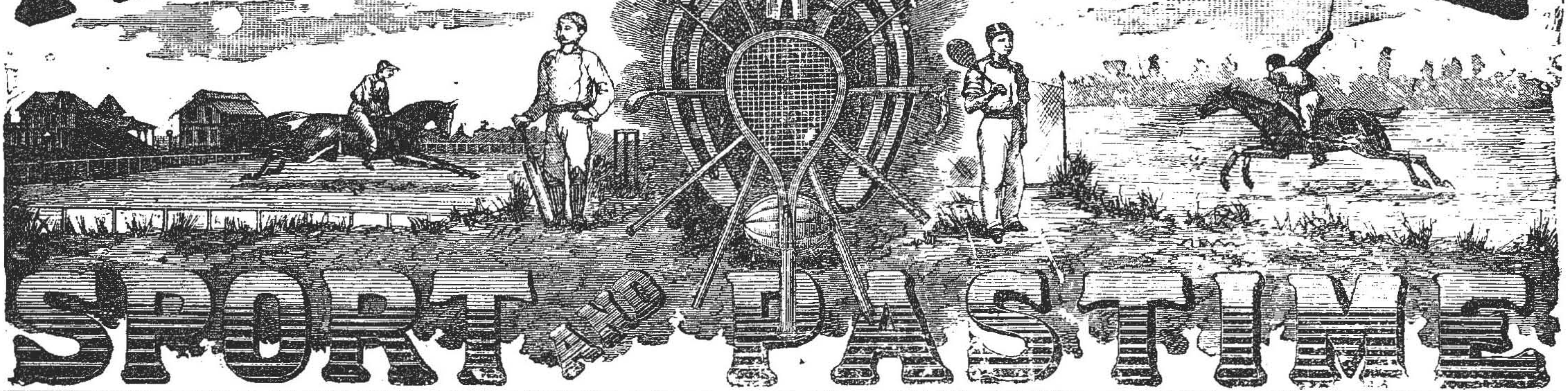


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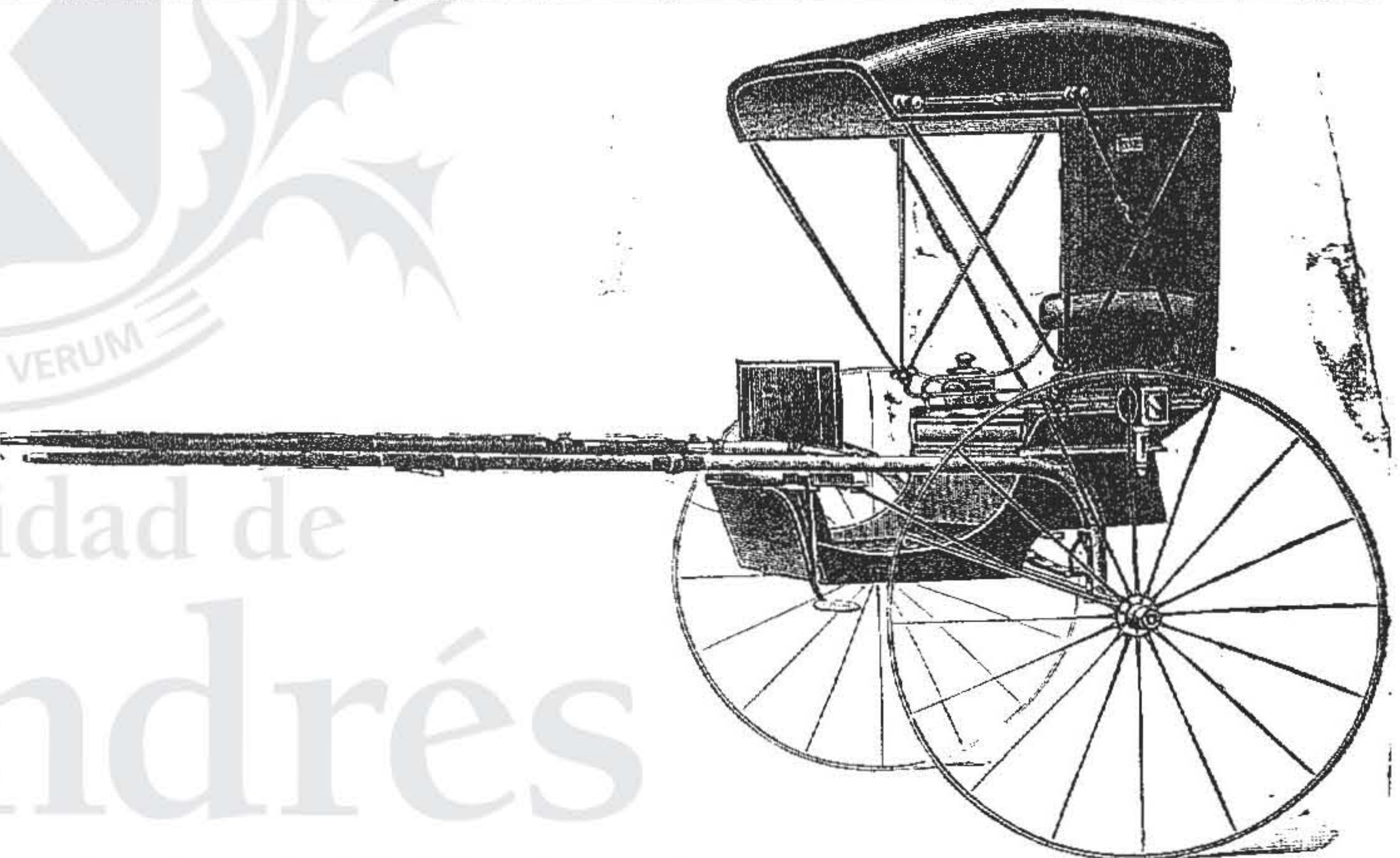
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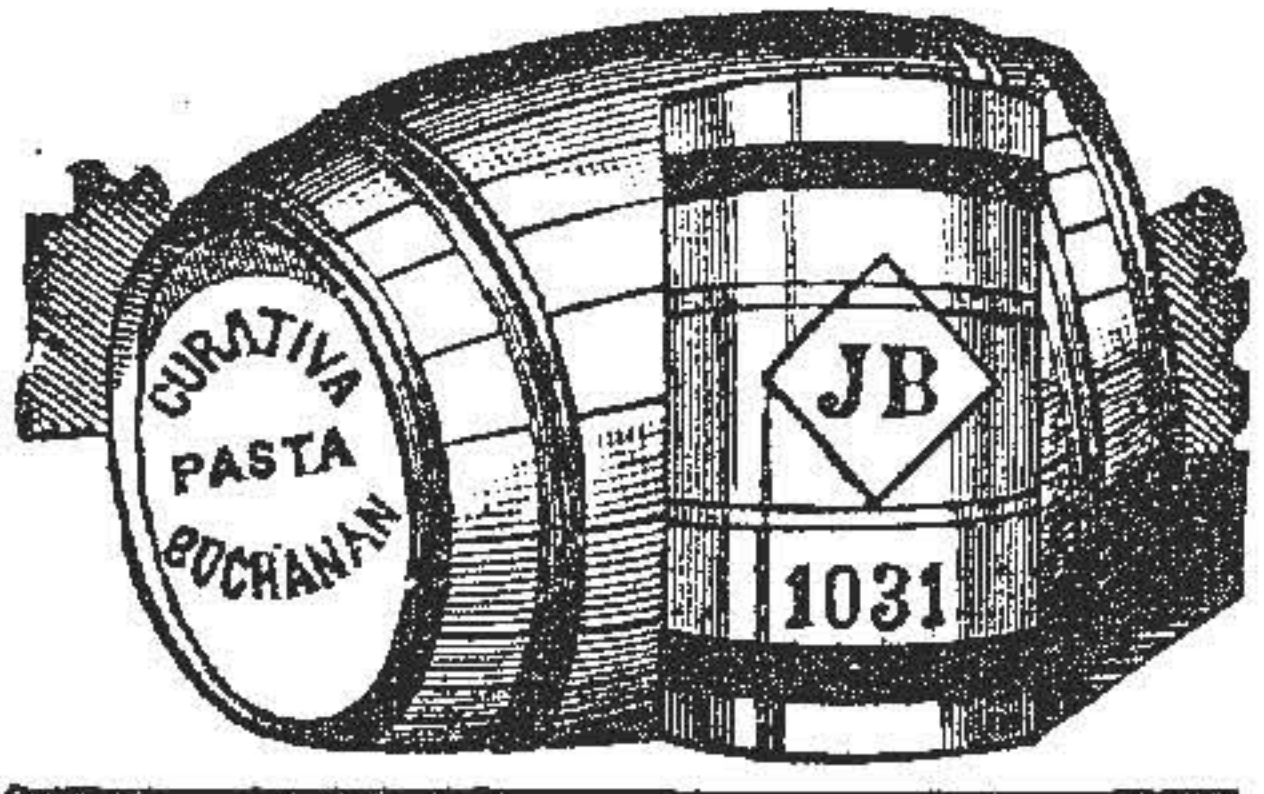
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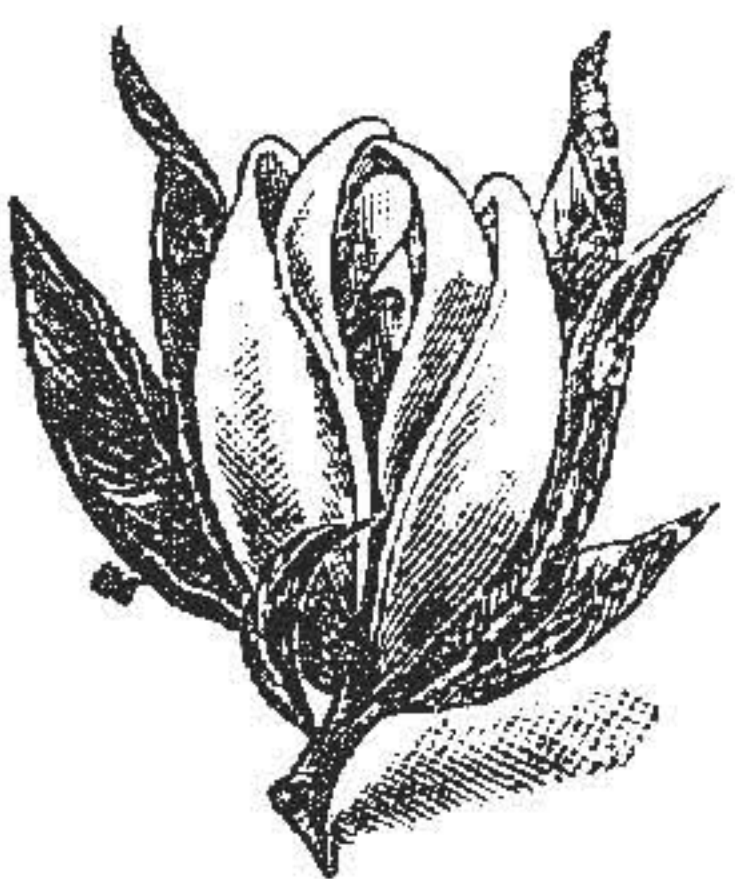
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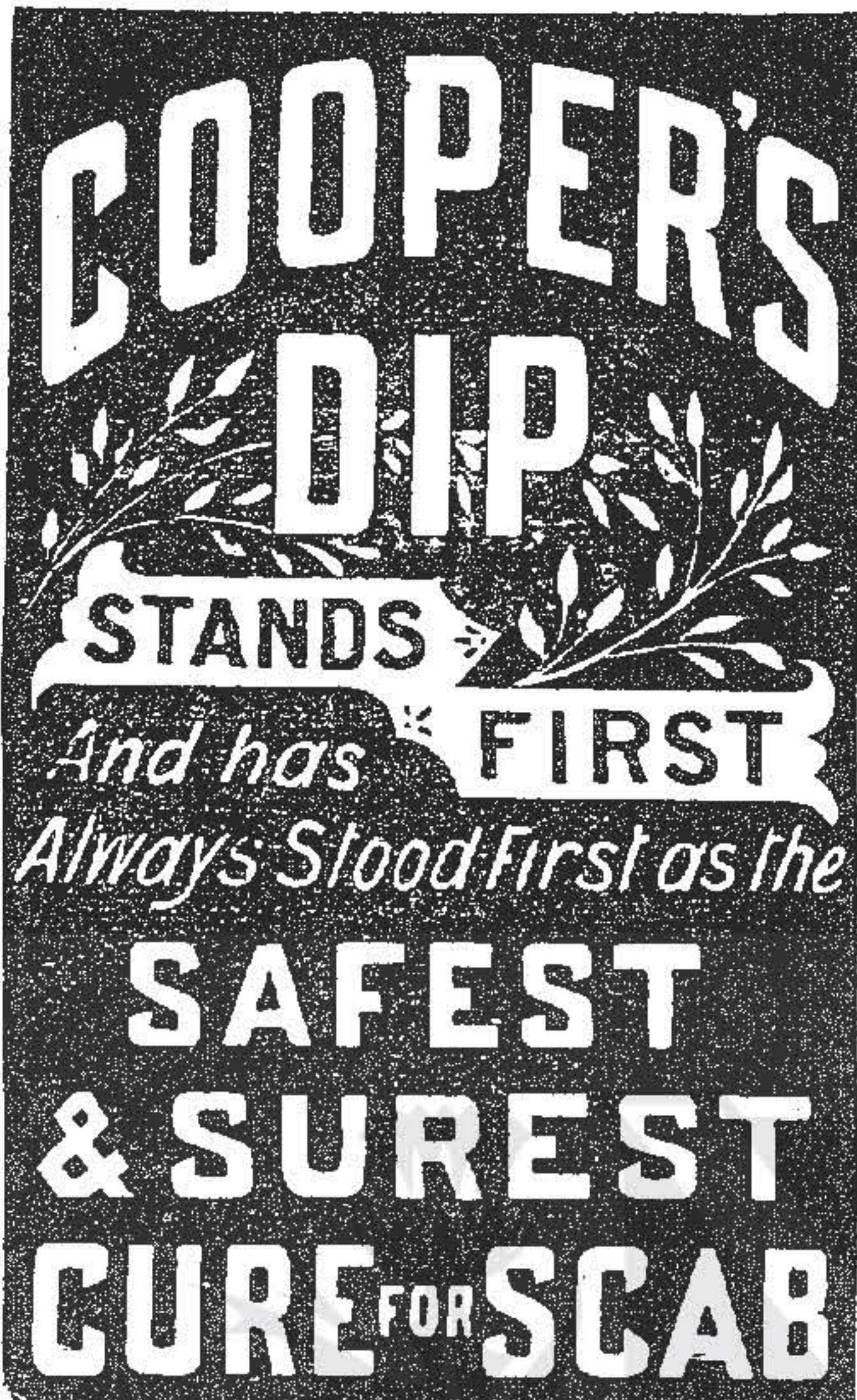
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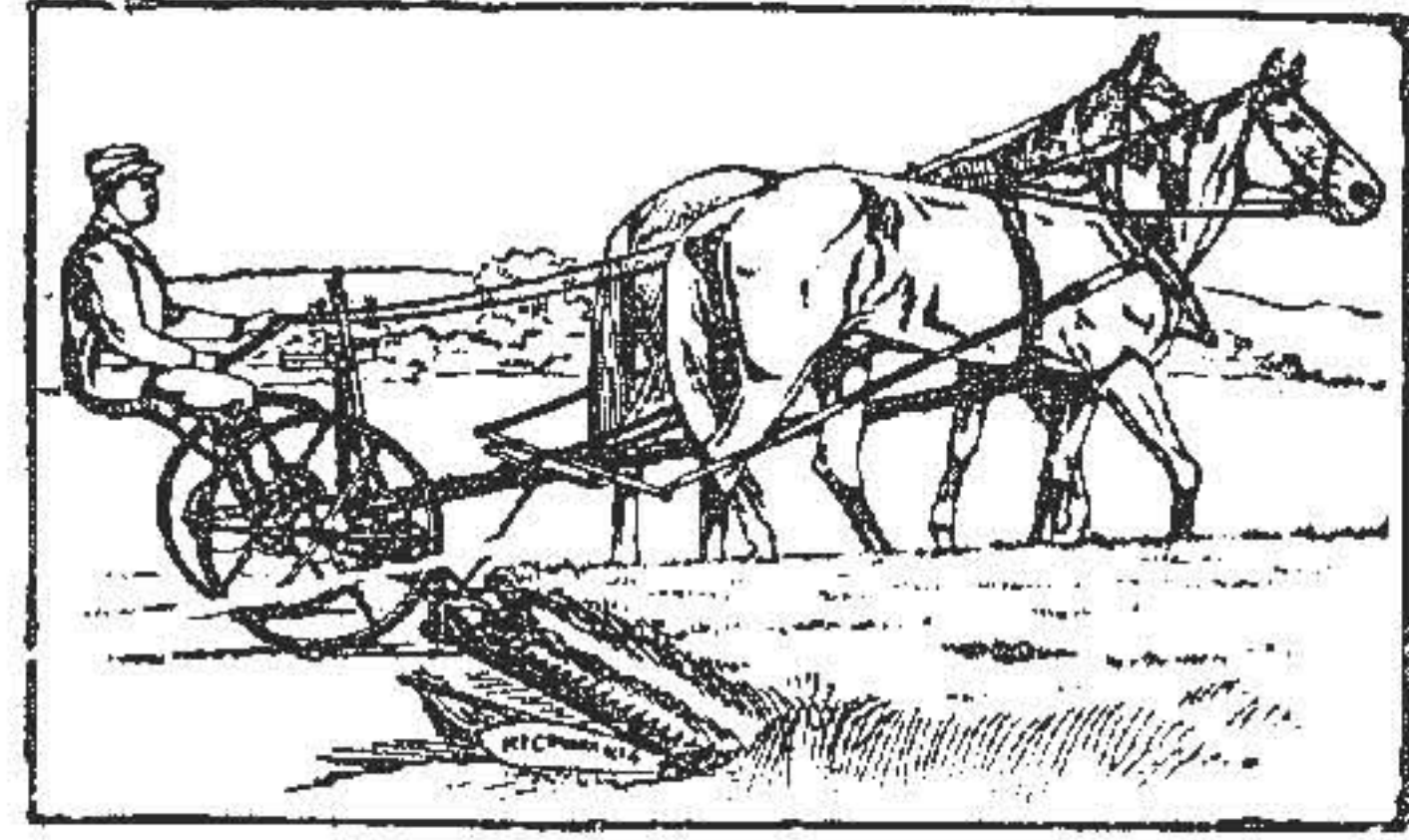
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Six First Division League matches were brought to a definite conclusion on Feb. 6. The fixture between Sheffield Wednesday and Notts Forest was postponed owing to the state of the ground. The game between Bury and Aston Villa on the ground of the former, ended in a win for the visitors by two goals to nothing. The Villa did most of the pressing in the first half, when they obtained their two goals. After the interval play ruled even. Another game in which the visitors were successful was that at Blackburn between the Rovers and Sheffield United. The Rovers started, and in the first minute the United goal-keeper had to save. At length play was taken to the other end, and the home custodian having saved once was beaten. Nothing further occurred in the opening half. In the second part Sheffield added two goals, but the home team could not score once and consequently were beaten by three goals to none.

