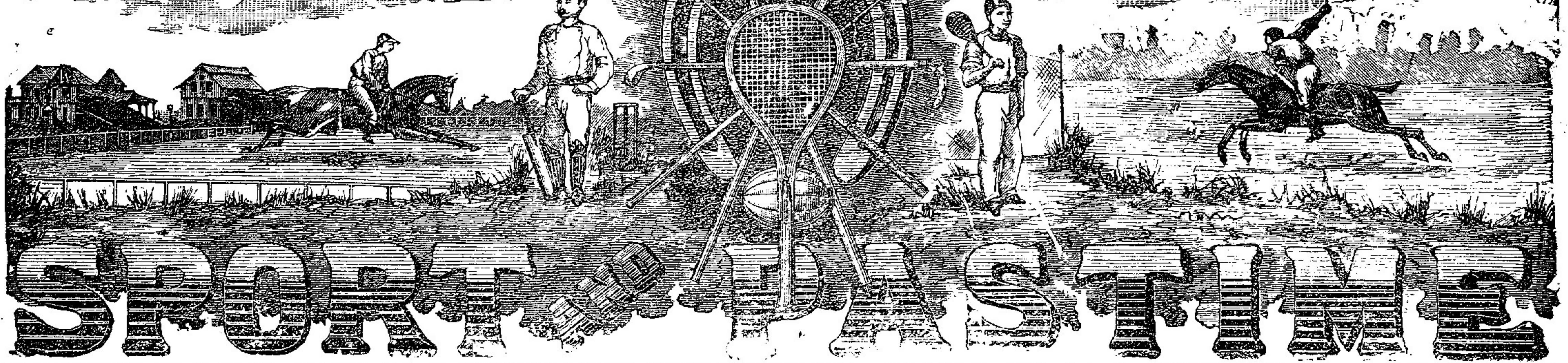


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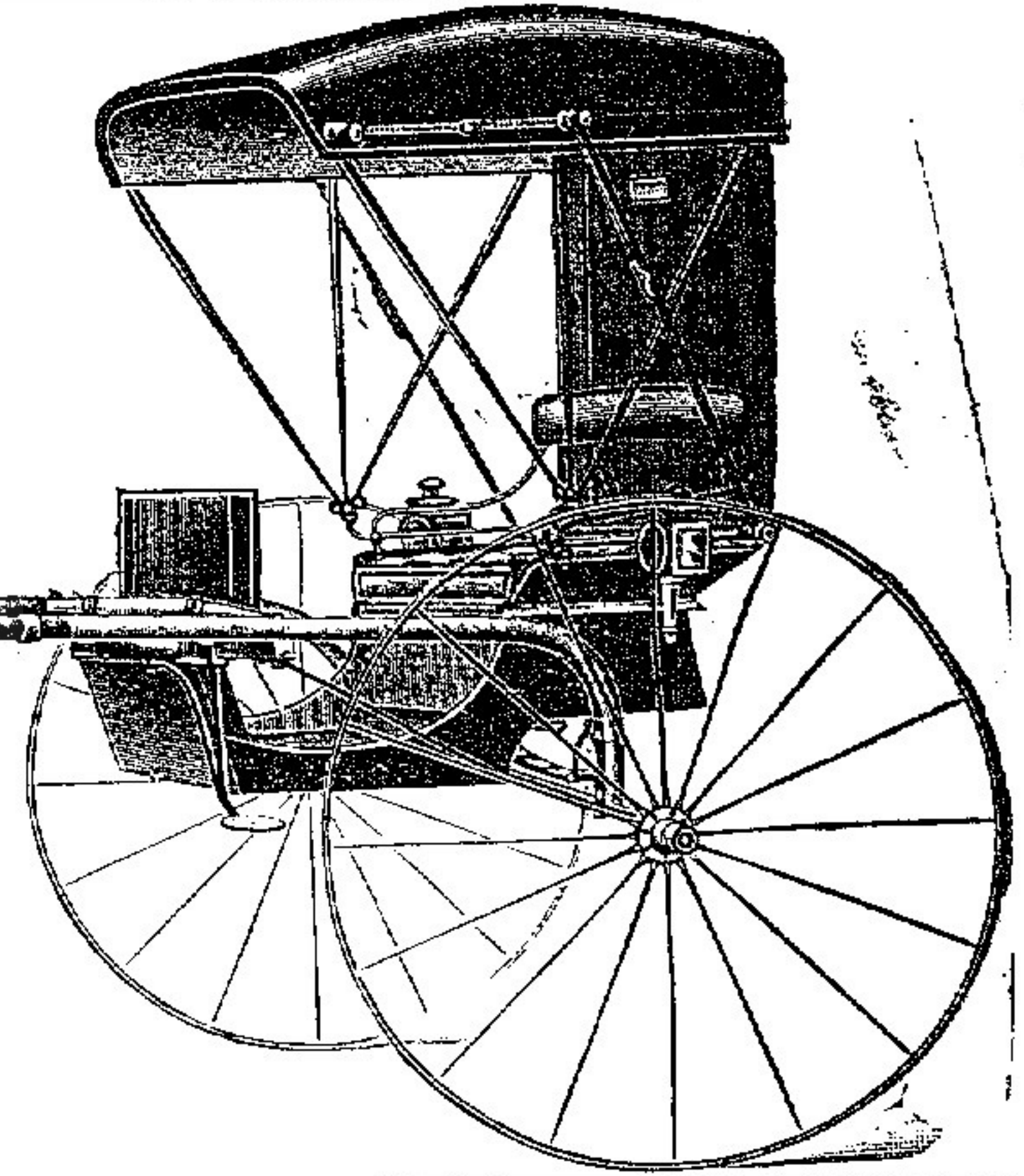
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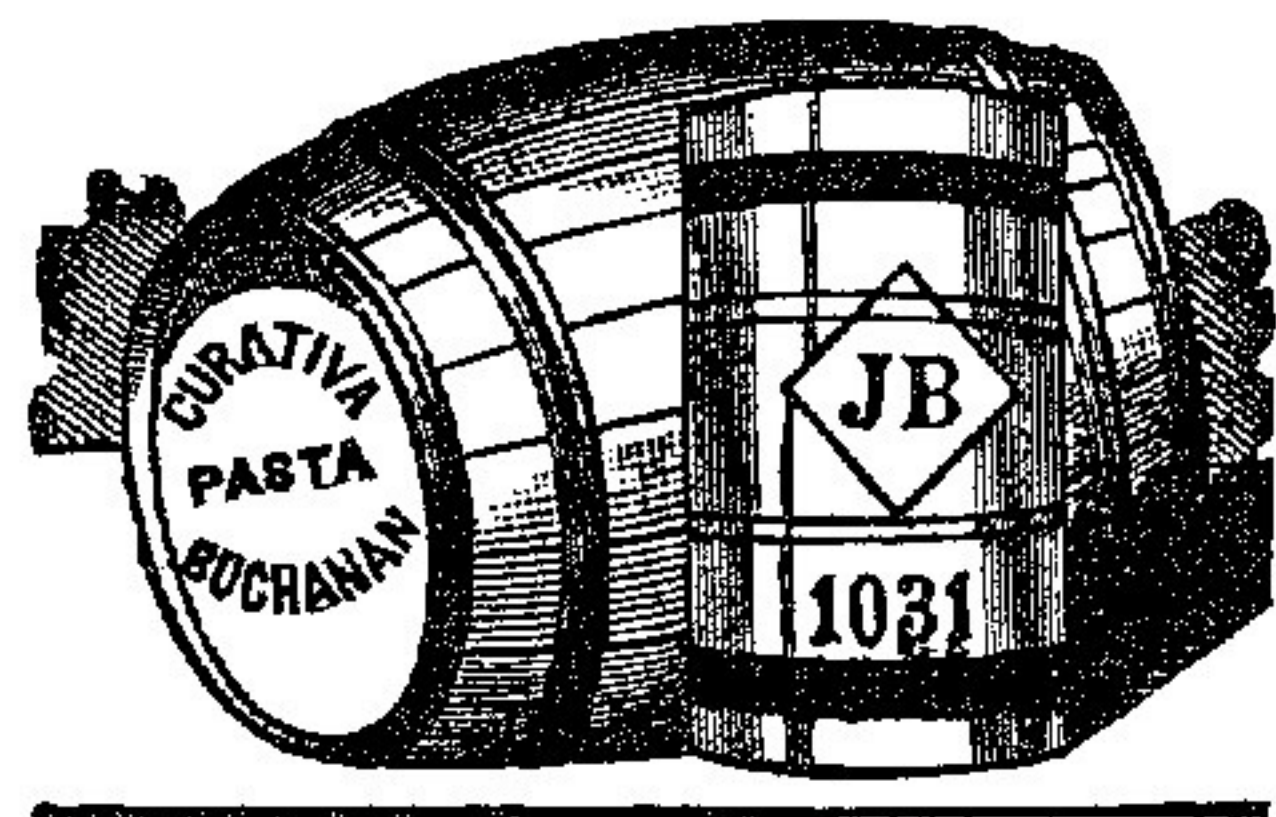
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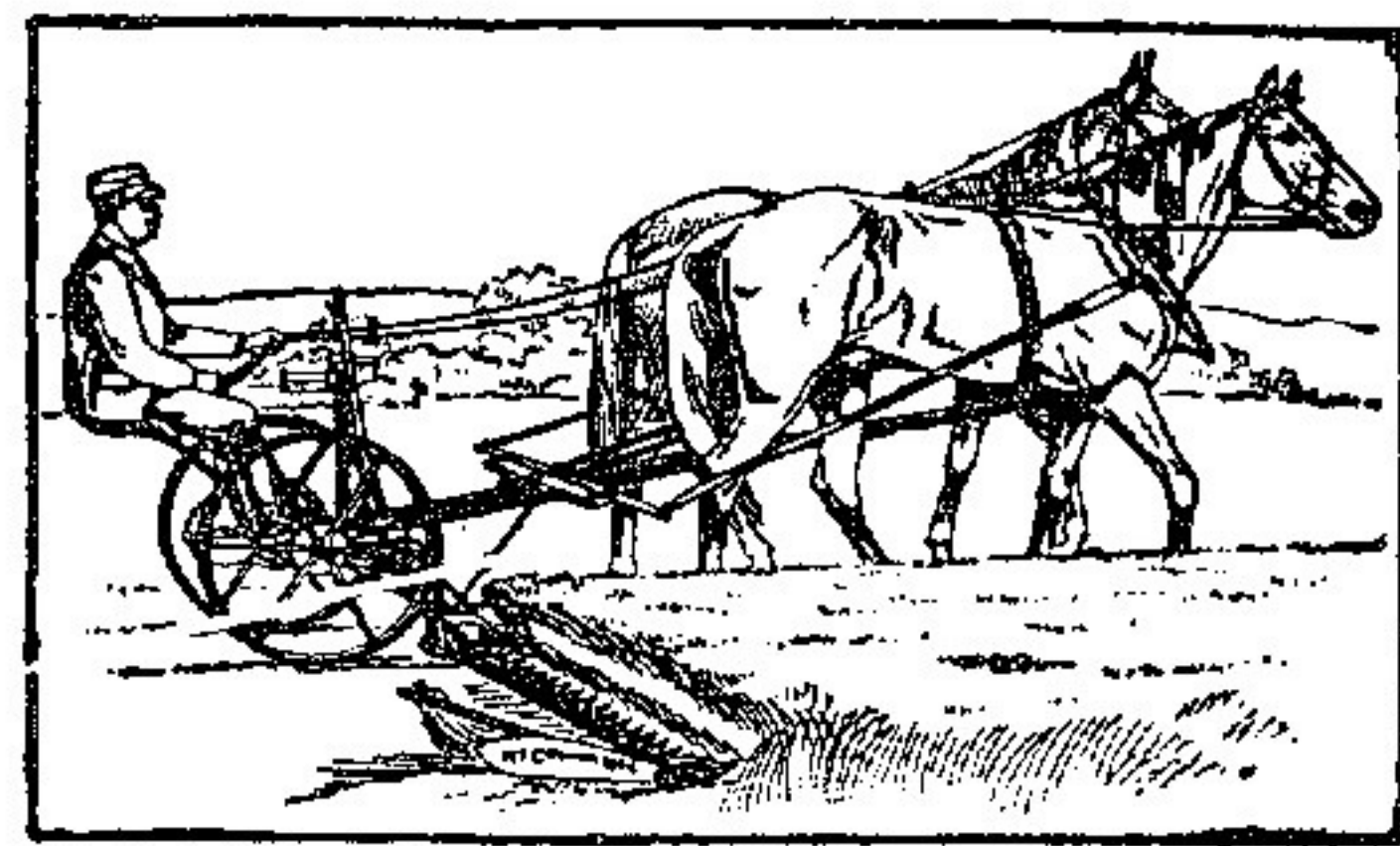
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The two or three days' frost which prevailed before Dec. 19 caused one or two Rugby matches to be abandoned on that date, but all the important Association games were brought to a definite conclusion. Of the seven League fixtures only one resulted in the defeat of the home club. The Wearsiders were at home to the Blackburn Rovers, who, after a capitally contested game, won by the narrow margin of a goal to nothing. Sunderland opened with the wind in their favour, but the Rovers were the first to press. After some give and take exchanges the home men did all the attacking, but were unable to score. The teams crossed over with the score sheet blank, and in the second half there was little to choose between the two teams, either regarding defence or attack. Just before the finish the Rovers got through the defence and so just won.

Sunderland have had a terrible run of bad luck this season and on some occasions, after having considerably the better of the game, have had to put up with a most undeserved defeat. In this instance their play was rather better than that of the Rovers, but all their efforts were in vain.

The Bolton Wanderers, who that morning shared with Aston Villa the honour of heading the League table, received a visit from West Bromwich Albion, who everybody said were doomed to certain defeat. The Albion never fight so well as when all the football prophets predict that they have no chance of winning. They did not beat the Bolton Wanderers, but did the next best thing—playing a two goal draw. From the kick-off the game grew fast and exciting, but for some time the defence of both sides held the upper hand of the attack. The Wanderers were the first to score, this being the only point in the first half. On resuming the Albion equalised matters, and during the rest of the game each team scored once again. The Albion played a great game, and deserve all credit for playing a draw with such redoubtable opponents.

At Wolverhampton another draw took place, the Wanderers scoring once to Preston North End's once. The ground was in a very slippery condition, and it was a difficult matter for the men to keep their feet. Preston led at half-time by a goal to nil. The visitors re-starting, got away in fine style and put in some spirited work, but could not prevent the Wanderers from equalising. The Wanderers then played up with determination, and towards the end Preston had another attempt to notch a winning point, but the score remained unaltered.

The other drawn game was between Sheffield Wednesday and Burnley on the ground of the latter. The first goal of the game was obtained for Wednesday from a corner. From a free kick Burnley immediately made the scores level. Nothing further transpired, but both teams had their turn at pressing.

Aston Villa had a strong team in the field at Perry Barr against Notts Forest. The home lot opened with a nice attack, but finished up by shooting wide. They were, however, not to be denied, and some pretty passing enabled them to score. The Forest worked hard and equalised, but the Villa, well together, again ran determinedly, and a second goal was the result. Then half-time arrived. Resuming, the game was very fast, and after some remarkably smart give and take exchanges a third goal fell to the Villa. The visitors added another goal before the last blow of the whistle, and were only beaten by three goals to two.

Everton had the distinction of being the only League team to win a two goals victory. Stoke had to work very hard, but in spite of all their efforts Everton got two goals in the first eight minutes. Afterwards Stoke got away, but later missed a chance; however, they made up by scoring a nice goal. Taylor followed by putting on a third goal for the Liverpool club. The second stage of the game was evenly contested, both teams adding a goal to their score.

The return match between Derby County and Liverpool, on the ground of the former, attracted quite 10,000 spectators. The first half produced some really interesting play, Bloomer giving Storer any amount of work to do. After twenty-five minutes' play Bradshaw ran down, and Michael taking a pass, put through the first goal for the visitors. This advantage did not disconcert the Derby team, who soon made the scores level, while Bloomer shortly afterwards put his side a goal to the good. Liverpool next drew up level, equalising from a foul. A clever run by Bloomer and Stevenson enabled Derby to regain their lead, and the score remained unaltered to the end of the game.

Second Division.—Woolwich Arsenal beat Blackpool after an indifferent game by four goals to two. Manchester City, at home to Grimsby Town, won by three goals to one. Notts County, on their own ground, gained a couple of points by beating Newton Heath by three goals to nil. Loughborough beat Small Heath by two goals to nothing. Burton Wanderers beat Leicester Fosse by two goals to one; and Darwen beat Lincoln City by four goals to one.

Southern League.—Southampton St. Mary's, who seem in particular good form this season, beat Chatham, who played at home, by a goal to nil. Chatham pressed at first, but the St. Mary's team soon got into their stride. Uxbridge beat 1st Coldstream Guards by seven goals to nothing. Northfleet's first visit to Swindon Town ended in a drawn game—two goals each. Reading beat New Brompton by three goals to two, Gordon scoring twice and Cunningham once for the winners.

Millwall Athletic and Sheppey United met for the third time on Dec. 19 to try to bring their English Cup tie to a conclusion. The Athletics were at last successful obtaining three goals to their opponents' one. The

ground was very slippery on the surface, and good play was entirely out of the question.

