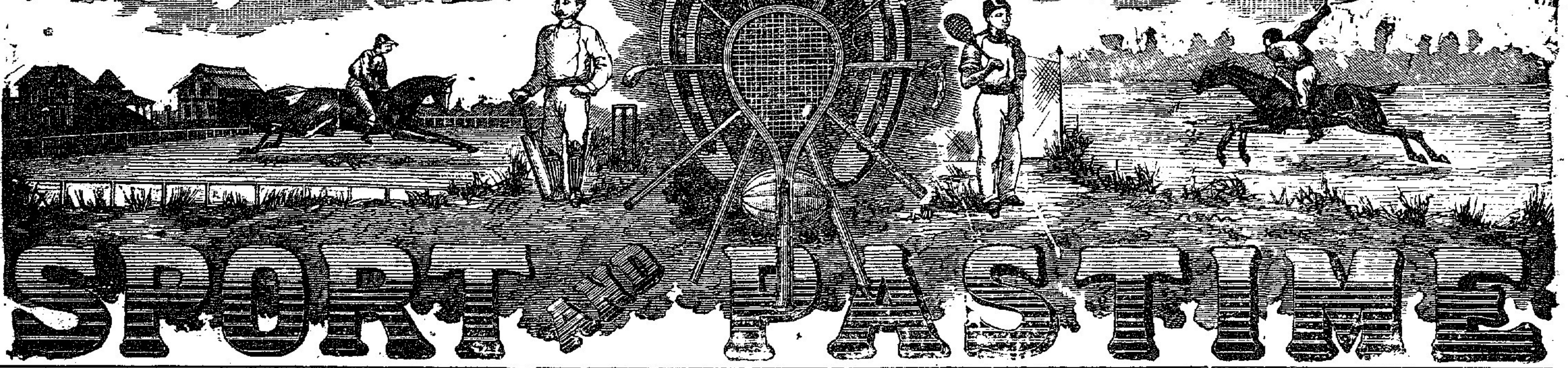


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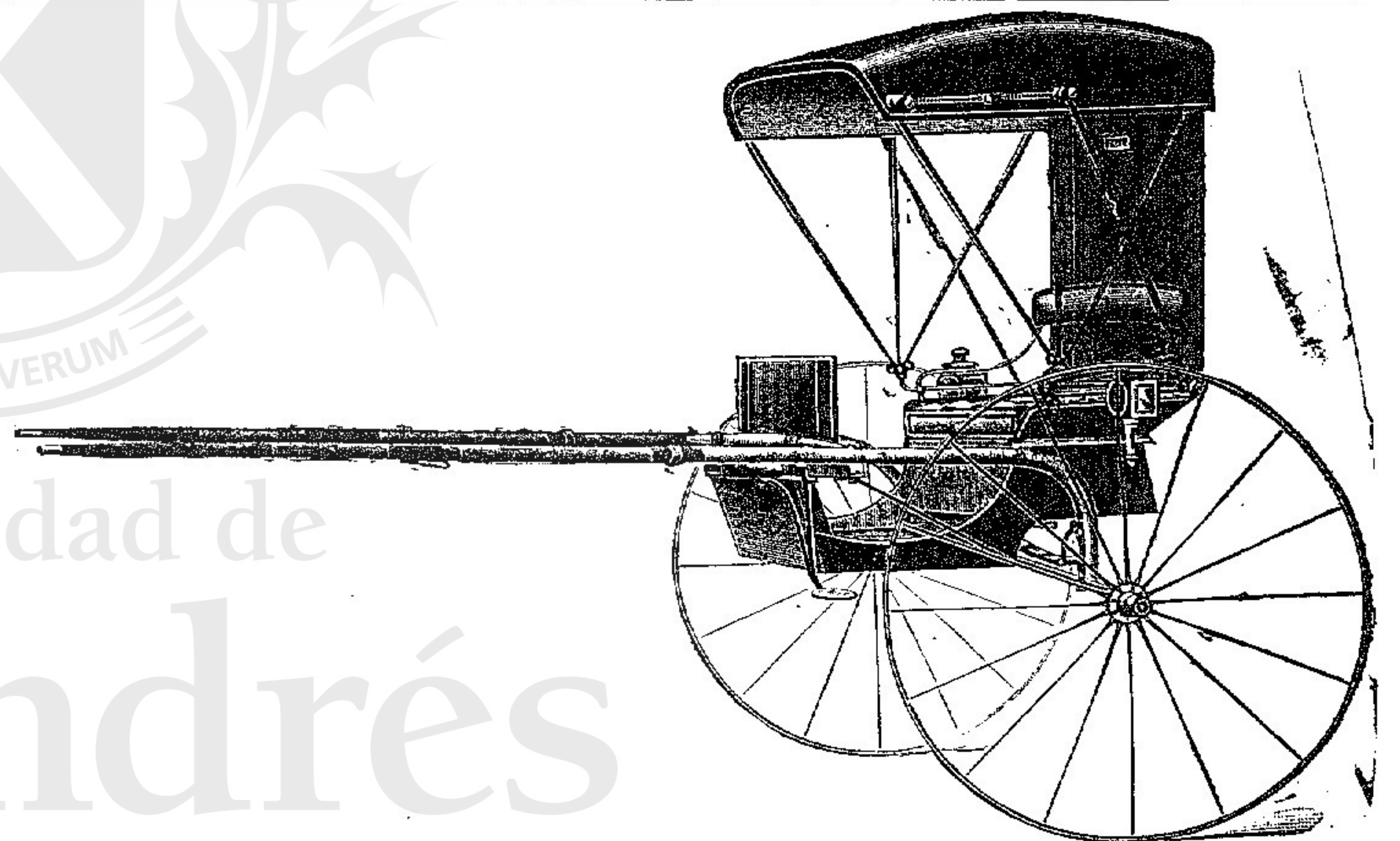
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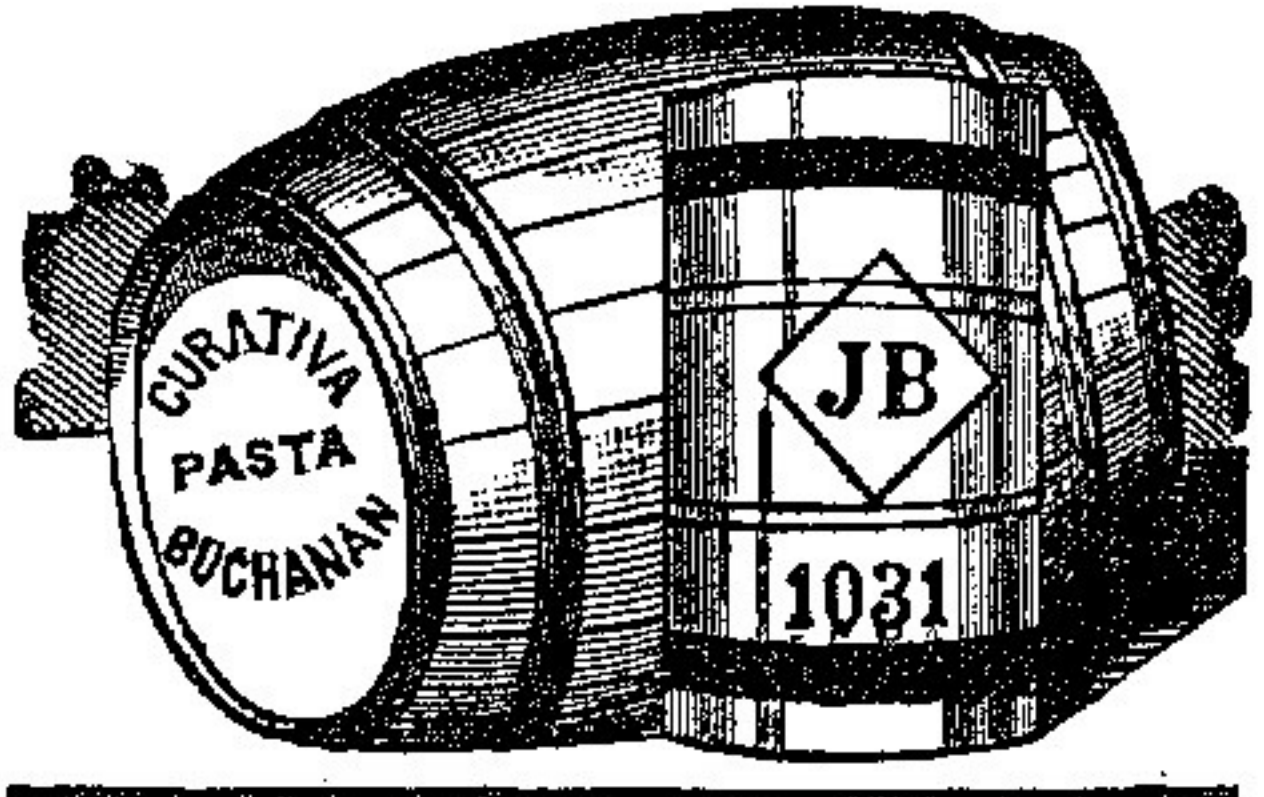
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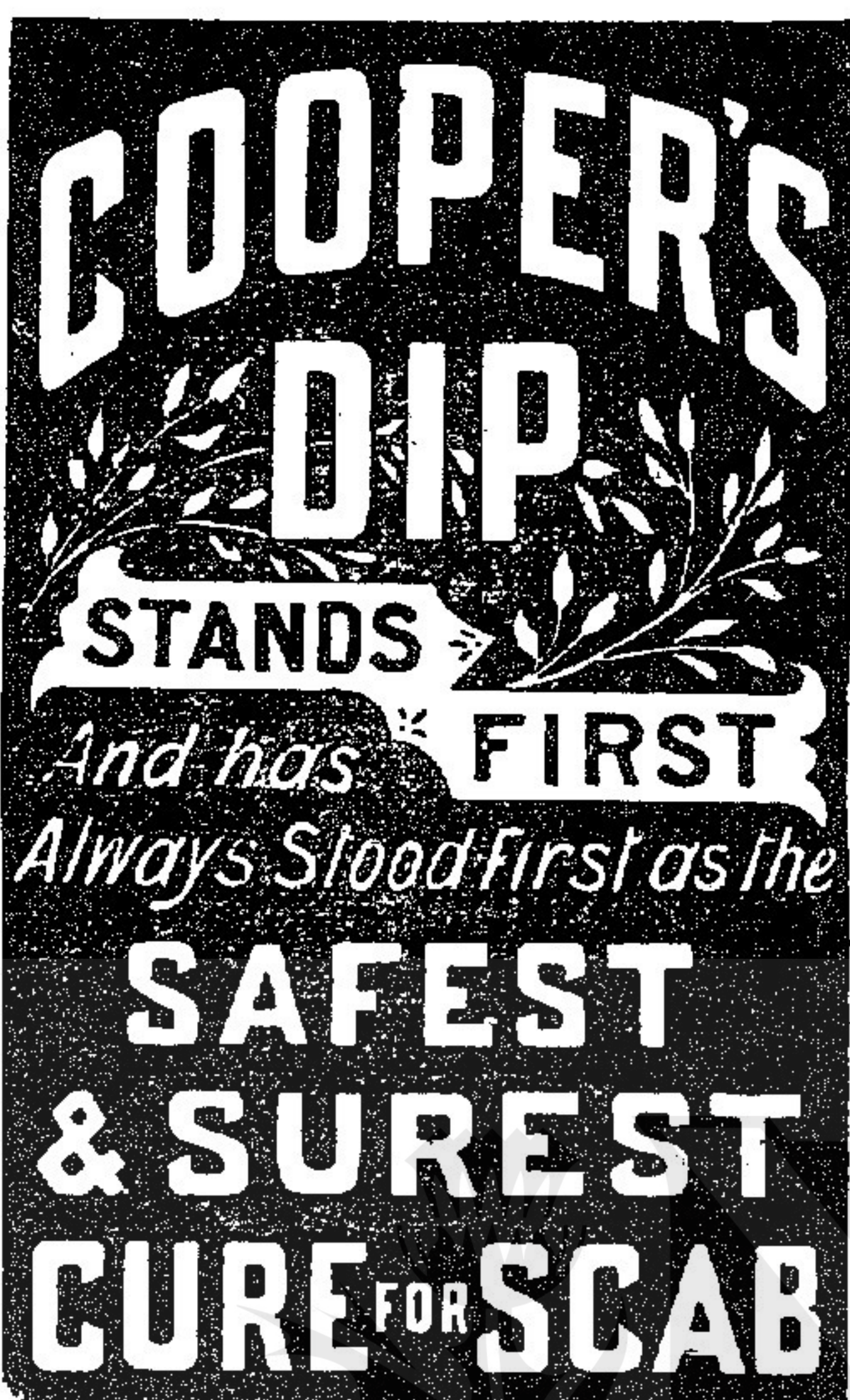
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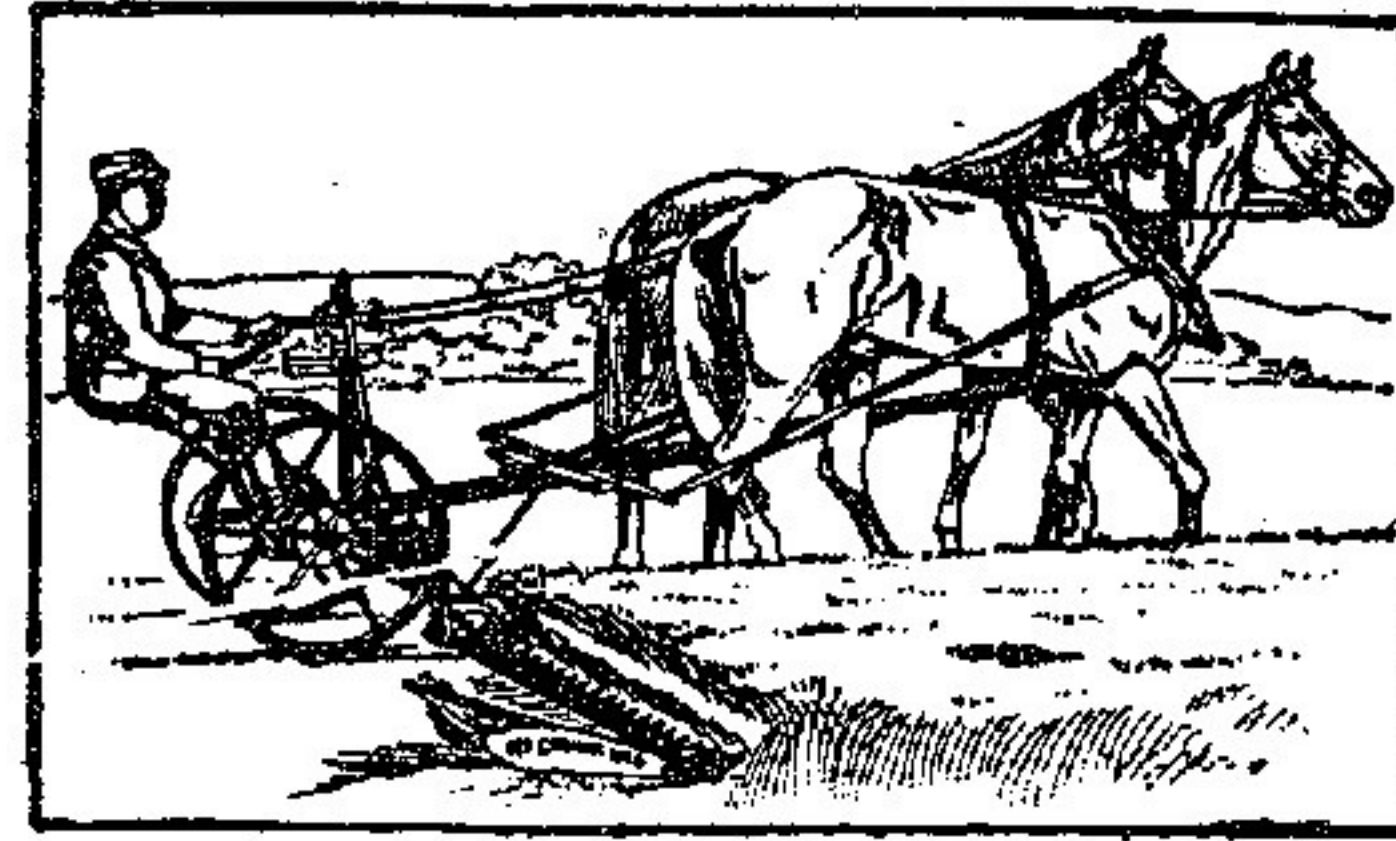
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On Dec. 26, fourteen of the League clubs were engaged in the premier competition. Aston Villa were the only team to secure a couple of points upon the ground of their opponents, and their win was only by two goals to one. The match took place at Wolverhampton, and was witnessed by quite 15,000 people. Both clubs were fully represented. The Villa soon began to press, and the home custodian had to save some fine shots. He was at length beaten twice. The Wanderers played up pluckily, and began to hold their own, and before the interval scored once. The second half was notable for the dashing way in which the home team tried to equalise, but, as the final score shows, they were unable to do so.

Preston North End at home without two of their regular team only managed to make a two goal draw of it with Bury. The ground was in a saturated condition, and effective play was not possible under the circumstances.

The two Sheffield teams met on the United's ground, before some 25,000 spectators. The weather kept fine, but the ground was on the heavy side. Wednesday were the first to look dangerous, but could not get through. The United then had their turn at attacking, and from the corner scored after the game had been in progress some ten minutes. Even play followed, and before the interval no further score took place. On restarting the exchanges were very fast, and Wednesday played for all they were worth. A free kick for "hands" gave the United a chance of adding to the score, and they took advantage of it. Wednesday were consequently beaten by two goals to nothing.

West Bromwich Albion secured a couple of points by defeating the Blackburn Rovers by a goal to nil. The Albion had rather a hard fight to keep their goal intact, but their defence was very sound, and they did so.

Some 8000 people were at the Burnley enclosure to see the home club meet Liverpool. A few minutes from the start Burnley scored, a quarter of an hour elapsing before Liverpool equalised. The home team gradually got the upper hand, and before half time the ball was put through twice. The play was more even in the second half, but Burnley were able to add another goal to their score. Final score: Burnley, four goals; Liverpool, one.

A lot of interest was felt in the meeting of Derby County and the Bolton Wanderers on the ground of the former. Bolton opened the attack, and all but scored. Then the County got aggressive, and Sutcliffe had a hard time of it, but kept his charge intact. After a half an hour one of the Wanderers' backs put the ball through his own goal, and strange to say, this was the only point of the match. Derby thus won by a goal to nil.

