and not at all out of place.

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I am sorry to hear that the ground on which the Junin Athletic Club have hitherto held their sports will no longer be available, as the Junin Municipality have taken it into their heads to cut down the avenues of trees on it in order to open up streets which do not appear to be at all necessary. It is strange the desire in such a bare country as this to cut down trees. I hope the Junin Athletic Club will easily find another ground, though it is to be feared it cannot be so picturesque as the old one.

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The new rule regarding time keeping at Polo was adopted at Hurlingham on Sunday, and it appears to be certainly one of the best of those lately passed by the Hurlingham Club committee at home. Its adoption here would be of great advantage in our tournaments, as my readers will remember on one or two occasions at the conclusions of the finals, a rule of the sort was very much wanted. Most ponies are fit to play ten minutes, and the saving of time will be very great when players are not continually galloping off the ground to change their mounts, which sometimes means to change their saddles too.

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Each race meeting at Palermo and Belgrano adds additional interest to the Argentine Derby which is now only some three months off. At first sight it would of course appear as if General Lavalle will be the best three-year-old of the season, but even if he is now the best youngster that we have yet seen, there are still a lot of two-year-olds, including, by the way, three sons and

daughters of Ormonde that have not yet appeared and are quite likely to supply the winner.

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The Buenos Aires Lawn Tennis Club's Anniversary Tournament was very successfully concluded on Friday last, the 29th June, thanks to the beautiful weather, and a good number of competitors and visitors. The prizes, sent out sometime since by Mr Arthur Herbert, who took so much interest in the Club's formation, and presided at its inauguration on the 29th June, 1892, were competed for in the Ladies' and Gentlemen's Doubles, and were won by Miss Thomson and Mr J. F. Macadam. The competition for these prizes has been looked forward to with such interest that it is hoped Mr Herbert's good example may be followed by other members, and that the event may become an annual one. The results of the different ties played off on Friday will be found in another column.

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It is hardly credible, but the following letter was written to one of our best known horse breeders here, by a youth bearing an English name who had bought a young mare from him and who wished to tell him how the man was to be broken and treated. Anyone doubting the genuineness of the latter, and I must confess I myself did so at first, can see the original here at any time. The following is what our Argentine Verdant Green has to say to one of the best judges in the country:—

June 12, 1894.

Dear Sir,—

I heard from Mr L— a little while ago of his having selected a mare out of the manada of twenty-five of which we spoke. He at the same time said that shortly she was to be taught the goose step, which I hope is going on successfully.

If not too late I should not wish her tail cut, but simply pulled, leaving it thick at the root, and coming down to a nice point, not, too long, equally so with her mane.

If possible in her training give her a good higher action (or as high as you can), by making her step over sticks, or pieces of wood, or over a thick layer of straw, or by tying something to her ankles (for making her raise her feet), or by means of a rubber ring above the hoof. A horse with good free action on all four feet is the prettier to look at (except when they do it like the Chilian horses are made to), but this is only on the fore legs. If the mare is not fat, I will send up a case of Thorley's to improve appetite.

Looking forward to a word from you.

I am, yours truly.

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The beagles met on the 1st at the kennels. The hounds were laid on in the polo ground, and running round by Sr. Sanguinetti's house, where it will be remembered the field were once stopped by the owner and his family last year, a chance was given the hounds at a fence near Saavedra station, where a horse managed to get hung up in such a way as to monopolise the whole affair, and whilst a gate was being unwired to let everyone through they ran out of sight. Lieut. Wilkin, however, who was the only one with them, stopped them, and on the field coming up they were laid on again after a short check, and running down to Rivadavia and round the Ariolas' land eventually finished near the Belgrano racecourse. Grief was plentiful, and as the ground was rather hard and the Cina-Cina hedges particularly prickly, one or two of the followers will carry the marks of their falls for a day or two. A point to point in connection with the hunt is now being spoken of, and will probably be run at Hurlingham later on in the season.

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Captain Edward Vego, who had taken part in the races at Rosario last Friday, left next morning on his bicycle at 8.40 a.m. and arrived at Arroyo Seco at 11.05, at Paven at 12.30, at Villa Constitucion at 1 p.m., at San Nicolás at 3.40, at Sanchez at 4.45, at Ramayo at 6, at El Paraiso at 8.20 and at Castro at 10 o'clock, making a total for the day of 141 kilometres. Next morning he left Castro at 8 a.m. and arrived at San Pedro at 9.30, at Tala at 10.30, at Bara ero at 12.50 p.m., at Alsina at 2.50, at Lima at 5.30, at Zárate at 7.40, at Campana at 10.20, at Oramendi at 11.25 and at Rio Lujan at 1 a.m. on the following morning, and at Escobar at 3.22 a.m., making a total of 180 kilometres, or a grand total of 321 kilometres. From Rio Lujan to Escobar, Captain Vega had to ride in the pouring rain, and from Escobar he was forced to take the train to Buenos Aires. This is the fastest ride yet made from Rosario, and it is a pity the weather interfered and prevented its completion.

Boots.

FOOTBALL

FIXTURES.

ARGENTINE ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL LEAGUE

JULY
 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.
 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.
 Sat. 25—Buenos Aires v. Montevideo (Inter-City), at Flores.
 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

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

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

ASSOCIATION

ARGENTINES v. BRITISH.

Although one would have thought, from the title, that this match would have been one of great interest, we think it was without exception one of the most uninteresting and slowest games we have witnessed. The reason was clear, as we noticed that every man's play was new to that of his neighbour, and the whole game was devoid of combination. G. Leslie kicked off for the Argentines, and the ball was kept travelling to all parts of the ground, when Jacobs and Jordan running it well into the Britishers' twenty-five enabled the latter to get a good shot at goal which just missed the bar, the ball in transit having touched Ireland, a corner kick followed, from which nothing resulted. The ball was now for some time in the Argentine half, when Jacobs got possession of it, ran it prettily down the touch line, and gave a splendid centre which the centre forward ought to have improved upon, but failed to do. The ball was quickly returned to the Argentine twenty-five, where Syer just missed scoring. From this till the end of the first half only one run of Jacobs', followed by a shot at goal, which missed its mark, remains to be recorded, when the whistle blew for half time.

J. D. Gifford restarted the leather in the second half and the ball first came dangerously near the Argentine goal and then went to the opposite end, where plenty of shots were made, all proving fruitless. Near the end of the game Walker made a good pass to J. D. Gifford, and the latter placed it nicely for E. R. Gifford, who shot the only goal. The Britishers again attacked the Argentine stronghold, when Syer, after a good run, shot at goal and only just missed.

For the losers T. Bridge played a splendid game at back, and was throughout the game a host in himself. W. Leslie was also good. F. H. Jacobs played a hard game right through, and Nobili was in good form.

For the winners Reynolds at back was very good; Walker also played an excellent game. Of the forwards Syer was decidedly good. The teams were as follow:

Argentines—
 J. McKechnie, goal.
 W. Leslie, T. Bridge, backs.
 D. Gibson, S. Murphy, A. Buchanan, half backs.
 W. Jordan, F. H. Jacobs, G. Leslie, I. Nobili, W. G. Cowes, forwards.

Britishers—
 F. K. Carter, goal.
 C. Reynolds, — Ireland, backs.
 — Williams, — Walker, P. Bridger, half backs.
 H. Anderson, B. Syer, J. Gifford, E. R. Gifford, R. B. Brooking, forwards.

Mr McEwen acted as referee.

LOMAS ACADEMY ATHLETIC CLUB.

PAST v. PRESENT.

This match was played on the Lomas ground on Friday, the 29th ulto., before a large number of interested spectators. After a very good game the youngsters came off victors by three goals to nil. The goals were scored by A. Leslie, W. Morgan and J. Hunter. Great credit is due to Mr R. L. Goodfellow for the way his boys play. He takes great interest in every branch of sport, and owing to this it is that his boys are what they are.