Yet another match was lost by the home team, West Bromwich suffering defeat from Derby County. The Albion played a fine game in the opening half, but were rather unlucky. The two teams crossed over with the score level—one goal each. From the resumption of play Derby steadily gained the upper hand, and put on three more goals, winning finally by four goals to one. There was a big crowd at the Goodison Park enclosure to witness the meeting of Everton with Preston North End. North End was the first to score, and the home team missed in quick succession two chances of equalising. Everton at last made the score level, but just afterwards the visitors were placed a goal ahead. This advantage was neutralised by Everton from a free kick. In the second half the North End team played a better game than their opponents, scoring twice to their once. At Burnley the Bolton Wanderers won by two goals to nil. All the five matches mentioned above were won by the visiting clubs, and the only League fixture won by the home team, was that at Stoke against Liverpool. Stoke won by six goals to one.

On Feb. 6, five Second Division League matches were decided. Not one of the losing clubs managed to score a single goal. Newton Heath beat Loughborough by six goals to nothing; Newcastle United beat Manchester City by three goals to nothing; Leicester Fosse beat Gainsborough Trinity by two goals to nil; Notts County beat Darwen by four goals to nothing; and Burton Swifts beat Lincoln City by four goals to nothing.

On the same day in the Southern League, Millwall Athletic beat Reading comfortably by three goals to one; Southampton St. Mary's beat New Brompton by three goals to one; Gravesend beat Sheppey United by three goals to one; Swindon beat Northfleet by four goals to nothing; and Chatham beat Wolverhampton by a goal to nothing.

At the Universities Oxford, after numerous disappointments, were on Feb. 6, at last able to bring off a match. A fairly strong team of the Casuals were their opponents. Everyone expected to find the turf in wretched condition after the rain, but the reverse was the case and an even and interesting game ensued. Oxford were the first to score, but it was not long before the Casuals led by two goals to one. After this the Oxford forwards pulled themselves together and after a combined effort had failed, Vassall brought the ball down the field single-handed and equalised with a good shot. In the second half the 'Varsity added two more goals and as the Casuals were unable to score, they retired defeated by 4 goals to 2.

On Feb. 10, Oxford University met an eleven brought down by Mr N. L. Jackson, and although the latter team contained five men in residence, they gave their opponents a good game, the 'Varsity only running out winners by two goals to none.

At Cambridge, the Light Blues opposed the United Hospitals, who were hardly up to full strength. At half time the Cantabs crossed over with the score one to nothing in their favour. In the second moiety they added three more and so won rather easily by four goals to none.

In the first round of the Amateur Cup, the Old Brightonians defeated Cheshunt by three goals to one.

Ealing defeated Ipswich Town by the same score.

The Old Etonians although having more of the game than their opponents, the B. A. (Portsmouth), had to retire defeated by three goals to two. The brothers Gosling were in good form for the Etonians.

In the first round of the London Senior Cup, the Old Westminsters qualified for the next round by defeating Ilford by three goals to two. All the scoring was done in the first half.

Brentford defeated the Old Foresters by four goals to two.

Although the Casuals were strongly represented, they suffered defeat against Clapton by two goals to one.

Surrey v. Oxfordshire.—There was a capital attendance at Godalming, on Feb. 10, to witness the meeting between the representatives of the above counties. Contrary to anticipations, the turf was in good order; but the game, with the exception of the brilliant form shown by H. J. Collier, was far from interesting. The home team had the best of matters throughout, and won by the substantial margin of four goals to nothing.

Cambridge University v. Mr N. L. Jackson's XI.—The Cambridge team were mustered in full strength for this match which took place at the Queen's Club on Feb. 11. The scratch team was a fair all-round lot though a little weak forward. The teams crossed over with the honours easy each side having registered one goal. In the second half the University added another and no further scoring taking place, they ran out winners by two goals to one.

On Feb. 11, teams representing Norfolk and Essex met for the first time this season at Norwich. Dull weather prevailed, but the turf was in good order, and a closely contested game ensued, which eventually resulted in a drawn game, each side having scored two goals.

Middlesex v. The Army.—Notwithstanding the fact that each team was far from being representative at Tufnell Park, on Feb. 10, the proceedings were of a most interesting nature. During the opening half the Army gave a splendid account of themselves and hardly allowed the County a chance, though it was evident they would be unable to keep up the forcing tactics which they adopted. In the latter part of the game this proved to be the case, as the County players equalised the score, which when the whistle blew for no-side was three goals each.

Oxford University v. Mr G. O. Smith's Eleven.—A wet mist, which rendered the ground and the ball very slippery, prevailed throughout this game at the Queen's Club, West Kensington, on February 11. Mr Smith had got together a very formidable eleven, which included such veteran players as C. P. Wilson, who gained an International cap in 1884, and A. T. B. Dunn, who played for England a year earlier. Both sides proved to be particularly strong in defence, and the balance was turned in the scratch eleven's favour by the superiority of their forwards, and especially by the brilliancy of Smith, Dunn, and Gosling. It was some time, however, before they thoroughly settled down to their work, and the opening play was of an indecisive character. While the Oxford forwards could make no impression on the defence of Oakley, Pelly, and Wreford-Brown, their antagonists took several ill-timed shots at goal, and showed little precision in their passing. The goal-keeper easily stopped an attempt by Dunn, but was not otherwise severely tested. At length Vassall, who dribbled and passed brilliantly, broke away, and Compton put the ball through, but was rightly given off side. The first half had nearly expired when Smith received the ball and beat the goal-keeper with a rather long but very hard left-foot kick. Compton was partly disabled by his knee giving way, but after a short retirement returned to the field. With the wind in their favour, the scratch team continued to hold the upper hand. The three inside forwards of the scratch team were now working well together, and, in spite of good tackling Gosling was able to score easily. The assault now became even hotter, and, after a shot had been stopped, Smith kicked a beautiful goal, as the result of a run by Dunn and Crabtree. Two runs by Vassall and a fine shot varied the course of the game, the scratch team's shooting becoming rather wild towards the finish. At length Jameson ran through and centred so accurately that Compton had no difficulty in scoring for Oxford, who were thus beaten by three goals to one.

Marlow v. Eastbourne.—The former team paid a second visit to Eastbourne on Feb. 6, to meet the well-known Sussex club. Eastbourne placed a better side in the field than in the first match, and, with the exception of A. G. S. Lawrence (goal), had practically full strength including A. G. Thomson and M. H. Stan-Stanbrough, but Marlow had not quite such a good team. Unfortunately, the game was rather spoiled by the weather, the rain making the turf heavy. Just before half time, one of the Marlow half-backs received a severe kick and could take no further part in the game. At the interval neither side had scored. Even play marked the opening of the second half, the good form shown by the backs of both teams preventing any score. Although only playing ten men, the visitors improved, and in the closing stages Eastbourne had to act on the defensive. Jacques cleverly ran through the home defence on three occasions, but each time he finished up by shooting outside the posts. A pleasant and evenly-contested match ended in a pointless draw.