In spite of the bad show made this season by Sunderland, a crowd of some 30,000 people were at Goodison Park to see them meet the home team. Play opened fast, Everton scoring first adding a second point, soon afterwards. Sunderland, by vigorous play, kept their opponents' score down, and eventually lessened their lead by shooting well. The second half went more in favour of Everton, who scored three times, while Sunderland were only able to add one more and so were defeated by five goals to two.

On Dec. 26 the Corinthians opened their Christmas tour at Leicester when they were opposed by Leicester Fosse. A high wind was blowing, and the turf was very much cut up, despite of which the play was of a very interesting order. The visitors playing with the wind the first half, crossed over with the score three goals to nil in their favour. In the second half the Fosse equalised and in spite of the most strenuous efforts of both sides no further score was made, the result of a splendidly contested game being a draw.

On Dec. 28 the second match arranged by the Corinthians was played at Derby, a strong eleven of Derby County opposing them. At half time the score stood at 2-1 in favour of the Corinthians, but after resuming the County team started a most vigorous attack, scoring five times, while just before the whistle blew the visitors added another, so that the Corinthians retired defeated by 6 goals to 3.

Next day, Dec. 29, they had Notts County for their opponents on the Old Trent Bridge ground, at Nottingham. On this occasion the Corinthians were hardly so well represented and consequently again retired defeated, this time by four goals to one.

The fourth match of the Corinthians' tour was against the English cup holders, Sheffield Wednesday, and was played on Dec. 30, at Olive-grove Ground, Sheffield. The proceeds of the game were for the benefit of the Wednesday's outside left-wing forward, F. Spikesley, who joined the Sheffield organisation five years ago, and has since then played for England in International matches exactly as many times, twice each against Scotland and Ireland, and once against Wales. Both clubs placed powerful teams in the field, and a grand exhibition of football was thoroughly appreciated by 5000 spectators. Despite the extremely heavy condition of the turf, play ruled very fast and even to begin with, but the Corinthians were the more dangerous in front of goal, and in twenty minutes Burnup opened the scoring with a beautiful cross shot. Gettins placed the amateurs further ahead later on, and at half-time the home eleven were a couple of goals behind. Soon after changing ends Smith registered a third point for the Corinthians, but then the home men played up vigorously and by good play made affairs level. A mistake by Campbell enabled the home club to obtain the lead, but before the close Smith again equalised matters, and a splendid match ended in a draw of four goals each.

The annual New Year's Day fixture between Queen's Park and the Corinthians was played at Hampden Park, Glasgow. The Corinthians were probably suffering from the effects of their previous matches, at all events the fact remains they were very weak in front of goal and several favourable opportunities were missed. Towards the end they made a very fine effort and quickly scored two goals, but they could not get on even terms and were eventually beaten by three goals to two.

On Dec. 2, at Bristol, Gloucestershire played their first County match of the season, and succeeded in defeating Somerset by three goals to none.

The return match between Wiltshire and Somerset was played at Devizes on Dec. 28, and caused considerable interest, though neither team were up to full strength. On the previous occasion Somerset won by three goals to none, but this time they did not have matters quite so much their own way and had to work desperately hard to win by one goal to none, which was the final score.

One of the reasons why county Association football in the West of England has never assumed the same importance as Rugby may be found in the unrepresentative character of the teams which so often take the field. A climax in this respect was surely reached at Devonport on December 30 when Devon only had seven men at the start of their match, and even when the side was completed it only contained four of the regular county eleven, the remainder being away with the Old Plymouthians at Weymouth. Under these conditions Somerset ought to have won easily, but the team had been on tour too long, and had become stale, with the result that the game ended in a pointless draw. The ground was in a very bad state, and accurate football was out of the question. The visitors attacked strongly at the outset, but their shooting was very tame. In the second half the game was much more even, and the Somerset backs were kept busy.

The Casuals opened their Xmas tour at Upton on Dec. 26 when they met Clapton whom they defeated by three goals to one.

Notts County v. Notts Forest.—The first of the two matches annually played between these two clubs was decided on the Old Trent Bridge ground at Nottingham on Dec. 26 in the presence of above 10,000 spectators. The County men won the toss, and in the first half their opponents were opposed by a strong cross wind. Owing to rain before the commencement of the match the arena was heavy and exceedingly slippery in parts. Notts Forest pressed at the outset, their forwards showing more pace than Notts County, whose backs were by no means so clever as usual. After half an hour's play the Forest left wing broke through in brilliant style and finished up by scoring the first goal. On resuming the County forwards equalised from a scrimmage. In the second half the Forest added another goal and thus won by two goals to one.

The return match between the neighbouring towns of Marlow and Maidenhead was played on the ground of the latter club on Dec. 30. The home team were well represented, the visitors, however, were without four of their usual team and suffered in consequence being defeated by two goals to one.

In Scotland St. Bernard's accomplished the unexpected in beating the Rangers in a Scottish League fixture by three goals to two, the last goal being scored one minute from time, out of a scrimmage in front of the Rangers' goal.

RUGBY

On Boxing-Day the Barbarians visited Newport, and in spite of the rain and the muddy state of the ground the game was well worth witnessing. The manner in which the Welsh outsiders handled the ball, with both accuracy and smartness, was, considering the condition of the ground, simply marvellous, and it was entirely owing to their brilliant combination that enabled them to win by 2 goals and 2 tries to nothing. G. N. Harris surpassed himself at full-back for the visitors, and but for him the score would have been much larger.

Coventry v. Harlequins.—The annual meeting of these teams at the Coventry cricket grounds, which took place on Boxing Day, was looked forward to with considerable interest by followers of the Rugby game; but, unfortunately, the inclement weather greatly interfered with the attendance, which would not exceed 1500. The Harlequins were very strongly represented, while their opponents suffered owing to the absence of Tuke, Loveitt, and Wells. Notwithstanding this unavoidable drawback, however, Coventry showed capital form throughout, and, although the Harlequins secured a narrow victory by six points to three, the match from start to finish was full of interest, and undoubtedly produced the finest game witnessed on the home ground during the present season.

Newport v. Watsonians.—The match with the Watsonians always looked forward to with great interest at Newport, and the game on December 28 was fast and stubbornly fought out. The Scotch forwards commenced by rushing the ball to the Newport quarters, but the play soon settled down in neutral territory. The home pack eventually transferred play to the visitors' goal-line, and, through good play by the Newport halves, Pearson scored near the corner flag. Both teams tried hard to get the advantage, but the tackling was too good. Eventually Hannen got the ball away from a scrum and passed to Pearson, who scored, Boucher easily converting. Bruce next intercepted a pass, and ran finely, but Pearson came across and pushed him into touch close to the goal line. From the line out Dauncey broke away with a fine dribble, which was carried on by Gould, who outpaced his opponents and scored cleverly. After the interval the Scotchmen at-

tacked strongly, and the Newport defence was severely tested. Gould dribbled clear of everyone, but, when about to cross the goal line, over-ran the ball and a certain try was lost. The Watsonians, by good passing and kicking, again returned to the attack, but the Newport forwards relieved, and play settled down in the centre. Lloyd got the ball away, and Pearson, dodging Muir and Welsh, eventually scored his third try. On resuming, the Watsonians played up pluckily; Robinson being prominent; but the Newport backs soon were pressing again. Nothing further was scored, and Newport were left winners by two goals and two tries (sixteen points) to nothing. The visiting forwards were a hard-working lot, and gave a splendid exhibition of dribbling. In the tight scrummages they quite held their own, but they were not as fast as their opponents. At half back Newport had slightly the best of it, but the brothers Robinson played a good, useful game. It was at three-quarters where Newport had a distinct advantage. With the exception of Bruce, the visiting sprinters were poor, both at stopping rushes and attacking.

Cardiff v. Blackheath.—The return match between these rival teams was played on the Cardiff Arms Park ground on December 28 and, as on the first meeting this season, Cardiff proved the stronger fifteen. The conditions were most wretched, but a large crowd of spectators braved the elements, and were rewarded by a fine exposition of the game. Soon after the start a dribble by the Cardiff forwards was not stopped till the ball was well in the Blackheath twenty-five. Scrummaging followed, and Biggs obtained possession of the ball and passed to Elliott, who transferred to Driscoll, Jones ending up the bout of passing by scoring a try: This was not converted. The Cardiff forwards were getting much the best of matters, and the Blackheath defence was highly tried. When play was going on close to the Blackheath twenty-five line Nicholls got hold of the ball and took a drop at goal, which was successful, the effort being a grand one. Just previous to half time the Cardiff score was still further increased by the combined play of Nicholls and Huzzey, the latter taking a pass and getting over in the extreme corner. Soon after the resumption, Elliott was successful in evading his opponents and scoring a try, which, however, was not converted; but this seemed to stir up the Heathens, the forwards shoving in much better style. They worked the play into the Cardiff twenty-five, and Thomas making a miss-kick, Livesay dribbled the ball over the line and scored, but the extra points were not added. Selwyn Biggs soon had an opportunity of exhibiting his speed, and he sprinted off in good style, finishing up by grounding the ball over the Blackheath line, which practically placed Cardiff certain winners. However, the Blackheathens played up pluckily, and from a scrum-mage well in the Cardiff territory Tarbutt picked up and scored behind the posts, the try being easily converted. This was all the scoring, and at no side Cardiff were the winners of a rather one-sided game by one dropped goal and four tries (sixteen points) to one goal and one try (eight points).

The Leicester Club entertained Aspatria, the Cumberland Cup holders, on Dec. 26. The Cumberland forwards were exceptionally smart on the ball, but the Leicester defence was very good, especially that of A. O. Jones the full-back, who repeatedly saved his side and with a clever kick scored a goal from a penalty. In the second half the visitors scored a try and the match was left drawn with three points each.

Leicester v. Harlequins.—Worse weather than that associated with this annual match at Leicester on Dec. 28 could not possibly be imagined, heavy rain falling throughout the seventy minutes play, whilst the ground was in a wretched condition. The Harlequins' victory over Coventry on the previous Saturday had greatly enhanced the local interest in the fixture, and over 3000 spectators braved the elements to witness the game, which provided a much better entertainment than could have been reasonably expected. First one side and then the other were within an ace of scoring, but the result of a hard-fought game was a pointless draw.

On Dec. 24, the Barbarians played a team representing the West of England at Bristol. The West of England fifteen were principally players from the Bristol Club. The game was remarkably close all through and resulted in a pointless draw.

The holiday fixture between Coventry and Gloucester which came on for decision at Coventry on Dec. 28 last, was completely spoilt, owing to the wretched condition of the weather. Rain fell almost without cessation during the whole of the day, and consequently the turf was exceedingly heavy, and its slippery surface made accurate play almost an impossibility. The home club were without the valuable assistance of B. Tuke and H. G. Wells, the Irish Internationals, the visitors on the other hand, were minus the services of several of their usual players. The game therefore calls for little comment, as the play throughout was of a tame and at times uninteresting character, and after playing for an hour nothing had been scored by either side, the match being left drawn.

On Dec. 26 a crowd numbering 12,000 witnessed the game at Cardiff between the home team and the Watsonians. The Welsh pack were the stronger and consequently their outsiders were much better fed. Cardiff won by 2 goals and 4 tries to 1 goal.

The match between Bristol and the Old Edwardians was spoiled by the wet weather and the frequent accidents which happened to the Old Boys' team. Bristol eventually won by a dropped goal and four tries to nothing.

Continuing their tour, the Harlequins reached Northampton on Dec. 29, and, in the presence of a tremendous crowd of spectators, antagonised the local fifteen, a close and interesting game resulting. In the first half the Harlequins scored, but there was an appeal

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against the try, it being contended that the player had crossed the touch line. However the point was given, but the kick at goal failed, the ball striking the upright and falling outside. Early in the second moiety Jones placed the teams on an equality by getting over the Harlequins' line, and with Williams scoring a little later, Northampton led by two tries to one. Nearing the call of time, a very useful and clever dribble by Devonshire enabled that player to score for the Harlequins, but as it was not converted the game ended in a draw of two tries each.

A fine game was witnessed on Dec. 26 at South Shields, when 5,500 people assembled to welcome the strong West Hastingpool team. Although the home team were not up to full strength in the ensuing game they had quite as much of it as their opponents, and eventually were beaten by a goal to nothing.

Bedford v. Moseley.—When this game was played at Bedford on December 26 the ground was in a bad state from the heavy rain which fell in the earlier part of the day. Fortunately it held off while the match was in progress, and close upon 5000 people witnessed a most exciting and interesting game, which ended in the victory of Bedford by the narrow margin of three points to nothing. The defence of both sides was clever, and each in turn often appeared dangerous, but nothing was scored in the opening half. However, shortly after the re-start, a bout of clever passing along the Bedford three-quarter line resulted in H. C. Potter getting over the Moseley goal line for a try, but P. G. Jacob failed with the place kick. Nothing further was scored, and Bedford won as stated above.

On Dec. 28 Gloucester defeated a fairly strong team of Old Merchant Taylors by a try to nothing.

Northampton, after a most even and interesting game, defeated Burton-on-Trent by one goal to nothing.

In Scotland the now annual match between Edinburgh and Glasgow v. Rest of Scotland was played on Dec. 26 at Hawick. Since its institution, some half dozen years ago, this Scotch "Trial International" fixture has had a chequered career. In 1891 and 1892 it had to be abandoned, owing to frost; a year later its venue had to be changed from Partick to Raeburn Place, for a similar cause; in 1894 an overnight rain storm reduced the pitch to a quagmire; and last year play proceeded in a snow-storm. This year they were just as unfortunate, a high wind, accompanied by intermittent rain blasts, making things very disagreeable. Play, however, reached a very fair level, the ground at Mansfield Park, Hawick, affording sound going, and some 2500 spectators attended. There is no lack of talent in Scotland at present, and two capital teams faced one another. The Rest were favourites, and when they won the toss it was thought that the Cities were in for a severe beating. Such, however, was not to be, and after an interesting game the latter were returned victorious by eight points to nothing. Their strength lay in the pack, of whom L. Harvey (Greenock Wanderers) was prominent to a degree, and we shall expect to see him gain his International cap, though his lack of weight may be against him.

West of Scotland v. London Scottish.—It almost savoured of fool-hardiness to play on such an afternoon as that which was vouchsafed to Glasgow on Christmas Day. The rain came down in torrents, and pools of water were dotted all over the pitch. Both fifteens were strong, but the Scottish, who won, were not eleven points the better.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

For some time past the referee in Rugby football has been obtaining more and more power and more control over the game. The result has been that he has gradually fallen into the erroneous idea that he is there to take charge of the play, the consequence being that every ten seconds the whistle sounds. Mr Rowland Hill, an excellent referee himself, has through his energetic measures caused a change in all this, and for the interest of our Rugby football players we reproduce the following excellent remarks (with the changes made), from the "Field" of January 2:

Not before it was time, the Rugby Football Union have issued instructions to their referees as to the manner in which they should carry out their duties. With the autocratic power now invested in the referee, the fate of a match is likely to rely too much upon his action. It has been forced upon the attention of players and spectators of late that, no doubt from a keen sense of duty, referees have discerned so trifling breaches of the laws that the whistle is rarely quiet for more than a few seconds at a time. The fear of referees seems to have been that they should fail to repress even the slightest illegality, with the result that they have gone to the extreme of defeating the law makers in their attempts to make the game fast. As a general direction we read in the circular letter that has been sent round that "A referee should interfere as little as possible with the game; he is not there to take charge of the play, but merely to see that the game is played in a spirit, of equity so that one side does not obtain any unfair advantage, and to decide all matters of fact." There are few referees fit the Rugby game, we think, who would not derive benefit from pasting that in their hats, as our American cousins would say.

Next we are delighted to come across the following admonition on the matter of whistle blowing:

"During recent years it has become far too much of a habit to blow the whistle uselessly and unnecessarily, thereby making the game much slower than should be. Take one example: As soon as the ball is held the whistle blows, the result being that the game loses much of its fastness, through both sides being allowed time to

close up, the faster or better trained team gaining none of the advantages it deserves. Instead of thus blowing, the referee should see that the ball is at once put fairly down between the holder and his opponents' goal line. Referees will observe that the Union has endeavoured to emphasise this in the latter part of Law 6, by printing MUST in capitals. In fact, when a ball is once fairly held, the whistle should only be blown to give a free kick, provided the ball be not at once put fairly down as directed in Law 6, except in cases of danger as provided for in Law 3 (c). On this point the Union Committee cannot express themselves too strongly, and earnestly ask all referees to assist in enforcing the law to the utmost. The Committee would also point out that unless the game has been stopped by the whistle, that the man who had the ball, when collared must himself put it down; if he gives it to another a penalty should be awarded to the opposite side."

These are things which spectators have been saying to one another for some seasons, and one has always been wondering what had become of the law as to putting the ball down when held, so customary had it grown for the referee, at such a juncture, to blow his whistle and have a scrum formed. Other comments upon the revised laws, to which attention may be drawn, are as follows: "Law 3.—(b) In the case of misconduct or rough or foul play caution is optional for the first offence, for the second the offender must be ordered off, and having been ordered off he must also be reported to the governing body.

"(c) It is not necessary to stop the game simply because a man is down, but only when the referee considers it 'dangerous to continue.'

"(e) Cases arise under this when a touch judge still holds up his flag to signify that the ball has been improperly brought into play, when wishing to declare that a player has been in touch without the touch judge signalling the same, or in any cases of necessity.

"(i) This is the most important clause. The theory of the sub-section is that a side may not gain an advantage by its own breach of any law, although it may be a breach on the part of its opponent; thus, if one side knocks forward and the ball goes to an opponent who makes off with it and gains an advantage, the whistle should not be blown. Again, it has become a very common practice in recent years for backs to knock deliberately on when their opponents were close upon them; if the ball when so knocked on goes to an opponent who has a chance of getting away, the whistle should not be blown.

"It may here also be emphasised that the referee is the sole judge as to matter of fact, and if he considers either touch-judge is not doing his duty fairly, he not only has the right, but should certainly exercise it, of over ruling any decisions such touch-judge may give.

"Law 8.—The old law said an off-side player may not obstruct nor approach within five yards of any player waiting for the ball. This has been altered so as to read actively or passively obstruct, nor approach within ten yards; this alteration should have a great effect on the game, as passively obstruct means remaining within ten yards—it therefore becomes the duty of every off-side player to do his best to retire beyond ten yards from any player waiting for the ball. This specially applies to back players waiting for long high kicks; referees should be strict on this point.

"Law 11 (free kicks by way of penalties).—(b) This clause referring to cases where a player having the ball does not immediately put it down in front of him, on it being held, should be most strictly enforced.