FLORES v. RETIRO.

This match, one of the Association League fixtures was played on Sunday last at Flores. As was expected. Flores from first to last had it all their own way, eventually winning by four goals to nil. In the first half J. Gifford scored the only goal, as though Flores had spent nearly all the half in shooting at goal it was very erratic;

During the last half J. Gifford, B. B. Syer and E. R. Gifford each scored a point, the Retiro men being pressed all the time.

Perhaps the most noticeable feature of the game was the selfishness of one or two of the Flores forwards' play, which led one to think their opinion was that "self" should come before their side in the game.

Syer and the brothers Gifford forward, backed by Rudd at half back, did the bulk of the work, the full backs hardly having a chance.

For the losers it would be hard to say who played best, but we think that the palm must be awarded to Murphy and Green.

A general meeting of the Valparaiso Football Club was held on June 13th, at the English Board School, Valparaiso, when Messrs D. N. Scott and A. Eberle were elected to fill the posts of Association and Rugby captains in place of Mr Baldwin, who has left the coast. Both appointments are deservedly popular.

We read in the "Chilian Times" that a number of enthusiastic sportsmen met on June 13th, and after a discussion of the necessary preliminaries decided to form a Football and Athletic Club to be called "Deutscher Fussball Club." The rules and by-laws of the Club were discussed and accepted with slight modifications, and the Club was organised *de facto*, the following Directory being chosen for the season:—President, Thomas W. Millie; Captain, O. Möller; Vice-Captain, E. Funck; Hon. Secretary, A. Lund; Hon. Treasurer, M. Weisser; Committee, A. Sussmann, J. Kohl and two others to be elected. The Committee have secured a field in Viña del Mar, which was being prepared and the first game was played on Sunday afternoon, the 17th.

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	7	6	0	1	13
Flores	7	6	1	0	12
Rosario	5	3	1	1	7
Lobos	6	3	3	0	6
St. Andrews	6	3	3	0	6
Retiro	6	1	5	0	2

B. A. and R. Ry. have scratched all matches.

BUENOS AIRES LAWN TENNIS CLUB.

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GENTLEMEN'S SINGLES.

1st Prize, Elkington Biscuit Box;
 2nd Prize, Mounted Pipe.

Preliminary Round—
 F. M. Still (— 30) beat M. de C. Findlay (— 15 1/4), 6—3, one set.
 H. B. Burr (+ 30) and J. Weinberg (+ 1/2 30) 6—5, 6—1.
 A. G. Gumpert (+ 1/4 15) beat R. C. Jones (+ 3/4 15), 4—6, 6—2, 7—5.
 B. Verschoyle (— 1/2 30) v. T. V. M. Knox (— 1/2 40). Mr Verschoyle w.o.

First Round—
 S. Evill (+ 3/4 15) beat C. W. Cumming (+ 15), 6—1, 6—1.
 M. de Seymes (+ 15) v. Dr O'Connor (— 15). Mr Seymes w.o.
 J. F. Macadam (scr) beat F. L'E. Wallace (+ 15), 6—3, 6—3.
 F. M. Still beat H. B. Burr, 6—5, 6—1.
 B. Verschoyle beat A. G. Gumpert, 6—3, 6—4.
 V. Ker-Seymer (— 1/2 30) beat T. S. Boadle (+ 1/4 15), 5—6, 6—5, 7—5.
 W. G. Paton (scr) beat F. H. Bethell (+ 3/4 15), 3—6, 6—1, 6—0.
 Wilson Lamb (+ 15 3/4) beat B. Goldsmid (+ 30), 6—4, 6—4.

Second Round—
 S. Evill v. M. de Seymes. Mr Evill w.o.
 J. F. Macadam beat F. M. Still, 6—1, 6—4.
 B. Verschoyle v. V. Ker-Seymer. Mr Verschoyle w.o.
 W. G. Paton beat Wilson Lamb, 6—4, 6—1.

Third Round—
 J. F. Macadam beat S. Evill, 6—0, 6—2.
 B. Verschoyle beat W. G. Paton, 7—3, 6—2.

Final—
 B. Verschoyle beat J. F. Macadam, 5—6, 6—3, 6—2.

LADIES' SINGLES.

Prize, Case containing Silver Articles.

Preliminary Round—
 Miss F. Thomson (+ 15 1/4) beat Miss Burr (+ 30), 3—6, 6—3, 7—5.

First Round—
 Miss Anderson (+ 1/2 30) v. Miss Pakenham (— 30). Miss Anderson w.o.
 Miss Taylor (+ 30) beat Miss Thompson, 6—3, 6—5.
 Miss Chawner (+ 1/2 15) beat Mrs Wallace (+ 1/4 15), 5—6, 6—0, 6—1.
 Mrs Boadle (+ 1/2 15) beat Mrs Williamson (scr), 6—0, 6—5.

Second Round—
 Miss Taylor beat Miss Anderson, 6—1, 6—3.
 Miss Chawner beat Mrs Boadle, 6—3, 6—3.

Final—
 Miss Chawner beat Miss Taylor, 6—3, 6—4.

MIXED DOUBLES.

Ladies' 1st Prize, Silver Buckle; 2nd Prize, value \$20.
 Gentlemen's 1st Prize, Pair Silver Candlesticks;
 2nd Prize, value \$20.

First Round—
 Miss Chawner and B. Goldsmid (— 15 1/4) v. Miss J. Thomson and J. Weinberg (+ 1/2 30). Miss Chawner and Mr Goldsmid w.o.
 Miss F. Thomson and J. F. Macadam (+ 15) v. Miss Burr and H. B. Burr (+ 30), 6—2, 6—3.
 Mrs Williamson and A. G. Gumpert (scr) beat Mrs Wallace and F. M. Still (— 1/2 30), 4—6, 6—2, 6—2.
 Mrs Boadle and T. S. Boadle (+ 15) beat Miss Taylor and B. Verschoyle (scr), 6—2, 6—5.

Second Round—
 Miss F. Thomson and J. F. Macadam beat Miss Chawner and B. Goldsmid, 6—5, 6—1.
 Mrs Boadle and T. S. Boadle beat Mrs Williamson and A. G. Gumpert, 6—1, 6—0.

Final—
 Miss F. Thomson and J. F. Macadam beat Mrs Boadle and T. S. Boadle, 6—3, 6—2.

POLO.

UNITED SERVICES v. HURLINGHAM.

A very interesting match was played at Hurlingham on the 1st between the home club and a team representing the United Services, which after a real good game had to be left drawn with the score at four goals each. Through missing a train Mr J. Ravenscroft was unable to play, and his place had to be taken by Lacey on the Hurlingham side, the teams being as follows:

United Services	Hurlingham
1. Lieut. Wilkin, R.N.	1. F. W. Clunie
2. F. J. Balfour	2. W. Lacey
3. M. de C. Findlay	3. Newman Smith
Capt. Fair, 21st Hussars	F. Furber (back)

At the commencement of the game Mr Findlay played "back" for the United Services, changing places with Captain Fair after the second ten minutes. By the way, the new method of calling time every ten minutes was adopted and generally approved of, five minutes being allowed after each twenty minutes of play and only two minutes for changing ponies in the middle of each period.

As soon as the ball was thrown in Lacey got possession of it and without the other side getting in a shot, scored the first goal immediately for Hurlingham. Ten minutes fast play followed, Hurlingham having a little the best of it till the United services worked their way down the ground and Lieutenant Wilkin scored for them. After changing ponies Hurlingham had again the best of the game and pressed their opponents very hard Dr. Newman Smith, after the ball had been missed badly by several players right in front of the United Services' goal, eventually scoring. Time was called with the score therefore Hurlingham 2 goals, United Services one.