Old Westminsters v. Old Carthusians.—A match between these prominent teams was the attraction at the Essex County Ground at Leyton, on Dec. 19, but, owing to the bitterly cold weather, the attendance was only moderate. As a result of the thaw the ground was heavy and slippery, but the play was fast throughout. G. O. Smith was the most notable absentee on the Carthusian's side, while R. R. Sandilands was unable, owing to indisposition, to take his place in the Westminsters' front rank. The Carthusians proved to be the better team, and won by two goals to none. A late start was made, and consequently there was only thirty-five minutes' play each way.

The first of the two annual matches between the neighbouring towns of Marlow and Maidenhead was played at Marlow on Dec. 19. The weather was fine but cold, and the ground in capital order. Neither side played up to form, and a pleasantly contested game ended in a draw of one goal each.

In their encounters with Scottish League clubs so far this season, the Queen's Park had not been particularly successful, but on Dec. 19, at Hampden Park, they managed to beat Dundee by three goals to two. Some 1500 spectators witnessed the play, which took some time to settle down, so treacherous was the foothold. After about a third of the first half had gone the Queen's Park scored, and before the interval added another point. Early in the second half a hard drive by R. Lambie found the mark, and placed the supporters of the Queen's Park on good terms with themselves. Dundee towards the close woke up a bit, a long shot by Clark going through, while a misunderstanding among the home backs paved the way for a second goal.

Rangers v. Celtic.—The return League match between these Glasgow clubs was played at Ibrox on Dec. 19, before 15,000 spectators. With the Celtic in a crippled condition, owing to suspension of players and accidents, the Rangers were expected to win, and they did by two goals to none; but, as both teams protested prior to the kick-off that the ground was too hard for play, the match may have to be replayed. Luck was again adverse to the Celtic, their centre-forward breaking down soon after the start, but so well did they defend, that there had been no scoring at half time. Short-handed as they were, Celtic had the best of the exchanges for a time after resuming. The Rangers began to get the upper hand, and notched their first goal from a corner kick. Fine give-and-take play led up to a second goal, which left the result as above.

RUGBY

A very interesting match resulted from the meeting of Somersetshire and Devonshire in the South-western group of the Rugby County Championship. The match took place at Weston-super-Mare. The home fifteen had the services of Norman Biggs, S. M. J. Woods and Hancock. Forrest obtained a try nicely, and Hancock and Norman Biggs also secured tries. Devonshire once got over, but were afterwards completely outplayed. Somerset finally won by two goals five tries to one goal.

Edinburgh Wanderers v. Oxford University.—It was certainly a feather in the caps of the Wanderers' committee that this important match, wherewith Oxford University had arranged to open their Scotch tour, was despite frost and snow, brought to an issue at the Grange Cricket Ground on Dec. 19. In the forenoon, with a keen frost and several inches of snow on the field, play seemed beyond the pale of possibility; but on the snow being removed by a squad of the "unemployed," the going was found to be perfectly safe, and the 800 spectators had the satisfaction of seeing a very fine exposition of passing by the visitors, who won easily in the end by ten points to nothing. The first half was splendidly contested, neither side being able to score. In the second half the play went altogether in Oxford's favour and they scored twice chiefly owing to the brilliant passing of their backs, of whom Crump was in magnificent form.

On Dec. 21, Oxford opposed the Edinburgh Academicals at Raeburn Place. That the visitors recognised this match as the most important of their Scotch fixtures was eloquently testified too, by their playing practically their strongest XV. The pitch had not been cleared of snow until shortly before starting, and was in tolerable condition to begin with, but before the second half had been entered on, the thaw which had come on after mid-day, had reduced it in places to little better than a quagmire. In fact, several of the players at the close were so beclotted with mud as to be scarcely recognisable.

It would be useless to speculate how the game might have gone with conditions more favourable under foot. As it was, the Academicals held a clear lead on the play, and deserved their win by a goal to nothing. Consequently they have the satisfaction of having vanquished both Oxford and Cambridge this season. Fully 1000 spectators were in evidence, and if the play was of not such a high order as on the neighbouring ground forty-eight hours before, it was at all times interesting, and frequently exciting.

On Dec. 19 Gloucester met the Newport team on the ground of the latter. From the first scrummage the Gloucester forwards rushed the ball over the line and scored. This proved to be their last point, as they were over matched all round, and Newport kept up a severe pressure all through, ultimately winning by two goals (one penalty) and six tries to a goal.

The turf at the Rectory Field, Blackheath, was in such an unfavourable condition on the morning of Dec. 19, that doubts were entertained as to the probability of the meeting of the home team and Cardiff. Fortunately, however, there was a change in the weather prior to

the start, and on an inspection being made play was considered practicable. The visits of Cardiff to Blackheath are usually looked forward to with much interest by the adherents of both clubs, but on this occasion the number of spectators was much below the average, many, perhaps, being under the impression that the match would be postponed. Blackheath were strongly represented, the only important change being that Gordon-Smith was selected to take the full back position. Several prominent players were missing from the Cardiff ranks, but as their opponents had not performed too well of late the visitors were considered quite capable of holding their own, and these anticipations were fully realised, as Blackheath suffered defeat for the first time for some years on their own ground at the hands of Cardiff by five points to nothing. Up to the interval there was little to choose between the teams, but on ends being changed the visitors were decidedly superior despite the fact that one of their forwards was unable to assist them owing to an injury sustained during the opening half. The home forwards played a remarkably good game throughout, but the three-quarter line was weak in the extreme, and never at any time equal to the visitors', whose passing was of a very meritorious order.

There was an unusually large company present at the Old Deer Park, Richmond, on Dec. 19, to witness the game between the Old Merchant Taylors and Rosslyn Park. The weather was seasonably bright and fine, and the turf, notwithstanding the recent frost, in splendid condition. A start was made about a quarter past three—too late for the time of year—and some interesting play, without much advantage to either side took place at the outset. The Park were the first to score, but the Taylors soon equalised, and the teams crossed over with the record equal to a try each. The second half was capitally contested and in the end Rosslyn Park gained a clever victory by a goal and two tries to a goal and one try. The tackling of the winners' backs was very good, as time after time it seemed as though the Taylors must score.

On Dec. 19, at Northampton, the home club played the London Welsh before 4000 spectators. This was the third meeting of these teams this season Northampton having won on each occasion. This time they had much the best of matters and ran out winners by thirteen points to nothing.

Despite the fact that Leicester travelled to Bedford with a weak team, they managed to defeat the Bedford fifteen on Dec. 19 somewhat easily. Throughout the first half play ruled very even and neither side scored; but early in the second portion of the game Leicester gained the upper hand and eventually won by two goals and one try to nothing.

FOOTBALL IN PARIS.

When the Olympique Club received the telegram from the Oxford University football captain, saying that he could not raise a team to play a match on December 19th the Olympique executive endeavoured to get another team to visit Paris. They sent over to England their president and another member, who in one day raised a very representative teams with the aid of Mr Cattell. The match was played by the kind permission of the Prince of Sagan and the committee on the ground of the Cercle de Patineurs. Several friends of the club were invited to witness the contest, which, after a very even and somewhat exciting match, ended in a victory for the English team by one goal and one try to nothing. The tries were scored by Cipriani and Buck, Carter converting one. The names of the English team were Carpmal (back), E. F. Stevens, T. B. Scattergood, G. Buck, A. N. Other (three-quarters), A. B. Cipriani, E. A. Wood (half backs), S. Carter, C. Dixon, C. A. P. Tarbutt, W. G. Todd, D. H. Jones, A. Weigall, B. Weigall, F. S. Pountney (forwards).

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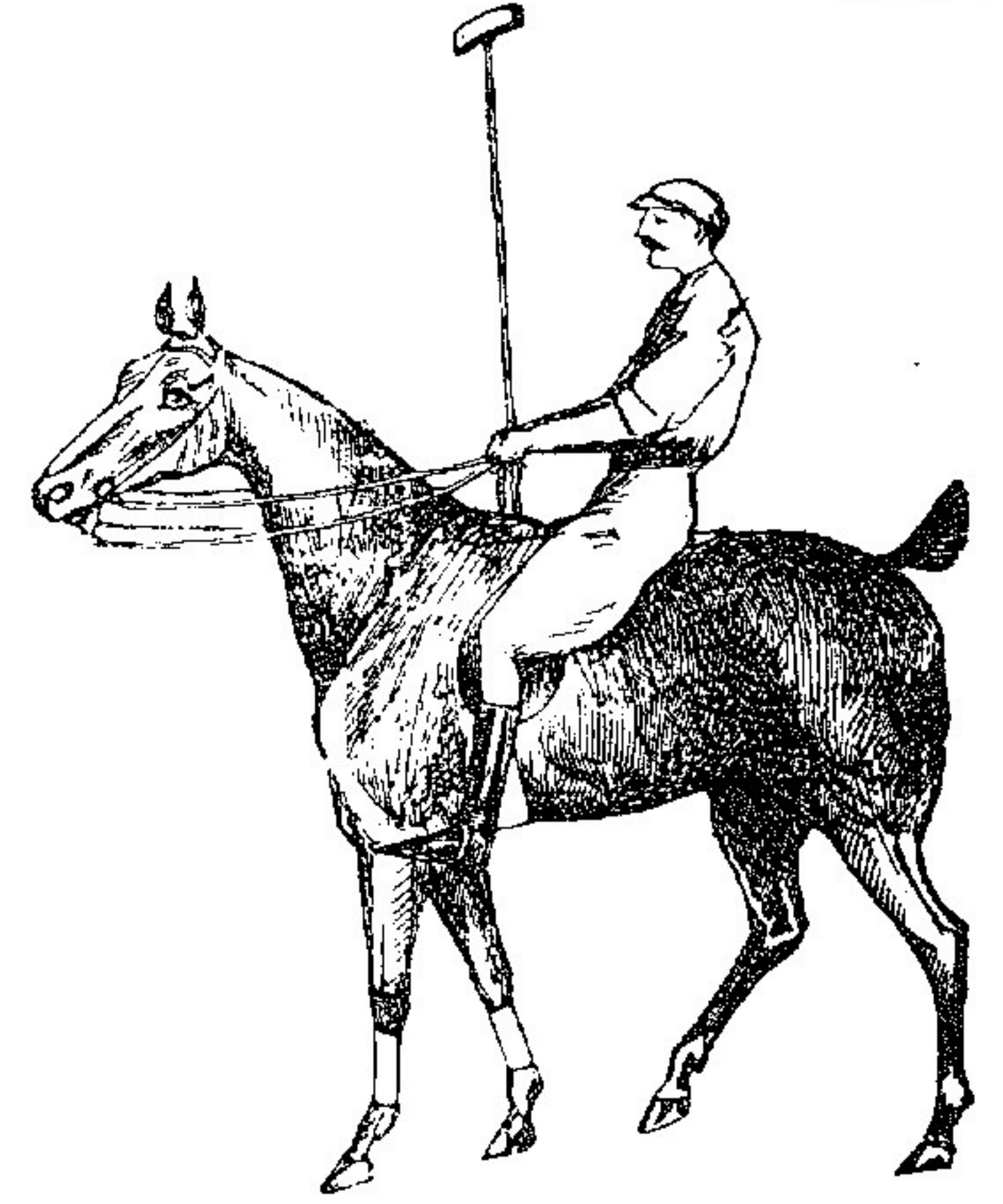
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including football; and we should have been surprised had it been otherwise.

Put briefly, there is no law of the Football Association that forbids the playing of scratch teams, and the assumption of a majority of the council that there is such a law, and that the council can administer it as it pleases, is assumption pure and simple. We should not take the stand we do if we could convince ourselves that the action of the majority of the council was dictated by a spirit of benevolence. We might then say that the council is misguided in an earnest endeavour to maintain the best interests of the game. Unfortunately, we are quite unable to admit purity of purpose; and anyone who has been present at recent council meetings can add that independence of thought and action is not a characteristic of the board.

The meeting on Dec. 14th provided a glaring instance, inasmuch as the indictment against Mr Jackson was produced, ready drawn up, by the chairman (who has been prominently identified with the promulgation of the illegal doctrine as to scratch teams), read through by him, and passed at once by an all-too-willing majority. The natural inference to be drawn is that the council, as now constituted, is utterly incompetent to undertake the management of amateur football; and we do not hesitate to affirm that, in this respect, it is rotten and incapable, for the simple reason that it is imbued with professional instincts and no other. Nor could it well be otherwise, looking at the great preponderance of professional over amateur representatives on the board.

The feature of the Association game that surprises us is the long-suffering display of patience that has been shown by the better class of amateur, who, from the moment when the Football Association recognised professionalism, under the sanguine impression that it could control it, has been surely deprived of his birth-right. The amateur, we are aware, has been actuated by his sportmanship, and in return he has been made a mere tool.

The impossibility of bringing about cohesion between two incongruous elements seems to be apparent to all save those most actively interested; but an end to the monstrous state of things that has so long existed can scarcely be far off. Perhaps it is a case of the wish being father to the thought, but in the motion which Mr Jackson brought forward (hopeless and foredoomed in such company, as he must have known it to have been) a commencement was made of a step that will have to be taken, sooner or later, but the sooner the better. This is the taking over by the amateurs of the management of their own affairs.

Mr Jackson proposed that the Football Association should be divided into two distinct sections, amateur and professional, and his proposal was, as a matter of course, negated. Had the council decided differently, they would but have recommended the making statutory that which already exists in fact, for the clubs forming the Association and the members of the council are alike composed of two quite incongruous elements, and it is the misfortune of the amateurs that they form a very weak minority.

The proceedings at the last two council meetings have shown them how they are likely to fare in the future, so perhaps they will at last wake up from their apathy: Let them take heart at the success that has attended the professional element out of its confines, leaving it to its undignified squabbles, the inevitable outcome of mercenary football. Judging by the attitude of its council, it is hopeless to expect the Football Association to give the amateur control of his own affairs within its jurisdiction. The alternative is obvious.—“The Field.”

P O L O .

HURLINGHAM v. CHACRA DE GOMEZ.

We do not know if this is the correct title for the Polo match that was played at the Chacra de Gomez, Muñiz, on Sunday last, when a Hurlingham team met one got up, and captained by Mr H. E. R. Bedford, on a ground cleared for the occasion alongside the Chacra de Gomez.

The Hurlingham team were entertained in a most hospitable way to lunch by Messrs Bedford and Thorold and perhaps this was the most pleasant part of the meeting, as the day was really too hot for polo with a scorching wind and dust, and the ground, of course, very hard. The teams were:—

Hurlingham	Chacra de Gomez
1. A. Ott	1. R. Thorold
2. E. D. Drabble	2. T. S. Robson
3. F. J. Balfour	3. H. E. R. Bedford
F. Furber (back)	H. S. Robson (back)

Each side scored a goal in the first few minutes of the game, but the Chacra team soon showed their strength by taking a lead they kept to the finish, the score at the end being seven goals to three in their favour.

The hardness of the going and the heat were no doubt the causes of both teams playing a scratch lot of ponies and leaving their best in the stable. The game in consequence suffered and there was very little fast galloping, though the ground was so true that the ball travelled a long way when hit clean and hard.

There is therefore not much to say about the game itself, beyond giving the score, which is a fairly true indication of the relative strength of the sides.

In winter, or after rain, the ground at Chacra de Gomez should be an ideal one. It is always fed down by sheep and the grass is short and thick, whilst the field of play is perfectly level.

A meeting of the Polo Committee was held in St. James's Street on Dec., the 10th, which was well attended, eleven members being present. The desirability of having as official measurer a veterinary surgeon being unanimous, the appointment of Captain Herbert was, at his own request, cancelled. The new rules for measuring proposed last summer were confirmed; the fee for measuring ponies for the first year was fixed at five shillings. Any person desirous to have his ponies measured must apply to the manager for a certificate-form, enclosing the fee. On the ponies being measured, the certificate must be returned to the manager, who will register them in the book.

A sub-committee was appointed to select an official measurer, and to arrange, if possible, that he may be able to attend from time to time for measuring ponies in Dublin or elsewhere, as well as at Hurlingham, so that all ponies registered by the club may be measured by the same person. The measuring must be attended by two of the Committee. If that is not feasible in Ireland, a person will be deputed to act for them. The Irish County Cup was added to the list of tournaments qualifying “existing polo ponies.” The date July 13th, 1896, being that on which the rule as to “existing polo ponies” came in force, any ponies playing in tournaments after that date are not qualified. The date for registering “existing polo ponies” was altered from April 1st to June 1st, 1897. The byelaws as amended were unanimously passed.

Amended general rules of the game:—
Rule 7.—In lines 4 and 11 omit “of play,” and add at the end of the word “play,” and if still a tie, after an interval of five minutes the ball shall be started from where it went out of play, and the game continued as before, until one side obtain a goal, which shall determine the match.

Rule 11.—Struck out.
Rule 15.—If, however, the ball be hit behind the back line by one of the players whose line it is, they shall hit it off as near as possible to where it crossed the line, and all the defending side shall remain behind the line until the ball is hit off, the attacking side being free to place themselves anywhere *except within five yards of the ball.*

The following alteration to this rule was proposed by Mr Rawlinson, and carried:—

If the ball be hit behind the back line by one of the players whose line it is, they shall hit it off from the centre of the goal line, between the posts, and all the defending side shall remain behind the line, until the ball is hit off, the attacking side being free to place themselves where they choose, but not within 15 yards of the ball.

It was agreed on the suggestion of Mr Rawlinson, that in consideration of the very important nature of the changes in Rule 15, before being finally adopted, they should be considered at the next meeting.

Rule 15 will, therefore, appear in the new edition as in the first instance adopted.