"(c) 'Being on the ground, does not immediately get up,' should also be strictly looked after by the referee.

"(d) The International Board has decided to add to this sub-section of Law 11 by adding 'or putting down the ball.' Referees should, therefore, give a free kick penalty if a player prevents any opponent either getting up or putting down the ball, as this is the spirit of the old rule, and will be the letter of the new.

"(e) The committee has ruled that in cases where two players of opposite sides are running for the ball, a player overtaking another may not shove the overtaken player from behind; if he does it is illegal, and should be penalised by a free kick.

"(f) The latter part of this is new. Supposing a ball is coming out of a scrum, and a half back seeing he cannot get away shoves it back with his hands, then the penalty of a free kick should be given.

"(y) This prohibits the habit of three-quarter and half backs standing in front of the ball so as to mark the opposing backs, and should be strictly enforced."

PIGEON SHOOTING

HURLINGHAM.

A pleasant day's shooting was enjoyed at Hurlingham on Sunday last, when the "piece de resistance" was a prize given for a handicap open only to members, added to a sweepstakes of \$15 each. The day was terribly hot and close, yet the birds flew well, and in consequence the scoring was very low in all except the prize competition, where both Mr Gifford and Mr Penrose made good series.

Proceedings opened after lunch with a sweepstakes at 30 yards, which Mr Chabry and Mr Mussin divided, with three kills each.

Mr Furber and Mr Obert divided another sweepstakes, this time a handicap, and then the prize was shot for. Eleven gunners entered, but eight of them had missed a bird before the third round had commenced. Only four were left in to shoot the fifth bird, and Mr Obert failing at the sixth left Messrs F. Furber, H. K. Penrose, and E. R. Gifford to shoot for first place. Mr Furber had missed his second bird, while neither of his opponents

had failed to score. All three shot the seventh, eighth and ninth bird, but Mr Furber failed at the tenth. Mr Penrose and Mr Gifford both shot the next two birds, but the former unfortunately forgot to cock his gun before calling to the puller. His bird, therefore, had time to nearly reach the boundary before Mr Penrose fired his first barrel, and a miss had to be recorded. Mr Gifford grassed his bird neatly, and so won the prize, a rifle. Though made from the 23 yards mark Mr Gifford's performance was a very good one, and when he retired to 30 yards for the next sweepstakes he increased his series to one of seventeen kills before he missed a bird. Considering Mr Gifford has not shot a pigeon from the traps for over a year his score was a most noteworthy one.

Mr Obert won two of the following three sweepstakes and Mr Neumann the third.

The following are full details of the afternoon's shooting:

A sweepstake of \$5 each, 30 yards rise, one bird.

	Birds shot at.	Killed
E. Musin	1 1 1 (divided)	3
C. Chabry	1 1 1 do.	3
E. Ballauf	1 1 0	2
F. Furber	1 1 0	2
E. Obert	1 1 0	2
W. Mallison	1 0	1
H. K. Penrose	0	0

A handicap sweepstakes of \$10, one bird.

Yds.	Birds shot at.	Killed
25 .. F. Furber	1 1 0 1	3
30 .. E. Obert	1 1 0 1	3
25 .. E. Ballauf	1 1 0 0	2
25 .. W. Mallison	1 1 0 0	2
24 .. P. Neumann	1 0	1

Messrs H. K. Penrose (25), E. Musin (29), C. Chabry (24), and Baron Menzingen (25) missed their first bird.

Members' Prize, a handicap sweepstakes of \$15 each, ten birds.

Yds.	Birds shot at.	Killed
23 .. E. R. Gifford	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	13
25 .. H. K. Penrose	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 0	12
25 .. F. Furber	1 0 1 1 1 1 1 1 0	8
30 .. E. Obert	1 0 1 1 1 0	4
25 .. E. Ballauf	1 0 1 1 0	3
25 .. W. Mallison	1 0 1 0	2
24 .. P. Neumann	0 1 1 0	2
24 .. C. Chabry	1 1 0 0	2
29 .. E. Musin	0 1 0	1

Baron Menzingen and Mr V. Galangau each missed their first bird.

Optional sweepstakes, 30 yards rise, one bird.

	Birds shot at.	Killed
E. Obert	1 1 1 1 1 1	6
W. Mallison	1 1 1 1 1 0	5
P. Neumann	1 1 1 1 1 0	5
E. R. Gifford	1 1 1 1 0	4
E. Ballauf	1 1 0	2
F. Furber	1 1 0	2
Baron Menzingen	1 1 0	2
E. Musin	1 0	1
M. Chabry	0	0

Optional sweepstakes, 30 yards, one bird.

	Birds shot at.	Killed
P. Neumann	1 1 1 1	4
E. R. Gifford	1 1 1 0	3
E. Musin	1 1 1 0	3
E. Obert	1 1 0	2

Messrs Chabry and Galangau missed their first bird.

Optional sweepstakes, 30 yards, one bird.

	Birds shot at.	Killed
E. Obert	1 1	2
V. Galangau	1 0	1
E. R. Gifford	1 0	1

Messrs Chabry, Musin, and Neumann each missed their first bird.

RACING

For the Gran Premio International, to be run on the Maroñas course at Montevideo on January 3, 1898, the following entries have been made:

From Montevideo: Artois, Yaguari, Tic-Tac, Otello, Piff-Paff, General Maceo, Ancora, Zahori, Cartouche II, Imperio, Piloto, Soberano, Guachito, Londres, Hecatomb, Churruca, L'Avis, General Lavalleja, Junot, El Siglo, 25 de Agosto, Lucrecio, Vendetta, Caton, Liebre, Guanaco, Supercheria, Jaguaret, Cacique, Revoltoso, Jónica, Randal, Guerrillero, Spartacus, Sapho, Jeannette, Chaná, Sorpresa Montevideo II, Tucapel, Discreto, Nelson, Portugal, Mariscal, Vesubio, Yangapiré y Yerba Amarga.

From Buenos Aires: Pitanga, Alacran, Talma, Gaité, Vivas, Sarandi, Peregrino, Dido, Ovacion, y Clandestino.

Although there are no very valuable events among the races the results of which reached us by last mail, several of them derive a certain amount of importance from the fact of their introducing to the public various high-class recruits to the jumping game, a division of racing which we are happy to say has a much more promising outlook than has been the case for several years past.

Among the recruits alluded to above as having joined the ranks of the timber-toppers may be mentioned the American, Montauk, who, it may be remembered, was not without supporters for last year's Derby. Knight of Rhodes is another of whom greater things were once

expected, and it will be curious if Athelith, who is half brother to such celebrities as Bendigo and Kilwarlin, cannot go a bit, while among the older horses Soliman, who is by St. Simon—Alibech, seems to be quite at the top of the tree.

Another of the old school of trainers passed away on Dec. 27 in the person of Mr Henry Hall, Spigot Lodge, Middleham. During some years past the deceased had suffered from a painful malady, yet up to about a fortnight of his death he managed to move about as usual; his complaint, coupled with weight of years, at length told its tale, and the veteran succumbed on the morning of Dec. 22, in his seventy-eighth year. He was a native of East Witton, close to Middleham, and was buried there on Wednesday, the 30th. Harry Hall was about as popular amongst north-country sportsmen as his neighbour, John Osborne, which is saying not a little, and to the last Spigot Lodge possessed many patrons.

KEMPTON PARK—DEC. 26.

Christmas Hurdle Handicap of 200 sovs; 2 miles. Mr D. E. Higham's b c Soliman, by St. Simon—Alibech, 4 yrs, 12 st 7 lb Mr Bewicke 1
Mr Reginald Ward's Harold, aged, 11 st 8 lb. Owner 2
Mr E. O. Bleakley's I O U, 4 yrs, 10 st 8 lb
Mr E. H. Lord 3
Mr O. Priaux's Grimpo, aged, 12 st 5 lb. H. Brown 0
Mr T. Cannon's Dornoch, aged, 12 st 2 lb. Dean 0
Mr G. Parker's Banquet II., aged, 11 st 11 lb. Parker 0
Lord Hastings's Sir Jacob, 5 yrs; 11 st 7 lb
E. Chaloner 0
Mr White's Santa Rosa, aged, 11 st 4 lb. James 0
Mr R. H. Combe's President, aged, 11 st 4 lb. Dollery 0
Mr R. B. Adderley's Spinning Boy, 4 yrs, 11 st 3 lb
Hunt 0
Mr H. T. Barclay's Lord of the Dale, 5 yrs, 11 st 2 lb. Williamson 0
Mr E. J. Percy's Cestus, aged, 11 st 2 lb
Mr J. M. Bell 0
Mr F. W. Usher's Melton Prior, 5 yrs, 10 st 5 lb
T. Fitton 0

Betting: 7 to 2 agst Soliman, 6 to 1 agst Harold, 7 to 1 agst I O U, 100 to 12 agst Cestus, 10 to 1 agst Banquet II., and 100 to 8 agst any other.

The first to break the line was Grimpo, Santa Rosa, Lord of the Dale, and Dornoch following in close company, and settling down Lord of the Dale and Grimpo raced alongside, the pair making the running to the far side of the course. However they now dropped back, and Santa Rosa went on first from Harold, President, I O U and Soliman, and the first named retained the advantage into the straight. Then Soliman worked his way to the front, and Harold and I O U followed him over the last hurdle, but neither could reach the leader, who won by a length and a half; two lengths separated the second and third. Spinning Boy was fourth, Melton Prior fifth, Banquet II. (who nearly came down early in the race) sixth, Grimpo seventh, and Lord of the Dale eighth. The rider of Spinning Boy was complained of by Capt. Bewicke for foul riding, and he received a caution from the stewards.

HURST PARK—DEC. 20.

Surrey Hunt Steeplechase of 40 sovs; 3 miles. Mr C. S. W. Reeves's b or br g De Beers, by Ben Battle—Kooinar, aged, 11st. H. Escott 1
Mr J. A. Miller's Argonaut, 6 yrs, 12st. A. Nightingall 2
Mr P. H. Carwardine's Mr Gillmore, 6 yrs, 11st
Wansbrough 3

Betting: 11 to 8 on De Beers, 11 to 8 agst Argonaut, and 50 to 1 agst Mr Gillmore.

Mr Gillmore led round to the stand, but there refused once, Argonaut, whose jumping was manifestly superior to that of De Beers, taking the lead. De Beers was kept hard at him, however, and whatever was lost at the jumps was recovered on the flat. In this way they came round again side by side, and were neck and neck up the straight, great excitement being manifested when they took the last fence together at a terrific pace. The run in was all in favour of De Beers, however, and he won by a length and a half. Mr Gillmore had refused the stand jump the second time round, but completed the course.

MANCHESTER—JAN. 1.

New Year's Handicap Steeplechase of 250 sovs; 3 miles. Major J. A. Orr-Ewing's ch h Swanshot, by Ruckshot—Valerie, aged, 11st 6lb G. Morris 1
Lord Shrewsbury's Ballyohara, aged, 10st 9lb
G. Williamson 2
Capt. Ethelston's Lotus Lily, aged, 10st Mr A. W. Ward 3
Miss Norris's Wild Man from Borneo, aged, 11st 13lb. Mr G. Widger 0
Mr C. Hibbert's Ardcar, aged, 11st 5lb R. Nightingall 0
Major Edward's Cloonfly, aged, 10st 10lb (inc. 5lb extra) (car. 10st 11lb) Mr J. Arnold 0
Mr J. A. Miller's Aberdeen, 5 yrs, 10st 5lb (inc. 5lb extra) A. Nightingall 0

Betting: 3 to 1 agst Swanshot, 4 to 1 each agst Ballyohara and Ardcar, 5 to 1 agst Wild Man from Borneo, 8 to 1 each agst Lotus Lily and Cloonfly, and 100 to 12 agst Aberdeen.

Wild Man from Borneo pioneered Swanshot, Aberdeen, Lotus Lily, and Ardcar to the first fence, where the latter fell. Wild Man negotiated the water first, and continued in front for fully half the journey, when he dropped back, and Lotus Lily went on from Ballyohara and Swanshot, with Cloonfly last. A mile from home Swanshot joined the leaders, and shortly afterwards took up the running, closely attended by Lotus Lily and Ballyohara. When well in the straight, the latter chal-

lenged Swanshot, but could never fairly get on terms, and, the pair coming away from their field at the last fence, the favourite held his own to the end, and won cleverly by a length and a half; five lengths divided second and third; Wild Man from Borneo was fourth, and Cloonfly fifth, whilst Aberdeen was pulled up before the last fence, and did not complete the course.

DATES OF PRINCIPAL RACES IN 1897.

Tuesday, March 23—Lincolnshire Handicap (about 1 m).
Friday, March 26—Liverpool Grand National (about 4 mile 4 fur).
Saturday, March 27—Liverpool Spring Cup (1 mile 3 fur).
Wednesday, March 31—Northamptonshire Stakes (1 m 4 f).
Tuesday, April 27—Great Metropolitan (2 miles 2 fur).
Wednesday, April 28—City and Suburban (1 mile 2 fur).
Wednesday, May 5—Two Thousand (1 mile 11 yards).
Friday, May 7—One Thousand (1 mile 11 yards).
Wednesday, May 12—Chester Cup (about 2 miles 2 fur).
Saturday, May 15—Kempton Park Jubilee Stakes (1 m).
Wednesday, May 19—Newmarket Stakes (1 mile 2 fur).
Sunday, May 23—French Oaks, at Chantilly (about 1 mile 2 fur).
Tuesday, May 25—Great Northern Handicap, York (1 mile 4 fur).
Wednesday, May 26—Somersetshire Stakes (1 mile).
Sunday, May 30—French Derby, at Chantilly (1 m. 4 f).
Wednesday, June 2—Derby (about 1 mile 4 fur).
Friday, June 4—Oaks (about 1 mile 4 fur).
Friday, June 11—Manchester Cup (about 1 mile 6 fur).
Sunday, June 13—Grand Prize of Paris (about 1 m. 7 f).
Tuesday, June 15—Ascot Stakes (about 2 miles).
Wednesday, June 16—Ascot Royal Hunt Cup (7 f. 166 y).
Thursday, June 17—Ascot Gold Cup (about 2 miles 4 fur).
Wednesday, June 23—Northumberland Plate (2 miles).
Tuesday, June 29—Newmarket July Stakes (5 fur. 136 yards).
Tuesday, June 29—Cumberland Plate (about 1 m. 6 f).
Thursday, July 1—Princess of Wales's Stakes (1 mile).
Thursday, July 15—Newmarket Chesterfield Stakes (5 f).
Friday, July 16—Eclipse Stakes (Sandown) (1 mile 2 f).
Thursday, July 22—Liverpool Summer Cup (abt. 1 m. 3 f).
Tuesday, July 27—Goodwood Stewards Cup (6 fur).
Wednesday, July 28—Goodwood Stakes (2 miles 4 fur).
Thursday, July 29—Goodwood Cup (2 miles 4 fur).
Friday, July 30—Goodwood Chesterfield Cup (1 m. 2 f).
Tuesday, August 3—Brighton Stakes (1 mile 4 fur).
Wednesday, August 4—Brighton Cup (1 mile).
Saturday, August 7—Lewes Handicap (1 mile 4 fur).
Wednesday, August 25—Great Ebor Handicap, York (1 mile 6 fur).
Thursday, August 6—Great Yorkshire Stakes (1 m. 6 f).
Tuesday, September 7—Doncaster Champagne Stakes (5 fur. 152 yards).
Wednesday, September 8—Doncaster St. Leger (1 mile 6 fur. 132 yards).
Thursday, September 9—Doncaster Portland Plate (5 fur. 152 yards).
Friday, September 10—Doncaster Cup (about 2 m. 5 f).
Saturday, September 25—Prince Edward Handicap (Manchester) (1 mile).
Wednesday, September 25—Newmarket Great Eastern Railway Handicap (6 fur).
Wednesday, September 29—Newmarket October Handicap (1 mile).
Thursday, September 30—Jockey Club Stakes (1 m. 2 f).
Saturday, October 9—Duke of York Stakes (1 mile).
Wednesday, October 13—Cesarewitch (2 m. 2 fur. 3 yds).
Friday, October 15—Middle Park Plate (6 fur).
Tuesday, October 26—Criterion Stakes (6 fur).
Wednesday, October 27—Cambridgeshire (1 mile 240 y).
Thursday, October 28—Dewhurst Plate (7 fur).
Friday, November 12—Liverpool Autumn Cup (1 m. 3 f).
Friday, November 26—Lancashire Handicap (Manchester) (1 mile).
Saturday, November 27—Manchester November Handicap (about 1 mile 6 fur).

PONY RACING

The following are the entries and weights for the opening meeting of the season at Hurlingham on Tuesday:—

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.
Messrs Bedford and Thorold's Smike, 58 in, 78 k
Lieut. Herran's Negrito, 58 in, 78 k
Mr M. G. Fortune's Tommy, 57 in, 75 k
Mr L. Billingham's Monk, 57 in, 75 k
Mr A. Sasso's Porsiacaso, 57 in, 75 k

THE PEREIRA HANDICAP, a Sweepstakes of \$20 each, with \$100 added, for Ponies of 56 in. and under; 1600 metres.
Mr Pearson's Ramadan, 56 in, 77 k
Messrs Bedford and Thorold's Geisha, 55 in, 67 k
Mr W. Paats' Brandyball, 55 in, 71 k

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.
Mr A. Sasso's Changador, 56 in, 75 k
Lieut. Herran's Atorrante, 56 in, 75 k
Stud Venado's Caramelo, 56 in, 75 k
Mr Parvis' Twilight, 56 in, 75 k
Messrs Bedford and Thorold's The Owl, 56 in, 75 k
Mr R. Newbery's Jaquero, 56 in, 75 k

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

Mr Pearson's Ramadan, 56 in, 78 k
Lieut Herran's Mistigris, 56 in, 77 k
Mr Amaré's Porvenir, 54 in, 67 k

THE WELCOME STAKES, 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.

Mr A. Amaré's General Las Heras
Mr J. Olmos' Casual
Mr L. Cardoso's Kon Karan
Mr H. Noonan's Lead On

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

Lieut. Herran's Mistigris, 56 in, 79 k
Mr W. Paats' Brandyball, 55 in, 75 k
Messrs Bedford and Thorold's The Owl, 56 in, 68 k
Mr Amaré's Porvenir, 54 in, 65 k

SHOOTING.