The Services had the best of the second period, during the first half of which Messrs Findlay and Balfour had scored for them against one goal hit for Hurlingham by Lacey. The second half was one of the best parts of the match as the ball was continually kept going up and down the ground at a race pace and neither side scored, though Dr Newman Smith had one or two very narrow shaves of doing so. He, however, put the ball through for Hurlingham in the first ten minutes of the last period, and so gave Hurlingham the lead by a goal.

The United Services, with one point to the bad, had a little the best of the last ten minutes of the game, and nearly scored on one or two occasions. Just on time a cross in front of the Hurlingham goal gave the United Services a free hit, and Findlay hit the ball through and so made the score level at four goals all.

Unfortunately the game could not be continued till one side or the other scored, and so it had to be left drawn.

Taking the play all round, Hurlingham were rather the better team, but then it should be remembered that both Lieut. Wilkin and Capt. Fair were not only out of practice, but they were also mounted on borrowed ponies, and every polo player will know what that means.

Dr Newman Smith was in good form, and when he got on the ball generally managed to keep it till he either scored or hit behind, and he made some very brilliant shots at goal from difficult angles which only

ESTANCA AND COLONY.

Through the initiative of Dr. Croveto an agricultural school is about to be formed in Paysandu, which it is hoped will do a great deal of good for the district. With this object six chacras have been acquired in the neighbourhood of Paysandu, and all that is now wanted to complete the idea is the help of the Government, which will surely support so worthy an institution.

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After hearing so much of the ravages caused by the drought in the Concordia district, it is pleasant to hear that the late rains which have fallen there have been of immense benefit, and that the camps which the other day were completely bare of verdure are now quite green. Nevertheless more rain is yet wanted, and most of those estancieros who have not hired fresh camp and moved their stock find themselves in a serious position.

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We are glad to see that the committee of drainage of the Province, which is now presided over by D. Ezequiel Ramos Mejia, has again taken up the question of the draining of those parts in the south which are generally under water. The loss of the thousands of acres of land thus submerged, as nothing can naturally be fed or grown upon them, is incalculable, not to mention the very great hindrance caused to trade by the great difficulty in transporting produce over a country half under water and with no roads.

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Messrs Bulrich and Co. have sent a circular to the chief cattle owners in the Province of Buenos Aires, asking them to attend an "Esposicion Ferial," which will come off in September next. The Fair will last from the 2nd to the 4th of that month, and an auction will take place on the following dates: on the 5th cattle, 6th horses, and on the 7th sheep.

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Great excitement has been caused in General Acha by the decree that the town be the capital of the Pampa, especially as it was at first feared that the capital of the future province would be made at Hucal.

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In the month of March 41,132 tons of hay were imported into the United Kingdom. Of this quantity the United States of America furnished 24,479 tons, North Russia 6308 tons, Canada 3151 tons, Holland 2304 tons, Denmark 1143 tons, and France 1018 tons, the remaining 2729 tons being contributed jointly by Germany, Chili, Norway, Belgium, Algeria, South Russia, Argentina, European Turkey, and Newfoundland, in the order named.

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The total import of hay in March, 1893, was 13,524 tons, or less than one-third of the import of the corresponding month of this year. For the first three months of the current year the import has reached a total of 99,844 tons, or three times the corresponding quantity of 31,140 tons for the first quarter of 1893. As the aggregate import for the whole of last year was 262,050 tons the average per three months was 65,763 tons, which the import for the first three months of 1894 exceeds by 59 per cent.

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The import for March is the largest monthly import of foreign hay recorded since this trade began to assume extensive dimensions in the middle of last year. The imports for the last nine months are—July, 18,636 tons; August, 38,416 tons; September, 35,948 tons; October, 28,923 tons; November, 41,047 tons; December, 37,314 tons; January, 31,967 tons; February, 26,745 tons; March, 41,132 tons.

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Pickfords, the great London carriers, do an enormous business, and have a stud of some 4000 horses, of which about two out of ten pass through their stables in a year. The firm has a long pedigree, and dates back to the days of their old team wagons, the driver of which did not ride on the vehicle, but on a handy cob, from whose back he worked the string of horses by means of a long whip.

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Mr Henry M. Nelson has been named president of the Union Agronomica Veterinaria recently established in La Plata.

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The sale of Sr. Mariano Marengo's horses on Wednesday last attracted a very large number of spectators, we cannot call them buyers, to Messrs Funes and Lagos' yard. The prices were ridiculously low, as will be seen from the figures below:

Nogal by Beadesert, Videla Dorna	\$2500
Hanover by George Frederick, Juan Chapar.....	1500
Master Rob, colt, J. B. Zubiaurre.....	1050
Leader, colt, J. Fernandez.....	1050
Odeon, colt, O. Rivero.....	600
Honesty, filly, J. Fernandez.....	950
Haydee, filly, J. Fernandez.....	450
On Spec, filly, J. Fernandez.....	200
Angels, filly, J. Fernandez.....	200
Briade, mare, Gatti.....	600
Diva, mare, Lerena.....	600
Princess Catherine, mare, J. Lieux.....	1500
Hurricane, mare, Lerena.....	1000
Diletta, mare, J. Fernandez.....	570
Lady Covenanter, mare, J. Fernandez.....	470
Deliane, mare, J. Fernandez.....	950

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The spring sales of shorthorns, which have lately been held in the United States, have not been at all remarkable for high prices or anything like brisk business. The season partially opened with the three days' sales at Dexter Park, Chicago, when 120 head were sold at an average of £12 14s. each, the highest price made being £64, which was paid for a two-year-old roan heifer of the Wild Rose tribe. On the last day of the sale it was difficult to get bids, and many animals sold at less than £6 each. The next important sale was that of several breeders at Williamsville, Illinois, when twenty-eight bulls made an average of £20 6s. each, and fourteen cows and heifers £15 5s. 9d., the average of the whole sale being £18 s. Mr H. J. Tice, of Greenville, Illinois, paid £55 for a red two-year-old bull, Golden Rule II., bred in the State, which was the highest price of the sale, a place of honour which was fully expected for Field-Marshal, a roan gelding by Baron Cruickshank 106.297, which, however, only realised £40. At the draft sale from Mr B. F. Myers's well known Cornish herd, twenty-five animals made an average of £16, and here also the bulls made best prices. The best sale of all was the dispersion of the well known Valley Home herd, where an average of £23 12s. was made for sixty-four head, one of the bulls making £62. A joint sale of Scotch shorthorns, to the number of forty-seven (out of sixty-three head offered, was held at Newton, Iowa, but bidding was bad, and an average of £16 only was obtained. A better average than this was obtained at the Albia sale, where forty-nine head made an average of £28 4s. 6d.—the highest made this season. At this sale a very pretty Duchess bull, Airdrie Duke of Hazelhurst, made £77, which was the highest price paid this year at these sales. The other sales call for no comment, as prices have been invariably low, and only really good bulls were in demand.

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What Goliath was among his compeers of the long ago, King William is among horses. He is the highest horse alive of which there is any account, and he lives in Chicago. He is 22 hands 1 inch high, weighs 3027 pounds, and is a five-year-old gelding, gray in color, almost white, and, notwithstanding his great bulk, is active, moves with springy action, is well-gaited and well formed. He is a mammoth, and as far as the record goes never had an equal since the two-toed American horse of prodigious size which fed on the luxuriant herbage of the country centuries before the Spaniards introduced the progenitors of the horse of to-day. He is so tall that a good big-sized man wearing a silk hat would not show the top of his tile above the withers of the horse. King William, as he is called, is a

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crossed Norman, without pedigree, raised near Water, Iowa, and is the property of H. S. Westlake. The horse is ponderous, of course, but well shaped, there being nothing ungainly in his looks. He is broke to saddle and harness, and can pull like a locomotive when put to it. His feet were being fondled by a stalwart horsehoef at P. Gleason's shop out of Indiana Avenue one day, and his great hoofs weren't lifted up with a derrick, but shoeing him brought forth perspiration like rainfall from the man who footed him with four great shoes something less than a ton in weight. The great brute was docile as Mary's little lamb, and had more consideration, for he didn't make a frisk during the two hours he was treated by the farrier. His owner declares he is a well and speedy-gaited horse for his size; that his measurement between tracks is five feet two inches and that his stride at a walk of five miles an hour is twenty-one feet and six inches.