Third Lanark Rv. v. Heart of Midlothian.—After being twice postponed because of the unsound state of the ground, this tie in the second round of the Scottish

Cup competition was decided at Cathkin Park, Glasgow, on Feb. 6, before some 12,000 spectators. The thaw had rendered the turf in places little better than a quagmire and the cupholders (Heart of Midlothian) in consequence lodged a protest, but the referee ordered the game to proceed. The Volunteers had strengthened their team by the inclusion of two erstwhile Queen's Park players, who have recently become professionals. Still, it was thought the Edinburgh men would prove too good for them. The game had, however, not been many minutes in progress ere it became apparent that the reverse would be the case, for two goals were scored in rapid succession. The Hearts retaliated vigorously, and scored a point, but again the Volunteers speeding to the other end, notched a third goal. Half time arrived with the scores unchanged. In the second moiety the Volunteers soon put through a fourth goal. The Hearts tried their hardest to avert defeat, but they could not pierce the defence until nearly the close, when they added a second point. There was yet time for the Volunteers to re-assert themselves, and amidst great enthusiasm they put the ball into the net again leaving the Volunteers winners by five goals to two.

RUGBY

Ireland v. England.—The biggest crowd ever seen at a match in the Irish metropolis was that which gathered at Lansdowne-road on Feb. 6, when the great attraction was the meeting of the rival representatives of Ireland and England in the Rugby arena. The weather, which had been wet and foggy for the previous six days, cleared up beautifully, and the turf, about which grave fears had been entertained, proved to be in fairly good trim. It was a trifle greasy on the surface, but considering the conditions prevailing during the week, must be voted really good, and the executive are to be congratulated on the general excellence of the arrangements. The English pack, which was exactly the same as that which performed so ingloriously against Wales at Newport, showed that form to be too bad to be true, and on the firmer turf at Dublin on Saturday they did much to redeem their reputation. However, defeat was again their portion, the Hibernians, who proved superior at all points of the game, gaining a meritorious victory by one goal (from a mark) and three tries to two penalty goals and one try, or thirteen points to nine points. This was the twenty-first encounter, and as England has sixteen wins to her credit as against Ireland's four—the 1882 match being drawn—the gap is still a wide one; but the Irishmen certainly deserve credit for the rapid strides they have made in recent times. To win the championship twice in three years is something to be proud of, and, if all goes well, the wearers of the shamrock are not without hopes of again coming out at the top of the table this season. There were a couple of changes in the originally chosen Irish fifteen, and, while the absence of Lucius Gwynn was generally deplored, the substitution of J. Ryan for Sealy, who hurt his knee recently, was considered rather an advantage to the pack. Bulger got the vacant place in the three-quarter line, and the back division was thus exactly similar to that of twelve months ago at Leeds, while four of the forwards doing duty on the present occasion also took part in that match. The only alteration in the English side from the selected team was that Northmore, of Cumberland, operated behind the scrummages *vice* C. M. Wells, who was unable to travel. Dudgeon, the Richmond forward, accompanied the team as a reserve. The visitors arrived in Dublin on the previous night, having had a rather slow but smooth passage from Holyhead, and made the Hotel Métropole their headquarters. For fully an hour before the time fixed for a start, people began to arrive at the venue, and by three o'clock the company numbered well over 11,000 persons, the "gate" being a record for the country. The afternoon turned out fine and warm, making matters most pleasant for the onlookers, and, with the game proving fast and open, those who attended were delighted with their experience. There was little or nothing in choice of ends as there was no wind.

Forrest kicked off, Byrne returning well. Fookes by some loose play allowed the home team to force the play into England's half where the first scrum was formed. Northmore got possession, and by a nice kick he removed the pressure for a time, but after some fast play the Irish forwards again gained. Taylor and Robinson came to the rescue of their side, but the Irishmen once more attacked strongly, taking the ball almost to the opponents' goal line. Lee all but scored from a throw-in, but was collared just in time. Ashford got away, but the English had soon to act on the defence. Clinch nearly got a try, and then Magee and Allen gave Gardiner a chance, which he accepted, and crossed the line. Bulger took the kick, but did not add to the point's value. From the restart a short visit was made into Irish territory, but the defence was good enough, and before long play was taken into English ground. Magee made his mark, but the ball went into touch. Byrne staved off the attack by kicking to midfield. Some good combined play gave England their first chance. Fookes could not get through, and he sent the ball dead. E. W. Taylor, and Robinson worked hard, and finally the last-named scored a try, which Byrne did not succeed in improving. The visitors, encouraged by this temporary success, put more spirit into their efforts, and, mainly through E. W. Taylor, the exchanges were more even. Forrest charged down a kick of Byrne's, and this put the Irishmen once again on the aggressive. A penalty kick brought England relief, but some fine passing by Magee, Allen, Lee, and Gardiner ended in the last mentioned player scoring near the corner. Bulger did not convert. From the kick out Allen made his mark, Bulger placing a goal. The Englishmen made a brief attack into the Irish quarters, but were repulsed, and half-time arrived with the score one goal (from

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mark) two tries to one try in favour of Ireland. Stoddart re-opened play for England, who took play into the home team's twenty-five. Gardiner relieved, but the ball was returned. The Irish forwards made a combined rush, but Stout got possession near the centre, and took play back by a good run. After some vigorous exchanges Ireland was penalised, and Byrne, taking the kick, scored a capital goal. The Englishmen put plenty of dash into their play, and then the game was stopped for a time through an accident to J. Taylor, who, however, soon returned to the field. The home fifteen again appeared to be having all the best of matters, and Bulger was successful in obtaining a try. He made a poor shot at goal. After some more exchanges in favour of the Irish, Bunting got away, gaining a bit of ground. For the last fifteen minutes the English did their share of the pressing, and a few minutes from the close Byrne scored from a penalty. Thus the final score was Ireland, one goal from mark (4 points) three tries (9 points); total 13 points; to England, two penalty goals one try (9 points).

The following were the teams:—

England—*J. F. Byrne (Moseley, back), *E. F. Fookes (Yorkshire), J. Taylor (Castleford), W. L. Bunting (Richmond), G. C. Robinson (Northumberland) (three-quarter backs), S. Northmore (Cumberland), *E. W. Taylor (Northumberland) (half backs), *R. F. Oakes (Durham) *W. Ashford, *R. H. Mangles (Richmond), *F. Jacob (Cambridge University) *P. Ebdon (Somerset), *F. N. Stout (Gloucestershire), *W. B. Stoddart (Liverpool), *J. H. Barron (Yorkshire) (forwards).

Ireland—*J. Fulton (North of Ireland, back), *W. Gardiner, *S. Lee (North of Ireland), *H. J. Stevenson (Albion and Edinburgh University), L. Bulger (Lansdowne) (three quarter backs), *G. C. Allen (Derry and Lancashire County), *L. M. Magee (Bective Rangers) (half backs), *A. D. Clinch (Wanderers), *E. Forrest (Wanderers), *J. H. Lyttle (North of Ireland), *W. G. Byron, E. M'Ilwaine (North of Ireland), *C. V. Rooke (Mookstown), M. Ryan, John Ryan (Rockwell College) (forwards).

* Old Internationals.

At Oxford, on Feb. 6, the University defeated a fairly strong fifteen representing Richmond by three goals and two tries to nothing.

On Feb. 10, they met Coventry, who afforded them one of the most interesting struggles witnessed at Oxford this season. Everything was in favour of a good game, and it was surprising that there was only such a moderate attendance. Coventry scored within a minute of the start, but Oxford, although without many of their blues, played a splendid game, especially their forwards, and after a grand game were returned victors by two goals and a try to two goals.

Rugby Union County Championship.—Kent v. Somerset.—One of the most exciting matches seen for some time was that between Kent and Somerset on February 10, at the Rectory Field, Blackheath. It was to decide which team should represent the South against the North, and Yorkshire and Cumberland have yet to play to settle the question who will be the northern champions. The weather was fine and bright, and fully 4000 spectators were present to witness the game, which was fast throughout. Kent began very well, but Somerset early broke up the scrummages, and performed well in the loose, so that the Kent defence was called upon. Some wild passing by the Somerset three-quarter line was stopped by Latter rushing in and intercepting, but he was pulled down before he could score. However, Kent soon were pressing again, and Livesay—who throughout played a splendid game—quite deceived his opponents by pretending to pass, and then making off with the ball. When matters appeared dangerous he passed to Tucker, who scrambled over the goal line for a try, but Fegan failed to contribute the additional points. This stirred up the Somerset men, and Norman Biggs made some headway before being pulled up, scrums then being formed in the Kent twenty-five. Pushing for all they were worth, the Somerset pack got the ball over the line, and Soane seized the opportunity for scoring a try. Biggs endeavoured to kick a goal, but went very wide. For off-side facts Somerset were frequently penalised, and on one occasion Fegan attempted to place a goal, without, however, meeting with success. When the teams changed ends each side was credited with a try, and the resumption saw some very keen play. The Kent full back soon had to touch down, following some loose work on the part of the Somerset forwards. However, Livesay secured the ball from a scrum and got well away with it, so that play was taken almost on to the Somerset goal line. While Kent were pressing in the visitors' twenty-five Livesay sent the ball out to Bunting, and the latter transferred it to Fegan, who successfully accomplished a drop goal, giving Kent a lead of four points. Three times within a few minutes were Somerset penalised for off side play, and on the last occasion Mitchell had the ball placed and tried to kick a goal. The attempt, however, was not a good one, the ball falling very wide of the proper mark. Fegan shortly afterwards tried to drop a second goal, but his effort was not successful. Kent now did most of the attacking, and but for a wild pass from Bunting to Walmsley, the latter might have scored. It was not long before the whistle for no-side was blown, and Kent retired the winners by a dropped goal and one try (seven points) to one try (three points).