Miss Annie Oakley lately gave a marvellous exhibition of shooting to witness which about 2,500 people assembled on the grounds of the Greenville Shot Gun Club, Ohio. Over four hundred ladies were in attendance, to lend a charm to the occasion. Her first work was to shoot at two clay birds thrown in the air, while mounted on her bicycle. The wheel was out of gear, and the ground very rough, yet she easily succeeded in breaking both birds. In the live pigeon shoot she made a wonderful show, killing 28 out of 30. On six birds she used the second barrel, and two birds she allowed to escape, being afraid of wounding someone. She was greatly handicapped by the crowd, part of the time being unable to turn far enough round to see the second pigeon before it got out of range.

There is a popular notion to the effect that lead shot are made spherical by falling from a height. This is an error, inasmuch as the only purpose of lofty shot towers is to give the shot a chance to cool and harden as they tumble. They are just as perfect spheres when they start from the top as when they reach the well of water 200ft. or so below. The usefulness of the water is merely as a soft cushion to receive them. Shot cannot be made from pure lead, but an admixture of arsenic causes the lead to form globules, like mercury. The molten lead is placed in a big iron pan with perforated bottom and the drops falling through are the shot. They must fall some distance in order to get time to cool and harden. A batch thus made, they are scooped out of the water, tumbled about in a revolving barrel with plumbago, and finally put through a series of sieves to sort them into sizes for market.

LAWN TENNIS.

B. AIRES LAWN TENNIS CLUB v. LOMAS A.C.

This match was played on Sunday last at Cinco Esquinas, the ground of the former club. The weather was extremely hot and made it no light task for the players. In spite of the heat, however, several ladies visited the ground during the afternoon, tea being kindly dispensed by Mrs Boadle.

H. Tudor ought to have played as partner to J. F. Macadam, but being unavoidably prevented F. L'E. Wallace took his place.

As will be seen from the scores the Buenos Aires Club obtained an easy victory by eleven matches to five, at the same time the Lomas first pair gave an excellent account of themselves, winning all their matches.

An excellent lunch was provided by the Albion Club, and altogether a most enjoyable day was spent.

The following are the scores:

B.A. Lawn Tennis Club—
J. F. Macadam and F. L'E. Wallace beat
L. G. Bentham and A. Withington, 6-1, 6-4.
B. W. Kennard and A. Leslie, 6-5, 6-5.
H. P. Wright and H. Mohr-Bell, 6-2, 6-2.
B. St. G. Verschoyle and W. J. G. Paton beat
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L. G. Bentham and A. Withington, 6-3, 6-0.
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T. S. Boadle and H. H. Woodgate beat
B. W. Kennard and A. Leslie, 6-1, 6-3.
H. P. Wright and H. Mohr-Bell, 6-0, 6-1.

Lomas A.C.—
A. McMorran and A. Mohr-Bell beat
J. F. Macadam and F. L'E. Wallace, 6-4, 6-3.
B. St. G. Verschoyle and W. J. G. Paton, 6-5, 2-6, 6-3.
H. B. Burr and A. G. Gumpert, 6-4, 6-5.
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T. S. Boadle and H. H. Woodgate, 6-2, 6-3.
Buenos Aires—11 matches, 23 sets, 177 games.
Lomas—5 matches, 10 sets, 109 games.

ESTANCIA AND COLONY.

The National Government has granted the sum of \$60,000 to the Province of Entre Rios for distribution amongst the ruined colonists of that province, in order that they may buy seed for the coming sowing. The Entre Rios Government will name a special committee for the equitable distribution of the amount granted.

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The exportation of live stock during the past year was as follows;

	Cattle.	Sheep.	Horses.	Mules.	Pigs.
England	38,091	183,579	—	—	—
France	4,211	98,503	—	—	—
Belgium	3,099	27,492	—	—	—
Brazil	68,922	6,385	1,009	871	345
Various..	2,116	231	892	4,925	—
	116,439	321,190	1,901	5,796	345

Of the 5,796 mules exported 4,863 were shipped to the Cape.

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From the telegrams we note that there is still a great demand for Argentine live stock in the Deptford markets, the price for bullocks ranging from 42d to 44d per stone of eight pounds; wethers, also, are commanding good prices, which are averaging 45d per stone.

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On Thursday last the sales of Argentine live stock in the Deptford markets included those of 258 bullocks, which sold from 42d to 44d per stone, with an upward tendency; 1845 wethers sold from 44d to 47d per stone.

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Messrs Hicks and Co., Calle Reconquista, have been named sole agents in this republic for the firm of Messrs Robertson, Johnston, and Robertson, consignees of live stock in the Liverpool, Deptford and Glasgow markets. Messrs Hicks advise us that they have received the following wire from Deptford: "Argentine beef and mutton from 5 1/4d to 5 1/2d per lb."

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The poor state of the harvest this season of maize, linseed and wheat may be gauged from the fact that the Primitiva Bag Factory has only sold this year a million and a half bags, instead of selling as in former years some eight or nine millions.

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Every day news arrives from the camp giving accounts of the great damage done by the locusts. It is calculated that in the four provinces of Buenos Aires, Santa Fé, Córdoba, and Entre Rios losses in crops amount to the enormous sum of some eight or nine millions sterling.

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Estancieros in some parts of the Banda Oriental report that the locusts are being destroyed in great numbers by an insect or worm that develops itself in the body of the locust, and feeding thereon causes death. We are at a loss to understand to what species this insect belongs, but as a matter of interest to our readers we are endeavouring to procure specimens, and which we hope to treat of in a later issue. A worm is also killing off a large percentage of the locusts in some parts of Santa Fé.

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With anything like management one would have thought that a meat-preserving factory in the Province of Buenos Aires would have turned out a gold mine, especially one so favourably situated as the one in Berazategui. Evidently the shareholders thought the same as we do, but badly have they been disappointed, as for the past four years the factory has been idle. On Wednesday the whole property, consisting of 156 hectares of land, the buildings and machinery, were brought to the hammer by Messrs Roman, Bravo and Co., and sold for \$404,000 paper to the River Plate Trust, Loan and Agency Co.

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Mr R. H. Morgan, of the firm of Messrs Swan and Co., live stock importers and exporters in this market, left by the ss Olimpo with bullocks and wethers for the Deptford market. We understand that Mr Morgan will arrive out here again within the next few months with a shipment of pedigree stock.

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To-day the Balcarce Rural Society's annual fair opens and will last three days. The class of animals for sale should lead to very good prices. Amongst the many estancieros whose animals will be offered for sale are Messrs Gibson, R. Newton, Manuel Aguirre, J. Kelly, J. Bailac, Torres, Agüero, etc.

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Exporters of live stock to Antwerp from here are greatly alarmed at the news that the Belgian Government have prohibited the importation of Argentine animals. Several exporters have hurried up the despatch of their shipments before official notice arrives here. This news will deprive us of a market of no little importance, as last year 3099 bullocks and 27,492 wethers were sent to Antwerp from here.

Messrs Bullrich and Co. sold some Lincoln rams, the property of Mr H. Bonifacio, at capital prices on Thursday. One fetched \$1220, bought by Messrs Lorda Hnos., others \$830, \$820, \$800, \$670, down to \$380 each. Their total reached \$13,940, the average for the 25 sold being therefore \$560 each.

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Messrs Spurr and Lagos have shipped to Liverpool by the steamer Parkland 185 bullocks. These give an average of 713 kilos each, evidently the best shipment that has gone forward for some time.

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On the 26th and 27th of this month Messrs Funes, Lagos and Co. held one of their periodical sales of exhibition Lincoln sheep. Prices were very good and the sales largely attended. The total of the sales was \$35,528.50, details of which are as follows:

Dr. Santiago Luro, La Quinua, 9 rams, average \$296.66.
Gibson Bros., Los Ingleses, 5 rams, average \$200.
Gibson Bros., La Tomasa, 10 rams, average \$234.50.
G. A. Bell, San Alonso, 10 rams, average \$202.
S. Zamudio, Los Toldos, 14 Lincoln male lambs \$70 each, 5 female lambs \$50 each, 15 ewes \$22 each.
Ramon F. Perez, San Ramon, 8 rams, average \$176.
G. Villafañe, San Gregorio, 9 rams, average \$325.55.
J. N. Rovira, Granja Blanca, 25 ewes, average \$17.
M. C. Reguera, Vivorata, 20 ewes Oxford Down, \$31 each; and 10 at \$27 each.
S. Kirchner, La Azotea, 9 rams at \$60 each, 11 ewe lambs \$13 each.
R. Milani, La Fabrica, 10 rams, average \$104.
J. M. Romano, Las Heras, 10 ewes \$15 each, 20 ewe lambs \$26 each.
C. Lorea, El Molino, 14 ewes \$25 each.
R. Waesler, La Britañia, 10 rams, average \$320.
A. N. Walker, Glenbrech, 5 rams, average \$252.
D. N. Carmen, El Lago, average \$237.
J. Ortiz de Rosas, San Bernardo, 30 rams, average \$115.
P. Ezcurra, Lincoln, 6 rams averaging \$215, 13 male lambs \$100 each, 25 ewe lambs \$38 each, 1 ram \$50.
J. Fernandez, San Juan, 10 rams, average \$239.50.
C. Caraza, San Agustin, 32 rams, average \$106.

Amongst the buyers we noticed Messrs R. Villanueva, Diaz, Cerro, Castro, Traverso, Garcia, Pastor, Larronde, Rodriguez, Mariñebarena, Martin, Vivanco and Pellegrini, Gomez, Freitas, Béch and Co., etc.

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The following is a list of pedigree exportation certificates granted by the Shorthorn Society from Nov. 2 to Dec. 8, 1896, for 28 animals exported to this country:—Golden Boy 68,708, bred by Mr Joseph Barnes; Viscount Oxford of Ruddington 5th 68,054, bred by Mr P. L. Mills; Red Duke, bred by Mr G. Hawke; Count, bred by Mr A. W. Still; Pedigree 69,232, Sturford Aislesbury 69,651, and The Masher 69,700, bred by Mr H. T. Cookson; Vice-Admiral, bred by Mr G. Britten; Countess of Barrington 18th, Grand Duchess of Oxford 117th, Grand Duchess of Oxford 127th, and Winsome 49th, bred by Mr V. C. W. Cavendish; Benrinnes 66,700, bred by Mr J. Wilson; Royal Standard 69,495, bred by Mr W. Graham; Baron Wikey, bred by Mr E. Broughall; Duke of Marlborough 68,525, bred by Mr J. Garne; Lord Lally 68,974, bred by Mrs Nevett; Prince Arthur and Scottish Beauty, bred by Messrs W. and T. Bain; Jay Gould 67,232, bred by Sir A. H. Grant, Bart., Asteroid 68,161, bred by Mr W. Duthie; Cowslip 34th, Esmeralda 2nd, Gladys, Lady Flowers, Red Rose 3rd, and Serviette, bred by the Earl of Powis; Broughton Prince 3rd, bred by Mr H. Wyatt.

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Señor Don Carlos Guerrero, ex-President of the Liga Agraria Association of Buenos Aires, lately wrote a somewhat useless letter to Mr S. Upton, Secretary of the Lincoln Longwool Sheep Breeders' Association. The purport of Señor Guerrero's communication was a proposal that the Lincoln Sheep Breeders' Association should aid in having the regulation for the slaughter of sheep imported from the Argentine Republic nine days after arrival rescinded, and that permission should be given to sell the imported animals in this country for grazing purposes. To accede to this request would, of course necessitate a new Act of Parliament to supersede the one passed last Session, and which came into operation on January 1. Mr Upton, in his reply, states that he had read Señor Guerrero's letter at the last meeting of Council of the Lincoln Sheep Breeders' Association, and continues as follows:—"The Council desire me to express their regret that, in the interest of stock breeders and owners of this country generally, it should have been found necessary for a while to stop the importation of live animals from abroad, and they do not think that anything they could do at the present time could lead to a reversal of recent legislation upon the question. And the agricultural societies and principal breeders and owners of stock were unanimous as to the necessity for the passing of the Diseases of Animals Act, and urged it upon the Government. Under these circumstances the Council do not see their way to offer any assistance in the direction pointed out by you at this present time."

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" —Cross Lincoln 6.20— 8.40
Hides—Bullock \$14.00—15.00
" —Novillo 10.00—11.50
" —Cow 7.00— 9.00
Sheepskins, consumo, per kilo.... 0.25— 0.70
Lambskins, per dozen 2.00— 2.50

Sheep—Lincolns \$ 8.00— 9.00
" —Mestizo-Lincolns 4.50— 7.30
" —Rambouillet 3.20— 5.80
Ewes 3.00— 4.50

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" (Candeal) 9.00—12.00
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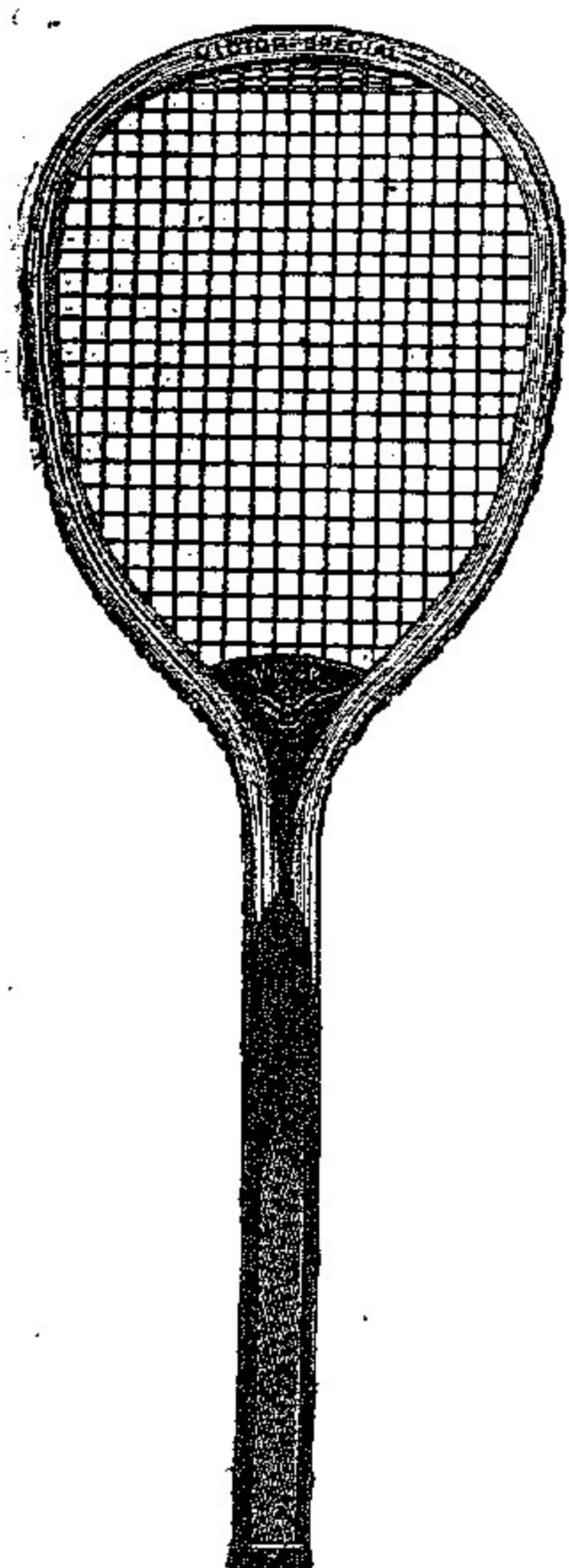
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SPORTING NOTES

The half-yearly general meeting of the Buenos Aires Rowing Club will be held this evening at 8.30 p.m. at George Mercer's, at which the accounts for the past six months will be presented, and other matters concerning the club will be discussed.

On Tuesday some of the best of our rowing men will cross the river to take part on the Montevidean Regatta. As my readers already know both the Buenos Aires and Tigre clubs are sending a crew. The men have been in training for some time, and are representative of our rowing strength, so I hope will return with well-earned laurels. I had been promised the names and weights of the Montevidean crew, but have not received them up to the time of going to press.

Owing to the bad weather, the entries for the Buenos Aires Lawn Tennis Tournament, to be played at Cinco Esquinas on Tuesday next, Feb. 2, will be received up till to-morrow. The Tournament is to be played on the American system, and should obtain plenty of entries.

We are as usual to have a plebiscite on the teams for the North and South match, and as the time is now short, my readers who fancy their judgment in the selection of an eleven should lose no time in sending in their teams, as Thursday the 11th is the last day for receiving them.

Just before going to press our mails dated January 9, arrived, but too late to be done justice to in this week's issue. I notice that the entries for the Spring Handicaps are published, and that the Australian champion cross country horse, Daimio, has been entered for the Grand National.

In the same list I was rather surprised to see the name of our friend Mr Gilmore, whose performances over a country hitherto have hardly been up to Grand National form. At least it would have been only fair to let him have some more experience at his new trade before aiming so high. I notice also that Titare, by Whipper In—Puppet, is entered in both the City and Suburban and Jubilee Stakes.

A good number of Argentine ponies will be sent home again this year, and due to the experience gained by last year's team and the performances of the ponies they took over, the class of animal that has been shipped lately is vastly different to that of most of those sent previously, and unless I am much mistaken most of them will be found just as good as the best English ponies playing.

To-morrow and Tuesday will be great days at Hurlingham, when Buenos Aires and Hurlingham play their return two day match, and the opening race meeting of the season falls on Tuesday. In order to save the cricketers feeling any inconvenience on Tuesday from the racing, a tent has been put up on the cricket ground where lunch will be served and from where the game can be watched by those who wish to follow it closely.

The rain has been just what was wanted for the course at Hurlingham, and the going on Tuesday should be just what it ought to be whilst the weather promises to be perfect. The fields will be small, however, but this is hardly to be wondered at when the heat of the past few weeks, and the impossibility of training be considered.

The date of the first meeting of the Southern Committee for the election of the South cricket eleven for this season has been changed for Wednesday, Feb. 3, the original date, Monday 1st, being an inconvenient one for those who wish to take advantage of the two holidays coming together with only one work day between.

The Southern Committee, as my readers already know, consists of two representatives from each of the principal clubs, Flores, Buenos Aires, Lomas, and Hurlingham, as follow:—Messrs Gardom and Boyd, Flores; Messrs R. W. Anderson and A. Lacey, Buenos Aires; Messrs Mills and Fortune, Hurlingham; and Messrs Bridger and J. O. Anderson, Lomas.

Those who race at Hurlingham will hear with regret that Mr Bond has resigned his post as starter to the club. Mr Bond has now held the flag at Hurlingham for some years, has never failed to be at his post punctually and in all weathers, on one single occasion; his place will indeed be difficult to fill by one who, like him, will give his services to the club for the sake of sport only.