Rule 19.—Definition of “off side.”
No player who is off side shall hit the ball, or shall in any way prevent the opposite side from reaching or hitting the ball. A player is off side when, at the time of the ball being hit, he has no one of the opposite nearer the adversaries goal line, or that line produced, or behind that line, and he is neither in possession of the ball, nor behind one of his own side who is in possession of the ball. The goal line means the eight-yard line between the goal posts. A player, if off side, remains off side until the ball is hit or hit at again.

Rule 20.—No player shall seize with the hand, strike, or push with the head, hand, arm or elbow, but a player may push with his arm, above the elbow, provided the elbow be kept close to the side.

Rule 21a.—No player shall intentionally strike his pony with the head of his polo stick.

Rule 22.—Add 21a after 21, infringement of rules.

Rule 26.—If the ball be damaged, the umpire must at once stop the game, and throw in a new ball, at the place where it was broken towards the nearest side of the ground, and between the opposing ranks of players.

Rule 30.—If any player or pony fall or be injured by an accident the umpire may stop the game, and may allow time for the injured man or pony to be replaced, but the game need not be stopped should any player fall through his own fault.

Rule 31.—On play being resumed, the ball shall be thrown in where it was when the game was stopped, and in the manner provided for in Rule 26.

Hurlingham Club, Dec. 18th, 1896.
By Order of the Polo Committee.
WALTER SMYTHE, Polo Manager.

“Land and Water” notes with pleasure that the number of polo clubs all over the world is steadily on the increase, the list of which would fill some columns. Clubs in England have increased their number by five this year—i.e., the Holderness, North Wilts, the Worcestershire (which has taken a new lease of life, through the exertions of Messrs. Greswolde-Williams, Stanley-Clarke, and A. Lechmere, secretary), the Finsbury (with a ground at Hendon), and the West Kent, with a ground at Chislehurst that has the advantage of the Chislehurst Stud Farm close by, under able management. This latter is only eleven miles by road from Charing Cross, and should prove a valuable addition to polo clubs in the vicinity of the metropolis. The number of Scotch, Irish, and French polo clubs remain the same. A fresh club has been started in Madrid, a new ground having been laid out in the Hippodrome, the Duke de Alba being president, the Duke de Santona and Marquis de San Felicio ably supporting the movement. Six teams competed at the tournament this year; the Gibraltar team did not, however, enter the lists. Morocco ponies are preferred here on account of the hardness of the

ground. In Russia, again, a polo club has been started, of which Mr Tamplin is the secretary, the ground being at St. Petersburg, and a few matches have been played.

Our contemporary does not go into the growth of the game further from home, but notices here a novel feature in the Umballa Tournament—i.e., the victory of the Durham Light Infantry team in the Cavalry Tournament at Umballa, their dashing play adorned their mess with the cup, which had never before been outside a cavalry mess.

R A C I N G

We find in the “Field” of December 26 a table of statistics showing the winnings in stakes of the yearlings which have been sold during the past thirteen years, for a thousand guineas or upwards, which has given us the idea of reviewing the performances of the high priced two-year-olds sold at auction here in the spring of 1895. The table we speak of is the following:

Year.	Number sold.	Cost at hammer.	Amount won while in training.	Difference between cost and winnings
		Gs.	£	£
1883	11	15,800	6,486	10,104
1884	21	34,500	6,600	20,565
1885	20	39,200	15,900	25,200
1886	16	23,120	4,106	20,170
1887	21	31,350	11,238	21,079
1888	26	42,270	31,304	13,679
1889	41	73,850	34,126	43,416
1890	58	99,730	64,477	40,289
1891	37	57,520	21,319	30,079
1892	26	45,300	7,737	39,727
1893	18	32,100	9,436	25,269
1894	22	34,850	10,462	26,150
1895	22	46,200	1,080	47,480
	339	575,590	224,331	363,087

The above figures, which have been very carefully revised, show that the amount won in stakes by the 339 “four figure” yearlings sold since 1883—the year from which these high prices may be said to have become frequent—has never once come near their original cost, and is not, taken on the whole, 40 per cent.

Here the result has not been very different; for instance, in 1895, thirty two-year-olds were sold at auction for \$3000 or more, and these won amongst them about \$65,000, whilst their total cost was nearly \$126,000. Colombia and Talma were the only horses that cost \$3000 or more that won respectable sums. Colombia cost \$3000 and won \$18,050, whilst Talma cost \$5500 and won \$15,200. Neither of the top-priced ones of the season, Orientes and Asdrubal, which cost \$8000, has yet earned his corn, and the second best priced colt, Androcles, who cost \$7000, is only credited with \$300, place money.

Turning to the cost of the big winners of the year Purran was picked up for \$1900 and he won \$50,250. Alacran cost only \$2100 and his winnings amounted to \$28,200. Atleta's price was \$2100 also and he won \$21,106. Blue Boat was valued at a very low figure till he won his first race. He has won a total of \$15,600, and, needless to say, the price paid for him by his present proprietors at the end of last season was a very long one. Ranquel, who is eighth on the list of winning horses for the season with \$16,280, cost \$2600. Pitanga was not sold when put up to auction at Messrs Luro's sale, a sufficiently good price not being forthcoming for her, and that her breeders proved right in not letting her go is shown by the winning list in which she comes next to Ranquel, with \$15,200. Pergamino, by Saumur out of Bourgogne, cost only \$1400 yet won ten times that amount, \$14,200, whilst Minerva proved a still better bargain. This filly was sold at General Bosch's sale, the first of the season, for a thousand dollars, and won last year \$13,780. Another thousand dollar purchase was Independente, which is by Noe out of Teetotum, and which won \$13,600. Pas de Quatre, the daughter of Phoenix and Dancette, won \$12,480 and cost the Petite Ecurie only \$1300.

From these figures it will be seen that a judicious buyer at the yearly auctions, who can afford to keep a good stable, may very easily run his horses at a profit.

C Y C L I N G .

Zimmerman has fulfilled his long-expressed intention of coming back to the track again. He has trained quietly upon one of the indoor tracks near his residence and last month rode a mile, unpaced, in 2 min. 23/5 sec. He calculates that if he takes matters at his ease, and rides a sprint distance each day, he will be fit and well, and as speedy as of yore, in the early part of May. In 1894 he rode a 78 gear in the majority of his races; next season, if all is well, he will ride a 94. He has already been approached by three or four firms who have got wind of his intention to race again.

Every cycling novice, nowadays, thinks it absolutely necessary to provide himself with a pair of toe-clips, just as he thinks it necessary to strip his machine of brake, bell, and mudguards, to give the public a deep impression of his speed powers. Now, for ordinary riding toe-clips are totally unnecessary, and some specimens of them very dangerous. We know a rider who got his leg fractured in three places through being unable to extricate his foot from the clips when he got a nasty sideslip. Some of the fastest pedallers in the

world decline to use toe-clips even on the track, and, to our mind, the only good purpose they serve in road-riding is that they keep the feet from flying off the pedals on bumpy roads.

It is a wonder to us that a game that can be played on bicycles has not before now been invented. Hitherto no novelty has been forthcoming in devising one specially suited for the wheel. Football on cycles is the latest suggestion. The game is described as being a cross between Association and Rugby. At the "kick off" all the players are dismounted, then a hurried mount and sprint for the ball. The player capturing it tucks it under his arm and bolts for all he is worth towards the enemy's goal. To gain possession of the ball the "enemy" have to ride alongside and touch the ball, when the holder has to immediately drop it. Then follows a general dismount and a "scrum." The goal-keepers are the only ones who are dismounted. The game is said to be full of interest—to the cycle-repairer and the doctor.

The present day cyclist is unaware of what he owes to the racing men. It was the racing man who made the cycle of to-day a possibility. He took certain risks in seeking after lightness, and by taking them without mishap he educated the makers up to building the light machines which carry such heavy weights to-day over the roads, as well as on the path. This is a big claim, but it is one that can be most fully substantiated by a reference to the various types of cycles which have followed each other during the past few years. It may be truly said that the racer of yesterday is the roadster of to-day, and yet the roadster of to-day is quite strong enough, and has not a weak point about it, simply because racing men have tried and tested the machine thoroughly in path races, and all parts have been cut down to a point which, while securing the necessary strength, yet saves every ounce of weight.

"Besides the enormous increase in the number of riders, the present season has been remarkable for huge activity amongst the noble army of inventors," declared a leading agent and accessory dealer recently. "Ever since about last March the first post in the morning has every day brought me at least one suggested novelty which I am invited to take up. More often the number has been five or six. Right through the year designs for new trouser-clips and ladies' dress-guards have been arriving at the rate of quite a dozen each week. There has been a perfect epidemic of inventing these particular articles. But cycle-stands, pocket tyre-repairing outfits, and ladies' needle and thread and thimble cases have run them very close. The pneumatic "boom" is, I am glad to say, not now so aggressive as it was when every day brought its proposal for a new type of tyre. But, even now, such daring notions as a pneumatic-soled boot to be used in conjunction with pneumatic saddles and handle-bars and dispensing altogether with an air-filled tyre, is amongst others that have of late been submitted. Even more startling is an automatic pace-maker, which I am invited to finance. It consists of a track on the inside of which is laid a steel rail. On this rail runs an electrically-propelled machine having a big shield fitted to it to serve as a wind-guard to the record-breaker. A man, standing in the centre of the track, controls the speed of the affair; and all the cycle rider has to do is to keep in the shelter of the guard flying round before him and pedal for all he is worth. No; I have not as yet sunk any capital in it." From "Cassell's Saturday Journal" for December.

Many of the modern cyclists, observes a writer in "Cycling," seem to me to be afflicted with what—for the want of a better term—I shall describe as the Irresistible Impulse. The Irresistible Impulse meets with the entire approval of the undertakers, but I cannot bear to think of an undertaker taking an unfair advantage of anybody. To give you an example. I have just seen a lady cyclist go directly out of her way to run slick into a hansom cab that was standing still at a crossing of a side street, waiting for the traffic in the main thoroughfare to pass before proceeding. The lady cyclist was riding slowly in the line of traffic, and she seemed to deliberately leave her course, and steer straight for the cab. She struck it broadside on by the step, and a stalwart policeman rushed to her assistance and quickly rescued her; but the horse had started kicking—well, I would rather not have seen the rest. She was afflicted with the Irresistible Impulse. I have seen scores of people so afflicted since the Society craze set in.

Only a few weeks ago I was out walking, and I had with me my fox-terrier, a dog that has, I grieve to say brought more than one cyclist to earth, and who on one occasion was run over by a tandem going all out at 20 to the hour. Beyond improving his digestion considerably, I don't think the accident had any very serious results, and he has been rather cautious of cyclists ever since. On the occasion alluded to however, I must confess I was as much nonplussed as the dog, for at Chiswick a swell cyclist was seen tacking directly across the road with a most abjectly perplexed and helpless look upon his face. He seemed absolutely unable to control his machine, which bounded up on to the pavement. Instead of attempting to get off, the rider kept on his way the foot passengers dodging him and he dodging them in a most bewildering manner. He nearly knocked me down, and a butcher warded off his attack with his empty tray for some seconds, evidently anticipating annihilation every instant and shouting, "Here! What the devil! what the devil!" as he

danced about in front of the truant wheel. Eventually, and to my utter astonishment, he cleared every obstacle, and getting down into the roadway again at a crossing went on his way, apparently rejoicing. He had been seized with an attack of the Irresistible Impulse. I didn't see the dog again till I got home. He was sitting dejectedly on the doorstep awaiting my return. A cycle in the road he can understand, but he cannot, and will not, become reconciled to one on the pavement.

LAWN TENNIS.

A very pleasant day was spent on Sunday last, at Mr F. Maitland Herriot's pretty quinta at Rivadavia, when a tournament was played on the American system, for mixed couples—Husbands and Wives.

The day was unfortunately a very hot one, but the courts were in first rate condition, and a most excellent luncheon kept the players occupied during the heat of the day.

As will be seen from the scores below Mr and Mrs Boadle won the tournament, and deserve every praise, as they both played with care throughout.

Mr Herriot was unfortunately indisposed during the day, and although he very pluckily insisted on playing through, he was not able to play within many points of his usual game.

During the afternoon a large number of ladies and gentlemen visited the quinta, and altogether a most enjoyable day was spent.

Mr and Mrs Boadle beat

Mr and Mrs Cassels, 6-1.
Mr and Mrs Gumpert, 6-1.
Mr and Mrs Herriot, 6-0.
Mr and Mrs Thompson, 6-0.
Mr and Mrs Wallace, 6-3.

Mr and Mrs Cassels beat

Mr and Mrs Herriot, 6-2.
Mr and Mrs Gumpert, 6-2.
Mr and Mrs Thompson, 6-4.
Mr and Mrs Wallace, 6-4.

Mr and Mrs Gumpert beat

Mr and Mrs Herriot, 6-5.
Mr and Mrs Wallace, 6-3.

Mr and Mrs Thompson beat

Mr and Mrs Gumpert, 6-2.
Mr and Mrs Herriot, 6-2.

Mr and Mrs Wallace beat

Mr and Mrs Herriot, 6-0.
Mr and Mrs Thompson, 6-2.

Mr and Mrs Boadle only lost 5 of the 30 games they played.

Mr and Mrs Cassels won 25 and lost 18 games.
Mr and Mrs Wallace won 22 and lost 20 games.

LOMAS A.C. AND B.A. LAWN TENNIS CLUB.

A match consisting of Gentlemen's Doubles, four pairs a-side, will be played on the ground of the latter Club on Sunday 24th inst. play to commence at 10 a.m.

Lomas A.C.—
A. McMoran and A. Mohr-Bell.
B. W. Kennard and A. Lesife.
L. G. Bentham and A. Wittington.
H. P. Wright and H. Mohr-Bell.

B.A. Lawn Tennis Club—
J. F. Macadam and H. Tudor.
H. B. Butt and A. G. Gumpert.
B. Verschoyle and W. Paton.
T. S. Beale and H. H. Woodgate.

Tea will be served in the afternoon.

BUENOS AIRES LAWN TENNIS CLUB.

The Buenos Aires Lawn Tennis Club will hold a Club Tournament consisting of Ladies and Gentlemen's Doubles only, on the American system, on Tuesday, February 2nd. Entries, to be made in pairs, will close on Thursday, 28th inst.

VILLA DEVOTO LAWN TENNIS CLUB.

A lawn tennis handicap tournament, open to members only, will be held during the month of February, the finals to be played off on the club ground on the 28th of same month. The events will be:

Ladies' Singles, Ladies' Doubles, Gentlemen's Singles, Gentlemen's Doubles, and Mixed Doubles.

First prizes will be given for each event (two for each of the doubles).

Members entering for the doubles must send their names in pairs,

Entries, accompanied by the entrance fees (ladies \$1 and gentlemen \$2), to be sent to the hon. secretary, either at Villa Devoto, or Calle 25 de Mayo 277, not later than January 31.

In addition to the above, it has been decided to hold an extra event (gentlemen's singles) open to all comers (entrance fee \$2), names of intending players to be sent in to the club secretary, or B. W. Gardom, Esq., Calle 25 de Mayo 130, by the 31st inst.

The preliminary rounds for this last event can be decided on any convenient court, due notice of the results to be sent in to the undersigned; but the finals must be played on the Devoto Club's ground on the 28th February.

Tennis balls for the finals will be provided by the club.
T. REEVES, Hon. Sec.

HUNTING

El Albion, Centeno, F. C. C. y R.
January 20, 1897.

To the Editor *River Plate Sport and Pastime.*

Dear Sir,—

I noticed in your issue of last week that you seem surprised at the B. V., with 94 couple, hunting only four days a week.

The B. V. are shown as having 94 couple, but these include Mr Merthyr Guest's private pack, hunting two days a week, and only advertising in local papers, which, with the four days of the B. V., make a total of six days a week.—Yours truly,

HUGH MARRIOTT-DORINGTON.

THE KENNEL.

The "Shooting Times" tells of a remarkable entertainment which is said recently to have taken place in Paris consisting of a wedding of two poodles. The hostess for the occasion was Madame Ephrussi, who in order to provide some amusement invited all her friends who possessed dogs to bring them to her house to attend the wedding of her favourite poodle, by name Diane. The dress of the bride consisted of white satin trimmed with valuable lace, a long tulle veil and orange blossom. That of the bridegroom, a big white poodle, belonging to Baron Alphonse de Rothschild, the father of Madame Ephrussi, was a full evening dress with an enormous favour in his buttonhole. The ceremony took place in the big ball room. On a dais at the end of the ball room was perched a bulldog belonging to Comte de Berteux, who, sitting on his haunches on a magnificently embroidered cushion, represented Monsieur le Maire, a tall silk hat having been tied on his head, and tricolour sash, badge of office, tied round his waist. On the arrival of the poodle bride and bridegroom, walking on their hind legs, the bulldog was induced to bark two or three times, which was supposed to constitute the formula prescribed by the French marriage law. There were several canine bridesmaids, dressed in embroidered white satin coats and veils, the remainder of the dogs bringing up the rear on all fours. The marriage register, which was in an adjoining room, was signed by all the human guests, the signature of the dogs being inscribed by their owners.

ATHLETICS

BELGRANO ATHLETIC CLUB.

The second of the series of evening handicaps of the season, of 220 yards, took place on Thursday evening, 21st, and proved a complete success, as the racing was of the most interesting character, a great number of visitors turned up to view the events with a goodly number of the fair sex amongst them. At the conclusion, Mrs Tisdall very gracefully presented the prizes to the successful competitors congratulating them on their well-earned victory. Vice-President Wiberly, in his usual happy manner made a few well chosen remarks on the advantages to be gained by athletics in general through these evening handicaps, complimenting the club on their success and thanking those present in the name of the club for their presence, kindly proposing three cheers for Mrs Tisdall and the other ladies present, and was responded to in a very hearty manner. F. Boyd from the 10 yards mark proved successful, having for runner up B. Brice 6 yards.