ROUND THE TOWN.

The funeral celebrations of the late President Carnot took place yesterday with all the pomp and ceremony befitting the sad occasion. From an early hour the Plaza Victoria was thronged with sightseers and sympathisers, and the police, in their gala uniform, had no little difficulty in keeping the road clear for the procession. The funeral mass was celebrated at 11 a.m. at the Cathedral, and attended by all the diplomats in full uniform, as well as by a large and representative gathering of well known residents in this city, amongst whom I noticed several prominent Englishmen. Mass was said by the Archbishop of Buenos Aires, Dr. Azeiros, assisted by all the clergy, the service terminating about midday.

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In this country one is accustomed to see great taste in funeral decorations, and it is therefore with surprise that I noticed that the draping of the Cathedral appeared somewhat carelessly done, all artistic effect being entirely lost owing to the huge curtains of crape being suspended from the roof by ordinary ropes. Surely, and with apologies for my apparent levity, this was an occasion on which the proverbial "pennorth of tar" would have saved the situation. The decorations in the Calle Florida however were all that could be desired, flags of all nations being suspended half-mast high and tied with bows of crape.

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Many shops were closed, and some sixty societies joined the procession with draped standards. I noticed with surprise, however, that many of the mourners wore flowers in their button holes, and all the members of French societies wore small tricolour bows, without the small band of black ribbon one is accustomed to see on similar occasions in France. Taken altogether, however, the obsequies on this occasion proved to be the most imposing demonstration seen for many years in this city, and should go far to cement the bonds of friendship between the two countries, who are already so much in sympathy with one another.

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During the past week I have little to record in the social way beyond a most enjoyable dance of the Belgrano Polo Club, which took place on Thursday last. Everything was well done, as is customary on these occasions, and the Belgrano residents laid many of the town folk under great obligations by the lavish hospitality they dispensed to all and sundry. With regard to the attendance at the dance, I can only say that the fair sex was as conspicuous as ever, and I even dare wager, and in this I feel sure that I shall be supported by all those who were present, that the show of beauty was as great at the Belgrano Polo Club dance as it was at the Barracas English Institute, the "Standard" to be judge and stakeholders, should that genial organ be disposed to take the somewhat difficult role of Paris at a moment's notice.

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The weather during the past week has been most pleasant, and there are few of us but would wish that this little summer of St. John would continue indefinitely. The days are now getting gradually longer, and it is to be hoped that the most rigorous part of the winter is over, and the great colds with all its attendant miseries a thing of the past. The summer and autumn in this country are perhaps the most beautiful seasons to be found anywhere in the world, but the extremes of heat and cold here are as unhealthy as they are unbearable.

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We are on the eve of several national celebrations, and I read that there is to be a debate at

The English Literary Society, as to which of the four great dates of this month, to wit the 4th, 9th, 12th, and 14th, has had the greatest effect on the history of the world. For the first of these dates, I notice that Frank Brown has advertised a special function at the circus, and I have no doubt that all good Americans will turn up in force at the gala performance to show their appreciation of the compliment paid them. It is an odd thing that no band in Buenos Aires has ever been able to play either "Hail Columbia" or "Yankee Doodle." Here is a chance for Frank Brown to distinguish himself, and I make no charge for the suggestion.

The Argentine celebrations on the 9th of July promise to be of a most imposing character, and the Municipality has already sanctioned the expenditure of \$10,000 out of the public cash for illuminations. There will be a grand review of the National Guards, all having been supplied with a "traje de brin" and a Remington rifle, and I have no doubt that a very fine show will result. It is whispered in National Guard circles that the Civic defenders will be disbanded after these celebrations and allowed to return to their bosoms of their families none the worse, I dare swear, for the compulsory exercise they have been compelled to take the last few Sundays.

I see that a Concert has been arranged for tomorrow night at the once indispensable Operaio Italiano Hall, in aid of the Organ Fund of St. Peter's Anglican Church at Flores. A large and representative committee has been got together, and the following ladies and gentlemen have kindly promised to take part:—Miss Lumb, Mrs Showler, Mrs Hiley, Messrs C. R. C. Miller, C. S. Crowe, J. H. Wall, Monsieur Marchal and Miss Marie Schumann. The excellence of the programme and the worthiness of the object will no doubt ensure a good attendance and substantial pecuniary result. The entrance fee is \$3.

I also hear that a Smoking Concert will be held at the Albion Club next Sunday night. All the available talento has been engaged, and although this concert cannot boast the laudable object of the reunion referred to in the preceding note, I have no doubt it will be equally well attended and successful. Smoking Concerts have become very popular lately, and all those held have been well patronised, and deservedly so, as it is a pleasant and economical way of passing a winter's evening, and I am given to understand that next Saturday's reunion promises to eclipse all records made hitherto.

The Columbia Skating Rink is still well to the fore and to-night the first of a series of Speed Contests will take place between Messrs Snowden and Ridgely. The latter gentleman is about to take a well earned holiday in Europe, but before doing so has resolved to make an effort to obtain the championship of the world for speed skating, which title he has held for so long and which he gave up only a month ago. Mr Ridgely is in good training, and I hope he will be successful in turning the tables on his opponent, who already holds the undisputed title of Long Distance Champion.

Last night Gioconda, the favourite opera of the Buenos Aires public, was given, and no doubt many of the "abonados" will have been delighted to hear this popular piece again. Possibly the popularity of the opera selected will induce some of the young men in the stalls to keep quiet on this occasion and thus enable their neighbours to listen to the music instead of to their chatter.

I am told that at the last representation of Manon Lescaut, on Saturday last, this bad behaviour was specially noticeable, interrupting as it did the most pathetic parts of this beautiful opera. It is a pity that some steps are not taken to put a stop to what appears to be a growing abuse.

I read in the "Diario" of yesterday that it is proposed to present a petition to the President of the Republic on the 9th of July next, praying for a free pardon for Coronel Espina, who, as my readers will remember, was condemned to death for treason against the State, less than a year

ago. The same authority also states that it is probable that this favor will be accorded. Though not wishing in any way to comment on matters which in nowise concern us, one cannot but express surprise that the commutation of a sentence of death should only carry with it the alternative of one year's imprisonment.

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" (French), 100 kilos.....	5.50	6.20		
" (Candeal).....	5.80	6.60		
" (Saldomé).....	6.00	6.40		
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RACING

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Monday, July 9—San Nicolas Club's Regatta.
Saturday, Sept. 8—Tigre Boat Club's Regatta.