How many of us have used every day the expression "got into a scrape" without knowing its origin. Many of my readers will be surprised to learn that this most common of phrases originated in the game of golf. In the old days golf was played with a stick cut from the hedge, and a ball rounded from a briar or box root, and "getting into a scrape" meant having a "bad lie."

I have been asked lately many times what are subsidiary goals at polo. Subsidiary goals, according to the Indian Rules, must be marked out with a chalk line on the ground each side of the posts, and as far as I remember, measures eleven feet from each post. The ball must pass between the post and the end of the subsidiary goal line to score, and no number of subsidiary goals can equal a true goal scored between the posts.

It is pleasant to hear of such a sportsmanlike action, as that taken by the Rosario A.C. who on being informed that the Flores Club would be unable to send up a representative team to-morrow, took steps to have their match fixed for the 7th inst. postponed, and offered Flores that date. This will allow several Flores men to take part in the two days' match at Hurlingham, and also enable the Flores captain to take with him a fully representative team when he goes to Rosario next week.

On Tuesday next there will be a Bat Fives tournament on the Flores Club courts, play commencing at ten o'clock in the morning. There is to be only one event, a Gentlemen's Doubles, for which partners will be drawn by lot. Members of the Flores A.C. who wish to take part in the competition should send their names in to either the Rev. R. F. Handcock, Mr F. Foster, or Mr B. G. Henderson, together with the entrance fee of two dollars each.

A committee meeting of the Polo Association was held last Wednesday to go into the votes of the members of the Association taken by the secretary with the object of finding out the general feeling as to whether the present standard of height for ponies, 14 hands, should be raised or not, to elect a secretary in place of Mr F. J. Balfour, and determine a date for the next championship tournament.

It was a matter of general surprise that the voting resulted in a decided majority for raising the height to 14 hands 2 in. And more surprising still was that a big majority in those of the higher standard want it raised at once. However, as the votes of the fourteen handers have to be added to those who advocate a certain length of notice, it is very improbable that the general meeting to be called to decide the matter will alter the rule till next year.

The actual number of votes for fourteen two was eighty-two, and for fourteen hands forty-seven. One or two votes were received from men who neither play nor are likely to play, but with these few exceptions the votes were all sent by bona fide playing members of the different clubs affiliated to the Association and may be taken as a perfectly true indication of how the feeling runs in the matter. As the height had to be raised sooner or later, perhaps it is as well the voting resulted as it has. Now men know what ponies they can buy for the future.

Another important committee meeting was held last Wednesday, when the racing committee of the Hurlingham Club decided to alter the rule regarding certificates of height. Formerly certificates of height were granted to four and five-year-olds for a year, dating from any time, and expiring on that day year. Now it has been decided that certificates shall hold good for the racing season only, that is to say shall expire in December of each year, new ones will be given at any time, but in no case will hold good over the following December.

CRICKET.

FIXTURES.

JANUARY

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. Portefios, 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—London and R. P. Bank v. British Bank, at Palermo.
 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. 31—Banks v. C. Argentine Ry.
 Feb. 7—Rosario A.C. v. Cordoba and Rosario Ry.

NORTH v. SOUTH.

In order to obtain the names of the most popular eleven to represent the North and South in the match at Palermo next month, we offer prizes of bound copies of "Sport and Pastime," Vols. IX. and X. to anyone who shall name the eleven players in either team in the order, or in the nearest order, placed by the plebiscite. The names of the teams must be sent in by Thursday, February 11, so that the winning teams can be published in "Sport and Pastime" of Saturday, February 13.

For the use of those who intend sending in teams for the competition, we publish below the necessary qualifications for this match.

Qualification required for North v South match.

- A new comer shall not be eligible so play in the match until he has been resident three months in this country.
- A resident must have resided at least six months in the district he represents.
- A player in case of change of district shall not be ineligible for his old district until eligible for the new as per Rule B.
- In case of absence from the country for more than twelve months he shall on his return be considered a new comer as per Rule A.
- The match should be confined to amateurs and no professional shall be allowed to play in it.
- Should any question arise as to the residential qualification the same shall be left to the decision of the North and South Committee.

At a meeting held on December 12, 1894, it was decided that the South shall be composed of the Province of Buenos Aires and the National Lands of the Gobernaciones South of Cordoba, San Luis and Mendoza.

The North to be composed of the provinces of Santa Fé and Entre Rios, and all other provinces and Gobernaciones in the Republic.

ENGLISH HIGH SCHOOL v. LANUS (F.C.S.) A.C.

The following will represent the above clubs in their match at Lanus this afternoon:

English High School—Messrs. R. W. Rudd, A. Coste, G. Brown, C. Benson, T. Brown, E. Brown, C. Knaudt, M. Bruski, A. Hutton, S. Dorman.

Lanus—Messrs. A. E. Martin, Weir, A. Venn, H. Hartley, R. Draper, H. G. Sketchley, Greaven, J. Dawson, Gregory, A. Dobson, Scorey.

B.A.C.C. v. HURLINGHAM.

The following have been selected to play in the above match at Hurlingham to-morrow and Feb. 2:

B.A.C.C.—Messrs. J. Gifford, E. R. Gifford, J. O. Anderson, R. W. Rudd, B. B. Syer, J. R. Garrod, W. Brown, R. W. Anderson, W. Higgins, C. R. Thursby, A. Lace.

Hurlingham.—Messrs. G. A. Thomson, E. L. Rumboll, B. J. Dillon, A. Anderson, H. B. Anderson, C. A. Hay, H. M. Mills, E. D. Drabble, E. Leslie Wilson, T. A. H. Forde, Lacey.

Train leaves Central at 9.25 a.m.

MR R. A. SUMNER'S XI. v. A FLORES XI.

The following will take part in the above match to-morrow at Flores:

A Flores XI.—H. B. Elliot (sen.), H. B. Elliot (jun.), G. F. Elliot, J. H. Elliot, B. G. Henderson, W. D. Gar-

dom, F. E. Jones, G. V. Forrester, J. B. Faram, D. King, A. O. Jones.
 Mr R. A. Sumner's XI.—B. W. Gardom, J. Drysdale, F. Bell, T. A. H. Forde, J. H. Webster, T. V. M. Knox, D. Stokes, J. Zimmermann, J. T. Darch, H. K. Penrose, A. N. Other.

LOMAS A.C. 2ND XI. v. BELGRANO A.C. 2ND XI.

The following will represent the above clubs in their 2nd XI. fixture to-morrow at Belgrano. Play commences at 11.30:

Belgrano A.C.—Messrs. H. Rugeroni, A. Campbell, G. F. Wallis, T. Allen, H. J. Fraser, E. S. Evill, G. Macfarlane, R. Macfarlane, H. W. Roberts.

Lomas 2nd XI.—Messrs. D. Gibson, S. Gibson, W. R. Goodbody, J. Wright, W. Stirling, D. Duncan, H. Colson, L. Jacobs, C. P. Davis, H. Dobson, A. A. Miller.

Train from Central (Rosario line) leaves at 10.50 a.m.

BANFIELD A.C. v. BOHEMIANS.

This match will be played to-morrow at Lanus, ground kindly lent for the occasion by the L.A.C.

Banfield—Messrs. G. Bingham, E. L. Wilson, J. S. Prescott, M. A. Halstead, A. Venn, J. J. Dowson, H. W. Griggs, H. Nicholson, A. Goode, A. Brooke, W. Chevob.

Bohemians—Messrs. R. Draper, T. Donovan, C. R. Tupholme, A. V. Sly, G. H. Cooke, M. J. Duggan, C. M. Belton, H. Power, T. D. Belton, A. N. Other and F. B. Percy.

Play commences on the arrival of the 9.45 train from Plaza Constitucion.

Lunch provided by "Ye Brunswicke."

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

The following will represent the above clubs in their match on Tuesday, Feb. 2. Play to commence on arrival of the 12.30 p.m. train from Constitucion.

Belgrano—Messrs. H. W. Rotting, W. M. Graham, G. L. Miles, J. D. Shepard, S. J. Moore, J. Campbell, J. S. Prescott, J. Negron, R. C. Mackinnell, W. Fowler, J. S. Lee.

Lanus—Messrs Addison Smith, Draper, A. E. Martin, Tupholme, Duncan, Sly, T. Bridge, Leslie Wilson, E. Luck, Sketchley, and Venn. Reserves—Hartley and Weir.

FLORES A.C. v. ROSARIO A.C.

The following eleven has been selected to play for Flores at Rosario, on Sunday, Feb. 7:

Messrs. B. W. Gardom (captain), A. Boyd, B. J. Dillon, W. Brown, G. A. Thomson, T. V. M. Knox, B. B. Syer, R. W. Rudd, A. Palmer, F. E. Jones, B. G. Henderson, W. D. Gardom (Reserve).

BATTING AND BOWLING AVERAGES.

Our list this week is smaller than usual, the minimum number of innings (nine) has caused G. M. Comber to drop out of the list, while the averages of A. Venn and H. W. Botting have fallen below 10, and so they find no place this week. Nearly all the averages that have changed have done so for the worse, though most of the wickets last Sunday were fast. P. M. Rath, with his average unchanged, once again takes the second place on the list. H. B. Anderson goes up from fifteenth to twelfth place, while Tupholme drops from twelfth to fifteenth. Jacobs goes up one place. So as to get more into the average list we shall leave the minimum number of innings at 9.

In the bowling several changes have taken place. W. Brown still remains head of the list with a better average, the four next retain the same order, their averages being unchangad. Knox comes up from ninth to fifth place, while Venn drops from seventh to tenth. J. O. Anderson comes from last but one to thirteenth place, and Bridger reappears in the list. Next week the minimum number of overs bowled will be 80.

BATTING AVERAGES.

	No. of inns.	not out.	High. Score.	Total Runs.	Aver.
A. Anderson	18	5	106*	609	46.8
P. M. Rath	10	2	70	307	38.3
J. O. Anderson	25	3	93	821	37.3
E. L. Rumboll	20	2	117*	536	29.7
B. J. Dillon	14	1	76	356	27.3
R. E. H. Anderson	22	2	122*	508	25.4
F. H. Jacobs	10	1	54*	170	18.88
G. A. Thomson	15	0	50	282	18.8
G. F. Elliot	14	2	45	219	18.2
R. L. Halstead	9	1	33	136	17
E. L. Wilson	14	1	45*	217	16.69
H. B. Anderson	16	1	55	249	16.6
W. Brown	13	1	34	192	16
W. H. Harvey	19	1	57	230	12.7
C. R. Tupholme	10	2	57*	97	12.1
J. Negron	12	2	28*	108	10.8
D. L. Mann	13	3	31	102	10.2

* Signifies not out.

BOWLING AVERAGES.

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Av.
W. Brown	152.1	64	252	40	6.3
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	188	23	8.1
T. V. M. Knox	283.4	87	589	60	9.8
K. Moscrop	146.2	40	303	31	9.9
E. L. Rumboll	261	67	560	54	10.3
W. H. Harvey	156.2	29	372	33	11.2
G. A. Thomson	198.4	44	460	40	11.5
A. Venn	81.2	10	245	20	12.2
D. L. Mann	98	16	265	21	12.6
R. C. Mackinnell	123.3	35	410	30	13.6
J. O. Anderson	103.3	18	325	23	14.1
H. B. Anderson	123.1	31	284	20	14.2
G. F. Elliot	108.1	21	281	19	15.05
J. Stuart	105.1	12	317	21	15.09
J. R. Garrod	70.1	28	142	9	15.7
P. L. G. Bridger	78	14	156	9	17.3
C. R. Tupholme	104	21	251	12	20.9

B.A.C.C. v. LOMAS.

We have just come across an account with scores of a cricket match between the above clubs played on March 22nd and 23rd, 1883. We feel sure no apology is required for reproducing it, for it will not only interest many of our present cricketers, but will help to refresh the memories of those still in our midst who participated in the match.

Palermo was the scene of the encounter. Lomas batted first, and the B.A.C.C. being 91 runs behind has to follow on, setting the Suburban club 85 runs to win. These runs Lomas were unable to make in time, and at the drawing of stumps required but 28 runs to win, with 7 wickets to go down.

The match, which was described at the time as one of the best ever seen at Palermo, thus ended in draw much in favour of Lomas.

Below are the scores:—

Lomas.		1st inn	2nd inn
W. Beardshaw	b Clark	8	c Macadam b Miller 9
Nicolls	b Miller	7) did not bat
J. Huxtable	b Clark	1)
Potter	b Miller	13	not out 2
F. Jacobs	c Robson b Clark	34	c Miller b Clark... 6
D. Stokes	b Penrose	71	not out 34
J. Hogg	b Clark	13	c Macadam b Miller 4
Donne	b Penrose	11)
E. Beardshaw	b Drysdale	25) did not bat
Halstead	b Drysdale	0)
T. Pollard	not out	1)
Extras		16	Extras 3
Total		200	Total (for 3 wks).. 58

Buenos Aires C.C.		1st inn	2nd inn
Scholes	c Huxtable b Donne	0	hit wicket b Hogg 0
Penrose	c Jacobs b Beardshaw	2	c Jacobs b Hogg... 45
McKinlay	c Halstead b Donne	7	b Halstead 17
Drysdale	c Hogg b Donne	5	c Halstead b Hogg 0
Miller	b Donne	18	b Halstead 0
Macadam	c and b Beardshaw	0	b Hogg 62
Clark	b Beardshaw	19	b Donne 11
Bankier	b Donne	22	b Halstead 9
Robson	b Donne	1	not out 12
C. Clarke	b Halstead	17	run out *3
Smith	not out	4	run out 3
Extras		14	Extras 14
Total		109	Total ...176

* In the original C. Clarke is described as thrown out Beardshaw bowled Hogg.

HURLINGHAM CLUB v. UNITED BANKS.

The above-mentioned match was brought to a conclusion at Hurlingham on Sunday last, the Club winning by 141 runs. The day was extremely hot, in fact it eclipsed all others in the way of heat on the cricket field this year. The scorching sun penetrated through many a shirt, and not a few must have felt the effects of it for several days.

Hurlingham, like everywhere else in the province, has felt the effect of the locusts very severely, although the pitch itself has been very carefully guarded by Lacey, who took the precaution to cover it up as much as possible.

The Banks were not so well represented as on former occasions, and of their regular men, C. W. Thompson, G. Elliot, and A. Lace, were all conspicuous by their absence. As it was, the bankers played ten men, A. S. Willes being the absentee.

On the other hand, the Hurlingham Club managed to put a fairly average eleven in the field, and the members were glad to find fresh blood in Bedford, who showed that he is quite in the first rank of cricketers in the Plate. His innings of 54 could not have taken more than 30 minutes, and his fine slashing style was very much admired by all who saw it.

It was a pity that one of the visiting team, should have left the field of play in order to indulge in another branch of sport before the game had been concluded, especially as the Banks were already one man short. It must not, however, be forgotten the game had been won before this occurred though that fact does not justify the conduct of the aforementioned member.

The United Banks won the toss, and there is no doubt that they made a very grave mistake in going in. The wicket was soft and slow at the start, and it took nearly an hour and a half before very much difference could be discerned in it, by which time nearly all the bankers

were dismissed. When Hurlingham went to the wickets after lunch, the pitch was fairly fast, and the scoring was made at just about double the pace so that the Hurlingham Club easily passed their visitors' total.

Messrs Miller and Stuart opened the batting for the Banks, and almost at once Lacey secured the latter's wicket with a yorker on the leg stump, his place being filled by E. R. Gifford. Both Rumboll and Lacey needed a good deal of watching, and Gifford, in attempting to hit Rumboll, was badly missed in the long field; but ere many overs were bowled the same batsman was secured in the slips off Rumboll. R. E. H. Anderson next came in and drove a ball for three, but again another wicket fell, Miller retiring to an appeal of l.b.w., which left the score 12 for 3. On Campbell joining Anderson the best stand for the Banks was made, the former got Lacey to the boundary on the leg side, and Anderson followed with several drives and a cut for 2. Campbell again put away Lacey for four, but in trying to repeat the stroke was clean bowled. A change in bowling at the stable end caused the immediate dismissal of Anderson, who in trying to get out to hit F. Bell, was well put down by Darch; his contribution being 18, and the telegraph stood at 45. Gibaud was not very troublesome, and fell to Bell for 9 runs; the same can be said of Faram who was caught and bowled by the same bowler. On Bedford taking the ball from Lacey, the last two wickets soon fell, Mackinnell being not out 6. F. Bell took the lead in the bowling analysis with three wickets for 1 run. Thus the innings for the Banks closed for the small total of 55.

A good hour was allowed for luncheon, on account of the tremendous heat, but, on resuming, Hurlingham began their innings with E. Drabble and J. Huxtable to the bowling of Mackinnell and Gifford. Runs soon came at a very fair rate, Drabble driving to the boundary on the on, followed by one on the leg side. Huxtable, though almost too steady, occasionally opened out, obtaining a couple of fives on the leg side. No separation could be made until 33 runs had been scored. At which point Mackinnell caused Drabble to retire. Stuart took Rumboll's wicket before he could score, Gibaud holding him in the long field. Bedford took his place, and soon showed that he could play a fine dashing game. Fours were most frequent, and both bowlers were badly punished, until Huxtable was bowled by Faram. More good cricket was witnessed on Lacey joining Bedford, when some very fine hits were made, but 118 was up when Anderson stumped Bedford for 54, which score included 8 fours.

The field seemed to be tiring a little, and it was at this point that their principal bowler left them. Darch made double figures before being caught at point off Anderson, after which the cricket was of a very steady nature. Messrs. Forde, Schwind, and Williamson were all dismissed for small scores, and in the end Lacey was run out in a rather queer way. The ball being bowled and taken by the wicket-keeper, who returned it as usual to the bowler, meanwhile Lacey stepped casually out of his ground, when the bowler threw down his wicket, and he was given out. This closed the Hurlingham innings for 196.

Of the seven bowlers Stuart with 2 for 36, and Miller with 2 for 8 were the most successful.

Below are the full scores and analysis:—

Table with columns for United Banks and Hurlingham, listing players and their scores. Total for United Banks is 55, and for Hurlingham is 196.

BOWLING ANALYSIS

Table showing bowling analysis for United Bank and Hurlingham, with columns for O, M, R, W.

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

This fixture was played off on Sunday last at Flores, in the hottest weather we have had this season.

Henderson won the toss for Flores and elected to bat. Forrester, who was one of the first pair, played a careful innings of 19; but seven wickets were down for 69, and it seemed extremely unlikely that the century would be reached. However, when T. Palmer joined Francis the spectators were treated to some excellent cricket, and the total had reached 103 before Palmer was caught

off a ball from Webster. The wicket had thus put on 34 runs. Francis, who was the last man out, bowled by Webster, played an invaluable innings of 40.