Northumberland v. Cheshire.—This postponed game was brought off on Feb. 6 at North Shields. The ground

originally selected was that at Jesmond, but as this was found unfit for play, it was hastily decided to change the scene of action. Judging by the attendance, interest in the game was very small; but then the weather was anything but suitable for the gathering of a crowd. The ground was in good condition when the teams turned out, though it softened during play. It was distinctly creditable to the Cheshire executive that a team was able to travel north, as no fewer than eight changes had to be made almost at the last moment. Northumberland were fairly confident as to the result, though substitutes had to be found for E. W. Taylor and G. C. Robinson, who were at Dublin. Their surmise proved correct, for, though the visitors withstood the attack of the Northumbrian forwards for the first twenty minutes, they were gradually overcome, and failed entirely to score, while the home team scored a goal and four tries.

Inter-Hospital Challenge Cup.—St. George's Hospital v. Guy's Hospital.—The second round was commenced on Feb. 8, when these hospital teams met on the Richmond Athletic Club ground. As Guy's were expected to gain an easy victory, the fixture did not attract many spectators, but those few who were present experienced fine weather. Guy's soon began to press, but they found the defence of St. George's very sound, and it was not till near the interval that any score was registered. The defence of the St. George's men was not nearly so good in the second half, and tries were quickly added, and Guy's won by two goals and two tries (sixteen points) to nothing.

St. Bartholomew's v. King's College.—This game, which was the second in the second round, was decided on Feb. 9, and resulted in a very easy win for St. Barts. The play was mostly confined to the forwards, each side contesting the scrummages in keen fashion, but eventually the winners asserted their superiority, and won easily by five goals (one penalty) to nothing.

St. Mary's v. Westminster.—The weather on Feb. 11th, was most unpropitious, a slight rain falling most of the time this game, the third heat in the second round, was in progress, and the visitors to Richmond were not in large numbers. The Westminster students are not strong in Rugby football, but they exhibited a sportsmanlike feeling by not scratching to their more redoubtable opponents. The scrummaging was keen throughout, each set of forwards trying their hardest to shove, but neither attempted much heel out. However, the St. Mary's combination knew too much of the game for their opponents, and during the first half scored one goal and three tries to nothing. In the second half St. Mary's did what they liked with their rivals, and raised their score to seven goals and four tries (forty-seven points) to nothing.

Leicester v. Swansea.—By defeating the powerful Swansea club on Feb. 6, Leicester accomplished one of the best performances of the season, and at the same time kept intact their unbroken record of successes on their ground. Although James was away from half back, the Welsh team which had made the trip into the Midlands on the previous day, was pretty well up to full strength, and Leicester, too, had all their best men available. Bancroft for the visitors and A. O. Jones for Leicester played a splendid game at full back. The final score was one goal to nothing in favour of the home team.

The Harlequins were very fortunate in obtaining the services of C. M. Wells (who had been chosen to represent England, but was unable to accept) in their match with Blackheath on Feb. 6 at the Rectory field. After a capital match, in which first one side and then the other held the advantage, Blackheath ran out winners by one goal and two tries to one goal and one try.

Kensington and Old Merchant Taylors met on the same day and a terrific struggle resulted, the Old Boys winning by a goal (five points) to nothing.

Old Leysians v. Rosslyn Park.—The ground at the Old Deer Park, Richmond, was in capital condition for football on Feb. 6, and permitted a lively contest to take place between the Rosslyn Park team and their visitors. The latter were somewhat weakly represented, especially behind the scrum, several of the members of the Leys School fifteen being requisitioned to fill vacancies. Mainly in consequence of this they had distinctly the worst of the game, and retired defeated by two goals to nothing. But for their smart tackling their defeat would have been far more decisive.

London Scottish v. Cambridge University.—In fine, bright weather this match was decided on the Richmond Athletic Club ground on Feb. 6, and attracted a large crowd of spectators. The University forwards were not so strong as the pack which did duty for them before the Christmas vacation, but they proved of sufficient power to get the better of the Scottish contingent, despite the fact that the latter contained more than one International player, and the end Cambridge were victorious by one try to nothing.

On Feb. 6, the Midland Champions (Coventry), received a visit from Newport. Neither side was fully representative, but the game attracted a large number of spectators. At half-time Newport had scored a dropped goal and a try to nothing. In the second part Newport still continued to have the best of the exchanges and added another try to their score, while Coventry were unable to score at all.

London Welsh v. Swansea.—The fact that no fewer than six Internationals were included in the team chosen to represent Swansea on Feb. 8, at Tufnell Park was quite sufficient in itself to attract a numerous gathering of spectators. After the brilliant form displayed by the Welshmen against England at Newport it was fully expected that the game would be brimful of interest, more especially as the London Welsh Club had selected the best available fifteen. Unfortunately, however, the turf was in a very unsound condition, and few of the players were able to do themselves justice. In spite of this a grand struggle ensued which resulted in a victory for the visitors by the narrow margin of a try to nothing.

Cardiff v. Moseley.—As Cardiff were unexpectedly defeated by Moseley early in the season, the Welshmen were anxious on Feb. 6, to revenge their defeat. Byrne, with a fine kick, relieved his side from an attack, but by good passing Cardiff nearly scored. The home forwards heeled out well, and the halves fed their three-quarters cleverly, so that the latter were attacking continually, but scoring was prevented by the sound defence of Byrne. Biggs, having got away from a scrum, ran to the goal line and passed to Huzzey, who scored a try, which was not converted. Loose play in the centre was followed by Nicholls scoring a try after running with great determination and dash, Huzzey placing a goal. Moseley had been defending most of the time, but they now made a fine effort, and took play into the Cardiff territory. Byrne then took a drop at goal—a magnificent shot—but the ball went just outside the uprights. Shortly after the second half was started, Huzzey scored two tries in quick succession in spite of the fact that he was on each occasion surrounded by opponents. From a line-out, Moseley rushed the ball over the Cardiff line, and Thomas was only just in time to touch down. For some time play was of a very poor character, the monotony being relieved by Nicholls, who secured the ball in midfield, dodged through his opponents, and, running half the length of the field in splendid style, scored in a good position. The place kick was a failure. Shortly afterwards time was called, and Cardiff were left the winners by one goal and four tries to nothing.

Northampton v. Rugby.—Teams representing these clubs opposed each other at Northampton on Feb. 6, before 4000 spectators, when a somewhat onesided game ended in a win for the home club. The visitors were but poorly represented, and this fact robbed the game of a good deal of interest.

LAWN TENNIS.

BUENOS AIRES LAWN TENNIS CLUB.

For the March Tournament to be held by the above club the preliminary and first rounds of Ladies' Singles should be played off to-day. For the other three events the preliminary and first rounds must be played off on or before Thursday, 18th inst.

We give below the draw and handicaps of those entered:

LADIES' SINGLES.

First Round—
Miss Chawner (— 30), a bye.
Mrs Woodgate (+ 15) v. Mrs Mills (+ 15.3).
Miss Burr (— 3.6 of 15) v. Miss Goldsmid (— 30).
Mrs Thornton (+ 4.6 of 15), a bye.

MIXED DOUBLES.

Preliminary Round—
Mrs Woodgate and H. H. Woodgate (scratch) v. Mrs Wallace and F. L. E. Wallace (+ 4.6 of 15).

First Round—
Miss Burr and H. Burr (scratch), a bye.
Mrs Mills and A. G. Gumpert (+ 3.6 of 15) v. Mrs Thornton and C. R. Thursby (+ 3.6 of 15).

GENTLEMEN'S SINGLES

First Round—
C. W. Cumming (— 15) v. A. Boyd (3.6 of 15).
B. Goldsmid (— 15.4) v. R. C. Jones (scratch).
B. Verschoyle (— 15.3) v. Rev. F. F. Handcock (— 15.3).
F. L. E. Wallace (+ 15.2) v. T. W. Earle (scratch).
R. L. Phillips (+ 15) v. A. G. Gumpert (+ 3.6 of 15).
H. H. Woodgate (— 3.6 of 15) v. C. R. Thursby (+ 15).
S. J. Moore (— 3.6 of 15) v. H. Tudor (+ 15).
T. V. M. Knox (— 30) v. H. Burr (scratch).