First Heat—F. Boyd, 10 yds, 1—G. R. Thomson, scr, 2—E. S. Evill, 8 yds, 3—E. G. Christian, 5 yds, 0—J. Boyd, 12 yds, 0—E. F. Froggat, 12 yds, 0—R. Mackinnon, 12 yds, 0.

After arriving at the post Mr Cripps soon had them in hand and got them away to a beautiful start. Boyd running very strongly retained his advantage to the straight, when the scratch man came through, but could not get up. Boyd winning by 2 yards. Time 24 secs. Evill 3, this being the fastest heat the third man was entitled to run in the final.

Second Heat—J. Negron, 6 yds, 1—B. Brice, 6 yds, 2—C. A. Christian, 6 yds, 0—G. Ward, 8 yds, 0—H. W. Dornich, 9 yds, 0—E. M. Edey, 10 yds, 0. Time 24 1-5 secs.

After a few breaks away, in which the back markers were to blame, Mr Cripps got them away on even terms; when rounding the bend they were all together, entering the straight Wood fell, thus destroying the chances of Christian and Edey, leaving Negron to win by 1½ yards from Brice.

After the usual interval the following appeared to run for the final.

Final Heat—F. Boyd, 1—B. Brice, 2—E. S. Evill, 0—G. R. Thomson, 0—J. Negron, 0.

Another good start, all leaving their marks simultaneously, after rounding the bend into the straight it looked as if scratch man would get through, but finding pursuit hopeless he gave it up, leaving Boyd to win by 2½ yards all out. Time 24 1-5 secs.

Messrs G. J. Dunn and George Macfarlane acted as judge and timekeeper.

Careful weighing shows that an ordinary bee, not loaded, weighs the five-thousandth part of a pound, so that it takes five thousand bees to make a pound. But the loaded bee, when he comes in fresh from the fields and flowers, loaded with honey or bee-bread, weighs nearly three times more.

PAVILION GOSSIP.

One of the features of the match at Palermo on Sunday last was the resolute hitting of the last two B.A. batsmen Messrs W. Higgins and J. Negron, who after lunch put on no fewer than 51 runs for the last wicket. The excellent fielding of the home team was another feature, both the catching and ground fielding being very safe.

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It is now definitely settled that a representative eleven of the Northern Camps will come down here. Four matches have been arranged and four really good days' cricket should result. The fixtures are as follows:—

Wednesday, Feb. 24—v. Lomas, at Lomas.

Thursday, Feb. 25—v. Hurlingham, at Hurlingham.

Friday, Feb. 26—v. Flores, at Flores.

Saturday, Feb. 27—v. B.A.C.C.

The ground for the last match has not yet been fixed upon, as it entirely depends on where the North and South match will be played. If as usual it is played at Palermo, the Hurlingham committee will probably be approached, and their ground asked for, as the Palermo ground would hardly stand a match on the Saturday, with its best wicket in use on the following Monday and Tuesday.

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As none of these days are holidays, I trust those getting up the elevens down here will get their teams together as soon as possible, so as to have our clubs as fully represented as possible. From some of the names I have heard mentioned, among those coming down, each club will require to be at its full strength. This is the first time the Northern camps have attempted a small tour of the kind, and Mr C. A. Hay has worked very hard to get together a good eleven, so that I am sure all cricketers here will work together to make this first essay of the Northerners as successful as possible.

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The various complaints that have been made about the condition of the Palermo Cricket ground this season, have not been made in vain. At a committee meeting of the B.A.C.C. held early in the week, it was decided to place an extra man on the ground at once. In addition to this three members of the committee have undertaken to look after the ground and see that it is properly attended to so that now those taking part in the North and South match may rest assured of having a good wicket to play on.

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At the same meeting it was decided that the selection committee of the South should consist of two representatives from each of our stronger clubs viz. B.A.C.C., Hurlingham, Flores, and Lomas. The B.A.C.C. Secretary has written to the various clubs informing them of this decision, and asking them to choose their representatives. I am very glad to see everything is not being left to the last moment, as I fancy the Southern selection committee have no light task before them this season.

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Certainly one of the chief features of our cricket here this season has been the second eleven fixtures. Of our second elevens, the Flores A.C. boast of one of the keenest and best all round teams. Their record is so good that I have no hesitation in reproducing it here, and hope they will keep it up until the end of the season. They have now played nine matches, winning seven and losing the remaining two. They have scored 1584 runs for the loss of 95 wickets, or an average of 16.6 per batsman. Against this their opponents have lost 139 wickets for 875 runs or an average of 6.29 per wicket. This is an excellent record and one the Flores second eleven may well be proud of.

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Already so much has been written about Ranjitsinbji, that I ought perhaps to apologize for again bringing up the now famous batsman's

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name. I have already alluded in these notes to the many flattering accounts we have received of his wonderful batting capabilities, but surely the greatest compliment that has ever been paid him, was written by the celebrated “Sammy” Woods in a letter to his brother, in which he said “Ranji is the only bat in the world. Never gets out until he is tired or run out.”

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Perhaps it is not generally known that J. T. Hearne, the famous Middlesex bowler, has spent his last two winters at Patiala, India, where he has just gone to keep his third engagement with the Maharaja of Patiala to coach his cricketing team. During his two previous visits, Hearne has earned golden opinions as an instructor, and during the time he has been at home he has received many letters of congratulation on the success he has achieved in the past season from people of high rank in India.

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Probably the hit which produced the greatest number of runs on record was one made on a ground in Wiltshire, England. The game was played on the top of a small but steep hill, where there was a piece of table-land. The wicket was quite level, and long-on and long-off could see each other, but were invisible to the batsmen, as they were down the side of the hill. The hit was a splendid drive, which bounded down the declivity, followed by long-on and long-off, mid on and mid-off. Their united exertions succeeded in bringing the ball to the edge of the table-land, and the bowler, having secured it, and being somewhat annoyed that thirteen or fourteen runs had been knocked off one ball of his over, and seeing both batsmen at the same end, took deadly aim and hurled the ball at the opposite wicket. But the ball did not hit those stumps, but went careering down the other side of the hill, with the rest of the team in hot pursuit. By the time the ball was safely landed on the top again, thirty-seven runs had been scored.

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The payment of cricketers having been brought to the front by the recent action of the Yorkshire C.C., which I mentioned in these notes last week, Warwickshire has now taken the question in hand. Under existing arrangements the Warwickshire professionals receive all their money during the cricket season, instead of having it distributed over the whole of the year. During the twenty weeks over which the season at the Edgbaston Ground extends, players such as Diver, the two Quaifes, Lilley, and Pallett, for ground bowling services, &c., receive sums varying from £3 to £4 per week, this being in addition to the usual fees for county matches, £5 per match, and in addition to talent money. Next season a scheme will be formulated whereby the professionals will be ensured a regular weekly salary all the year round.

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The latest quarrel in the sporting world at home is a complete exposure of the evils that the professional spirit has introduced into football. The squabble would be pitiable, unless there were a reasonable prospect that it will give rise to the first steps towards radical reformation. Briefly the case stands thus.

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On the Association football council, the Amateur members are in a minority of about one to three. In consequence of this nearly every law lately passed has been in direct connection with professional interests. They thus passed the law that no teams wishing to play before spectators, could do so without first obtaining leave from the Association, avowedly for the object of preventing unauthorised Amateurs from making money out of the sport.

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Mr N. L. Jackson, the founder of the chief Amateur Club and Vice-President of the Association, has always strongly opposed these measures to no purpose. Last month, however, he purposely and openly took scratch teams against the 'Varsities without first asking leave. For this he has been asked to resign his position as Vice-President, and if the Association were consistent, his team, Oxford, and Cambridge should all be suspended. This cannot be tolerated, and it will be a great pity if the opportunity is not now taken to regain some of the ground Amateurism has lost of late.

Football has lost a firm friend in Mr F. Innes Currey, who died last month while in the prime of life. He was one of the founders of the Rugby Football Union in 1871, when the Association game was but making a beginning. At Marlborough he early made his mark, and helped to found the Marlborough Nomads, of which club he was an energetic member. In 1872 he made his appearance in international football, and represented England against Scotland in the celebrated match of that year. From 1884 to 1886 he was president of the Rugby Union, and ever since he vacated that office has occupied a place upon the committee. He was a first class judge of football, and a stern opponent of the introduction of the professional element into the game.

THIRD MAN.

PROGRAMME OF A RACE MEETING

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ON

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THE HOPEFUL STAKES. a maiden sweepstakes of \$10 each, with \$50 added, for Ponies of 56 in. and under, that have never won a flat race at Hurlingham; weight for inches, ponies of 56 in. 75 kilos; 500 metres.

THE OPENING STAKES, a Sweepstakes of \$15 each, with \$50 added, for Ponies of 58 in. and under; weight for inches, ponies of 58 in. to carry 78 kilos, winners once at Hurlingham to carry 3 kilos extra, twice 6 kilos extra, three times or oftener 8 kilos extra; 700 metres.

THE FLYING HANDICAP, a Sweepstakes of \$10 each, with \$50 added, for Ponies of 56 in. and under; 500 metres.

THE PERLIRA HANDICAP, a Sweepstakes of 20 each, with \$100 added, for Ponies of 56 in. and under; 1600 metres.

THE PAVILION HURDLE RACE, a handicap sweepstakes of \$20 each, with \$50 added, for Ponies of 56 inches and under; 1500 metres.

THE WELCOMES TAKES, for Trainers' and Jockeys' Hacks that have never run at a recognised meeting, a Sweepstakes of \$25 with \$100 added; catch weights, not less than 70 kilos, any riders; 1000 metres.

The Committee reserve to themselves the right to alter the conditions of this programme, or change the date on which it is proposed to hold the meeting.

Entries close on Saturday, January 23, 1897, to the Secretary, Piedad 559, before 5.30 p.m.

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 23, 1897.

SPORTING NOTES

The first meeting under the auspices of the Tigre Sailing Club is to be held on Sunday 14th February. The racing will be over a course between the mouth of the Alva Nueva round some buoys and back. There will be a race for boats and another for canoes, the prizes for which will be medals.

The Tigre Sailing Club has started so auspiciously and commenced life so vigorously that it promises to become one of our most popular clubs within a very short time. All intending to join the club should communicate with Mr W. G. Mackern, Piedad 402, to whom subscriptions should be paid, Mr Mackern having been appointed hon. secretary and treasurer.

The Southern Committee, which consists of two representatives from the Buenos Aires, Hurlingham, Flores, and Lomas Clubs, will hold their first meeting on Monday, when the first steps will be taken towards choosing the team to represent the South this year. The meeting is to be held at these offices at five o'clock in the afternoon.

A lawn tennis match is also to be played to-morrow at Cinco Esquinas between the Lomas A.C. and Buenos Aires L.T.C., each club being represented by four pairs. On Tuesday, Feb. 2, the Buenos Aires L.T.C. will have a club tournament on the American system, Ladies and Gentlemen's Doubles only. Entries for the tournament close on Thursday next.

A correspondent writes to ask me whether a Lawn Tennis Tournament played on the American system is usually decided by the number of matches or sets won. There are no rules regarding American tournaments that I know of, but it is always the custom to decide them by the number of matches won, games, sets and points being taken no notice of in the actual result.

The Villa Devoto Lawn Tennis Club have decided to hold a tournament next month, open to members of the club only. The committee of the club have also arranged a Gentlemen's Singles open event, the entrance for which is \$2. The finals of this must be played on the Villa Devoto club's courts on 28th February, but the preliminary and other rounds may be played wherever the competitors find it convenient.

A lawn tennis match is to be played at Belgrano to-morrow between the Belgrano and Flores Athletic clubs, the teams for which will be found under the heading of Lawn Tennis. I expect the match will produce a great social gathering at the popular club on whose ground it is to be played.

The committee meeting of the Polo Association or rather the meeting of representatives of all polo clubs affiliated to the Association, to be held next Wednesday, must not be fifteen, as the business it has to transact is of importance, including amongst other things the fixing of dates for the next championship tournament.

The new polo rules just published by the Hurlingham Club at home are sure to meet with general approval, as also will the decision of the committee to entrust the official measurement of ponies to a practical veterinary surgeon and not to one of themselves who must of necessity be intimately connected with the majority of owners of ponies.

That none of the attacking side should be within five yards of the ball when it is hit out from behind by the defending side, who have hit it behind the line themselves and therefore have to remain behind it, seems a very fair addition to Rule 15, as also is the rule determining the conditions of time under which play be continued in a match which has ended in a tie after the usual time has expired.

In the offside rule it is now laid down that hitting at the ball is the same as hitting it, that is to say a player can now be put on side by one of the opposite side striking at the ball between him and the opposite goal line, even though he do not hit it. The rule, too, prohibiting players to use the heads of their sticks as a persuader is a capital one, as the practice some men have of swinging their sticks round in order to hit their ponies' quarters is exceedingly dangerous.

The remaining alteration in the rules consist of deciding how the new ball is to be thrown in after one has been damaged and the game stopped by the umpire, and making it unnecessary to cease playing if a man falls through his own fault. The latter rule has long been wanted, but it is not quite clear if riding a bucking pony comes under the heading of "rider's own fault." We should say it did.

My readers will have heard with sorrow of the death of Mr George Barker, of the Montevideo Golf Club, and the holder of the first Golfing Championship of the River Plate, which he won at Lomas in 1895. Mr Barker died of typhoid in Montevideo early in the week; he was quite a young man and from his physique one would have thought he had a long life before him. He had only married a short four months before his death, so the deepest sympathy is felt for his young widow by all who knew him both here and in Montevideo.

Previous to his departure for Europe, Mr. Buchanan Baird, well-known amongst us, purchased from Mr. Luro the thoroughbred horse Sultan, by Stiletto-Bayadere, which ran so well at the end of last season in the Gentlemen Riders' races. I understand that he will be sent to England for steeplechasing, and I feel pretty confident that, from his excellent qualities, which combine good bone and muscle, staying blood and soundness, he will give a good account of himself.

The entries received by the Jockey Club for the classic races of this coming season were opened last Saturday, when it was found that no less than 4186 had been sent in for the fifty-four events on the card, or an average of over seventy-seven each. The total is greater than that of last year, the actual figures being 2992 in 1896 and 4186 in 1897. The entries are distributed over the different races in the following proportions:—

Premio Kemmis 36 entries, Casares 48, Criadores, 20, Ensayo 19, Lavalle 80, Progreso 84, America 40, La Madrid 103, Otoño 49, Rivalidad 81, Luro 110, Porteño 82, Las Heras 22, Guemes 70, Hipodromo Argentino 60, Competencia 125, San Martin 48, Produccion Nacional 139, Lowry 66, Montevideo 123, Libertad 52, Chacabuco 36, Iniciacion 85, Maipu 77, Necochea 119, Invierno 59, Polla de Potrancas 64, Polla de Potrillos 65, Olavarría 53, Belgrano 50, Rio de la Plata 126, Jockey Club 149, Gran Premio de Honor 60, Coronel Martinez 136, Casey 105, Gran Premio Nacional 167, Palermo 35, Seleccion 52, Gran Premio Internacional 138, Primavera 119, Comparacion 73, Chile 71, Buenos Aires 93, Carlos Pellegrini 54, Capital 54, Omnium 122, Pringles 77, Las Heras 115, Blandzen 83, Clausura 137, Apertura (1898) 97.

In order to prevent the number of horses coloured on the card for some events being too large it has been decided at the Jockey Club that their entrance fees be doubled and be paid in monthly instalments from the day of entry to the date of the race. In this way the owners of bad horses will not leave them in nor start them on the off chance of something turning up, and the accidents resulting from too large fields will be avoided.

Entries for the Hurlingham Club's opening race meeting close to-day at 5.30 p.m. The past week or two has not been very favourable for training, though it is wonderful the amount of galloping on hard ground the country bred ponies stand, but it looks as if the number of runners will be well up to the average. With rain within the next week the course will be in capital going condition.

BOOTS.

CRICKET.

FIXTURES.

JANUARY

- Sun. 24—B.A.C.C. 2nd XI. v. Flores 2nd XI., at Flores.
- Sun. 24—United Banks v. Hurlingham, at Hurlingham.
- Sun. 24—Lomas A.C. v. Lanus A.C., at Lanus.
- Sun. 24—Belgrano A.C. v. Flores A.C., at Belgrano.
- Sun. 24—Lanus A.C. v. Palermo A.C., at Palermo.
- Sun. 31—Lomas A.C. 2nd XI. v. Belgrano 2nd XI., at Belgrano.
- Sun. 31—Palermo A.C. v. St. George's A.C., at Palermo.
- Sun. 31—Mr R. A. Sumner's XI. v. a Flores XI.
- Sun. 31, Tues. Feb. 2—B.A.C.C. v. Hurlingham, at Hurlingham.