Of the five B.A. bowlers tried, Anderson with six wickets for 37 runs, and J. H. Webster with four for 25, were very successful.

The B.A.C.C. then batted, Higgins playing well for 17; but it was not until Anderson and Thursby got together that the B.A.C.C. appeared to have any chance. These two hit hard for their respective scores of 21 and 26, and it was certainly anybody's match before they were separated. However, after the separation had been effected, no stand was made, and the whole side were out for 89, or 50 runs behind.

The feature of the innings, or indeed of the match, was the excellent bowling of W. D. Gardom, who secured seven wickets for but 26 runs.

The Flores second innings opened quietly, but when Henderson joined Jones matters became very lively, both batsmen hitting hard, the latter especially scoring very fast, his score of 35 only containing five singles. Jones put together 44 before he had to retire. No one else did anything and the score only reached 111.

W. Higgins bowled well for the visitors and captured five wickets for 19 runs.

Below are the full scores and analysis:

Table showing full scores and analysis for Flores A.C. v. B.A.C.C. 2nd XI, listing players and their scores.

Table showing bowling analysis for Flores 2nd XI, with columns for 1st inn and 2nd inn.

BOWLING ANALYSIS

Table showing bowling analysis for Flores A.C. v. Belgrano A.C., with columns for O, M, R, W.

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

The above fixture was played off on Sunday last at Belgrano, in extremely hot weather, the heat being intense, in spite of which there was a capital attendance including a large number of ladies. The older club naturally entered the field with every confidence, and their supporters looked forward to an easy win. They certainly did win, but at one time during their innings, affairs looked very black for them, for after dismissing the home eleven, for the paltry total of 37, they lost five of their wickets for 16 runs, and good wickets, too, Thomson and Rudd, however, rose to the occasion and put the issue beyond doubt before their partnership was broken.

For the visitors Knox in the two innings of Belgrano secured 11 wickets for 37 runs, while for Belgrano Nordaby with 4 for 17 was the most successful of the five bowlers tried.

Belgrano batted first, Botting taking Shepard to the wickets with him to face the deliveries of Brown and Knox, the former bowling from the railway end. With 6 runs scored all off Brown and by Botting, Knox hurt his hand and Thomson sent down a maiden. With Knox resuming Shepard was bowled. Prescott followed in, but with the score increased by three, only the new comer put one up to short-leg and had to retire. W. Graham took his place, but Knox bowled him before he had scored (9-3-0). With Harvey and Botting together matters were improved, but with 19 up Brown bowled Harvey, while Knox, with the next ball sent down, got Botting caught at mid-off in attempting a leg hit. This brought Moore and Negron together, and after 5 more runs had been added to the score, the last named

was clean bowled hitting at a delivery from Knox. D. L. Mann filled the vacancy, and after Moore had added another 3 to his score he was taken by Dillon, trying to hit Brown to leg. Nordaby came next and after scoring 2 spooned up the ball, but was let off; however, immediately afterwards, Brown bowled him. Miles followed in but with only 4 runs added saw Mann well caught at leg off Knox. Campbell was the last comer, and after scoring 2 was easily caught off Brown. Miles was left not out 3, and the total reached 37.

Brown bumped a little at times, but the total should certainly have been larger. Brown and Knox as may be imagined, each obtained excellent figures, the former taking 5 wickets for 16, while Knox obtained 5 for 20.

Lunch was then taken, after which Knox and Syer opened the Flores innings. Nordaby and Harvey sharing the bowling.

The first ball sent down by Nordaby Syer cut for 2, and no other run was made that over. Harvey with his first ball bowled Knox. Elliot took his place, but with the score increased by 4 runs only, Syer was clean bowled by Nordaby. Rudd came next, and with the score at 8 saw Elliot bowled by Harvey.

Three wickets down for 8 runs was not a promising start. Dillon joined Rudd, but also fell a victim to Harvey from the second ball he received, the score being unchanged. Boyd came next, and with the score doubled, returned the ball to Harvey. With half the side out for but 16 runs the homesters had quite as much, if not more, of the game than their opponents, but on Thomson's arrival their hopes gradually sank as the new comer appeared to rather enjoy the situation. With 30 up Nordaby handed the ball to Miles, off whose first over Thomson scored 7. Rudd then made the winning hit, but with the required 38 runs scored Rudd was well caught by Harvey off Miles. Brown came next, and soon started operations, 40 and then 50, quickly appearing on the board, but with the score at 51, Thomson, missing a ball from Negron altogether, was bowled off his pads. B. W. Gardom took his place and the rate of scoring became even faster. Harvey went on for Mann, and Nordaby resumed, the latter change taking effect, Gardom being caught at leg off a bumping ball. Hume followed in, and though he failed to score, he remained while 13 runs were added and then put his leg in front of a straight one from Nordaby. Holtum was the last comer, but as he failed to stop the first ball he received, the innings closed for 95, leaving Brown not out 33, and Flores with a lead of 58 runs.

Belgrano then began their second innings, the same pair, Shepard and Botting, going to the wickets first, while Thomson and Knox shared the attack. With five runs scored Shepard only half stopped a ball from Knox, and with three more added Botting was taken in the slips. This brought Prescott and Graham together, and matters were considerably improved, 32 appearing before Prescott found a ball from Knox too much for him. Harvey came next, but failed to trouble the scorers, putting the first ball he received into Elliot's hands in the slips. Moore then joined Graham, and the score was increased by 20 before the first-named was run out. Negron, who followed in, sent up a ball from Elliot, who had relieved Thomson, to point. Knox, with the total unaltered, then bowled Graham, who had made a useful if not elegant 22. Miles joined Mann, but after four runs had been added from a bye he was beaten by Knox and the stumps were drawn, the score reading 56 for eight wickets, so that with two more wickets to fall Belgrano required two more runs to equal the visitors' total.

Knox was again most successful, taking six wickets for 17 runs.

Below are the full scores and analysis:

Table showing full scores and analysis for Flores A.C. v. Belgrano A.C., listing players and their scores.

Table showing bowling analysis for Belgrano A.C., with columns for 1st inn and 2nd inn.

BOWLING ANALYSIS

Table showing bowling analysis for Flores A.C., with columns for O, M, R, W.

Belgrano A.C.—First Innings.					
W. Brown	13.3	8	16	5	
T. V. M. Knox	12	5	20	5	
G. A. Thomson	1	1	0	0	
T. V. M. Knox bowled one wide.					
Second Innings.					
T. V. M. Knox	15.3	7	17	6	
G. A. Thomson	9	3	15	0	
G. F. Elliot	6	2	11	1	

BANFIELD A.C. v. NONDESCRIPTS.

Banfield were not able to play their full strength against the Nondescripts at Lomas on Sunday last, and were easily defeated by 105 runs.

Spencer and A. Goodfellow started batting for the Nondescripts, but after making a brace the latter was well caught and bowled by Bingham. Dobson filled the vacancy, but soon saw A. Goodfellow retire with 10 to his credit. A prolonged stand was made when Sketchley joined Dobson, both batsmen playing careful cricket, varied by an occasional smack to the boundary. At length Kelly got one past Sketchley, the retiring batsman's contribution being 39, obtained in his usual steady style. Dobson was the next to go, his 44—a most patient innings—being the top score of the day. Leighton, who had gone in third wicket down, played a free dashing game, and when the innings was declared closed at 158 for 6 wickets, carried his bat for 41, which included 5 fours, Tabor also being not out, 3. Hannay knocked up 10 in three hits.

Banfield made a disastrous start, Brooke being bowled by the first ball sent down, whilst Goode, a few runs later, fell a victim to the same bowler Leighton. Bingham remained at the wickets some time before he was also bowled, and Griggs, playing with Job-like patience, carried out his bat for 16, but none of the others did much, the ninth wicket (Kelly being absent) falling at 53, and the Nondescripts, as above stated, were thus victorious by 105 runs.

Nondescripts.		Banfield.	
F. Spencer c and b	A. Brooke b Leighton.	0	
Bingham	A. Goode b Leighton.	8	
A. Goodfellow b Dawson	H. Nicholson b Hannay	4	
A. G. Dobson b Nicholson	F. Dawson b Hannay	5	
son	G. Bingham b Leighton	9	
44	W. Chevb b Hannay	0	
H. G. Sketchley b Kelly	H. W. Griggs not out	16	
39	G. Burton run out	4	
D. Leighton not out	A. H. Poulton b Carter	0	
41	R. Kingsland b A. Good-	1	
W. Flint b Bingham	fellow	0	
5	C. Kelly absent	0	
C. A. Tabor not out			
3			
H. A. Hannay b Bingham			
10			
F. X. Carter did			
C. Romer not			
R. L. Goodfellow bat			
Extras	Extras	6	
4			
Total	Total	53	
158			

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

This match was played on Sunday last at Lanus in extremely hot weather, and after a one-sided game Lomas were returned victorious by 177 runs.

In spite of the heat the fielding was very good on both sides, and the cricket never became slack at any time.

All the Lanus bowlers came in for rather severe punishment. D. Kingsland, who was the last to go on, was the most successful, securing three wickets for 27 runs. For Lomas, J. O. Anderson, with six for 16, was very successful. In the Lanus second innings a better appearance was put on the game, but two useful wickets were thrown away, both being run out.

Lomas won the toss and elected to bat, A. Anderson and F. H. Jacobs opening the batting, while C. R. Tupholme and W. Moss took charge of the bowling, the latter from the Lomas end. Both batsmen soon got set and W. Moss gave way for Draper. This change had no effect, so Venn relieved Tupholme, but he got very severely handled, and gave way for Tupholme, who resumed. With the score at 80 Duncan went on for Draper, and with his third ball brought about the much needed separation, getting Jacobs caught at mid-off, for a useful contribution of 45. J. O. Anderson joined his brother, but lost him at once, Duncan sending down a short one which the batsman tried to pull round, but missed—hitting too soon—and the ball glanced off the inside of his right leg into the wicket. He had made 36 runs with very careful play, his score containing 22 singles. Halstead was the next comer and Fothergill took over the ball at the town end. In his second over J. O. Anderson tried to cut a low one and brought the ball into his wicket. H. B. Anderson joined Halstead and a very merry time ensued for the batsmen, till Draper, who had resumed vice Fothergill, got Halstead caught at slip off a mis-hit. D. Gibson followed in but could not stay, Tupholme clean bowling him. The score now read 195 for five wickets, and it looked as though a big total would be compiled. Bridger joined Anderson, who had been rattling up runs at a great pace, but with the score unaltered he was easily stumped for a lively 55. After the downfall of this wicket no one could be found to stop with Bridger, who was left not out with 31 runs to his credit. Kingsland dismissed the last three wickets. The innings thus closed for 236.

Lanus then batted, A. Smith and R. Draper facing the deliveries of J. O. Anderson (town end) and P. L. G. Bridger. The former opened with four successive overs all the runs being obtained off Bridger, until with 12 up Smith was run out. E. L. Wilson took his place, and after scoring 3 skied one off Bridger to short leg. Tupholme followed in, but before he had scored, hit a ball from Anderson straight into cover point's hands and

had to retire. Venn joined Draper, but with 3 runs added lost his partnership bowled by Anderson. His score of 12 proved to be the second highest for his side, only one other obtaining double figures. F. W. Fothergill joined his captain, but fell a victim to the same bowler after scoring 6. D. Kingsland filled the vacancy, but after scoring 5, succumbed to a ball from Bridger, of the others, Martin hit up 13, but no one else did anything, the whole side being dismissed for 59. J. O. Anderson and P. L. G. Bridger bowled unchanged through the innings.

After the usual interval Lanus followed on, and did somewhat better.

A. V. Sly and A. Smith opened their second venture, W. Stirling and R. L. Halstead sharing the attack. Both batsmen scored fairly freely and 21 runs were scored before Sly was secured at short-leg off Halstead. E. L. Wilson took his place, but lost Smith, who was bowled by Stirling. Wilson was nicely set when he was unfortunately run out, being unable to get back after starting for a run, the home captain declining to run. C. R. Tupholme took his place, but lost Venn bowled by S. Gibson, who had relieved Stirling. D. Kingsland joined Tupholme and H. Anderson bowled from the Lomas end. After the score had been increased to 56, Tupholme ran himself out and stumps were then drawn.

Below are the full scores and analysis:—

Lomas.			
A. Anderson b Duncan	36		
F. Jacobs c Sly b Duncan	45		
J. O. Anderson b Fothergill	14		
R. Halstead c Tupholme b Draper	25		
H. Anderson st Wilson b Draper	55		
D. Gibson b Tupholme	8		
P. Bridger not out	31		
W. Stirling b Tupholme	2		
H. Dobson c Duncan b Kingsland	2		
T. Griffin b Kingsland	6		
S. Gibson l b w b Kingsland	0		
Extras	12		
Total	236		
Lanus.			
A. Smith run out	8	b Stirling	10
R. Draper b J. O. Anderson	12		
E. L. Wilson c A. Anderson		b Bridger	3
b Bridger		run out	14
C. Tupholme c S. Gibson b J. O. Anderson	0	run out	6
A. Venn b J. O. Anderson	7	b S. Gibson	5
F. Fothergill b J. O. Anderson	6		
D. Kingsland b Bridger	5	not out	2
D. Duncan b J. O. Anderson	0		
A. V. Sly not out	0	c S. Gibson b Hal-	7
		stead	
A. Martin b J. O. Anderson	13		
W. Moss run out	1		
Extras	4	Extras	12
Total	59	Total (for 5 wks).	56

BOWLING ANALYSIS

Lomas.					
C. Tupholme	25	5	60	2	
W. Moss	7	1	12	0	
R. Draper	14	1	46	2	
A. Venn	5	0	26	0	
D. Duncan	5	0	33	2	
F. Fothergill	7	1	20	1	
D. Kingsland	6	1	27	3	
Lanus.—First Innings.					
J. O. Anderson	12.3	6	16	6	
P. Bridger	12	2	39	2	
Second Innings.					
W. Stirling	7	2	17	1	
R. Halstead	6	2	17	1	
H. Anderson	5	2	4	0	
S. Gibson	4.2	2	6	1	

ROSARIO.

LOCAL CRICKET CHAMPIONSHIP.

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

	Played	Drawn	Lost	Won	Points
United Banks	4	0	0	4	8
C. and R. R. C.C.	5	0	2	3	6
R.A.C.	4	0	2	2	4
C.A.R.A.C.	5	0	5	0	0

The next of these matches will be played on Sunday the 31st inst at Plaza Jewell, the competing teams being the C.A.R.A.C. and the United Banks.

The following will represent their respective Clubs: C.A.R.A.C.—Messrs C. B. Calder (captain), A. H. Mayne, F. H. Usher, C. Aramburu, C. Paget, W. Mulhall, A. Leunda, J. Hollis, M. Green, R. B. Rowbotham, A. Patterson.

United Banks.—J. W. Ellery (captain), R. Bartlett, H. Colson, G. Barnard, H. Middleton, H. Spicer, H. Knight, A. Robinson, J. Neil, H. Coutts, F. Daniel.

C. AND ROSARIO RAILWAY C.C. v. UNITED BANKS

The return match between the above clubs was played at Plaza Jewell on Sunday last, the 24th inst, and somewhat contrary to expectations after a most exciting and interesting game the Banks came off victorious by the narrow margin of one run. Both teams were fully represented,

Play commenced at 1.30, at which time the heat was intense, but towards the latter part of the afternoon the sky became overclouded and a fresh breeze sprang up which added to the comfort of both players and spectators.

The captain of the Railway team having won the toss elected to put his opponents in first, and Ellery (captain) and Bartlett commenced batting for the Banks, opposed by the bowling of Martin and Willis, the former's first over being a maiden. Bartlett started the score by hitting Willis for two, Ellery following with three off Martin's next over. After a further addition of three runs, Bartlett's wickets were upset by a good ball from Willis (8—1—4). Barnard replaced the retiring batsman, and following a hit from Ellery for two off Martin, Willis sent down a maiden to the new comer. Excepting in one over from the last-mentioned bowler, which cost seven runs, the scoring at this point of the game was very slow, 7 successive maidens being bowled. At 26 Barnard was caught at point by H. Dorning, and Colson joined his captain, but without any addition being made to the score the latter was obliged to retire, stumped by Brown. This was rather unfortunate as Ellery had played very carefully for his fifteen and was apparently well set. Knight then took up his position at the wickets, Colson shortly afterwards giving a chance at mid wicket which was not accepted. Off the first ball from H. Dorning, who had replaced Martin at the Grand Stand end, Knight was well taken at slip by Willis, the telegraph reading 49—4—9. Careful play followed Middleton's entrance on the scene, but with the score at 55 his partnership with Colson was dissolved, the outgoing batsman having contributed 9 before being stumped. Spicer was the next to join Colson, but was quickly despatched by a slow tricky ball from Dorning without troubling the scorer. Next came Robinson, who augmented the score by one only, being caught and bowled by Willis. Neill failed to put on any runs, falling a victim to a good ball from Willis. In the same bowler's next over, Colson, who had been in a long time, and batted very carefully for 11 was caught at point by H. Dorning. Coutts and Daniel, the last two batsmen, put on 8 before the latter was caught by H. Dorning, leaving Coutts not out 1, the innings closing for 67.

To endeavour to beat the not very formidable total of 67, the C. and R.C.C. went to the wickets, Willis and Martin opening to the bowling of Barnard and Bartlett, the first over being sent down by Barnard to Willis at the expense of 4 runs. Bartlett from the pavilion end then sent down an over from which both Willis and Martin scored a single, but the first ball of Barnard's succeeding over found its way to Martin's wicket (1 for 6). After a maiden from Bartlett, Barnard sent a ball to Dorning (who had replaced Martin) which he skied and was well caught by Coutts at long off. R. F. Dorning followed, and after Willis had cut Barnard for 2, Dorning succeeded in hitting Bartlett for 3, Willis following with a brace and a single. Willis having made 3 off Barnard, the latter nicely caught Dorning in the slips (3 for 19). Brown took the place vacated by Dorning and sent the first ball he received for a single, both he and Willis scoring the same from Barnard's following over. Off a ball received from Bartlett, Brown gave a chance, but was allowed to escape. Eight runs were obtained from the next 3 overs and with the score at 34 Colson took over the ball from Bartlett, and from his third ball Brown was caught by Ellery at the wicket, being replaced by Lowndes. From the succeeding 5 overs 10 runs were notched, one being off Barnard and 9 off Colson. At this point Middleton relieved Colson at the pavilion end delivering his first ball to Willis, who was caught at long off by Colson, after having stylishly compiled a useful 31. Besserer was the next batsman who secured a single off Barnard and a brace off Middleton. Bartlett then commenced to bowl from the stand end, and from his third ball Lowndes lost his wicket, being brilliantly caught at slip by Colson; Henderson, who was next man, scoring 2 off the following ball. The first ball of Middleton's next over proved disastrous to Besserer, who was splendidly taken by Spicer at cover point, with a smart left handed catch. Carman now in, secured a single off Middleton's fourth ball, and after hitting Bartlett for 2, was caught in the long field by Coutts. The game was getting very exciting when Hamill joined Henderson with the score at 58, a 3 having been scored by the latter off Bartlett's last ball. Barnard was then put on at the pavilion end, a single only being scored in this over. Bartlett's first ball in the next over was cut by Henderson for 4, who also snicked another single. Barnard then sent a scorcher to Henderson which proved too much for the batsman, who made way for Lamb, the board then reading 66—8—11. No further runs were scored as immediately afterwards Bartlett took Hamill's wicket amidst great excitement, Lamb retiring without having received a ball. The Railway team thus failed to reach the score of their opponents by 1 run.