POLO

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

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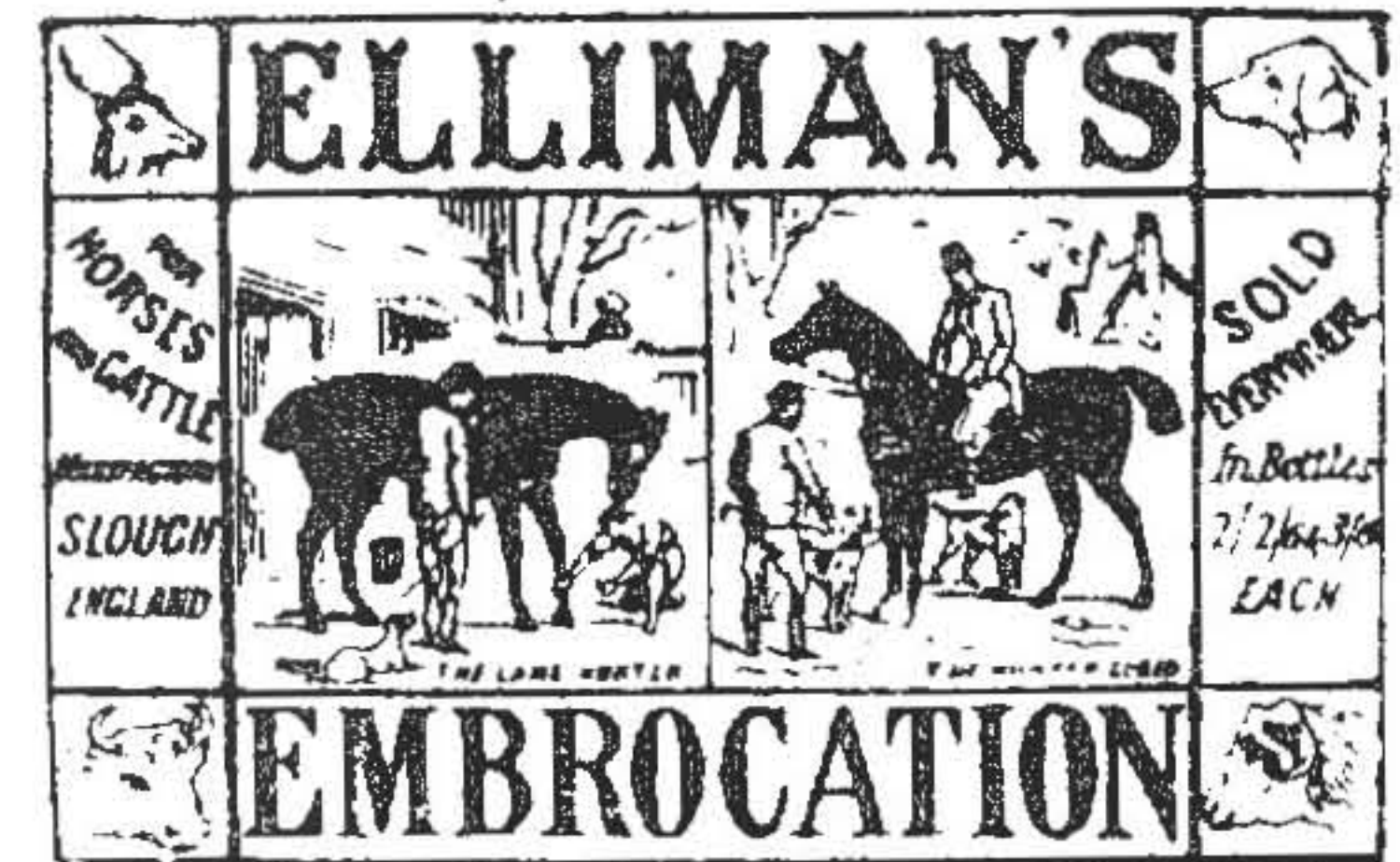
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| 10. Retrievers (Curly and Wavy) | 27. Pugs—Dogs |
| 11. Spaniels (Clumber, Sussex) | 28. " Bitches |
| 12. Spaniels (Irish, Water, Field and Cocker) | 29. Toy Spaniels (Ruby, Blenheim, King Charles, etc.) |
| 13. Dachshunds | 30. Great Danes—Dogs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