FEBRUARY

- Tues. 2—B.A.C.C. 2nd XI. v. Lomas Academicals, at Palermo.
- Tues. 2—Belgrano A.C. v. Lanus A.C., at Lanus.
- Sat. 6—Lanus A.C. v. Lomas Academicals
- Sun. 7—Retiro A.C. v. Lomas A.C., at Retiro.
- Sun. 7—Belgrano A.C. v. B.A.C.C., at Belgrano.
- Sun. 7—Banfield A.C. v. Belgrano 2nd XI., at Banfield.
- Sun. 7—London Bank v. Lanus A.C., at Lanus.
- Sun. 7—Palermo A.C. v. Porteños, at Palermo.
- Sun. 14—Retiro A.C. v. B.A.C.C., at Palermo.
- Sun. 14—Lomas A.C. v. Belgrano A.C., at Belgrano.
- Sun. 14—B.A.C.C. 2nd XI. v. Hurlingham 2nd XI., at Hurlingham.
- Sun. 14—Lanus A.C. v. Flores A.C., at Lanus.
- Sun. 14—Palermo A.C. v. Lomas 2nd XI., at Lomas.
- Sun. 21—Flores A.C. v. Hurlingham, at Hurlingham.
- Sun. 21—Retiro A.C. v. Lanus A.C., at Retiro.
- Sun. 21—Lanus 2nd XI. v. B.A.C.C. 2nd XI., at Lanus.
- Sun. 22—Palermo A.C. v. Banfield A.C., at Palermo.
- Thurs. 25—Belgrano 2nd XI. v. Flores 2nd XI., at Flores
- Sun. 28—Lomas A.C. 2nd XI. v. Lanus 2nd XI., at Lomas.
- Sun. 28—Palermo A.C. v. Belgrano A.C., at Belgrano.

MARCH

- Mon. 1—Lanus A.C. v. Banfield A.C., at Lanus.
- Mon. 1, Tues. 2—North v. South, at Palermo.
- Sun. 7—Lomas A.C. v. Flores A.C., at Flores.
- Sun. 7—Retiro A.C. v. Hurlingham, at Hurlingham.
- Sun. 7—Belgrano 2nd XI. v. Lanus 2nd XI., at Belgrano
- Sun. 7—Palermo A.C. v. Bohemians, at Palermo.

Sat. 13, Sun. 14—B.A.C.C. v. Montevideo C.C., at Montevideo.
 Sun. 14—Lanus A.C. v. Belgrano A.C., at Belgrano.
 Sun. 14—Lomas A.C. v. Hurlingham, at Lomas.
 Sun. 14—B.A.C.C. 2nd XI. v. Flores 2nd XI., at Palermo.
 Sun. 14—Flores A.C. v. Retiro A.C., at Flores.
 Sun. 14—Palermo A.C. v. Retiro A.C., at Retiro.
 Sun. 21—Lomas A.C. 2nd XI. v. London Bank C.C. 2nd XI., at Lomas.
 Sun. 21—Banfield A.C. v. Flores 2nd XI., at Banfield.
 Sun. 21—Lanus A.C. v. B.A.C.C., at Lanus.
 Sun. 21—Palermo A.C. v. Quilmes Rovers, at Quilmes.
 Thurs. 25—Belgrano A.C. v. Hurlingham, at Hurlingham.
 Sun. 28—Banfield A.C. v. Hurlingham, at Banfield.
 Sun. 28—Retiro A.C. v. Lanus A.C., at Retiro.

APRIL

Sun. 4—Lanus A.C. v. Hurlingham, at Lanus.
 Sun. 4—B.A.C.C. v. Old Bedfordians, at Palermo.
 Sun. 4—Palermo A.C. v. Portefios, at Palermo.
 Sun. 11—B.A.C.C. 2nd XI. v. Palermo A.C., at Palermo.
 Sun. 11—Flores A.C. v. Old Bedfordians, at Flores.
 Thurs. 15, Fri. 16—Rosario A.C. v. Lomas A.C., at Lomas.
 Thurs. 15, Fri. 16—Montevideo C.C. v. Hurlingham, at Hurlingham.
 Sat. 17, Sun. 18—Montevideo C.C. v. B.A.C.C., at Palermo.
 Sat. 17, Sun. 18—Rosario A.C. v. Flores A.C., at Flores.
 Sun. 25—United Banks v. Lomas A.C., at Lomas.

ROSARIO LOCAL CHAMPIONSHIP MATCHES.

Jan. 24—Banks v. Cordoba and Rosario Ry.
 31—Banks v. C. Argentine Ry.
 Feb. 7—Rosario A.C. v. Cordoba and Rosario Ry.

BANFIELD A.C. v. NONDESCRIPTS.

The following are the teams for this match to be played on the Lomas A.C. ground to-morrow:
 Banfield A.C.—G. Bingham (captain), R. Chatterton, H. Nicholson, F. Dawson, C. Kelly, W. Chevob, D. Kingsland, H. W. Griggs, A. Brooke, A. J. Goode, A. M. Brown.
 Nondescripts—C. A. Tabor (captain), W. Flint, J. Tait, H. G. Sketchley, H. A. Hannay, D. Leighton, F. Spencer, A. Goodfellow, E. G. Ritchie, C. Romer, F. X. Carter.
 Play to commence on the arrival of the 12.30 train from Plaza Constitucion.

HURLINGHAM v. UNITED BANKS.

The following have been selected to play in the above match to-morrow at Hurlingham:
 United Banks—Messrs R. E. H. Anderson, E. R. Gifford, C. W. Thomson, A. A. Miller, A. S. Willes, R. C. Mackinnell, J. B. Faram, T. K. Gibaud, A. Campbell, A. M. Challinor, J. Stuart.
 Hurlingham—Messrs E. L. Rumboll, E. D. Drabble, T. A. H. Forde, H. E. Bedford, J. T. Darch, B. Bedford, F. Bell, Lacey, and three others.
 Train leaves Central at 9.25 a.m.

LOMAS A.C. v. LANUS (F.C.S.) A.C.

For the above match, to be played at Lanus to-morrow, the following elevens have been selected:
 Lanus.—Messrs R. Draper, A. Venn, A. E. Martin, F. W. Fothergill, C. R. Tupholme, Addison Smith, Moss, A. V. Sly, D. Duncan, Leslie Wilson, D. Kingsland.
 Lomas.—Messrs P. L. G. Bridger, J. O. Anderson, H. B. Anderson, A. Anderson, R. L. Halstead, F. H. Jacobs, D. Gibson, S. Gibson, W. Stirling, H. Dobson, T. R. Griffin.

B.A.C.C. 2ND XI. v. FLORES A.C. 2ND XI.

The following are the teams selected to play in this match to-morrow at Flores:
 Flores 2nd XI.—Messrs B. G. Henderson (captain), A. Palmer, F. E. Jones, W. D. Gardom, T. Palmer, S. Francis, G. V. Forrester, D. King, H. B. Elliot, J. Holtum, F. Gahan.
 B.A.C.C. 2nd XI.—Messrs R. W. Anderson (captain), W. Higgins, A. Lace, C. R. Thursby, E. Thornton, M. G. Fortune, A. M. Barton, R. L. Phillips, J. H. Webster, R. O. Watson, A. N. Other.
 Train leaves Once at 10.30 a.m.

BELGRANO A.C. v. FLORES A.C.

This match will be played at Belgrano to-morrow, on the ground of the athletic club there, play commencing at 11 o'clock. The train by which the teams should travel out leaves town at 10.5 a.m. (B. A. and Rosario line). Lunch will be provided as usual. Mrs Cripps and Mrs Hillkirk have kindly promised to give afternoon tea. The following are the teams:
 Flores A.C.—Messrs B. W. Gardom (captain), A. Boyd, B. J. Dillon, G. A. Thomson, W. Brown, T. V. M. Knox, B. B. Syer, R. W. Rudd, G. F. Elliot, H. Hume, and another.
 Belgrano A.C.—Messrs H. W. Botting (captain), J. Campbell, W. H. Harvey, W. M. Graham, D. L. Mann, G. L. Miles, S. J. Moore, J. Negron, H. G. Nordaby, J. S. Prescott, J. D. Shepard.

BATTING AND BOWLING AVERAGES.

A few alterations in the list were caused by last Sunday's cricket at Palermo. A. Anderson still has a safe position at the head of the list, while P. M. Rath and J. O. Anderson again change places, the latter going up a place with a single decimal point better average. The only other change of any importance is the position of J. Negron, who comes up from the last place to the fourteenth. J. Prescott and J. C. Croll, not having played eight innings, are not qualified to appear. Next week, as there are three first eleven matches to-morrow, the minimum number of innings will be nine.

In the bowling, the first four remain in the same order, with their averages unchanged. Mackinnell falls from fifth place to twelfth, and Knox falls one place. Bridger drops out of the list, not having bowled the required number of overs. Next week the minimum number of overs bowled will be the same, viz., 70.

BATTING AVERAGES.

	No. Times		High.	Total	Aver.
	inns.	not out.			
A. Anderson	17	5	106*	573	47.7
J. O. Anderson	24	3	93	807	38.4
P. M. Rath	10	2	70	307	38.3
E. L. Rumboll	19	2	117*	536	31.5
B. J. Dillon	13	1	76	356	29.6
R. E. H. Anderson	21	2	122*	490	25.7
G. F. Elliot	13	2	45	215	19.5
F. H. Jacobs	10	1	54*	170	18.8
G. A. Thomson	14	0	50	258	18.4
E. L. Wilson	12	1	45*	200	18.1
R. L. Halstead	8	1	33	111	15.8
C. R. Tupholme	8	2	57*	91	15.1
W. H. Harvey	17	1	57	224	14
J. Negron	10	2	28*	108	13.5
H. B. Anderson	15	1	28*	194	13.5
W. Brown	12	0	34	159	13.2
G. M. Comber	8	1	25	90	12.85
D. L. Mann	11	2	31	99	11
A. Venn	12	1	24	112	10.1
H. W. Botting	14	1	30	130	10

* Signifies not out.

BOWLING AVERAGES.

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Av.
W. Brown	138.3	56	236	35	6.7
M. A. Halstead	78.1	20	149	20	7.4
P. M. Rath	143.4	34	319	42	7.5
W. R. Goodbody	109	44	183	23	8.1
K. Moscrop	146.2	40	303	31	9.9
E. L. Rumboll	249	65	540	52	10.3
A. Venn	76.2	10	219	20	10.9
G. A. Thomson	183.4	40	425	38	11.1
T. V. M. Knox	256.4	75	552	49	11.2
W. H. Harvey	144.2	27	339	29	11.6
D. L. Mann	94	15	252	21	12
R. C. Mackinnell	107.3	30	357	28	12.7
G. F. Elliot	87.1	17	223	17	13.1
H. B. Anderson	113.1	29	280	20	14
J. Stuart	98.1	12	281	19	14.7
J. R. Garrod	70.1	28	142	9	15.7
J. O. Anderson	91	12	309	17	18.1
C. R. Tupholme	79	16	191	10	19.1

B.A.C.C. v. UNITED BANKS.

The above match was played on Sunday last at Palermo, before a very fair number of spectators, in exceedingly hot weather.

The wicket at the railway end played very well, but at the other end several balls got up in an awkward way.

The home club batted first and from the start had the match in hand, eventually winning by 122 runs. At lunch the scoring board read 179-9-0, and it was hardly expected that the second century would be reached. The last wicket, however, put on no fewer than 51 runs, in a very short space of time, Negron and Higgins hitting out most brilliantly before the latter was "yorked," the total eventually reached 230.

In the follow-on the Bank's representatives did better, though it must be borne in mind that very little sting was left in the Buenos Aires bowling, the heat being intense, while all the fielding was very smart and close. The Bank's fielding was hardly so good, and if one or two chances had been accepted the Buenos Aires total would have suffered considerably.

Rudd was by far the most successful bowler, his "slows" evidently puzzling the Bankers considerably, as they got out with all kinds of balls, chiefly full-pitches.

A most punctual start was made, and at ten minutes to eleven, the Buenos Aires captain having won the toss, Rudd and A. Anderson went to the wickets, E. R. Gifford and Mackinnell sharing the attack, the latter bowling from the railway end. Each bowler opened with a maiden, and fifteen minutes had passed before 10 appeared on the board, Mackinnell having up till then delivered four maidens in succession. With Rudd's score at 8, he attempted to drive a ball from Gifford and put up an easy chance to mid-off, which cover-point also ran for, and this no doubt accounts for the catch being missed. With the score at 27, out of which Rudd claimed 22, Gifford handed the ball to Burt, and the score rose in leaps and bounds, the new bowler coming in for severe punishment, especially on the leg-side. With 40 on the board Elliot relieved Mackinnell, and in his second over nearly caught and bowled Rudd. Burt continued to send down a leg ball or so every over, most of which reached the boundary, so that 50 and 60 quickly appeared. With the score at 63, Rudd, in attempting to hit Elliot, was caught for a well played 41. He should have been out on the two occasions already mentioned, but each time he was purposely trying to force the game. Rumboll filled the vacancy, and immediately after Mackinnell resumed bowling at the other

end in place of Burt, but runs came steadily, and 95 was up before Rumboll was taken at the wicket off Mackinnell. J. O. Anderson joined his brother and started in a very lively way, lifting the second ball from Elliot out of the ground and cutting the following one to the boundary, scoring 13 off the first over he received. Muñiz gave Elliott a rest after this, the change working at once, A. Anderson being well caught at leg. He had made 46 by very careful play, taking no risks whatever. Syer took his place, and Anderson turned his attention to Mackinnell and hit him over the pavilion for 6, but the same bowler, with the second ball of his following over, beat Syer. Knox followed in, but after scoring a single, hit the ball hard and low to mid-off, where it was well held by Gifford. Nordaby joined Anderson, and the latter again punished Mackinnell severely so that he gave way for Gifford, who promptly bowled Nordaby. R. L. Phillips came next, and after rattling up 10 ran himself out attempting a second run, the fieldsman delaying to throw the ball up. Higgins followed, but with only two runs added lost Anderson, bowled off his pads trying to drive a ball from Gifford. He had made 49 without a chance, and in his score two sixes were included. In the same over Gifford bowled the new comer Barton, and Negron joined Higgins. With the score (179) unaltered the luncheon interval was taken.

After lunch Gifford and Willes (railway end) continued bowling, and both, but more particularly Willes, came in for severe punishment, each batsman hitting out fearlessly, Higgins scoring a four at either end, off beautiful square leg hits. Mackinnell relieved Willes, but runs still came, the second century went up amidst cheers, 210, 20 and 30 going up in rapid succession, but with the score at 230, Mackinnell bowled Higgins with a yorker, which the batsman hesitated over. He had made 25 and Negron 23, both scores being made by lively and attractive cricket.

After the usual interval the Banks' opened their innings with R. E. H. Anderson and Lace. A disastrous start was made. Anderson cutting the first ball from Knox hard and low to his brother at cover. Gifford joined Lace, and 16 runs were scored before the latter was bowled off his pads by Rumboll. G. F. Elliot took his place and runs came at a fair pace, the new-comer opening his shoulders and driving Rumboll splendidly to the off boundary.

With 40 up Higgins went on for Rumboll, and with three more runs added Gifford was run out, failing to get back after starting for a run. This was most unfortunate as he was well set, and the decision must have been an exceedingly close one, as from the pavilion, he appeared to be well in. He had made 22 in his usual taking style mostly behind the wicket. He gave one easy chance to mid-off, which was unaccountably missed. A. S. Willes joined Elliot and the rate of scoring was considerably increased, for although Willes was not idle, Elliot punished Knox in a most determined manner, hitting him on to the pavilion, driving him for 2, and then with a particularly fine hit lifting him well on to the on boundary. This punishment brought on Nordaby for Knox, while Higgins resigned in favour of Rudd. The latter change quickly took effect, Elliot being easily stumped for a well hit 26. A. Campbell followed in and helped to fully maintain the rate of scoring 70 and 80 quickly appearing, but at 81 Willes drove the ball to Knox at mid-on and had to retire. Burt joined Campbell who with six runs added got out in a similar way, hitting a full-pitch in the direction of mid-on and being brilliantly caught by Knox. Faram came next and after quickly making 8, hit a full-pitch from Rudd into short-leg's hands. Gibaud immediately on his arrival brought up the century, and directly afterwards Rudd bowled Burt.

With Muñiz in a short run was attempted, but J. O. Anderson had no difficulty in throwing the wicket down. This brought Gibaud and Mackinnell together, but with only two runs added, the innings closed, (Gibaud being nicely caught and bowled by Rudd. The total reached 108 or 122 runs behind.

Rudd obtained six out of the eight wickets taken for the small cost of three runs apiece.

After the customary interval, Anderson and Lace opened the second innings of the Banks, J. O. Anderson and Knox (railway end) taking charge of the bowling. With but three runs scored, Anderson bowled Lace. Gifford followed in and the bowling was soon collared. With 20 up Anderson gave way for Negron who came in for his share of punishment, and Rumboll took over the ball. The last ball of his first over Anderson lifted well over the pavilion—a very fine hit—and as 8 more runs were knocked off his second over he handed the ball to Rudd. With 67 runs scored Anderson was magnificently caught by Rumboll in the long field off Knox for a dashing 36. Elliot took his place and after scoring a two and a four, stumps were drawn the total reaching 84 for 2 wickets.

Gifford was left with 36 not out to his credit obtained without a chance.

The B.A. fielding was very good all through and only one chance, already referred to was missed during the two innings of the Banks.

Buenos Aires C.C.

A. Anderson c Burt b Muñiz	46
R. W. Eudd c Gifford b Elliot	41
E. L. Rumboll c R. E. H. Anderson b Mackinnell	10
J. O. Anderson b Gifford	49
B. B. Syer b Mackinnell	4
T. V. M. Knox c Gifford b Muñiz	1
H. G. Nordaby b Gifford	5
R. L. Phillips run out	10
W. Higgins b Mackinnell	25
A. M. Barton b Gifford	0
J. Negron not out	28
Extras	11
Total	280

United Banks. 1st inn 2nd inn
R. E. H. Anderson c J. O. Anderson b Knox 0 c Rumboll b Knox 36
A. Lace b Rumboll 7 b J. O. Anderson 1
E. R. Gifford run out 22 not out 36
G. F. Elliot st Syer b Rudd 26 not out 6
A. S. Willes c Knox b Rudd 14
A. Campbell c Knox b Rudd 16
W. F. Burt b Rudd 3
J. B. Faram c Phillips b Rudd 8 did not bat
T. K. Gibaud c and b Rudd 7
P. Muñiz run out 0
R. C. Mackinnell not out 2
Extras 3 Extras 5
Total 108 Total (for 2 wks) 84

BOWLING ANALYSIS. Buenos Aires C.C.