Great interest was evinced in this game, it being the general opinion that it would practically settle the championship, and it proved the most exciting of the matches played in the competition.

After such a close match there was naturally a scrutiny of the scoring book, when it was found that although 66 runs were registered the bowling analysis only shewed 64. Four byes were shewn, but it is certain that not one was given during the innings, so that these were evidently put down as runs to various batsmen. Taken either way the result was a win for the Banks, still this little inaccuracy would probably have been prevented had the Banks provided a scorer on their behalf, there being only one present at the pavilion, and he volunteered in the interests of the Railway team.

Owing presumably to the semi-tropical heat and the threatening state of the weather, only a moderate crowd

assembled to witness the game, but those present were well repaid for any little inconvenience suffered. It was decidedly a bowler's day, which, combined with the excellent fielding throughout accounted for the small scores. Willis on the part of the C. and R.C.C. proved a host in himself, both his bowling and batting being of the first order. For the Banks, Barnard worked very hard and was ably backed up by the remainder of the team. A word of praise is also due to Ellery for the manner in which he managed his men at a time when it appeared to be any odds on his opponents, each change he made being beneficial.

The following are the full scores and analysis:

United Banks.		C. and R. Railway C.C.	
J. W. Ellery st Brown	15	H. Willis c Colson b Martin	31
b Willis	4	F. Martin b Barnard	3
R. Bartlett b Willis	6	H. Dorning c Coutts b Barnard	0
G. Barnard c H. Dorning b Martin	11	R. F. Dorning c Barnard b Bartlett	7
H. Colson c H. Dorning b Willis	9	G. Brown c Ellery b Colson	2
H. Knight c Willis b Dorning	9	Lowndes c Colson b Bartlett	2
H. Middleton st Brown b Dorning	0	Besserer c Spice b Middleton	3
H. Spicer b Dorning	0	Henderson b Barnard	11
A. Robinson c and b Willis	0	E. Carman c Coutts b Barnard	3
J. Neil b Willis	1	Hamill b Bartlett	0
H. Coutts not out	7	Lamb not out	0
F. Daniel c H. Dorning b Willis	4	Extras	4
Extras	4	Extras	4
Total	67	Total	66

BOWLING ANALYSIS
United Bank.

	O	M	R	W
F. Martin	15	8	13	1
H. Willis	27	12	35	6
H. Dorning	12	4	15	3

	O	M	R	W
G. Barnard	14	4	20	3
R. Bartlett	9.1	1	30	4
H. Colson	4	1	9	1
H. Middleton	3	1	3	2

PAVILION GOSSIP.

An incident which occurred in the match at Hurlingham last Sunday between that club and the United Banks has given me an opportunity of discussing a point which I have often been asked about out here. Lacey was batting. The bowler delivered the ball and the wicket-keeper got it into his hands, after which he rolled it back to the bowler, who, seeing the batsman out of his ground threw the wicket down and the batsman was given "out."

The rule reads thus:—After the ball shall have been finally settled in the wicket-keeper's or bowler's hand, it shall be "dead," but when the bowler is about to deliver the ball, if the batsman at his wicket be out of his ground before actual delivery, the said bowler may run him out; but if the bowler throw at the wicket and any run result, it shall be scored "no ball."

My cricketing readers will readily see that the whole point lies on the reading of the word finally in the foregoing rule. But before proceeding to discuss this point, let me remind them, that these laws were framed for cricketers, that is to say, they were so made as to suit all practicable purposes, and were not drawn up for those well-versed in law. Many of our cricket laws may be read in two ways, but for practical cricketers there is only one way, the right way.

Now I consider that the ball is absolutely "dead," as soon as it leaves the wicket-keeper's hands, on its way to the bowler. Till then the ball is "in play." If a batsman walks out of his ground while the wicket-keeper has the ball in his hands he can, of course, be put out. Finally, then, it is clear, does not mean the mere fact of the ball being lodged in the wicket-keeper's hands, but that it has been finally settled there, and cannot be returned until the ball is again in play. Lacey then was undoubtedly "not out," and the umpire was in error in considering the ball still in play.

Another incident in the same match might be mentioned. B. Bedford was given out stumped off a ball which he played on to the wicket-keeper's pads and which rebounded on to the wicket, thus being "run out." The rule reads thus:—The striker is out "stumped" if in playing at the ball, provided it be not touched by

the bat or hand, the striker be out of his ground, and the wicket be put down by the wicket-keeper with the ball or with the hand or arm, with the ball in hand.

The match on Sunday last at the Plaza Jewell, Rosario, between the F.C.C.A. and United Banks, in the local championship competition afforded a magnificent finish, the Banks eventually winning by the narrow margin of one run. From what I hear the Railway seem to have made rather a mistake in putting the Banks in to bat, the state of the wicket not justifying the action, while they laboured under the additional disadvantage of fielding during the hottest part of the day, the heat being intense. The Banks fielded splendidly and no fewer than six of the railway men were caught out, while only one catch, a very hard one was dropped. The low scoring is no doubt accounted for by the terrific heat.

A very good suggestion has been made to me by a friend from the North, who proposes that a match or two matches should be arranged between our United Banks XI. and the Rosario United Banks XI.

After the North and South match there are a few dates one or two of which might very well be utilised for a meeting between these clubs. The match, if it is arranged, should prove most interesting.

One of our oldest cricketers here has written me on the question of playing four distinct and different elevens on the occasion of the visit of the Northern Camps eleven next month. I quite agree with him that far more interest would be attached to these matches if this could be arranged; but as not one of the four days in a holiday, I'm afraid it would be quite impossible to raise four quite different elevens, though of course no two elevens will be by any means exactly similar.

I recently read in an exchange that the hottest weather in which a game of cricket was ever played was at Hong-Kong, in October, 1874, when during the match the middle stump was driven out of the ground without disturbing the two bails. So great was the heat, the varnish had glued the bails together!

Mr Spofforth, the "Demon" bowler, had a narrow escape of being suffocated by fire recently. He is one of the directors of the Star Tea Company, whose premises were badly burnt. With other directors he was on the second floor when the alarm was given, but did not hear the call and with difficulty escaped.

The first meeting of the Southern Selection Committee will be held on Wednesday next. As I have already hinted, their task this year will not be a light one, as there are many with almost equal claims, at their disposal. I would strongly recommend them to leave the last one or two places open till later, or even adopt the English plan of not deciding the last place until some idea of what kind of a wicket it will be on the day of the match. It would be no good selecting a slow-wicket bowler, if the wicket is going to be a very fast one, and vice-versa.

With the North and South match rapidly approaching, it has been arranged, as usual, to have a plebiscite on the two elevens. I hope as many of our readers as possible will send in their teams, as it is always interesting to know which would be the most popular eleven selected. Competitors must not, however, forget that the names are to be placed in order.

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To-morrow and Tuesday the Buenos Aires and Hurlingham clubs will meet for their second encounter this season. From the selected teams published in another part of to-day's issue, it should be a good match, though the wicket will probably be a slow one. It will be remembered their first meeting resulted in an easy win for the B.A.C.C. by 109 runs.

I am glad to see the Gloucestershire committee have decided to give their old professional Roberts, who has done such sterling work for the County of the Graces, a benefit this coming season; the Middlesex match having been put aside for the occasion. Another old favourite Pickett, is also to have a benefit. Pickett has been a veritable thorn in the sides of the public school elevens for several years, in their matches with the Marylebone Club, but he has always been and is a great favourite.

As can be seen in another of our columns, some important changes have been made in the laws of Rugby Football, more especially with regards the duties of the Referee. I hope our players here will carefully study these changes and that copies of the rules will be brought out before our next season opens. There has been far too much whistle-blowing of late and the games have been continually interrupted on the slightest provocation, in a way which is most tantalising to the players. Now I hope we shall see all this changed.

Mr R. C. Lehman appears to be making great headway with the Harvard crew, whom he has been coaching. The trial eights were rowed on Dec. 5, and considering the comparatively short time the men had had to acquire the new style, the performance was most satisfactory. Mr Lehman himself described the race as a display of good honest rowing in the right style.

All the men are strong, vigorous and healthy, and what is still more important as keen as possible. Their anxiety and willingness to learn (writes Mr Lehman) makes the task of coaching a positive pleasure. This certainly looks as though we are going to see the Grand Challenge Cup crossing the Atlantic before long. Next Henley regatta should be looked forward to with even more interest than usual.

CYCLING.

UNION VELOCIPEDICA ARGENTINA.
On Saturday last a meeting took place to which the delegates of the various cycling clubs, had been cited, with the object of electing the governing body for the ensuing year, the election resulting as follows:
President—J. M. Miranda, V.C.E.
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A CYCLING PATH IN PARIS.
The cycling path which the Paris Municipal Council decided to have laid in the Avenue de la Grande Armée, is finished, and opened to cycling traffic. The idea is to prevent the accidents which were rather frequent on this avenue, where the cycling and vehicular traffic is very heavy. Needless to say, it has met with the approval of all cyclists, who can now ride on a clear open space, without any fear.

FIXTURES

CRICKET
Saturday, Jan. 30—English High School v. Lanus (F.C.S.) A.C.
Sunday, Jan. 31—Lomas 2nd XI. v. Belgrano 2nd XI., at Belgrano.
Sunday, Jan. 31—Palermo A.C. v. St. George's A.C., at Palermo.
Sunday, Jan. 31—Mr R. A. Sumner's XI. v. a Flores XI.
Sunday, Jan. 31, and Tuesday, Feb. 2—B.A.C.C. v. Hurlingham, at Hurlingham.
Tuesday, Feb. 2—B.A.C.C. 2nd XI. v. Lomas Academics, at Palermo.
Tuesday, Feb. 2—Belgrano A.C. v. Lanus (F.C.S.) A.C., at Lanus.

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No. I. OF THE "JONES" SERIES OF POLO STORIES

(Written for the "New Zealand Mail,"
by F. D. A. C. De Lisle).

'Qui hi!' (anybody there?) echoed the discordant voice of the youngest and newest 'sub' on the active service list of the 28th Bengal Lancers, through the doorless rooms of the dak bungalow (travellers' accommodation house) at Naini Tal; and answering came the sonorous response from the 'go-down' (mighty prince) of the syces: Huzzhoor! (dwelling, outbuilding).

Soon the purdah (curtain) of the mess-room parted, and, resplendent in his Oorya warpaint, entered the stately bearer (body servant) of Lieutenant Augustus Fitzherbert Brangwyne Montcalm Carr Jones generally known throughout the N.W.P. (north-west provinces) as 'The Sandfly,'—a *soubriquet* derived from his straw hair and sandy moustache, and the 'buzz,' with which he usually careered about the polo field.

'Sahib!' (sir.) The bearer made a low salaam, and stood at attention beside his master.

Jones screwed his eyeglass into his left eye—the eye of the 28th Bengal Lancers, who scorned to use their right eyes because of the fact that the infantry regiments of the Indian contingent usually adopted the right eye for business purposes—he screwed his glass in his eye and gazed in silent admiration on the stalwart form of this son of Orissa, who had been a servant in his family for nearly three generations, and who could recall the time when Jones' grandfather was a shining light of the Kumpani Babadur. (Mighty East India Company).

It delighted little Jones' heart to be the object of this old man's affection and worship. For true to the tenets of his heathen religion and the barbaric up-bringing of his ancient race the old bearer had steadfastly followed in the footsteps of his forefathers (who had been attached servants to the older Joneses) and with a nobility of which only the uncivilised tribesman is possessed, he remained true to his salt.

The Oorya bearer looked upon little Jones as a kind of demi-god, hence the titles bestowed upon the chota sahib (little master) by the old man who remembered the mighty Jones' grandfather, and the almighty Jones' father in the declining days of the East India Company.

Jones spoke, or attempted to speak, Hindustani, the Hindustani of the 'competition wallah' (a man who has passed the competitive), but his efforts were a disgusting failure and came out thuswise—

'Tuttoo ghora-wallah hai' (is the pony and the horse-dealer here?)

'Hai Bahadur,' ('they are, Prince) replied the bearer with a salute.

After an ineffectual attempt to grapple with the intricacies of the high-class up-country language of his bearer who was describing with graphic power the beauty of the Tuttoo in question, Jones rose abruptly and said—

'Durwazar pur lao,' meaning, 'bring him to the door,' but which, literally translated, is 'Fetch him on a door.' 'Atcha Raoje,' (very well, Sir King) and the bearer departed on the doubtful errand of bringing the pony along on a door.

Jones was not the fool he looked. On the contrary, he possessed an acuteness simply devilish in its intensity, and dire woe often fell upon the man who attempted to take advantage of the seraphic youth. He was just now planning a subtle revenge on his own Major. Jones had only been six months in the 28th B. L.; and Major Bruce, a genuine old-timer, and as fierce a martinet as ever buckled on a belt, had singled out 'The Sandfly' for his special opprobrium. And, to quote poor little Jones, he gave him particular hell! on parade.

Now this sort of thing was not calculated to do Jones any good in the regiment, but, nevertheless, he was a hero with his men, who sat with flashing eyes chewing their fierce black mustaches, whenever Major Bruce got on the 'slang-wang,' and gave the little man 'once round.'

For this inoffensive little lightweight was as dashing a rider as ever crossed a horse, and he was pluck to his boots. Every trooper in the 28th knew what he had done, and they worshipped him for his big heart. He had only been six weeks in quarters when a Burmese rifleman ran 'a nok' on the parade ground at Pindi one morning. After killing, or laying out, two Resseldars (non-commissioned officers), one Havildar, and three privates he made straight for Jones, who was slowly walking towards his barracks. The Burmese charged down on Jones like a madman from behind, and but for a warning yell from the sentry on guard—I should not be writing this story.

The little fellow turned like a shot just as the madman was upon him. The long, ugly kukri (broad-bladed knife) flashed in the air, a spurt of warm blood splashed in his face, and then five regiments to a man saw the 'new sub' let drive like a piston-rod straight from the shoulder. He caught the Burman on the point of the jaw, and the man turned a complete summersault backwards.

Discipline and all else was for the moment forgotten. The Royal Welsh Fusiliers led off with a roar that was heard three miles away by the Commissioner, who thought another mutiny had broken out, especially as it was followed immediately by a yell from the 2nd Gorkhas, a howl from the Borderers and a charging 'Hurrah!' from the 28th B.L., who had broken their ranks and who came racing to his rescue like a whirlwind.

The wretched homicide was cut to pieces, and Jones, as cool as a cucumber, stood stroking his sandy moustache while his Colonel loaded him with praise.

This incident rather opened the eyes of his brother-officers, and presently it was found that 'That Sandfly' had for three years held the amateur lightweight boxing championship of England. No wonder his men thought well of him. There wasn't a buckjumping 'waler' (australian-bred horse) in the regiment that he had not broken into a perfect troop horse, and he saved the Major's wife from drowning—of which anon.

All this digression is apropos of Jones' 'get back' on the Major, and has to come into the story somewhere. The Major's wife was a bonnie, winsome little woman, as lovely as a butterfly, and as good as gold. Her husband treated her brutally and, although the little woman never let on, yet the whole thing leaked out among the ayahs (female nurses or waiting maids) in the officers' quarters, and soon became general gossip.

'The Major used to lick his wife!' that's what the colour sergeant's better half told every native woman in the cantonments.

'The Major was the biggest cur unhung, and would be shot some day, in action, from behind!' That's what the soldier said to the girl.

How Jones pitied the poor woman! And from pity turned to downright love. The icily cold young subaltern gave himself clean away by his untiring devotion to her, and the Major grew inordinately jealous. The jealousy turned to fierce hatred when Jones rescued his wife from drowning.

The Bruces were out in a budgerow (large bamboo boat) fishing when a tidal wave or 'boro' came along. Oblivious to the monotonous warning of the natives along the banks, who cried out 'khubardar-ban ata hai' (take care—the tidal-wave is coming). The Major fished steadily on until the wave broke over the bar with a roar that could not be mistaken. Too late for him to reach the bank. The budgerow was dashed to matchwood. The Major, fighting for himself, reached land in no time. But his wife, buoyed up by her dress, was carried four miles up the river with the rapidity of thought.

Jones, running back to quarters with his gun at the trail, anxious to see what a 'boro' was like, took the river bank just in time to see the wave pass, and to witness the mass of wreckage that followed in its wake.

A crowd of howling natives followed him, and they witnessed as they thought an act of insanity when Jones stripped to the 'buff' and plunged in to rescue a wretched 'pariah' (mongrel) dog that was too exhausted to reach the river bank. After this he fished out two native women who came floating by; and then with a cry of horror he plunged in after a well-known blue and white muslin dress. Lithe as a mountain cat, he raced along after it, doing the 'Indian canoe' stroke—turning from side to side at every stroke. Hand over hand he went until with one terrific plunge he grabbed the dress and turned to the bank. Yes, it was the Major's wife—and he had saved her life. Jones returned to barracks clothed, and in his right mind. But it was many a long day before he faced the Major's wife.

Of course there was scandal, and some of it was downright vicious. The Major acted like a fury, and Jones' life on parade was a hell to himself and his troopers. So much so that everybody said that either Jones or the Major would have to exchange. However, matters were getting past endurance when Mrs Bruce suddenly went home to England. For the first time since the drowning affair she met 'The Sandfly' at the Guides' ball the night before she left. It must have been tremendously foolish of them to stroll about 'the compound' (Grounds) in the dark, but she evidently wished it, so Jones had a full half an hour's tête à tête with the Major's wife that night.