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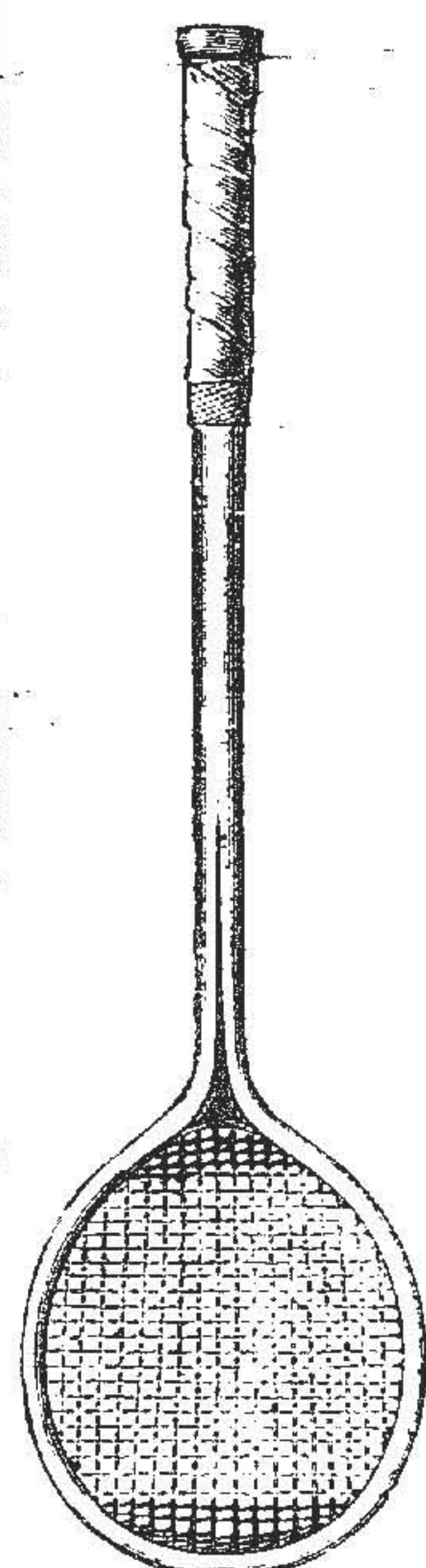
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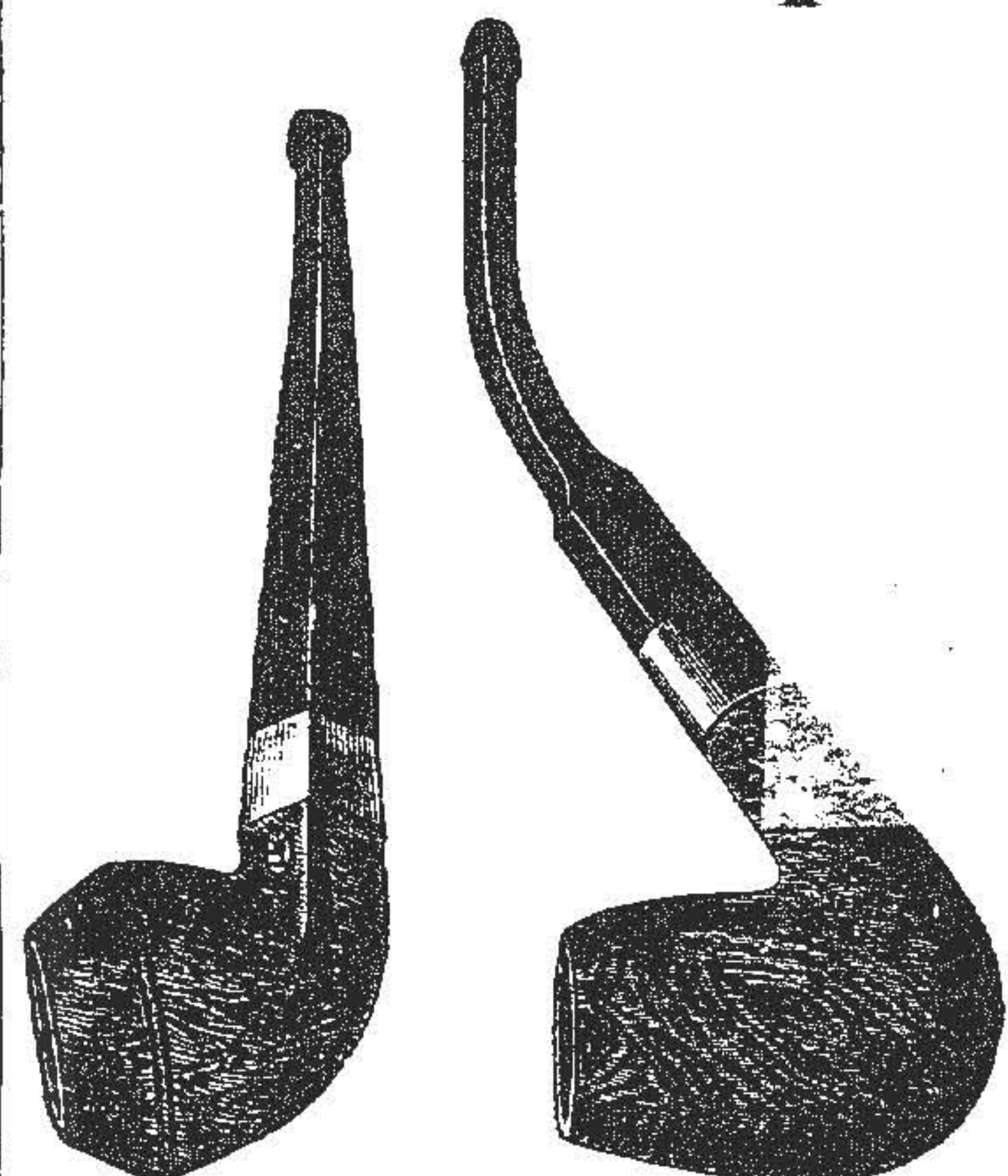
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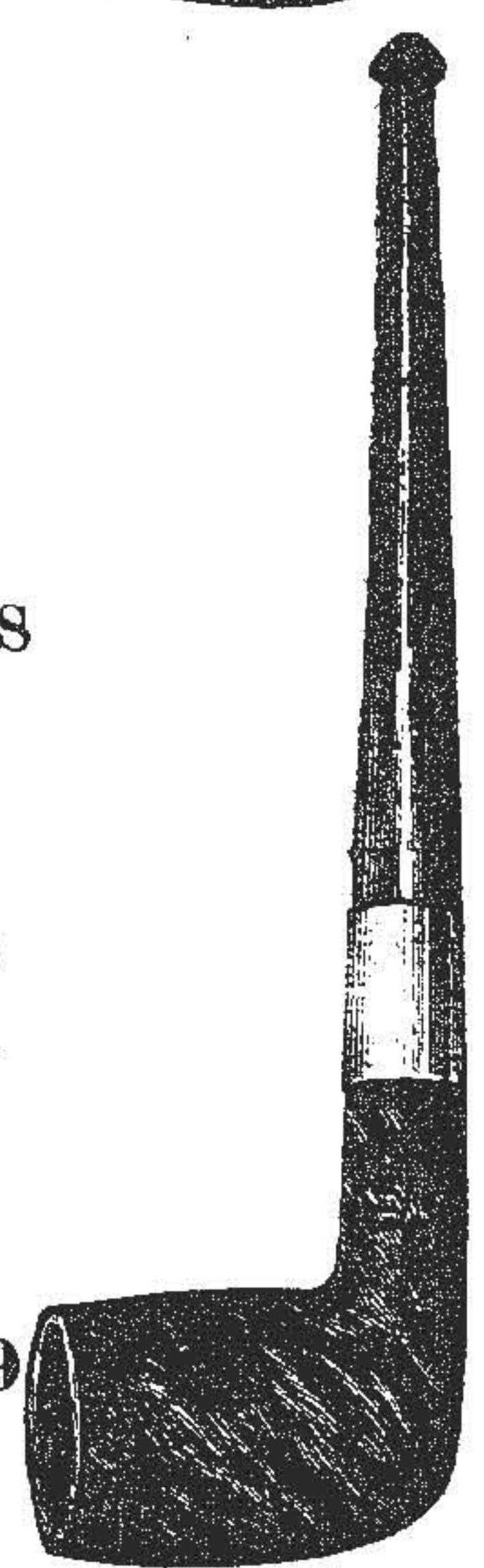
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"But that was simply cold blooded murder."
 "They don't think anything of that, bloodthirstiness is inherent in the Spanish nation. Have you never read the doings of Charles V. and his army in the Netherlands, the Inquisition in Spain, the doings of Cortez and Pizarro in Mexico and Peru? If you want to get a real insight into the nature of these people go to a bull fight the next time you are in Montevideo, there you will see hundreds of ladies, young girls and little children screaming with delight to see an infuriated bull tearing out the entrails of a few dozen blindfolded horses."

"Well," said Phil presently, "we have nothing to keep us here any longer, have we? We may as well be off to the Sunset, but I wonder what has become of Araucibe."

"Most probably he has gone back to the estancia."
 At the door of our hotel we found Hotham.
 "I was looking for you fellows," he said, as we walked up, "you must be out of this as soon as possible. Brook. I heard this afternoon that Don Severiano will be taken prisoner as soon as they can lay hands on him, for being implicated in this business, and you too for helping him. Of course you could both be let out on bail, but then you would have to knock about here probably for a year, while they were making a 'sumario,' you know what that means, and I don't suppose it would suit you to be idle for a year. You had better be off at once and keep out of the way for a time until this bother has blown over, or until we have another revolution to make them forget this one."

"I will do so, and many thanks old fellow for letting me know."

The following morning, in accordance with Hotham's advice, we started before sunrise on the return journey.

"Well, I am very glad we saw that battle at any rate," said Phil, as we rode along through the woods. "It is a chance very few people get to look on at a good big fight without being obliged to take part in it. I don't want to see another though."

"No," I replied, "and I don't either, but now if we can only come across that scamp, Araucibe, we will get him to take us down south, I don't suppose either of us will ever have such a chance again, and just think what sport we will have, right among the Indians too. I have been in two or three fights with them often in the towns when they have had leave given them to come in and trade, but I never dreamt of having a chance like this of seeing them at home, in peace, in their own country. And what do you say, shall we make Araucibe shew us this mountain of Tupunsiros, and go down it?"

"I think we had better find out what sort of a place it is first," replied Phil, "before deciding whether or no we will go down it, the last accounts we have of it date some three hundred years back. It may have altered considerably in that time, fallen in or anything, or we may not even go near it, but at any rate we will have some grand sport if once we persuade our friend to take us."

The third day after leaving Mendoza, we arrived at Phil's estancia. Poor old Betsy came running out delighted to see us, she told us that Araucibe had gone down there two days after the battle where he had seen us, but did not know what had become of us or where we had gone, and that she had been sitting on broken bottles ever since sirs, for we didn't know, but what you was both killed or taken prisoners."

"Well," said Phil, "you can get up off the broken bottles now, Betsy, and take a chair, for here we both are safe and sound once more, but where is the señor Araucibe? hasn't he been here?"

He had been here two days after the battle and waited a week expecting us, and had then left saying he would be back in a few days, but he had not yet returned, nor did they know where he had gone. Phil went into his room, and presently came out.

"He has not gone off down south, I am sure," he said, "for his rifle and 'maletas' are there, and he never goes on a long journey without them, if he is not in San Luis he must be gone to that hole of his at the Laguna. We must wait a few days, but meanwhile we can be getting ready ourselves. How long do you suppose we shall be away if we go down with him?"