Table with columns O, R, M, W for bowlers E. R. Gifford, R. C. Mackinnell, W. F. Burt, G. F. Elliot, P. Muñiz, A. S. Willes.

United Banks C.C.—First Innings.

Table with columns O, R, M, W for bowlers T. V. M. Knox, E. L. Rumboll, W. Higgins, H. G. Nordaby, R. W. Rudd.

Second Innings.

Table with columns O, R, M, W for bowlers T. V. M. Knox, J. O. Anderson, J. Negron, E. L. Rumboll, R. W. Rudd.

FLORES A.C. 2ND XI. v. PALERMO A.C.

The above match, which was played at Flores, on Sunday last resulted in a very one-sided game which ended in a hollow victory for Flores by an innings and 197 runs.

Flores batted first, and chiefly owing to two hard hit innings by Palmer and Francis, who scored 72 and 62 respectively, the innings was not over until the excellent score of 280 had been compiled.

The visitors must have been very weak in bowling, as no change was made till after over 200 runs had been scored. Jordan with 7 wickets for 125 runs was the most successful of the three bowlers tried.

Palermo then batted, but were utterly unable to cope with the Flores bowling. Gardom, Elliot and Jones dismissing them for 57. This necessitated a follow-on, which turned out to be a regular fiasco, the whole side being out for 26 runs. Forrester took 5 wickets for 11 runs and Elliot 3 for 6.

Below are the scores and analysis:—

Flores 2nd XI.

Scorecard for Flores 2nd XI vs Palermo A.C. showing runs for H. Elliot, A. Palmer, F. Jones, B. Henderson, G. Forrester, D. Gardom, S. Francis, F. Gahan, J. Holtum, H. Hume, A. C. Challinor, Extras.

Palermo A.C.

Scorecard for Palermo A.C. showing runs for H. Fraser, E. Potter, H. Dolphin, A. Jones, A. Rugeroni, W. Jordan, F. Wilson, Extras.

BOWLING ANALYSIS Flores.

Table with columns O, M, R, W for bowlers W. Jordan, A. Rugeroni, A. Jones.

Palermo A.C.—First Innings.

Table with columns O, R, M, W for bowlers D. Gardom, F. Jones, H. Elliot.

Second Innings.

Table with columns O, R, M, W for bowlers G. Forrester, H. Elliot, D. Gardom.

LANUS (F.C.S.) A.C. 2ND XI. v. ST. GEORGE'S A.C.

This match was played on Sunday last at San Martin. Unfortunately the visitors were obliged to send a very weak eleven indeed, and as a natural consequence returned defeated.

The St. George's A.C. batted first and after scoring 138 for 6 wickets, declared the innings closed.

Against this total the Lanus second eleven were only able to compile 23, and in the follow-on had scored 12 for the loss of 2 wickets when the stumps were drawn.

Below are the scores:—

St. Georges A.C.

Scorecard for St. Georges A.C. vs Lanus 2nd XI. showing runs for H. Rugeroni, B. Permain, F. Bocquet, Coles, Breckon, W. H. Masters, Fraser, Davis, Grimsditch, Extras.

Total (for 6 wks.)

Scorecard for Lanus 2nd XI. showing runs for Dunn, J. Luck, Billing, G. H. Brooking, Morgan, Beardshaw, Kyle, Shaw, Reay, Martin, Extras.

BELGRANO A.C. v. LONDON AND BRAZILIAN BANK.

The first appearance of an eleven representing the above Bank can hardly be called a success, as on Sunday last they were defeated by a far from representative team of the Belgrano A.C. by an innings and 126 runs.

Evidently the idea of a new cricket team in the field proved attractive and quite a large number of spectators put in an appearance.

Belgrano batted first and the weakness of the Bank's bowling soon became apparent, until after four bowlers had been tried, Cox was put on, and in nine overs secured 5 wickets for 33 runs. W. M. Graham (37) and S. J. Moore (35) were the two highest scorers, and during their partnership increased the score by 58 runs. The total reached 176.

The Bank then batted and a regular procession to and from the wicket ensued, the first two batsmen obtained 5 and 3 respectively, the rest of the team making 5 runs between them, no fewer than seven out of the eleven obtaining the dreaded "duck's egg."

This, of course, meant a follow-on, but again with the exception of the first pair, who scored 25 between them, the rest failed miserably and the innings closed for 37, leaving Belgrano easy victors as already stated.

Harvey and Miles naturally obtained wonderful analyses, the former during the match taking 7 wickets for 23 runs and the latter 10 for 22.

Below we give the scores and analysis:—

Belgrano A.C.

Scorecard for Belgrano A.C. vs London and B. Bank. showing runs for H. W. Botting, W. H. Harvey, J. S. Prescott, W. M. Graham, J. Campbell, S. J. Moore, E. S. Evill, T. A. P. Macdonald, G. L. Miles, W. Goodwin, J. G. Dunn, Extras.

Total

Scorecard for London and B. Bank. showing runs for A. A. Miller, T. W. Pollard, Miles, W. G. Mackern, R. G. Shearer, L. Corry, A. Elburn, C. C. Mackenzie, C. C. Cox, C. C. Alexander, P. H. Vargas, W. S. Johnson, Extras.

BOWLING ANALYSIS Belgrano A.C.

Table with columns O, M, R, W for bowlers A. A. Miller, T. W. Pollard, C. C. Mackenzie, L. Corry-Smith, C. C. Cox.

London and Brazilian Bank.—First Innings.

Scorecard for London and Brazilian Bank. First Innings. showing runs for W. H. Harvey, G. L. Miles.

Second Innings.

Scorecard for London and Brazilian Bank. Second Innings. showing runs for G. L. Miles, W. H. Harvey.

RETIRO A.C. v. S.S. ELSTREE GRANGE.

These elevens who had met previously a short time back, again tried conclusions on Sunday last at Retiro, before a capital attendance of spectators.

This time the tables were turned and the Elstree Grange were returned victorious, chiefly owing to the bowling of A. Venn, who secured five wickets for ten runs, and R. Kingsland who took four for nine.

The Retiro batted first, but the whole innings was a succession of catastrophes, five being the highest score. Venn and R. Kingsland carried all before them and all were out for 23.

The Elstree Grange then batted and fared very nearly as badly as their opponents, but thanks to D. Kingsland, who made 18, the total reached 48 or 25 runs to the good.

Below are the scores:—

Scorecard for Retiro A.C. vs Elstree Grange. showing runs for G. Pullen, E. Smith, C. H. Hopkins, J. Timmis, E. L. Justican, D. Lang, J. Owingsworth, Kingsland, H. Nicholson, J. Cowan, Venn, H. Currie, b R. Kingsland, A. Brown, Extras.

Total

Summary table for Retiro A.C. vs Elstree Grange showing total runs for both sides.

ROSARIO.

C.A.R. A.C. v. CAMPANA A.C.

The Central Argentine men journeyed to Campana to play off this fixture on New Year's Day, and after a very enjoyable match, they returned to Rosario delighted with their day's cricket and highly pleased with the hearty reception given them by their Campana confreres.

The Campana men batted first but with the exception of Denton and Manley who scored 17 and 10 respectively no one else obtained double figures, and the whole side were dismissed for 60 runs. Leunda and Mayne bowled unchanged, the former securing 6 wickets for 24 runs and the latter four for 31.

The C.A.R. A.C. then batted, but made a very poor resistance to the deliveries of MacCulloch and Neill. As in the Campana first innings only two succeeded in obtaining double figures, Usher and Paget each scoring eleven, and all were out for a paltry 42 runs, or 18 less than their opponents.

Campana then batted a second time and did much better scoring 102 before the last wicket fell. Neill played a good innings of 46 and King made 18.

It is hoped a return match in Rosario may shortly be arranged.

Below are the scores and analysis:—

C. A. Railway A.C.

Scorecard for C. A. Railway A.C. vs Campana A.C. showing runs for Calder, Usher, Mayne, Leunda, Paget, Mulhall, Patterson, Hollis, Johnson, Green, Muskett, Extras.

Total

Summary table for C. A. Railway A.C. vs Campana A.C. showing total runs for both sides.

Scorecard for Campana A.C. showing runs for Denton, MacCulloch, Thurlman, Lewis, Neill, Smith, Daniels, Manley, Milne, King, Gibbs, Extras.

Total

Summary table for Campana A.C. showing total runs for both sides.

BOWLING ANALYSIS C. A. Railway A.C.

Table with columns O, M, R, W for bowlers Neill, MacCulloch.

Campana A.C. —First Innings.

Leunda	13	1	24	6
Mayne	13	1	31	4

Second Innings.

Usher	11	—	42	1
Calder	4	2	3	—
Leunda	16.3	6	23	3
Mayne	16	8	13	2
Patterson	5	—	17	2

C.A.R.A.C. v. CORDOBA AND ROSARIO C.C.

On Sunday, 10th inst., the above clubs met at the Plaza Jewell, in the local championship competition.

The C.A.R.A.C. went to the wickets first, but in spite of the help of 21 extras the total only reached 87, Patterson (20) being the only one to make any stand against the C. and R.C.C. bowlers, of whom Willis was the most successful, securing seven wickets at the small cost of 25 runs.

This total was soon passed when the C. and R.C.C. batted, and when stumps were drawn the score read 148 for five wickets. H. Dorning and C. Paget were responsible for 96 of these, scoring 62 and 34 respectively.

A. Leunda, with three wickets for 68, was the most successful of the five bowlers tried.

We give the full scores and analysis below:

C. A. R. A. C.		C. and R. C. C.	
C. B. Calder c and b Willis	7	H. Willis c Leunda b Mayne	13
F. H. Usher c Martin b Willis	9	F. Martin b Leunda	15
A. Leunda b Willis	10	H. Dorning c and b Leunda	62
A. H. Mayne run out	4	R. F. Dorning b Leunda	0
C. Paget b Willis	1	H. Lowndes not out	34
W. Mulhall c and b H. Dorning	0	G. Brown b Patterson	19
A. Patterson c Martin b Dorning	26	Besserer	—
J. Hollis b Willis	2	Henderson	—
M. Green not out	7	B. Carman	did not bat.
E. Murkett c H. Dorning b Willis	0	Hamill	—
E. Camp b Willis	0	A. M. Lamb	—
Extras	21	Extras	5
Total	87	Total (for 5 wks.)	148

BOWLING ANALYSIS

C. A. R. A. C.				
	O	M	R	W
F. Martin	12	7	24	0
H. Dorning	13	7	17	2
H. Willis	11.3	1	25	7
C. and R. C. C.				
	O	M	R	W
A. H. Mayne	15	0	49	1
A. Leunda	24	0	68	3
F. Usher	3	0	10	0
C. B. Calder	2	1	4	0
A. Patterson	4.3	0	12	1

ROSARIO A.C. v. C.A.R.A.C.

This match was played in hot and sultry weather at Plaza Jewell on Sunday last, and after a close and exciting finish resulted in a victory for the Rosario A.C. by the narrow margin of four runs.

Whilst the R.A.C. were unfortunate, from various causes, in being without five of their selected team, the C.A.R. eleven are to be congratulated on their bold bid for victory. The fact that they are always more or less able to count on the same eleven is beginning to tell its tale, and we should not be surprised to see this team win one or two of their competition matches yet. On Sunday last they showed far more keenness than their opponents and their fielding was excellent. This is more than can be said for the R.A.C. eleven, and it is a very great pity, that with a few exceptions, the premier club does not show more enthusiasm, especially in the matter of turning up to practise.

Leunda did yeoman service for the C.A.R.A.C. both with bat and ball, and his innings was most decidedly the best of the day.

Boardman batted pluckily for the home club, and made runs at a time when they were badly wanted.

Hay came as a most useful change, and in four overs captured three wickets for nine runs.

Below we give the scores and analysis:

R. A. C.		C. A. R. A. C.	
C. A. Hay b Leunda	6	Patterson c Beaumont b Penman	9
W. S. Penman b Aramburu	16	Green b Fleming	0
F. Fleming c Camp b Mayne	3	Mayne b Hay	11
F. M. Martin c Green b Leunda	13	Leunda c Fleming b Hay	30
T. E. Keyworth b Aramburu	15	Aramburu b Hay	12
Boardman c Calder b Leunda	28	Calder b Penman	21
Bradney b Patterson	0	Mulhall b Fleming	4
J. H. Beaumont c Mayne b Patterson	8	Rowbotham run out	0
E. Clark b Mayne	0	Hollis b Penman	0
Parr b Leunda	10	Stuart not out	0
Boxhall not out	7	Camp b Penman	0
Extras	14	Extras	29
Total	120	Total	116

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

R. A. C.				
	O	M	R	W
Mayne	12	1	29	2
Leunda	14.2	1	53	4
Aramburu	10	4	13	2
Patterson	7	3	11	2
C. A. R. A. C.				
	O	M	R	W
Fleming	5	0	15	2
Penman	13.2	1	29	4
Martin	12	2	26	0
Hay	4	0	9	3
Parr	4	0	8	0

F. C. CORDOBA AND ROSARIO v. UNITED BANKS

The following are the selected teams for this match in the local championship competition, which takes place to-morrow at Plaza Jewell:

F. C. Cordoba and Rosario—Messrs Besserer (captain), H. Willis, H. Lowndes, F. M. Martin H. Dorning, R. F. Dorning, G. Brown, Griffin, Hamill, Williams, Carman.

United Banks—Ellery (captain), Spicer, Barnard, Colson, Knight, Middleton, Coutts, Neil, Robinson, Parr, Bartlett.

This match is looked forward to with great interest, as it is almost certain the championship now lies between these two clubs.

The following is the result of the competition matches up to date:

	Played	Drawn	Lost	Won	Points
C. and R. A. C.	4	0	1	3	6
United Banks	3	0	0	3	6
R. A. C.	4	0	2	2	4
C. A. R. A. C.	5	0	5	0	0

By the above figures it will be seen that the first two clubs are equal in points, but the United Banks have played one match less.

THE CHOLERA CLOUD.

By LOUIS TRACY.

Dick Temple had joined his regiment at Rawal Pindi during the cold weather. He had gone to India strong in the belief that the climate was somewhat akin to the innermost chamber of a Turkish bath, flavoured with whisky-and-soda instead of iced water; so when he found that a pair of blankets at night and a stiff concoction of rum-and-milk before early morning parade were absolute necessities on account of the cold, he protested, with the mild profanity affected by cavalry subalterns, that the heat of India was a fraud, got up by cynical Anglo-Indians for the benefit of country cousins in England.

Early in March he began to change his opinion, and when white mess kit was in orders about the middle of April, he sat down and wrote to his mother that the

Plains were not built on the lines of Paradise, after all.

That night after dinner he found himself near the Colonel—Bear Brabazon he was called, because he would never shoot a bear, but had stabbed over forty of them with a short hog spear. From him Dick sought information.

'Will it get much hotter, sir?' he said.

'What! Already! I thought I heard you say not so long ago that the sun was a humbug!'

'This is a wonderful country for changing a man's opinions,' replied Dick, colouring a little under the Colonel's gaze, as he could not remember the exact conditions under which the C.O. had picked up his utterance. But Brabazon seemed to be in a more reflective mood than usual, so his junior ventured to pursue the subject. 'I suppose this is nothing to what we shall experience later on?'

'It is difficult to tell you the nature of the real hot weather. At present it is bearable, but there are hours, and even days, when human endurance is stretched to its limits almost unconsciously by the strain of continued heat. It is worse at night. Our sheets do not burn as yet when we lie down. We have not yet required the services of the *christi* (water-carrier) to water the bed in order to render sleep possible. There is no need just now to stop the punkah to prevent the hot air from scorching us. All these things will come; but they are not the worst features of the hot weather—the incidentals are what trouble you most.'

'The incidentals?' said Dick.

'Yes; some night in the middle of June, when all else is still save the laughing snarl of the jackals quarrelling over the remains of a dead *pi* (a pariah or mongrel dog) in the next compound, you are quietly dozing off to sleep when there comes from the west a wind that makes you spring up and tie a wet towel round your head. You call your bearer, light a cheroot, and prepare to walk about all night in your pyjamas. If you go out into the road, you will find half the people in the station doing likewise. Nobody dares to go to sleep in that wind, and it puts the fear of God into the hearts of the short-necked, podgy men who boast that they drink beer all the year round. Next morning you hear from the civil surgeon that fifteen people had died during the night from heat apoplexy. That's the genuine, unmistakable hot weather night, and the natives call the wind "Loo."'

Then Temple said that which he ought not to have said, but which every novice who goes out to India always does say until he is stopped by a kindly adviser—

'I suppose it is a bad time for cholera?'

'Yes.' This shortly, with a quick glance at the speaker.

Poor Dick! He went on: 'Has the regiment ever had cholera, sir?'

'Yes,' said the Colonel, who bounced up from his chair and strode out of the mess.

To Dick there came the senior subaltern.

'What's the matter with the Bear?' he queried. 'I met him in the verandah, and he looked as though the dry-rot had set in.'