What she told him heaven and themselves only knows but Jones' affection for Major Bruce turned from apathy to the activity of a volcano, and the Major suffered in consequence. He soon discovered that there was more brain in his "sub's" little finger than in the whole of his own big body.

Now the 28th B.L. was composed for the major part of stalwart hill men grand fellows from Behar, Orissa and the Punjab, the home of polo in India, where the very ponies themselves play the game without the guidance of a rider. And the 'noncoms' and even troopers of the 28th could knock 'spots' off any combination of polo players in the hills. Judge then of their joy when they found in 'The Sandfly' a veritable wonder at the game, a man who could ride the tail off the wildest pony, who could hit back strokes like a sledgehammer cut over his pony's head back and forward without ever missing, and to whom goal at a hundred yards was the 'deadest bird' shot. Taken 'by and large' 'The Sandfly' was a terror with the polo stick, and the 28th went mad with delight when they saw him play his first game.

Though but an indifferent player himself, Major Bruce had the fastest pony in the Hills, a thirteen hand Arab pony rightly named Eclipse. He was a marvel of speed, and it is no exaggeration to say that he could throw behind him a mile, under weight, inside of 50. In fact many racehorses had gone down before this speedy little wonder who had twice running won the Civil Service Cup. And it was a curse to 'The Sandfly' when opposed by the Major, to find all his play unavailing. Where with other players his big hitting was a feature in his favour, with the Major he had to be content with a mild dribbling in order to keep possession of the ball until the chance of a 'shoot' occurred. For if he hit the ball with any force, the Major would come racing down on his little flying machine and would 'ride off' the dandy little 'sub' with a sneering laugh that was infinitely galling.

Jones sent all over India for a fast pony. But, alas! how really few ponies there are that can both race and play. Polo men will tell you that it is the hardest thing in the world to find a race horse and a polo pony combined in a thirteen two.

Once in a thousand blue moons a man comes across

one, and then—oh! my pious cousin Jane—he's always a smasher!

Whilst I have been telling you all this, Jones' Oorya bearer has been flying round to bring the new pony along on a door for inspection. For Jones still continues to buy ponies, and his bearer has a standing order to let it be generally known that Jones Sahib will give a thousand rupees for any thirteen two that can beat 52. And hearing of an equine wonder at the Tal, they had come up on purpose to see him.

Jones walked down to the 'compound' shortly after giving the above peculiar command, and was presented to the ambitious Tuttoo's owner, who protested with much humility and many salaams that his pony could get inside 52.

'All right, we'll give him a flutter,' said Jones. He had brought up his fastest pony with him—a dapper little country-bred, who was always safe for 56. And in ten minutes Jones was astride of the rough, long-haired, mud-covered tuttoo, and the dealer was on the back of Jones' beautifully groomed, most well-fed conditioned country bred. 'The bearer' held Jones' stopwatch, a massive gold time-piece, by Dent, true to a hair.

'Now then, old mussuck' (leather water-carrier), said Jones, good humouredly, and the 'bearer' quickly interpreted for him, 'we'll go down to the mile post down the road. You jump off when I say "Jao" (go), and I'll give you a hundred rupees if I pass Abdul Sing inside one-fifty-three!'

They went down to the mile post. The road was level, and like all up-country roads, had a nice soft track for ponies on the right-hand side. The native jumped off with the lead, and rode like the devil for half the distance. Here Jones, feeling the tuttoo under him going strong, gave him his head and dashed to the front. He was rather surprised to find his own pony licked, but he rode 'honest Injun' for the dealer, and in the last hundred yards put in two of three 'rib crackers' with his whip. Result: his own pony beaten by two lengths; time, one-fifty-four and two-fifths.

Purple with excitement, Jones gazed with devouring eyes at the tuttoo. He was hard as nails without a doubt. Yet the little beggar could gallop with all that hair and mud on him!

'Well I'm dashed!' said Jones. 'You're a flyer, and no mistake. I wonder what you would do if I had you as fit as the Sultan there? Let's have a look at your toofs.' A careful inspection of the pony's mouth showed four years. 'You'll do,' said Jones. Then, turning to the dealer, he said the one word that of all others was the most forcibly brought to his mind, 'Ketna?' (how much?)

'Panch sau rupya Huzzoor' (five hundred rupees, Prince), replied the grinning horse dealer, who had noticed the expression of Jones' face.

'By Jove! that's too stiff,' said Jones, rather staggered. 'He might be trained to do 52, but it's a big risk. The little beggar might break down—a thousand and one things might happen. And even if he's ever brought to do 52 I've no doubt Eclipse could do 50 or even 48 under pressure. Here I'll give you four hundred.' But the dealer remained obdurate, so Jones consigned his soul to a warmer climate than that of Hindustan and calmly walked indoors. At ten o'clock that night the dealer capitulated and the tuttoo became Jones' property for four hundred rupees.

We now pass over a space of three months. Jones' new pony, strangely named 'First Blood,' was in training for the Polo Cup at Umballa. Under Jones' watchful eye he had developed wonderful speed and staying power, and had actually cut out his mile in the longed-for 52. But to every man in the 28th he was known as the veriest 'slug' that ever crawled on four legs. For Jones had taught the pony to go slow, and the ragged little country-bred displayed a marvellous intelligence, becoming a finished actor in Jones' hands. On the polo ground he could never raise a gallop, though Jones flogged and cursed him with a vengeance. Of course he never hurt the pony, devoting his attentions to his boot more than to the pony. But it all looked as if little Jones was disgusted, and so the pony became known as a confirmed sluggard. Jones even went so far as to lend him to the Major to play one afternoon. It was a big risk, but the pony was true to his training and after a few minutes' play the Major changed his mount, recommending Jones to sell his pony for cat's meat.

So it came about that when the Umballa Pony Races approached, every man in the district had something to enter, and entered it accordingly. To the astonishment of all his regiment, Jones, who had some really fast cattle, entered only one pony for the big event, the Umballa Polo Cup, and that one the 'd.c.b.g.' (dun country-bred gelding.) First Blood, four years, breeding unknown. Of course he was chaffed unmercifully. The 28th had yet to learn the deep character of the astute Jones. He began by backing his pony in cool thousands—a proceeding which brought a remonstrance from his Colonel.

'My dear boy,' the dear old fellow wrote, 'I've heard with regret of your heavy plunging. Is it folly, or bahadhuri (bravado), or genuine sport, which? Remember, it requires a big purse to bet in 'thous,' and you cannot remain in the army if you don't pay your debts. Do be careful. You're a grand fellow, and I'd be sorry to lose you.'—Yours, Archibald Cleeve, Col. 28th B.L. Jones rushed to his desk, and dashed off the following reply:—

'Dear Sir—I enclose my bank book. I am going to ride First Blood myself, and though I know he's not as fast as Eclipse, I have great faith in the man who is to ride him, and who now signs himself, affectionately and respectfully, yours, A.F.B.M. Carr-Jones, Lieut 28th B.L.

The Colonel looked over the bank book and found that Jones had a private fortune of his own which

brought him in an income of considerably over £5000 a year.

One night, at mess, Major Bruce roasted 'The Sandfly' to his heart's content. And that night 'The Sandfly' smiled seraphically to himself as he sat on the edge of his iron cot in his quarters and looked over a neat morocco-bound betting-book, in which, amongst many other wagers, was 'Even ten thou., Eclipse—Major Bruce.'

And that wager grew bigger as the time wore on, till, a few days before the races, it stood in 'The Sandfly's' book as 'Even fifty thou., Eclipse, ten times—Major Bruce.'

And then the regiment began to tumble to the hazard. For the dun country-bred gelding had been clipped and groomed, and was doing his gallops every morning on the racecourse, together with the rest of Jones' string in the hands of one of the smartest trainers in India. Then they saw for the first time that Jones was not on amoney-making errand—that his boasted racer First Blood was going for revenge: on the man who had made his happy army life a curse to him; revenge on the brute who was suspected of flogging his wife, a helpless little woman with a soul like an angel; and revenge on the gambler who had won his juniors' money on the certainty of backing the fastest racing pony in India.

The excitement in the regiment grew to fever-heat. No man spoke of the affair; but an electrical undercurrent of understanding flowed through their veins, and they watched with intense excitement the completion of First Blood's preparation.

If the Major lost he was a ruined man and the regiment would know him no more. And even he was beginning to understand what a precipice he was standing upon. Eclipse was doing wonderfully well, and he should have had no cause for misgivings but the infernal coolness of his 'sub' robbed the Major of all peace of mind. He became uneasy.

The night before the races the Major made a big bid to buy 'First Blood' in the Calcutta Lottery. But sheer weight of bullion conquered in the long run and little Jones bought his pony for 200,000 rupees, thus effectually closing every loophole for hedging. After that the Major gladly parted with Eclipse at 100,000 rupees, at which figure the champion was none too expensive. With all his uneasiness the Major could not help sneering at Jones and roasting him. But at last the youngster turned upon him.

'You seem cocksure of winning to-morrow, Jones,' sneered the Major, 'if the good thing doesn't come off I suppose you'll apply for sick leave, eh?'

'Look here, Major!' said Jones, flushing scarlet with temper, 'ride Eclipse yourself and I'll lay you ten to one to a lakh (100,000) of rupees that you can't win,' with which smack in the face he turned on his heel and walked away.

It was a gloriously fine day for the Umballa Cup, and the whole country turned out en masse to see the sport.

There were only four starters for the Cup, the pride of place on the card being held by

Major Bruce's grey Arab g Eclipse 5 yrs, 10st 5'l.

followed by
Lord Bertram's bay Arab mare Lady Disdain, aged, 10st.

Lieut-Carr-Jones' dun country bred gelding First Blood, 4 yrs, 9st 9lb.

Captain Polhill Carew's black waler mare Tottie, 3 yrs. 9st.

On the totalisator there were only two horses backed, Eclipse and First Blood, and for every ticket taken on Eclipse, Jones' 'Oorya bearer' took one on First Blood, thus precluding the possibility of any extensive hedging on the part of the Major.

Young Dignam had been engaged to ride Eclipse and he was well-known as a first-class professional rider.

Captain Polhill Carew started in the interests of First Blood.

From the fall of the flag Tottie dashed to the front, and making the pace a cracker, took the others along for half a mile. Here Eclipse forged to the front and leading Lady Disdain by two lengths entered the straight, going strong. At this point First Blood gave Lady Disdain the go by, and the lookers-on saw a magnificent piece of horsemanship. With a sprint that made him look as if he had dropped from the clouds, Carr-Jones was alongside Eclipse. Then both men began to ride a long, exhausting finish. They fought every inch of the ground, and both ponies raced on unflinchingly under severe punishment. Slowly but surely Eclipse forged ahead, until a hundred yards from home the universal shout was 'Eclipse.' But once more Jones called on the game little dun and once again, as if galvanised by the rib-roasters, the little beggar raced up to Eclipse, until by sheer condition and brute strength, Jones fairly lifted him past the post a short head in front. It was the man, not the pony, that won the race. All the dumbbell exercise, all the long runs in the early morning, and all the pipes left unsmoked had not been in vain. Jones had revenged himself. The mile had taken one minute fifty and fourfifths seconds. Had not Dignam failed in condition it is hard to say whether First Blood would have scored.

The win was a very popular one with the regiment and everybody was glad when Major Bruce applied for twelve months' furlough. It was a well-known fact that he would not return.

Prior to his departure he called on 'The Sandfly,' and a tremendous row took place. Fragments of the conversation have been repeated by the Colour-Sergeant's wife.

'We'll be quits yet,' the Major said. 'If ever you attempt to force your society upon my wife, I'll call you out.'

'She told me of your brutal conduct, and that she has separated herself from you for ever. The only reparation in your power is to make her your widow. Now go!' answered Jones.

'It is a duel to the death between us. Remember that some day you shall give me satisfaction!'

'Go, before I kick you out!' yelled Jones. 'I'll fight you with horsewhips.'

'You shall fight me with pistols. It is a duel to death between us,' screamed the Major.

'And I have drawn First Blood,' shouted Jones. 'Quite satisfactory as far as I am concerned.'

There was a sequel to Jones' coup after all. But it wasn't a duel with the major. Mrs Bruce, living in

retirement in wretched lodgings at a cheap watering-place in England, one day received a letter from her bankers. It ran as follows:—

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Blank Dash, Mgr.

A native? could it have been Jones' bearer? And £5000? Let me see; that was the sum Jones received from Major Bruce, whose pony, Eclipse, was defeated in the Polo Cup by Lieut. Carr-Jones' First Blood.

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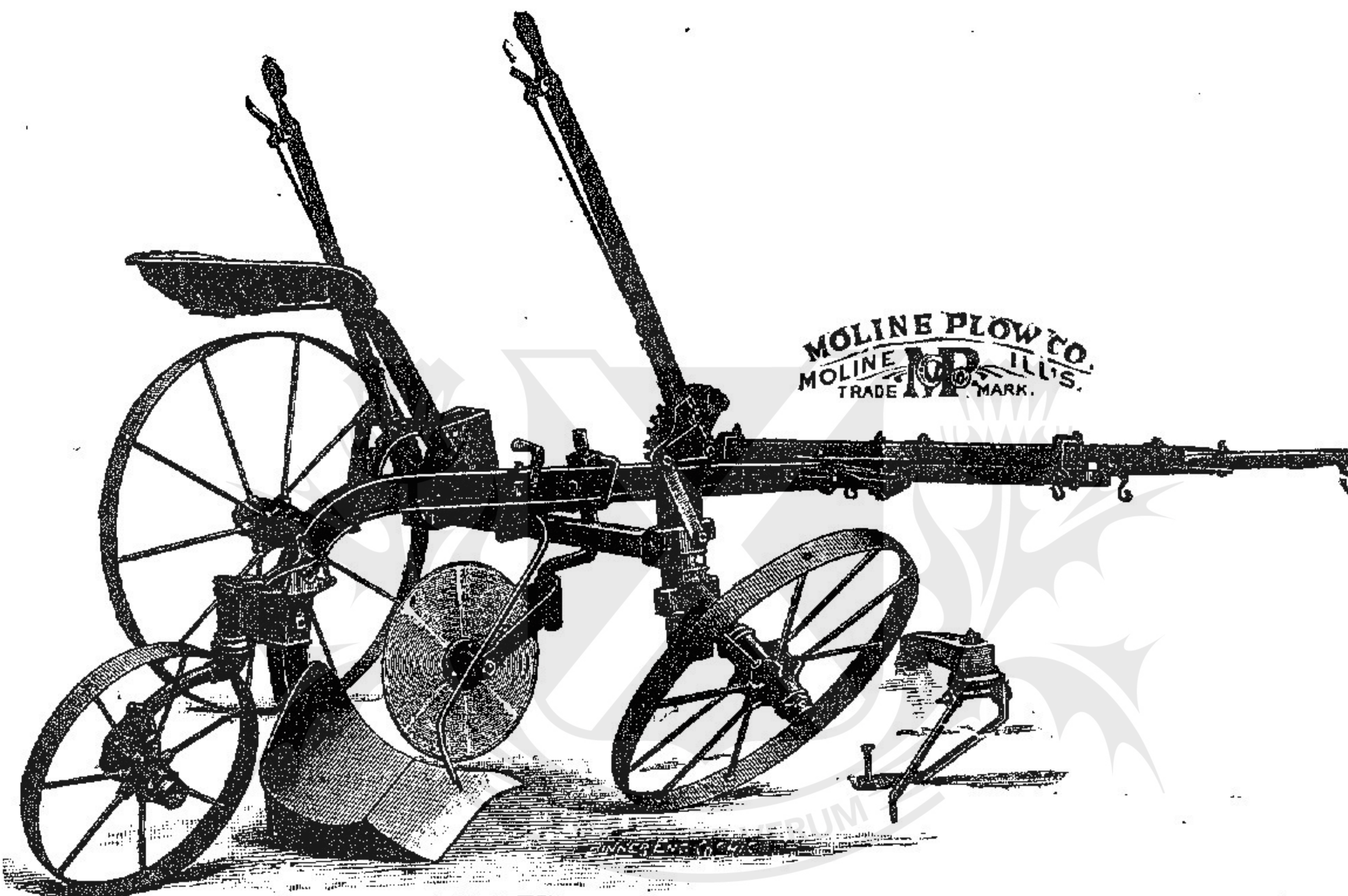
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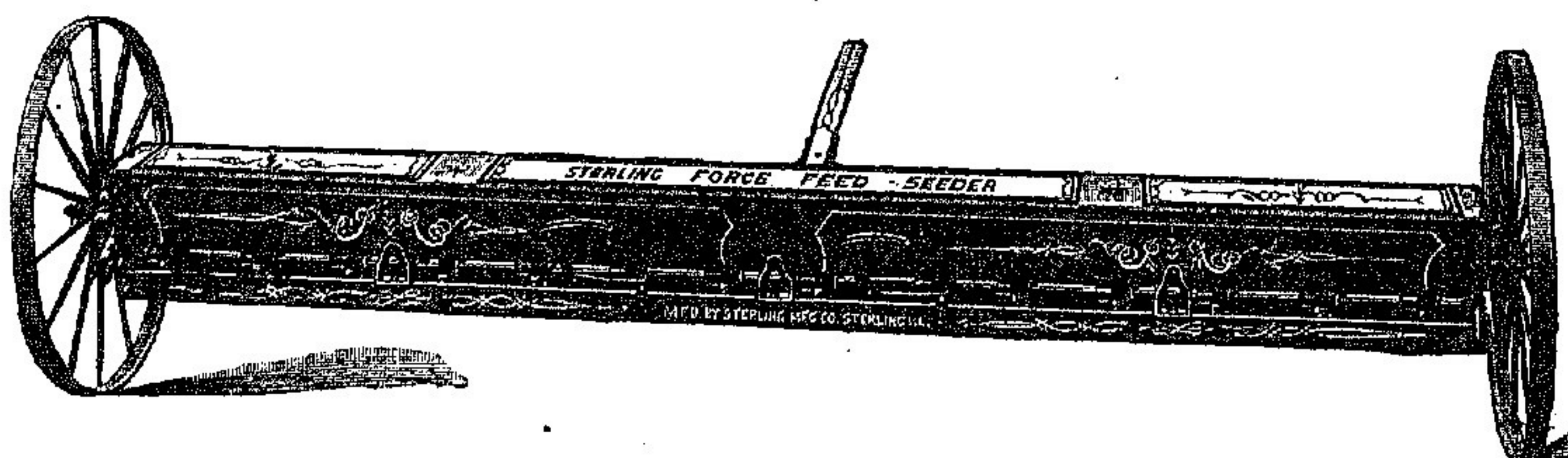


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