GENTLEMEN'S DOUBLES.

First Round—
R. L. Phillips and H. S. Topping (+ 30), a bye.
Rev. R. F. F. Handcock and H. H. Woodgate (— 3.6 of 15) v. T. V. M. Knox and A. Boyd (— 15).
A. G. Gumpert and T. W. Earle (+ 4.6 of 15) v. H. M. Mills and H. Burr (+ 15.3).
B. W. Gardom and R. C. Jones (+ 4.6 of 15), a bye.

BELGRANO ATHLETIC CLUB'S TOURNAMENT.

Only a few matches have been played off since last week, but players must remember that all ties up to finals in the three events must be played off on or before to-morrow, and the finals to-morrow week.

GENTLEMEN'S SINGLES.

- Preliminary Round— J. S. Lee (+ 1/2 15) beat G. M. Gosschalk (- 1/2 15), 5-6, 6-3, 6-4. C. C. Mackenzie (+ 1/2 15) w.o. against T. Fowler (+ 1/2 15). J. G. Dunn (- 15) beat J. Gibson (+ 1/2 15), 6-3, 4-6, 6-1. C. Edey (- 1/2 30) beat T. A. P. Macdonald (scr), 6-0, 6-4. R. H. Roberts (- 15) beat H. Kelly (+ 1/2 15), 6-3, 6-2. First Round— A. M. Barton (- 1/2 30) beat R. C. Mackinnell (- 1/2 15), 6-0, 6-2. C. Stockdale (- 1/2 15) beat J. S. Macpherson (scr), 6-1, 0-6, 6-1. G. L. Miles (scr) beat P. Boyd (- 15), 5-6, 6-5, 8-6. E. Buxton (+ 15) beat J. Boyd (- 15), 6-2, 6-2. G. H. Brodie (+ 1/2 15) beat W. Goodwin (- 15), 6-3, 6-4. W. M. Graham (- 1/2 15) beat J. H. Joyce (scr), 5-6, 6-5, 8-6. C. C. Mackenzie beat J. S. Lee, 6-3, 6-4. C. Edey beat R. H. Roberts, 6-5, 6-3. M. Wilson (+ 1/2 15) w.o. against J. Bell (- 1/2 15). A. Brodie (scr) beat W. Fowler (scr), 6-1, 6-5. S. J. Moore (- 30) beat R. Roberts, jr. (scr), 6-1, 6-3. P. Hardcastle (+ 1/2 15) beat W. Bell (- 1/2 15), 4-6, 6-5, 7-5. Second Round— H. W. Botting (scr) beat G. H. Brodie, 6-0, 6-0. A. M. Barton beat C. Edey, 6-2, 6-2. J. W. Todd (- 15) beat H. Buxton (+ 1/2 30), 6-0, 6-1. G. L. Miles beat C. Stockdale, 6-2, 6-2. P. Hardcastle beat E. Buxton, 6-2, 6-2. G. Wood (+ 1/2 30) beat J. G. Dunn, 6-4, 4-6, 5-5 (arranged).

GENTLEMEN'S DOUBLES.

- Preliminary Round— J. S. Macpherson and J. W. Wilson (+ 1/2 15) beat H. W. Botting and C. C. Mackenzie (scr), 6-2, 4-6, 6-1. First Round— W. Bell and T. A. P. Macdonald (scr) beat E. Buxton and H. Buxton (+ 15), 6-4, 6-0. P. Hardcastle and J. H. Joyce (scr) beat G. Wood and C. M. Thomas (+ 15), 6-3, 6-3. A. Brodie and G. H. Brodie (scr) beat G. Davis and W. Fowler (+ 15), 6-4, 6-4. J. J. Dowson and J. E. Croll (- 15) beat J. S. Macpherson and J. W. Wilson, 6-1, 6-4. S. J. Moore and G. F. Wallis (- 1/2 30) beat A. M. Barton and J. G. Dunn (- 1/2 30), 2-6, 6-5, 6-4. J. Boyd and P. Boyd (- 15) beat H. M. Edey and J. W. Todd (- 1/2 15), 6-1, 3-6, 6-1. C. Edey and J. Negron (- 1/2 15) w.o. against T. Fowler and J. Bell (+ 1/2 15). Second Round— M. Wilson and R. C. Mackinnell (+ 1/2 15) beat J. J. Dowson and J. E. Croll, 2-6, 6-5, 6-4. W. Bell and T. A. P. Macdonald beat A. Brodie and G. E. Brodie, 6-0, 6-0.

MIXED DOUBLES.

- Preliminary Round— Miss M. Stockdale and S. J. Moore (- 1/2 30) beat Miss Mitchell and J. W. Todd (- 1/2 30), 6-3, 6-2. Miss Fowler and A. Brodie (+ 1/2 15) beat Miss Stockdale and C. Stockdale (+ 1/2 30), 6-3, 1-6, 6-4. First Round— Miss Callis and G. H. Brodie (+ 15) beat Miss Martindale and J. G. Dunn (- 15), 6-4, 6-0. Mrs Hoette and J. Boyd (- 1/2 30) beat Miss Buxton and H. Buxton (+ 15), 6-2, 4-6, 6-3. Second Round— Miss Fowler and A. Brodie beat Mrs Hoette and J. Boyd, 6-2, 6-2. Miss M. Stockdale and S. J. Moore beat Miss Callis and G. H. Brodie, 6-2, 6-3.

RACING

PALERMO—MARCH 7.

Although the rain which fell at the end of last week caused many people to fear that the going would be heavy, this was not the case, and it was just sufficient to nicely lay the dust, and render the sand, if anything rather firmer than usual under the horses' hoofs and with the day itself bright and pleasant, the Jockey Club had a particularly favourable opening meeting. A large number of people turned out, and all the regular racing men seemed pleased to get to work again after the recess. The horses generally looked fresh and well, and many of them had evidently derived a deal of benefit from their rest, which they had, perhaps had more of than their trainers originally intended, owing to the continued drought which had made fast work almost an impossibility for a considerable time. A good deal of money changed hands in the course of the day. Distinguido paying the large dividend of \$58.27 in the classic race.

A field of nine turned out for the Premio Nebulosa with which the sport began, and Cristiana was well backed, both by her connections and the public, a policy which she justified by winning easily by a couple of lengths from Tiradentes, after Azucena had made nearly all the running. Several of the horses running in this race were comparatively unknown and it must have been rather a difficult thing to spot the winner, though so many did it successfully. There were only five entries for the Premio Destructor, which came next, and again the favourite was victorious, this was the Montevideo horse, Zig Zag, who won fairly comfortably at the finish, although in the early part of the race Ortegale had obtained such a very strong lead that it seemed quite improbable that he would be caught. As is frequently the case, however, when a horse is dashed along all the way, making every post a winning one, he failed to stay the distance, and came back to his field before the paddock was reached, and when challenged by Zig Zag had not a struggle left in him. Mundial was third a length behind the second. Only ten of the forty-six engaged came to the post in the Premio Apertura, the first classic race of the season, and of this lot, Voladora, Idiota, and Robespierre, were the most fancied, but excepting the first named none of them had anything to do with the finish which lay between Distinguido and Reserva, neither of whom had many supporters. When the flag fell, Voladora was the first to show in front, and settling down with the lead took them along at a good pace to the paddock, where she was collared by Distinguido, who drew out and won by two lengths from Reserva, the latter beating Voladora a length or over for second money. There were only seven runners for the Premio Ituzaingo of twelve hundred metres, and Cristiana, who carried the weight of metal, very nearly succeeded in pulling off the double event, as she jumped into her bridle the moment the signal was given, and had almost got home before she was caught by Oriel, who managed to beat her by a length and a half. Friedland close up was third. The Premio Landseer was the long distance handicap, and only obtained four entries, who, however, all ran. Ciro cut out the work till after passing the Stud Acebal, when Stamboul took up the running, but had shortly to give way to Sirena, the latter winning comfortably by three lengths. A length between second and third. The Premio Hipocrita gave Zig Zag an opportunity which was quickly taken advantage of, to place another race to the credit of his owners. In this case his immediate followers were Laurel and May Blossom. The Premio Brandzen, with which the proceedings were closed, fell to the Ecurie Radames, by the aid of Vivas, who beat a moderate field of four. The following are the details:—

PREMIO NEBULOSA.—For maiden horses, that have run more than one race, weight for age, \$1600 to the 1st, \$100 to the 2nd, 1400 metres. Stud A. Lincoln's b m Cristiana, by St. Honorat—Annette 3 y, 55 1/2 k.....J. Bayardi 1 Ecurie Sans Fagon's Tiradentes, 3 y, 57 1/2 k R. Garrido 2 Ecurie Bend'Or's Rodin, 3 y, 57 1/2 k.....N. Sosa 3 Stud Vengador's Sculptor, 4 y, 59 1/2 k.....J. Green 0 Stud Girondino's Bristol, 3 y, 57 1/2 k.....S. Gomez 0 Ecurie Azur's Falstaff, 3 y, 57 1/2 k.....V. Libonati 0 Stud Floresta's Azucena, 3 y, 55 1/2 k.....P. Bagu 0 Sr. N. Pais' Guina, 3 y, 55 1/2 k.....H. Esteves 0 Stud Red Lancer's Sorpresa, 3 y, 55 1/2 k.....J. Mala 0 Going to the front at once Azucena made all the running until well round the bend for home when she retired, and Cristiana drawing to the front soon had her field well beaten, and won easily by two lengths. Tiradentes beat Rodin a length for second place. Tickets—Cristiana with 1146 win and 1052 place, Tiradentes 466—512, Rodin 158—187, Sculptor 122—171, Bristol 594—562, Falstaff 623—715, Azucena 389—495, Guina 30—55, Sorpresa 95—136. Totals 3623—3885. Dividends—Cristiana \$5.69 win and \$3.10 place, Tiradentes 4.27 place, Rodin 8.22 place.