'I don't know,' said Dick. 'I asked him if the regiment had ever had cholera, and he—'

The senior subaltern blew a long and expressive whistle, regarding the other in round-eyed amazement.

"Didn't you know, you silly Johnnie, that the Blue Dragoons have had it twice; that we lost nearly a third of the regiment each time; that there is an internal tradition about our having it three times; that we go Home in October, and the third dose is due now; that—"

"Oh, shut up!" growled Dick, now thoroughly annoyed with himself and everyone else. "How was I to know all these things if no one told me?"

Next day Temple was orderly officer. He dined in his patrol jacket, and after dinner rode off across the parade-ground to turn out the guard. The brilliant radiance of a tropical moon burnished the brown plains, the dust-laden trees, and the white-washed barracks with a glorious silver sheen that lent an air of eastern glamour to the scene. Dick was more of a polo player than a poet, but his soul was softening into tenderness under the witchery of the hour when his eye suddenly chanced upon a curious bank of mist that shrouded the block in which his own troop was quartered. The gaunt buildings were rendered ethereally indistinct by its presence, and the effect, if picturesque, was undeniably eerie. Dick reined in his pony when he met his troop sergeant-major, from whom he enquired the meaning of this strange phenomenon.

The man saluted and glanced round nervously before he replied, "That is the cholera cloud, sir."

"The cholera cloud! And what is that?"

"It means, sir"—this with a deep sigh that sounded oddly when coming from a stalwart dragoon—"God help us!—it means that we are in for it again."

"Cholera! Nonsense!"

"I am afraid you will soon alter your mind upon that point, sir," and the sergeant-major turned away as he saluted, leaving Dick with the impression that he had outraged a regimental tradition. In the barrack rooms all the men were awake, smoking, playing cards, even passing round bottles of spirits, without exciting the wrath of the corporal on duty, but by this time Lieutenant Temple had perceived the wisdom of holding his tongue.

All that night there were mysterious figures flitting across the moonlit parade-ground, and in the morning a firing party was requisitioned for funeral service. Then the dread fight with an unseen foe commenced. Ere long it was in orders that the band should not play the Dead March, as its too frequent repetition jarred upon the nerves of all in the cantonment. Soon the firing parties were abandoned, and men were buried in batches instead of singly. In the course of six days there were five vacant places at the officers' mess table, and the lines upon Bear Brabazon's face became tighter and more painful in their intensity—for the Blue Dragoons were fairly launched in their final conflict with the only enemy they feared.

Dick Temple was again orderly officer, and he set out late in the evening to attend to his duties. When he entered the quarters of 'C' troop—to the men of whom he now felt attached by a new and stronger tie of comradeship than he had ever before experienced—he found them listless, sullen—indifferent to fate or fortune. The regiment would long since have been moved into cholera camp if trouble were not brewing among the border tribes, and it was better for the peace of India that the Blue Dragoons should die quietly at their post rather than cause any alteration in the disposition of the forces available for instant action. The troopers were absolutely heedless of their surroundings. Some sat or lay on their cots in heedless despondency; others defiantly drank raw spirits as a preservative against the disease. Dick's eye filled with tears as he realised that nineteen men were gone from his own troop alone, and that some among those he was looking at would be carried to the hospital before the day dawned—to die there in frightful, appalling, helpless agony.

The corporal at his side shared his agitation, and did not scruple to speak. "It's hard, sir," he said, "to see the old corps a-dwindlin' away like this." Then he blazed up with sudden animation: "There is talk, sir, of a row in the bazaar. Is there any chance of it? Just one gallop into the brown of 'em, if it was only with the flats of the sabres, an' the 'ole damn business would be settled. The men are just a-killin' themselves with funk."

Dick could not explain that the Government of India were unable to procure riotous mobs at the exact moment when British cavalry required rousing out of a deadly lethargy, but he gave the corporal two ten-rupee notes to be converted into 'necessaries' for the men.

He walked back sadly across the parade-ground to the bungalow which he shared with another subaltern, and flung himself on his camp bed, wondering whether or not his turn would come next. He resolved to write a cheerful letter to his mother, and rose to procure some notepaper for the purpose when he happened to look at a collection of foils, boxing gloves, polo sticks, etc., which he had arranged on a vacant wall-space at the end of his room.

Whatever it was that attracted his attention, it promptly roused him to a state of great excitement. He snatched two objects from their hooks on the wall, ran with them into his neighbour's room, and rapidly communicated some project to his half-awakened auditor, who, however soon showed as much eagerness as did Dick himself. After some hurried manipulation of the articles Temple had brought with him, the other man—who answered to the name of Strawberry, because his father happened to be a duke—shoved his right leg into a top-boot and his left foot into a tennis shoe, the respective fellows being missing, and the two rushed forth into the half light of the Indian night.

Then there came to the ears of the sleepless but weary occupants of the barrack rooms the sound of a

vigorous kick, followed by a series of well-remembered bounces, away out in the silence of the *maidan* (parade ground). More kicks and more thuds, with the fleeting scurry of men running across the gravel towards the grass. Windows were thrown more widely open, and heavy-limbed troopers peered anxiously into the dimness of the night to ascertain the cause of this unwonted commotion. Sergeants and corporals, speechless with indignation, ran off to see what frightful breach of regulations was taking place; but they did not return, nor was the aid of the picket requisitioned. And now to the kicking and thumping there were joined the laughter and ejaculations of excited men, to such an extent that a farrier, who had a moment ago felt a spasm that sent the blood from his cheeks and caused his hair to tingle with the sudden sweat of fear, forgot the dread significance of the pain and hastily drew on his boots to rush off and join his mates. In less than five minutes the parade ground was alive with fantastic forms, whilst the huge oil-lit barracks were empty.

Colonel Brabazon was sitting up late in his quarters discussing the desperate position of the regiment with the P.M.O. (principal medical officer) of the district when the distant din of the revel reached their ears. In India, and especially in a frontier station, one must be prepared for anything, but both officers were utterly unable to account for the tumult. They ran out of the compound and hastened towards the parade ground. Coming upon a sentry they asked him what was the matter.

"It's Mr Temple and Lord Densmore, sir. They're a-playing football with the men—and don't I wish I was there!" Colonel Brabazon saw that the man was excited, so took no notice of his concluding remark, whilst the P.M.O. became apoplectic with fury and haste, for he was of gross habit.

"Playing football!" he stuttered. "With the thermometer at 104deg. and choleraic germs in the air! Perspiring in the midst of zymotic conditions! Great heaven! was there ever such mad folly! What will they say about this at headquarters?"

By this time they had reached the outskirts of the boisterous crowd, and six hundred men struggling around two footballs gave situations and points not dreamed of either by Rugby or Association. The first figure they could distinguish was that of Strawberry standing on one leg, as he had hurt the big toe of his left foot. When a ball came near him he changed feet and kicked; but he was not of much active value, as he could only hop.

When the P.M.O. had regained his breath he appealed to Colonel Brabazon to exert his authority and stop the mad proceedings of the regiment. "It is simply suicidal," he gasped. "The prostration and lassitude that will follow will be predisposing causes to a most violent outbreak. It is a monstrous violation of every known medical principle, and—"

Just then a rough-rider succeeded in freeing one of the balls from the throng, and dribbled it towards the spot where the two officers were standing. He was pursued by a wild rush of men, but was getting well away with it when Colonel Brabazon neatly intercepted him and sent the sphere flying back over the heads of the crowd.

By 2 o'clock the frolic was ended, and the hot, dusty troopers were wildly clamouring for some share of the contents of a limited number of sodawater syphons. Thereafter they slept soundly and long, and at roll-call next morning it was found that not a single fresh case had been admitted to the hospital during the night.

As a matter of fact, the fears of the P.M.O. were not justified by even a solitary touch of enteric fever, and when Dick Temple sat down to write to his mother he was able to tell her how he had dispelled the cloud that had hung so dismally over the Blue Dragoons.—"To-Day."

NATURAL HISTORY.

It is said that almost every morning a score or more dead birds are found at the base of the Washington Monument at the national capital. They lose their lives by flying against the shaft in the dimness of twilight or daybreak. All kinds of birds meet death in this way, but the English sparrow is a rare victim.

"The strangest fish story yet told, and vouched for as true by respectable and veracious persons, comes from Provincetown, at the end of Cape Cod. The good people of that quaint fishing port insist that it is literally and absolutely the truth. Captain Sylvester Ellis and crew of the fishing steamer "Cormorant" went out in the harbour on the 17th December, and set a seine round a school of herrings, estimated at about 100 barrels. After pocketing the fish, the crew anchored and buoyed the seine, then went ashore. When they went off on the following day they found that the herring which they had left swimming about in the net had been transformed into a big school of pollack. The latter had taken complete possession of the circle, and not a single herring was to be seen. The fishermen were completely mystified, but went ashore and sold the pollack to a fish dealer, who found, when he put his gang at work to split and ice the fish, that he had purchased two lots in one, as each pollack contained from a dozen to fifteen full-sized herrings. How the pollack got inside the netting is a mystery, but it is supposed that they either found a means of entrance by a hole, or, impelled by hunger rushed upon the cook ropes, rode them under water, and thus made their way to the feast."

In the "Nineteenth Century" for December, Mr. A. P. Crouch contributes a very interesting paper on the bottom of the ocean, the process of sounding, and the character of life at great depths. It contains a good though brief résumé of what is known about the sea bottom and deep-sea life. Speaking of the denizens of the ocean at great depths, he says:—"The fauna of the deep sea are new and specially modified forms of families and genera inhabiting shallow waters in modern times, and have been driven down to the depths of the ocean by their more powerful rivals in the battle of life. Some of their organs have undergone considerable modification in correspondence to the changed conditions of their new habitats. Thus, down in nine hundred fathoms their eyes have generally become enlarged to make the best of the faint light which may possibly penetrate there. After 1,000 fathoms these organs are either still farther enlarged or so greatly reduced that in some species they disappear altogether, and are replaced by enormously long feelers. The only light at great depths which could enable large eyes to be of any great service is the phosphorescence given out by the deep-sea animals. It is thought possible by some naturalists that certain portions of the sea bottom may be as brilliantly illuminated by this sort of light as the streets of a European city after sunset. Some deep-sea fish have two parallel rows of small circular phosphorescent organs running along the whole length of their bodies, and as they glide through the dark waters of the profound abysses they must look like model mail ships with rows of shining portholes."

AN AMUSING PRACTICAL JOKE.

An amusing story of two old bachelors is told in "Harper's Magazine." Their names are Mr Poppleduke and Major Simms, and they reside in the same boarding-house. Each is happy in the possession of a good many friends, and not having to get up early in the morning, they sometimes stay out late at night. It must be admitted that Major Simms sometimes has trouble in making port, especially after dinner. Not so in the case of Mr Poppleduke. No matter how late the dinner, or joyous the occasion, his fine instinct never deserts him. Naturally he has often girded at the major on his weakness.

"Why," he said, "you have trouble in getting home after a supper, and never can do it without help after a dinner. Major, I could come home all right after a breakfast!"

But Mr Poppleduke's hour of humiliation arrived. It was after a glorious dinner to a friend who had just been appointed consul to an important post. Mr Poppleduke came home in a cab. He never faltered as he went up the front steps, and his hand had the precision of a conjurer's as he sought the key-hole. Inside he deposited his hat and coat and started up the stairs, walking with preternatural stiffness, and disdainful to touch the banisters or wall. Now it happened that a servant, after doing some cleaning in the second story, had very carelessly left a stepladder at the head of and facing the stairs. Of course, Mr Poppleduke went on up the step-ladder. "Shteeppsh stairs ever sheen," he was heard to observe when about half-way up. Then he went on, and reaching the top stepped off. The back of the step-ladder broke his fall, and he only shot to the floor like a very rapid toboggan, and sat there with his feet thrust straight out in front of him. He hitched his shoulders up into position, and after giving the subject the thought which so remarkable a phenomenon deserved, said "Mosht straordinary currence ever knew. Came up front shtairs. Front shtairs shtraordinary shteepp. Fell down back shtairs. Back shtairs shteeper'n front shtairs." (A long pause, during which he spied his own door directly in front of him.) "No, that washn't it. Girl left pish wet shoap on shtairs. Shteepped ou wet shoap. Fell off; then fell down. Won't tip girl nex' Chrismash!" He reached up, turned the knob, and crept into his room on his hands and knees, not daring again to trust himself on his feet.

The next morning it was Major Simms' turn to gird. But he refused to acknowledge that he had placed the stepladder where it was found.

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THE LOCUSTS.

The general meeting called by the Provisional Committee at their meeting on the 11th inst. was held at Messrs Toso, Crane and Co.'s offices on Monday last, when a fairly representative gathering turned up to discuss the all important question of the hour.

Amongst those present were Mr Krabbe in the chair, Messrs Crane, Roberts, W. F. Mulhall, W. Goodwin, J. Gibson, A. G. Pruden, J. F. Roberts, Charles Drabble, R. Agar, John Nelson, Wibberly, Lernoud, Dr Guarch, Messrs Holway, Castro, Monteith Drysdale, F. Coulon, Warden, Leopold, Castro, Domingo S. Vega, Jo é Gaya, Enrique Lipschutz, Brosseras, Lacazo, and several others.

The resolutions passed by the Provisional Committee were submitted to the meeting, and after some discussion these were passed. They were as follow:—

To correspond with Governments and scientific societies of the various countries that have suffered from locust invasion, to endeavour to obtain the services of a specialist of European or American reputation to study the locust invasion in this country and suggest the best means of repelling same.

To provide funds by subscription or otherwise for the above object.

Resolved: (1) That correspondence will be opened with the Governments of the United States, England and France, and with such societies and persons as may be desirable.

(2) To avail of the kind services proffered by Minister Buchanan, who is willing to write to Professor Branner, the famous entomologist of the United States, as to best entomologist ready to undertake the task.

(3) To call the public meeting under notice to approve above resolutions of Provisional Committee, and to appoint a permanent committee of seven gentlemen.

The following letter from Mr Oliver C. James was then translated into Spanish and read:—

Observatoria Nacional, Córdoba,
Jan. 14, 1897

Dear Mr Goodwin, —

Your note of the 11th inst. was forwarded to me from Carcaraña. I am very glad indeed to learn that men of affairs are at last taking up what I cannot help but think is one of the most vital questions, so far as our agricultural interests are concerned, now affecting the Republic, and I will lend to your efforts every aid I possibly can.

For some years, now, I have given the subject of the annual invasions of the locusts as much attention as I could spare from my regular work. In correspondence with scientific men, particularly, of course, entomologists, in other countries, I have accumulated information and a bibliography relating to the matter, which, in a general way, when co-relative with my own observations here, enables me to take a comprehensive view, and to reduce from this view formula for operations against the enemy here—imperfect, probably, as the work of one man in such a large field must necessarily be.

As to the results of works, scientific and practical, in such limited areas as Cyprus, Central and Southern Europe, and even in Africa, I found only here and there a fact, an expedient, or some mode, (tentative generally in character), of extermination, applicable to existing conditions in this country. It was only when I began to receive the publications of the Division of Entomology (of the Washington Department of Agriculture) relating to locusts that I began to find strong direct light thrown on the problem we have to solve. There, as here, there was a vast continental area to study—there, as here, there is a chain of mountains, with a north-south trend, and a vast agricultural region to east and south east of the range of mountains. There also the locusts came from the comparatively uninhabited regions along the eastern base of the mountains, and devastated the cultivated fields to the east and south. The researches of Professor Riley in this vast region would almost apply to a study of the plague in this country, and I have no doubt that any entomologist we might employ would find that he would be able to do away with much preliminary work because of the investigations of Prof. Riley and assistants in that more northern region.

In correspondence with Prof. Branner, of Stanford University, California, who, in the employ of the U. S. Government, and in the official service of Brazil, spent nearly ten years in scientific study in Brazil, Paraguay, the Banda Oriental, and Argentine, I have profited very much in the consideration of the best means of combating the pest here, and I agree entirely with him that the most practical and, at the same time, most feasible plan, will be the employment of a competent entomologist to take the field alone and study the matter until he finds out first their habitat or home breeding grounds; second, the conditions, most favourable in their home to growth and reproduction; third, the cause of their migration in such immense numbers; fourth, the causes of non-migration in the series of years when they did not invade our regions, and lastly, suggest means to prevent their reproduction in their habitat and migration from there to our agricultural provinces.

Professor Branner is, through my correspondence with him, perfectly acquainted with all the conditions here. Besides, by his own travels here years ago, he knows the topography, and feels an interest in the matter, and could select the right man for the work if requested to do so, one who would have had field practice with locusts in the infested regions in the States.

The works I have accumulated with any information I can give you are, of course, at your service, and when I again visit Buenos Aires, I will do myself the pleasure of calling on you.

I expect to return to Carcaraña in a week or ten days. Meantime, I may be addressed here.

Should you wish to communicate with Prof. Branner, you can do so through Mr Buchanan, or directly:—

“Prof. John C. Branner,
Stanford University,
California.”

Through Mr Buchanan you could also get the publications of the Div. of Entomology, Dept. of Agriculture, Washington, relating to locusts.—Very sincerely yours,
OLIVER C. JAMES.

The election of a permanent committee was proceeded with after the reading of Mr James' letter with the following result:—

Committee—Messrs R. Agar, G. T. Crane, John Drysdale, W. Goodwin, W. F. Mulhall, J. F. Roberts, and H. von Bernhardt.

Supernumeraries—Messrs W. Bertram, C. H. Krabbe, Joseph Drysdale, Hasenclever, A. Devoto, Lernoud, and A. G. Pruden.