"Where are we now? the 15th of December, we could stay down there, I suppose five months, all the summer and autumn. I am in no particular hurry to come back if you are not."

"No," he said slowly, "I made such a good thing out of those last cattle I bought that I can afford a few months off. Armstrong can stay here and look after the place, there will be hardly anything do except see the fences aren't burnt, and then next winter I will buy a fresh lot of cattle, and the camp will be splendid after having nothing on it all the summer. We must make a list of the things we want to take. Guns, rifles ammunition, fishing things and I should like to take a trap or two. Tom brought out some beautiful spring traps and caught dozens of foxes when he came first and I have an idea that there must be any quantity of game of all sorts down there. By Jove, what a time we will have. A couple of pack mules would do us, I suppose, for we must take stores as well, tea, coffee and sugar, biscuits, of course it is useless thinking about they would take up too much room. We must have some grog though and plenty of tobacco. Phil had brought out any quantity of empty cartridge cases, powder, shot and wads, so next day Tom, Frank and Dorris were set to work filling them, while Phil, Betsy and I collected and weighed out the stores. Our rifles, revolvers and guns had to be thoroughly overhauled and cleaned.

"I will take my capataz and a peon to load the mules and look after our horses," said Phil, "I don't want to get rid of them, and if they have to remain here while we are away I should have to pay them for doing nothing so they may just as well come along and be made useful."

He had the men in and told them that we were thinking of going on a trip to the far south with Araucibe, who, we explained, traded with the Indians and was, consequently, perfectly safe among them, and that we wished them to come along, too. There would be no work on the estancia until we came back, and that we should probably be away five months. When we came back more cattle would be bought, and they could both resume their former occupations. While away with us their wages would go on just the same as though they were on the estancia. They would have a chance of knowing a country as yet known only to the Indians and Chilenos, a knowledge which at some future date might be both useful and remunerative to them. The capataz, Juan Aguero, alias 'Pata Ancho,' at once said he was ready to go anywhere Don Felipe went. He was an old peon of mine whom I had recommended to Phil some time before, a Puntano of medium height, very broad and strong with brown hair and eyes, and a brick-red complexion. He had gained the soubriquet of 'Pata Ancho,' which is derived from the saying 'de hacerse pata ancho,' or to make a good stand in a fight or scrimmage, from having held his own on several occasions against considerable odds, and on one occasion having saved a lot of peons, who, when attacked by Indians, had wished to clear, by making them all dismount, crying out at the same time, "Haganse patas anchos muchachos y peleen los" (make yourselves broad feet, boys, and fight them).

The peon, Miguel Aguilar, was a weedy little chap, a Cordobes, who made up for his want of strength and stature by a wonderful amount of cunning. He began to twirl his hat round in his hand, shuffle his feet about.

"But, señor," he began, when Phil cut him short.
 "Don't bring your 'buts' and 'ifs' here, clear out at once and go and think it over, I shall want your answer 'yes' or 'no' in an hour's time, only remember this, if you stay behind you won't receive any wages while I am away, and now adate."

When he was gone Phil said, "I never argufy with these fellows, Dick, it is waste of time, if once you begin that there is no end to it, I just turn 'em out and tell them to go and think it over, and it saves a heap of time and trouble."

I couldn't help laughing at Phil's autocratic manner of getting a direct answer out of his men, but still he was quite right in this case for neither of the men were married, and consequently had nobody's interest to consult but their own, and to be bothered by a lot of stupid questions and suggestions such as we could see this fellow was just about to make would be neither entertaining nor instructive. In a good bit less than a hour he poked his head in at the door.

"Si señor," he said, "me voy con usted."
 "All right, Miguel, then you can begin at once and help Pedro to get the mule gear ready."

The next day we continued and concluded our preparations; again and again we went over them to see that nothing was missing that we might want, but still Araucibe did not turn up, nor the day following either, but on the third day after our return just as we were sitting down to supper in the verandah the native dogs began barking, and on going out to the gate we saw the truant just riding up on the same old grey horse that he had ridden when first we met him down there.

"Ah, caramba!" he cried, as soon as he saw us, "you are there, are you? let me tell you that they have caught that scoundrel Castillo and have got him in prison, they have confiscated all his carts and mules and will now get the value of those five bullocks he stole from me out of him; d—n him. And what is more, within the next three or four days they are going to send a commission down here to look for you, ha, ha."

"That doesn't matter," I replied, even if they caught me they couldn't do anything to me, as they can prove nothing, but they won't catch me this time for we are only waiting for you to go down south."

"And suppose I refuse to take you," said he snappishly.

"Oh, but you won't, that would be bad for both of us, for if they caught me suppose they put me on my oath and forced me to answer questions about you, and if you refuse to do me a small service like this, which will cost you nothing, why should I refuse to say what I know about you; un servicio con otra se paga, amigo, and if you look at it in that light I think you will see I am right. Besides Don Felipe and I want to see some of the sport you promised us before I went to England."

"It was only my fun, of course, you can come with me and welcome, but have you got stores and everything ready?"

"Everything was ready the day before yesterday, and we were only waiting for you."

"Good, then we will start to-morrow before the commission arrives. But did you see how those blackguards fought the other day, they say there were two thousand six hundred killed, what we saw was a mere nothing, only one corner of the battle, most of the fighting took place behind and to the north of Arredondo's position. And Colonel Timoté was shot in Mendoza, and his horse, the cream colour, the fastest horse on the pampas, was caught by a rascally Frenchman, a school-master I hear he is in Fraile Muerto, called Anton Barberin. Oh, if I had that horse. I could get fifty or a hundred cows for him, he belonged to a cacique named Foyal, who lives to the south of Nahuel Huapi. He was stolen from there by a boy, an Argentine captive who escaped on him to Gainza, and there the Colonel Timoté took him from the boy and kept him for himself. Ah, what a lot of good things one loses by not being able to be in two places at once. What have you got to eat?"

"Come and see," said Phil laughing, for this sudden jump from the visionary into reality considerably tickled us both.

"We have plenty of good beef and vegetables and

wine, pure juice of the muscatel such as could not be got in Europe for love or money."

"Ah," said Araucibe, "that does not affect us at present, but it is a pity this wine won't travel," and he held up a glass full of the straw coloured liquid, clear and transparent as a cairngorm stone, "but the Frenchmen over in Chile say it is something wrong in the quality of the grape, and not in the manufacture of the wine, but if we could only get it to Europe or even to Buenos Aires as we have it here, we could soon be rich, but the receipt has not been found yet which will make this wine travel."

What he said was quite true, the wines one gets in Mendoza are not to be surpassed by any wine grown in either Germany or France, but as soon as ever they are moved they turn. In Buenos Aires you can buy wine which they call Mendoza, San Juan or Rioja wine, but it is a composition of wine, aguardiente and sugar, and no more like the juice of the grape, as you drink it where it is made, than chalk is like cheese.

Now that we had got over our first little unpleasantness, Araucibe with the prospect of a good supper quickly resumed his usual good temper and began to enlarge on the sport we would have, and the magnificent country we should see.

As soon as we had finished, Araucibe lit an immense cigar of Cordobese tobacco, and began puffing away while I saw him slyly looking first at Phil and then at me. I saw he had something on his mind, and tipped Phil a wink to be quiet, so we lighted our pipes and smoked in silence, and he did not keep us long waiting.

"Now that we have finally arranged to go down into the Indian country," he began, "and are actually going to-morrow, you must both of you give me word not to use to my prejudice anything you may either hear or see. You may, nay, you surely will, see things down there you may not like, and unless you both solemnly promise me this I shall refuse even now at the last moment to take you."

We both gave the required promise, and then he went on:

"There are things which you English people do not understand, or at any rate, over rate, for instance, Carlos."

"Carlos," I shouted, jumping up, "is Carlos there, is he alive?"