PREMIO DESTRUCTOR, an open handicap, \$1700 to the 1st, 100 to the 2nd, 1600 metres. Ecurie Radames' ch m Zig-Zag, by Offenheit Glenshee, 6 y, 60 1/2 k.....R. Garrido 1 Stud Amianto's Ortegale, 5 y, 52 k.....J. Paez 2 Stud Paris' Mundial, 5 y, 56 k.....P. Aguilera 3 Ecurie Belgrano's Bay Rum, 6 y, 56 k.....N. Sosa 0 Stud Las Armas' Policeman, 5 y, 52 k.....I. Diaz 0 Ortegale assumed command and ran with a five lengths lead of Zig-Zag, who was at the head of the others to the paddock, where the Montevideo horse closed with him and won with something in hand by three parts of a length, a length between second and third. Tickets—Zig-Zag with 1592 win and 919 place, Ortegale 1384—849, Mundial 1251—931, Bay Rum 559—379, Policeman 556—470. Totals 5342—3548. Dividends—Zig-Zag \$6.03 win and 3.55 place, Ortegale 3.67 place.

PREMIO APERTURA.—For all three-year-olds, colts 54 k fillies 52 k, winners of between \$6,000 and \$10,000 to carry 5 kilos extra, of between \$10,000 and \$15,000, 6 kilos extra, and over \$15,000, 9 kilos extra. Horses that have not won over \$3000 allowed 3 kilos, \$4000 to the 1st \$500 to the 2nd, 3rd saves his stake, 1800 metres. Stud Santa Fe's ch c Distinguido by Rawson— Baronesa, 51 k.....F. Goyenecheo 1 Stud La Confianza's Reserva, 51 k.....S. Gomez 2 La Petite Ecurie's Voladora, 49 k.....I. Diaz 3 Capt. Green's Hugonote, 51 k.....R. Bastiani 0 Ecurie Azur's Extra, 49 k.....I. Diaz 0 Ecurie Indecis' Robespierre, 51 k.....P. Aguirre 0 Stud Pichiman's Venero, 54 k.....W. Binns 0 Stud Solitaire's Redoutable, 51 k.....J. Mala 0 Ecurie Radames' Vivas, 51 k.....N. Sosa 0 Stud Pobre's Idiota, 51 k.....R. Garrido 0 Voladora cut out the work for the greater part of the way, but failing to stay quite home was passed at the paddock by Distinguido who came away to win somewhat easily by two lengths from Reserva who beat Voladora a length for the second money. Tickets—Distinguido with 222 win and 314 place, Voladora 1836—1459, Hugonote 538—429, Extra 254—328, Robespierre 1166—1024, Venero 1005—854, Redoutable 38—43, Vivas 586—659, Idiota 1182—1224. Totals 7187—6683. Dividends—\$58.27 win and \$10.26 place, Reserva 9.43 place, Voladora 3.77 place.

PREMIO ITUZAINGO, an open handicap \$1600 to the 1st 100 the 2nd, 1200 metres. Stud Paris' ch h Oriel, by Orbit—Brunette 5 y, 55 k.....P. Aguilera 1 Stud A. Lincoln's Cristiana, 3 y, 40 k.....A. Ruiz 2 Ecurie Azur's Friedland, 6 y, 56 k.....V. Libonati 3 Ecurie Chantilly's Tic-Tac, 4 y, 59 1/2 k.....J. Rivero 0 Ecurie Belgrano's Antropofago, 6 y, 55 k.....N. Sosa 0 Stud La Confianza's Regalona, 3 y, 45 k.....J. Rivas 0 Stud Calchin's Flecha II, 3 y, 44 k.....C. Tezera 0 Jumping of with the lead Cristiana looked like repeating her victory, but when Oriel challenged in front of the paddock she was unable to shake him off, and had to succumb by a couple of lengths, Friedland a length away was third. Tickets—Oriel with 1100 win and 812 place, Cristiana 1872—1001, Friedland 717—568, Tic-Tac 115—68, Antropofago 717—635, Regalona, 888—812, Flecha II. 516—466. Totals 5948—4387. Dividends—Oriel, \$9.73 win and 4.62 place, Cristiana 4.13 place.

PREMIO LANDSEER. An open handicap \$2500 to the 1st, \$200 to the 2nd, 2500 metres. Stud Gen'l San Martin's ch m Sirena, by Soukaras—Sornette 3 y, 56 k.....I. Diaz 1 Ecurie Azur's Stamboul, 5 y, 60 1/2 k.....V. Libonati 2 Ecurie Radames' Ciro, 5 y, 59 1/2 k.....R. Garrido 3 Stud Santa Fe's Malvina, 5 y, 55 k.....F. Goyenecheo 0 On settling into their places Ciro was seen to be leading a position which he managed to keep until making the turn for home where Stamboul closed with him, and after a short struggle got command, only to be displaced, however by Sirena who went on to win in a canter by three lengths, Ciro was a bad third. Tickets—Sirena with 1879 win, Stamboul 1511, Ciro 2030, Malvina 2010. Totals 7430. Dividends—Sirena \$7.11 win.

PREMIO HIPOCRITA.—A handicap for all horses that have not won over \$7000, \$1600 to the 1st, \$100 to the 2nd, 1500 metres. Ecurie Radames' ch m Zig-Zag, by Offenheit— Glenshee, 6 y, 59 1/2 k.....R. Garrido 1 Stud Floresta's Laurel, 4 y, 54 k.....P. Bagu 2 Stud Temerario's May Blossom, 6 y, 45 k.....J. Rivas 3 Stud Vengador's Sculptor, 4 y, 42 k.....Insauralde 0 Stud Gen'l San Martin's Bettina, 4 y, 40 k.....R. Gomez 0 Dashing to the front immediately the flag fell, Laurel soon established such a long lead that it seemed impossible that the field could get on terms with him again, but running on with great resolution, Zig-Zag began to close with him coming round the bend, and catching him at the stand, drew out to win a good race by three lengths. Two lengths separated second and third. Tickets—Zig-Zag with 3304 win and 1695 place, Laurel 973—707, May Blossom 420—289, Sculptor 277—176, Bettina 1454—902. Totals 6928—3769. Dividends—Zig-Zag with \$3.27 win and \$2.58 place, Laurel 3.40 place.

PREMIO BRANDZEN, an open handicap, \$1800 to the 1st, 100 to the second 1800 metres. Ecurie Radames' ch h Vivas, by Davenport— Bellevue 3 y, 42 k.....J. Insauralde 1 Stud Amianto's Ortegale, 4 y, 50 k.....J. Paez 2 Ecurie de las Cañitas' Mariano, 4 y, 60 1/2 k.....I. Diaz 3 Sr. M. Gonzalez' Pichincha, 5 y, 54 k.....N. Sosa 0 Stud La Confianza's Ataque, 3 y, 42 k.....M. Valdez 0 Going to the head of affairs Ortegale took them along to the stand, where he was collared by Vivas who got the best of the run home and won by nearly a length. The same between second and third. Tickets—Vivas with 1185 win and 845 place, Ortegale 1698—1121, Mariano 3655—1549, Pichincha 961—584, Ataque 891—524. Totals 8390—4623. Dividends—Vivas \$12.74 win and 4.59 place, Ortegale 3.95 place.