This committee met on Wednesday last, and proceeded first with the nomination of President, Secretary, and Treasurer, the following gentlemen being elected to these posts:—Mr J. F. Roberts, of the Western Railway, President; Mr W. Goodwin, Secretary; and Mr G. T. Crane, Treasurer.

After the minutes of the previous meeting were read, the following resolutions were passed:—

1st—That only members and supernumerary members of the committee, be authorized to solicit or collect subscriptions.

2nd—To publish in the newspapers the list of subscriptions sent in.

3rd—To inform the Argentine Government of the formation of the committee, its object, and its earnest wish to co-operate in its sphere in the patriotic task of putting an end to the locust plague.

The Secretary informed the meeting that the number of adherents to the cause had increased considerably, and many names had to be added to the list already published.

Although the subscription list has not yet been officially opened the committee has already received many and important sums of money, Messrs Drysdale and Co. heading the list with \$1000 gold, the Fabricantes Ingleses company \$500 gold, and such of the Railway companies, who adhere to the movement, have subscribed \$500 gold also. The Banks also are subscribing liberal sums, so that the \$10,000 gold required should be very easily obtained.

We think there is very little time to be lost, and must congratulate the committee on their prompt action in this all important question.

Many of the locusts have already set out for their mysterious northern home, so if their winter quarters are to be discovered now is the time to set about doing so. A line of observation should not be difficult to establish. Once having discovered this hiding place the scientific authorities will no doubt find the task of exterminating the plague a much easier one than it looks at present.

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ESTANCIA AND COLONY.

We hear that Mr E. Repetto, who has a camp in Brandzen, found some four hundred squares invaded by the locusts. He worked against the insects for twenty-five days and spent \$10,000 in getting rid of them, the locusts slain filling 1200 bags. No doubt Mr Repetto is to be thanked for the sacrifice he made in a good cause, but the cost was terribly high, and one which only the very richest of estancieros could afford.

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The Highland Scott has just arrived with 49 Lincoln ewes for Messrs Lulman and Co., 134 Lincoln rams consigned to Messrs Lunes and Lagos, ten Oxfordshire down ewes and 15 Lincoln rams for Mr F. Loader, and a Short-horn bull for Mr MacCormick.

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The cattle and sheep received at Deptford for the Christmas market from this country created a remarkably favourable impression, and were readily sold at high prices. The great improvement in the quality of the cattle now exported from Argentina on the animals sent a year or two ago is most marked. This improvement is still going on, so that in a year or so, probably the best animals in the market will be received from here. At present we are only a very little behind the United States.

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Water for the stock is very scarce in Ayacucho and Loberia, where the camps are completely dried up, but where the wheat is giving splendid results. This latter remark hardly applies to Santa Fé, from where daily reports are received of business houses being closed, the maize crop being lost for want of rain or through the ravages of the locusts, and where the North wind is drying up everything completely in some districts.

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Rain fell on Wednesday in Chacabuco to the extent of 28 millimetres, Ramallo 8, San Nicolas 14, Tapalque 3, and on Monday in Las Flores, General Belgrano, General Paz, and Castelli. We hope the district of Buenos Aires will soon have a turn as the camps are terribly dried up, and estancieros are becoming anxious about their animals, which have already been a long time short of grass owing to the locusts.

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A rural fair and exhibition of stock will be held in Brandzen on the 24th and 25th, Sunday and Monday next.

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We hear that many of the colonists in Santa Fé have lost all their harvest owing to having stacked their grain too early, in order to save it from the locusts. Peirano, especially, has lost a great deal of grain in this way.

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The Bahia Blanca Fair is to be held in the grounds of the Rural Society there on the 7th and 8th of March. This is the sixth fair the society will have held.

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Dr. Berg is of opinion that the locusts lay eggs two or three times, and that on the first two occasions the laying occurs in rapid succession. After these the locusts, according to the doctor, fly off to another part to lay the third lot. He does not believe that the locusts have any settled home, such as the Gran Chaco.

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As a result of the drought reigning at the moment nearly all over the province, the losses from camp fires are very serious. In Villarino, at the place known as Fuerte Argentino, no less than eight leagues have been burnt, and with the grasses thousands of sheep and most of the fencing. The losses in the fire amount to \$80,000.

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Messrs Bullrich and Co. held their annual exhibition of Lincoln and Black-faced sheep on Wednesday and Thursday last. Prices on the whole were poor, and most of our leading breeders were represented. Lincoln, as usual, held the lead, both in numbers and prices, in fact very few Black faces were sold. Dr. Irigoyen had some Oxfordshire Downs, as also had Sr. Manuel C. Reguera, but these were the only exhibitors.

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Aprópos of our note last week regarding the cattle trade with Chile, we see that from October to December 1750 steers and 4418 cows passed over the Cordilleras into the neighbouring republic.

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The Rural Society of Ayacucho hold their annual fair and show on the 23rd and 24th, that is to say to-day and to-morrow. The large number of entries received from the neighbouring estancias promise to make the affair a great success.

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It is an interesting fact that the first plough was a forked limb, drawn through the ground by animal power. In Southern Europe the branches of the elm were preferred, because of their superior hardness.

Of the many devices brought out this season for destroying locusts we can recommend confidently the sprinkler invented by Messrs Gubba Cardenal, and the liquid used in it. On hoppers this liquid is most effective, and it is absolutely harmless to all kinds of plants, flowers, shrubs or trees. In Adrogué, where the locusts were very troublesome to conquer, Messrs Gubba's machine was used with wonderful success.

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By the way, Messrs Gubba's liquid sprinkled over burning straw, with their No. 3 apparatus, makes a dense smoke which is magnificent for dislodging flying locusts from any trees or plants they may have settled upon.

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The working of the new scab law has been found to present some difficulties that the authorities are doing their best to overcome. One of them is that owners of sheep which have been rejected for having scab, get their guias returned, and promptly sell them close outside the "tablada." This has been remedied by the "comisario" holding the guias and issuing a certificate for reloading the affected animals. The other difficulty is the proper and thorough inspection of the sheep when the arrivals are very large.

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A hundred Argentine bullocks were sold at Deptford on Monday last at 42d. and 44d. the stone, and 970 sheep at 44d. the stone. Sales were brisk and considerable activity was displayed in the market.

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Statistics show that the wool imported into England in 1815 was chiefly from Spain, which country supplied 6,927,934 lbs. in that year, compared with 3,137,438 lbs from Germany and 3,416,132 lbs from other parts of Europe. Australia only then furnished 73,171 lbs. From 1830 to 1840 Germany was the chief exporter of wool for British manufactures, but since then Australia has sent a great deal more than all the rest of the countries put together, in fact, almost entirely supplying the finer wools.

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In order to tell what butter has been coloured with the following manner is recommended:—Mix a small quantity of butter with some alcohol, and after it has remained for two or three minutes, strain off the liquid, and let it evaporate over a lamp. If the butter is pure it will not take any of the taste of the alcohol. If it has been coloured with annato there will be a reddish-brown sediment at the bottom of the vessel, which will turn blue if sulphur is added. If turmeric has been used the sediment will of a rose tinge, which turns brown with the addition of hydrochloric acid, and a deeper shade of brown with potash or soda. If the butter has been coloured with saffron, and acetate of lead is added, the sediment will be of an orange colour, and if carrots should have been used it becomes green on the addition of alkali.

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A correspondent to a home contemporary writing from Cape Colony under date Nov. 30, says:—"I am sending a few lines respecting rinderpest in South Africa, although there is not much to state this week only that the Cape Government are doing all in their power to stop the spread of the plague. Several hundreds of the Cape Mounted Police, as well as volunteer farmers and their sons, are on the banks of the Orange River preventing any cattle from passing into the colony, and it is very encouraging to learn that so far the disease has not crossed this gives us hope that we may possibly escape. As the farms in the colony are better fenced than in Bechuanaland, the Transvaal, and Orange Free State, and also each farmer has his own drinking water for his stock, there is not so much likelihood of contagion as in other parts where thousands of cattle drink at the same stream. Donkeys are realising £12 each for transport, and mules almost any price the seller likes to ask; the importation of mules from this country keeps the prices a little within reason. In some parts donkeys are dying by the hundreds, and if the rinderpest does come down, with such small railway traffic, the outlook is a very serious one."

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During the past half century English Agriculturists have regarded sheep more from a mutton yielding point of view, than was ever the case before. To such an extent has this been found advantageous that several entirely new breeds have been created, in order to combine early maturity with substance and high quality. The Shropshire, Hampshire, and Oxfordshire breeds all owe their origin to the present century, and, indeed, we may add, several others. In large sections of the kingdom the original Long-wooled races have been superseded by these newer breeds, which are propagated chiefly for their good grazing and meat producing capabilities; but not solely so, for, as a rule, they yield almost as much wool as did the Long-wooled flocks which they supplanted. In fact, the majority of British agriculturists find it best neither to breed the South-down and those varieties which give highest quality of mutton, nor those which, like the Lincoln, would yield the largest quantities of wool; the really popular breeds are those which serve both objects, wool in moderately large quantity, and mutton of fairly large joints yet prime in quality:

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A PADDLE FOR LIFE.

I had been bear-hunting, and there were with me two experienced Canadian voyagers, the one named Baptiste, the other Jacques. We had been canoeing all day, had had nothing to eat, and were consequently very hungry. "Run the canoe in shore," cried I, "Baptiste; this paddling is hard work; let us stretch our legs a bit and have a smoke"—for I was a smoker in those days. No sooner said than done. We all three jumped out, and Jacques secured our little frail birchen vessel to the branch of a cedar, with a thong made from the rope-like bark of the moose tree.

"Ha!" cried I suddenly, "what a savoury scent! it smells like venison." Baptiste stopped and gave a sniff too. Jack turned round and gave a sniff too. "By the saints, monsieur," said Baptiste, "it is venison, and it must be cooking somewhere very near us; see the smoke!"

"Voilà!" cried Jacques, pulling some maple boughs aside. There, sure enough, was a fire, and above it, several bent rods, each with a huge piece of deer's-meat frizzling juicily over the flames.

"It would be almost a charity to help ourselves to a slice or two," remarked Baptiste. "I don't see any harm in the proposal, monsieur," added Jacques, tasting a morsel from the nearest cutlet, and rolling his eyes in ecstasy. We all three sat down, with a stealthy air, and helped ourselves—sparingly at first; we got bolder and cut deeper and wider; then we grew perfectly ravenous, and cleared off every atom of the venison, washing it down afterwards with some excellent sherry that I carried in my flask.

"If monsieur will be guided by me," said Baptiste, licking his lips, "I think it would be prudent to move on a bit now." "The sooner the better," said Jacques. "Vite! vite! vite!—see! there they come—down through the clearing!" "What?—who?—where?" cried I. I turned, and saw three stalwart-redskins approaching at a brisk trot. They guessed what had taken place, and the fuses of the first was already at his shoulder. Crack!—and a bullet whistled within a few inches of my head.

"To the canoe! to the canoe!" cried Baptiste; "there is no time to lose"—and he made a desperate attempt to cut the moose rope that held it to the shore. Two quick gasbes he gave, but the knife was blunt, and every moment was precious. Crack! Crack!—and two more bullets whizzed past us. Fortunately Indians are not the best shots in the world. I whipped my own knife from my belt, and succeeded in severing the thong. A few vigorous sweeps from the paddles of the two moose hunters, and we were in the rapids, shooting downstream. Crack! another bullet, which knocked the pine blade out of Jacques' hand into the water. He had it again, however, in an instant, for Baptiste dexterously tipped it back with his own into the canoe.

The Indians had now launched, and were in hot pursuit. Two of them were urging along their large "dug out," and one stationed in the middle was blazing away at us with his fuses. A bullet went right through my cap, and I saw him loading again. I saw that it was no time to trifle, and raising my piece, I took aim and pulled trigger. The Indians, all three, disappeared in the bottom of their canoe, and the ball whistled harmlessly over their heads.

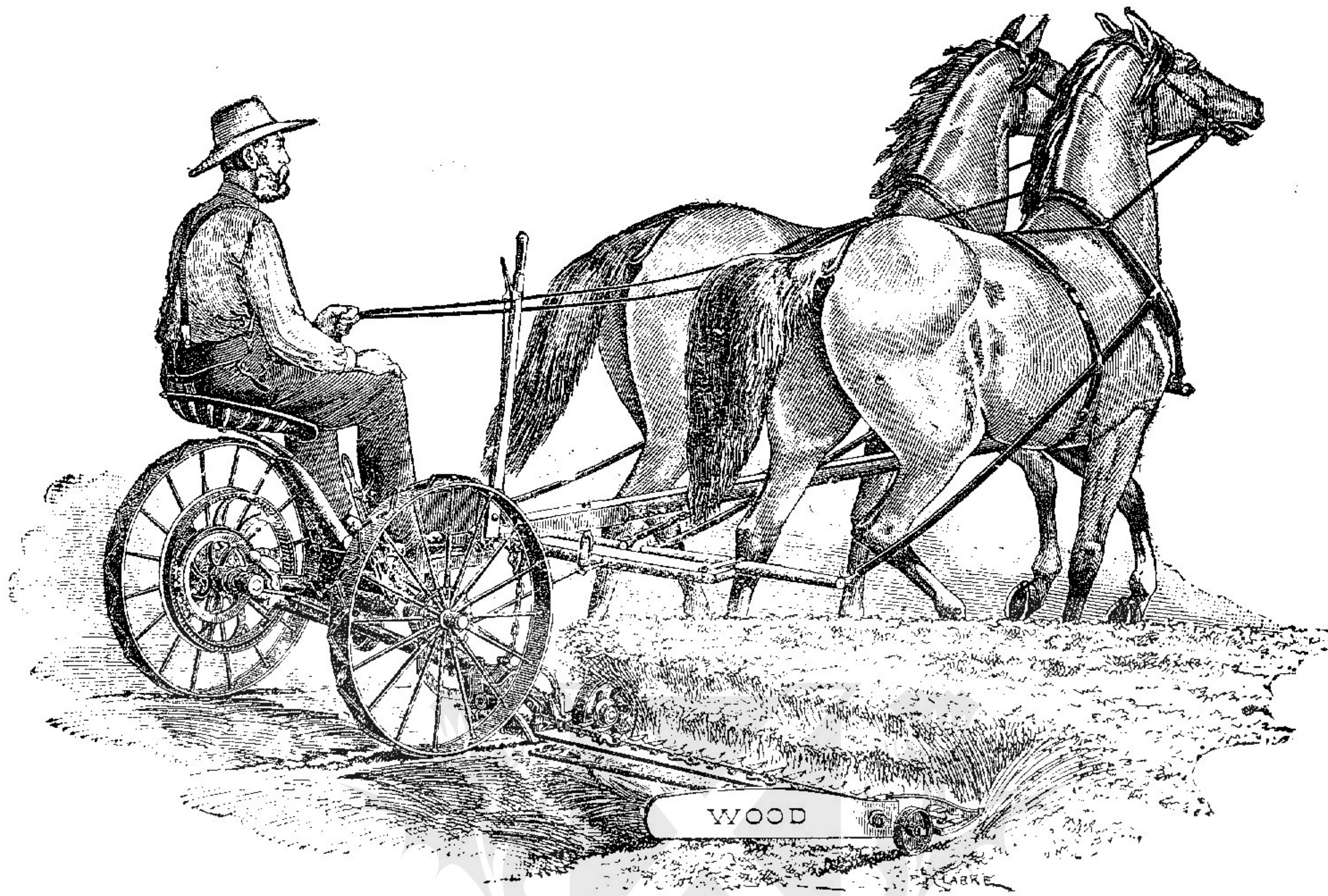
"Cleverly done!" said I, "but I want nothing better: by the time you have played that trick half a dozen times, we shall be out of your reach." The Indians saw this, and sat bravely up. One of their bullets now struck Baptiste in the shoulder; he neither cried out, nor winced, but I saw the blood flowing.

"Monsieur will do his best," pleaded Jacques earnestly, finding that his brother-in-law was wounded. "No fear of that," said I. And the right arm of the centre redskin fell useless to his side. This success was hailed with a howl of rage from the enemy; but one of the other Indians, laying down the paddle, levelled his matchlock and gave us the contents. Jacques' side was "barked," and there were two little pools of blood in the bottom of the canoe.

"Cripple that rascal, monsieur!" said Baptiste, fiercely; "you are a better shot than Jacques or I; down with him!" I fired, and the leading warrior through up his arms. He was not killed, but what is politely termed "winged." The pursuing canoe now visibly dropped astern, but we saw three more redskins breasting the current at a right angle with the line of its approach. They were going to reinforce the vanquished party. The halfmile of vantage ground we had gained, however, gave us the day, for though the chase was continued for an hour longer, the enemy had no chance of success, and we were able afterwards to take things as easily as we pleased.—"Argosy."

It is a standing puzzle to the entomologists and others interested in the study of insects how the frail little creatures of the mosquito and the butterfly order can brave the cold of an Arctic winter and yet retain their vitality. Of late some light has been thrown on this wonderful faculty of the insect world by the experiments of a London naturalist. He took the lava of the common milkweed butterfly and exposed it to an artificial blast 68 deg. below zero. Upon taking it out of the range of this artificial blizzard and gradually thawing the creature out the naturalist was surprised to find that the worm was able to creep in less than half-an-hour afterwards. According to the testimony of all the Arctic explorers, butterflies and mosquitoes, as well as a great variety of other insects, have been found flitting joyously about in the highest latitudes ever penetrated by man. It is even declared by those who have made tours of exploration to the far North that the mosquitoes of those regions are the largest and healthiest varieties of that species of pest that has ever been discovered by man.

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