"He is there, and he is alive, as you yourselves will see."

"Then how the deuce did he get down there?"

"Wait a moment, amigo, and I will tell you. You remember Paunero. Well, Paunero had a pretty sister called Matilda. Carlos when a boy was a peon on her father's estancia, Santa Barbera. He was a good looking young scamp. They grew up together, seeing one another every day, and of course, as always happens in such cases, the boy and girl fell in love with one another, or thought they did, which amounts to the same thing. So things went on. The father died, and Carlos grew up. Alberto saw what was going on, and promptly discharged Carlos with a warning, to which, however, he paid no heed. So much the worse for all of them, as events will show. Carlos hired with Castillo, but still whenever he returned from a journey he found means somehow or other of seeing Matilda. For as you will know, mis amigos, if you will live long enough, that if a woman wants to see her sweetheart she will find an opportunity of doing so, and not even the devil himself can stop her. You will remember the time when you first came down to Charcon? I was there, and Alberto also. He then offered in a roundabout way to do his best to get me the contract for providing meat for the soldiers on the western frontier if I would only help him to get Carlos out of the way, but as I knew how things were going on on the frontier, I knew that he had not at the time influence enough, so I refused, and waited my time. A month or so later he came again, and this time he offered me \$1000 to get Carlos out of the way. He did not actually say he wanted him killed in so many words, but he plainly gave me to understand it. Well, that was something like an offer, only I made a mistake which cost him his life."

"Whose life," I cried, "Carlos'?"

"Not Carlos', but Paunero's; wait patiently and you will hear. I accepted to cause Carlos to disappear for ever, for the sum he named. He asked me whether I should do it myself. I told him no. I would get Raimundo Manzilla to do it, or Ortiz who was living with Manzilla, and telling him that cost him his life, as you will see."

"How did you know that Ortiz and Manzilla were together?" asked Phil, for the thing was beginning to get interesting.

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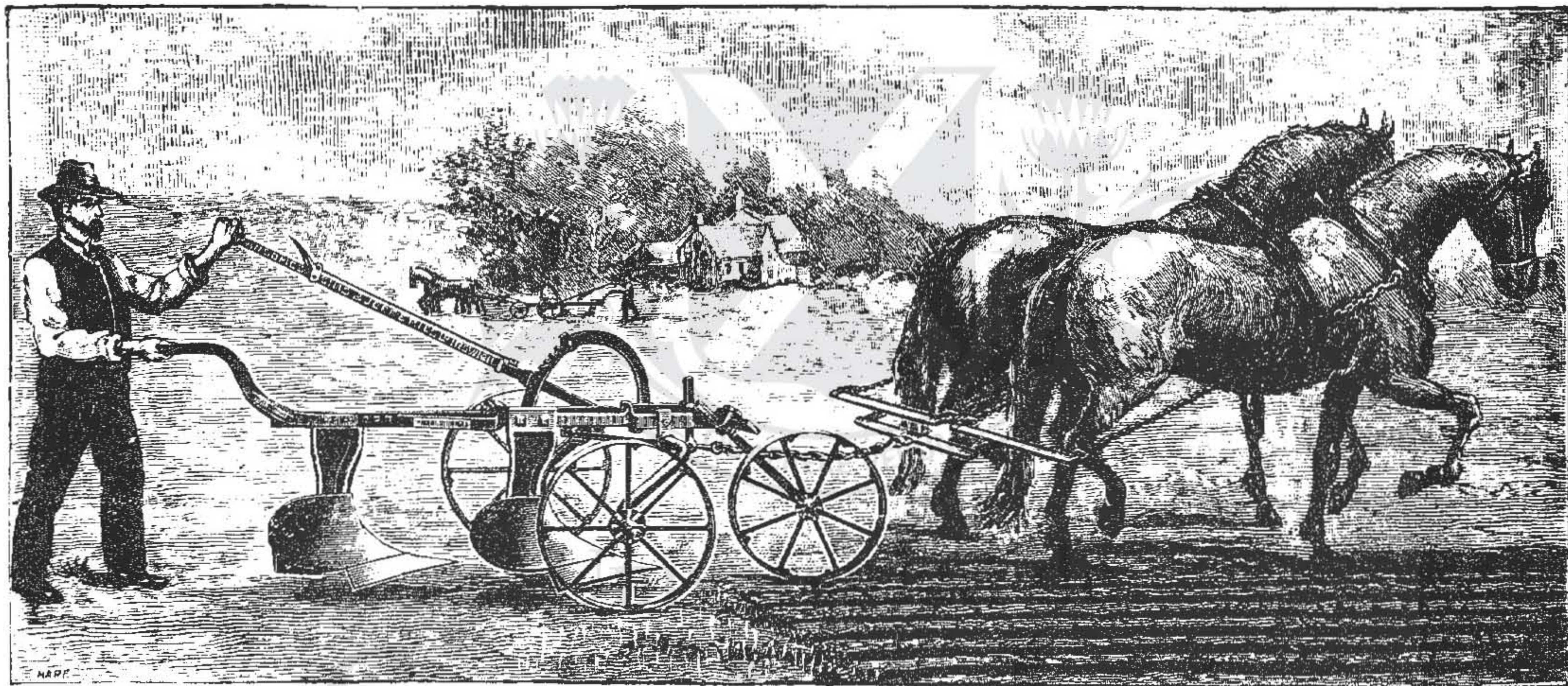
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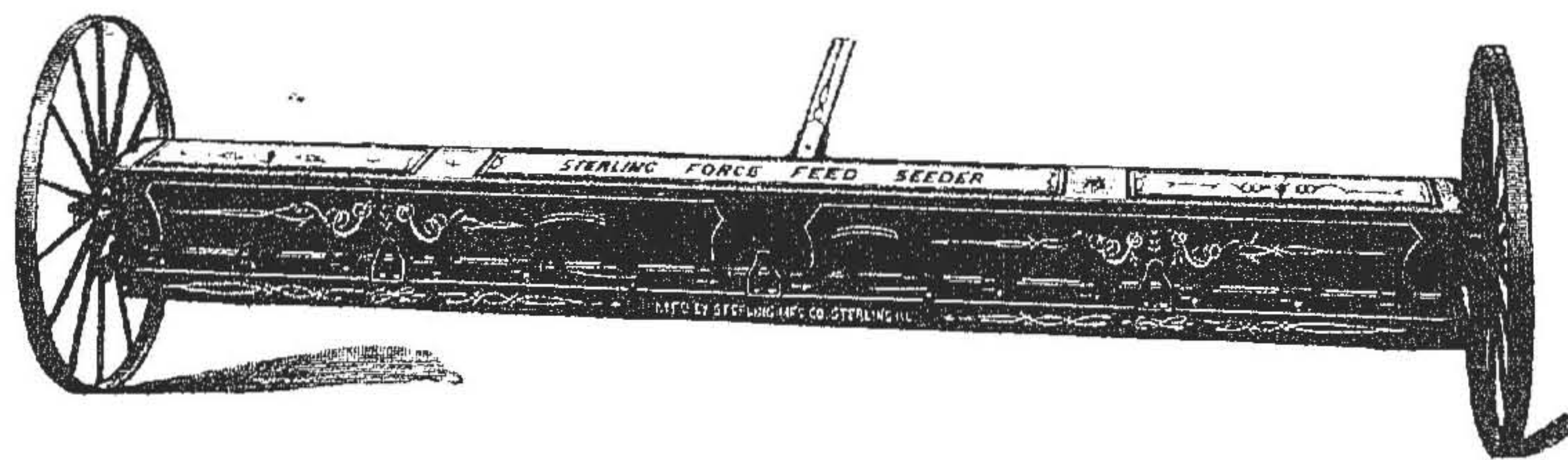
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