PREMIO DESTROYER, an open handicap, \$1700 to the 1st, 100 to the 2nd, 1600 metres. Ecurie Radames' ch m Zig-Zag, by Offenheit Glenshee, 6 y, 60 1/2 k.....R. Garrido 1 Stud Amianto's Ortegale, 5 y, 52 k.....J. Paez 2 Stud Paris' Mundial, 5 y, 56 k.....P. Aguilera 3 Ecurie Belgrano's Bay Rum, 6 y, 56 k.....N. Sosa 0 Stud Las Armas' Policeman, 5 y, 52 k.....I. Diaz 0 Ortegale assumed command and ran with a five lengths lead of Zig-Zag, who was at the head of the others to the paddock, where the Montevideo horse closed with him and won with something in hand by three parts of a length, a length between second and third. Tickets—Zig-Zag with 1592 win and 919 place, Ortegale 1384—849, Mundial 1251—931, Bay Rum 559—379, Policeman 556—470. Totals 5342—3548. Dividends—Zig-Zag \$6.03 win and 3.55 place, Ortegale 3.67 place.

PREMIO APERTURA.—For all three-year-olds, colts 54 k fillies 52 k, winners of between \$6,000 and \$10,000 to carry 5 kilos extra, of between \$10,000 and \$15,000, 6 kilos extra, and over \$15,000, 9 kilos extra. Horses that have not won over \$3000 allowed 3 kilos, \$4000 to the 1st \$500 to the 2nd, 3rd saves his stake, 1800 metres. Stud Santa Fe's ch c Distinguido by Rawson— Baronesa, 51 k.....F. Goyenecheo 1 Stud La Confianza's Reserva, 51 k.....S. Gomez 2 La Petite Ecurie's Voladora, 49 k.....I. Diaz 3 Capt. Green's Hugonote, 51 k.....R. Bastiani 0 Ecurie Azur's Extra, 49 k.....I. Diaz 0 Ecurie Indecis' Robespierre, 51 k.....P. Aguirre 0 Stud Pichiman's Venero, 54 k.....W. Binns 0 Stud Solitaire's Redoutable, 51 k.....J. Mala 0 Ecurie Radames' Vivas, 51 k.....N. Sosa 0 Stud Pobre's Idiota, 51 k.....R. Garrido 0 Voladora cut out the work for the greater part of the way, but failing to stay quite home was passed at the paddock by Distinguido who came away to win somewhat easily by two lengths from Reserva who beat Voladora a length for the second money. Tickets—Distinguido with 222 win and 314 place, Voladora 1836—1459, Hugonote 538—429, Extra 254—328, Robespierre 1166—1024, Venero 1005—854, Redoutable 38—43, Vivas 586—659, Idiota 1182—1224. Totals 7187—6683. Dividends—\$58.27 win and \$10.26 place, Reserva 9.43 place, Voladora 3.77 place.

The following are the acceptances for Sunday's races:

Premio Amianto—1400 metres.			
	Kilos.	Kilos.	
Belgrano ..	59	Robespierre ..	54
Tetrarca ..	57	Falstaff ..	54
Voladora ..	55	Rodin ..	54
Sculptor ..	56	Tiradentes ..	54
Regalona ..	55	Waterwitch ..	52
Flecha II ..	55		
Premio Danton—1600 metres.			
Mundial ..	60½	Coronel Dorrego ..	53
Ortegal ..	58	May Blossom ..	48
Laurel ..	58	Extra ..	47
Bay Rum ..	56	Bristol ..	46
Daza ..	56		
Premio Kemmis—1000 metres.			
Somaten ..	52	Mirasol ..	52
Planeta ..	52	General Paunero ..	52
Rebelde ..	52	Cardo Negro ..	52
Balcarce ..	52	Abrojo ..	52
Chingolo ..	52	Le Destrier ..	52
Atico ..	52	Traidor ..	52
L'Etourdi ..	52	Flageolet ..	52
Temblor ..	52	Kosir ..	52
Gyp ..	52	Emir ..	52
Osado ..	52	San Telmo ..	52
Figaro ..	52	Pompeyo ..	52
Loncoy ..	52	Voraz ..	52
Efrain ..	52	Hugo ..	52
5 de Mayo ..	52	Palermo ..	52
Premio Potosí—2200 metres.			
Excelsior ..	60½	Hugonote ..	48
Stamboul ..	54	Malvina ..	47
Policeman ..	49		
Premio General-Lavalle—1200 metres.			
Grillon ..	59½	Belgrano ..	54
Tic-Tac ..	59½	Regalona ..	54
Distinguido ..	59	Tiradentes ..	53
Caprichosa ..	57	Oro ..	52
Cristiana ..	55	Azucena ..	51
Tetrarca ..	54	Sorpresa ..	49
Premio Ontario—1500 metres.			
Oriel ..	59½	Daza ..	51
Friedland ..	56	Little Darling ..	47
Regardez ..	55	Balmaceda ..	43
Antropofago ..	54		
Premio Independiente—1800 metres.			
Mariano ..	60½	Abadia ..	52
Pichincha ..	51	Malvina ..	48
Ortegal ..	53	Belle Etoile ..	44

With the open weather has come renewed vitality in the racing world in England, and in our last home papers we have accounts of successful meetings that have been held at those popular racing centres, Kempton, Colwick, and Sandown Parks.

The Grand National appears to be attracting more attention in betting circles than the Lincolnshire Handicap, but none of the performances that were accomplished at the different meetings were of a sort to throw much light upon the chances of any of the candidates, though the fine form shown by Ebor on the two occasions on which he ran points to Escott holding a very strong hand in the two colonials which have been accepted for, Norton and Daimio, and more extraordinary things have happened than that both the cross-country Derby and the first big spring handicap should this year fall to foreigners, as in the Lincolnshire Handicap betting the American Diakha at present holds pride of place.

Details of the more important events at the various meetings will be found beneath.

KEMPTON PARK—FEB. 6.

Waterloo Selling Hurdle Race of 100 sovs; 2 miles.		
Mr C. Hibbert's bl g Lord Justice, by Queen's Counsel—Dora, 5 yrs, 12st 7lb..... R. Nightingall	1	
Mr G. Moore's Hagiographer, aged, 12st 4lb..... Williamson	2	
Mr S. Appin's Queen's Emblem, 4 yrs, 10st 7lb Acres	3	
Mr F. G. Haine's The Rat, 5 yrs, 12st. Mr K. Haines	0	
Mr T. Cannon's Brompton, 5 yrs, 11st 12lb. F. Strong	0	
Mr A. Henderson's Gustavus Vasa, 6 yrs, 11st 12lb..... Donnelly	0	
Mr G. B. Corbett's Little Jack Horner, 4 yrs, 11st 7lb..... H. Brown	0	
Mr A. Hubbard's Call Boy, 5 yrs, 11st 4lb..... T. Fitton	0	
Mr S. Savage's Bomera, 6 yrs, 11st 3lb..... Butchers	0	
Mr J. C. Harrison's Gold Hackle, aged, 11st 3lb..... W. Pullen	0	
Mr W. Downes's Royal Warrant, 4 yrs, 10st 13 lb..... Makepeace	0	
Mr G. Masterman's King of Spades, 4 yrs, 10st 13lb..... A. Nightingall	0	
Mr Cohen's Lady Newton, 4 yrs, 10st 10lb..... Mr Hampton	0	

Betting: 3 to 1 agst Hagiographer, 6 to 1 agst Little Jack Horner, 8 to 1 each agst Royal Warrant and Lord Justice, and 10 to 1 agst any other.

Settling down past the stand, Royal Warrant became the leader, with Lady Newton second, and Call Boy third. At a mile, however, a change took place, Brompton passing to the front and Royal Warrant falling away. Little Jack Horner, Lord Justice, Hagiographer, and Lady Newton were the nearest followers of the leader. In the straight Lady Newton showed a bold front, but Lord Justice speedily put matters at rest by taking the lead and, easily stalling off Hagiographer, won by a length and a half; Little Jack Horner was fourth, Bomera fifth, and King of Spades sixth, Gold Hackle being tailed off. Mr F. W. Usher purchased the winner for 135 guineas, Lord William Beresford giving 61 guineas for King of Spades, and Mr R. Gore 13 guineas for Gustavus Vasa.

February Steeplechase Handicap of 200 sovs; 2 miles.

Mr B. Bletsoe's br g Tribune, by Old Buck, dam by Lydon, aged, 10st 12lb..... Mr M. Bletsoe	1
Mr R. Ward's Prince Edward, aged, 11st 10lb Owner	2
Mr F. D. Leyland's Gauntlet, aged, 12st 7lb..... A. Nightingall	3
Mr T. Cannon's Deerstalker, aged, 12st 2lb..... Dean	0
Mr Lincoln's Canobie, aged, 10st 11lb (inc. 7lb ex.)..... Dollery	0

Betting: 5 to 4 on Gauntlet, 7 to 2 agst Prince Edward, 100 to 15 agst Deerstalker, 8 to 1 agst Tribune, and 20 to 1 agst Canobie.

Prince Edward was sent to the front at once and drew out some few lengths clear along the railway side, Deerstalker going on second. Tribune, who jumped the first fence very badly; lay last, but at a mile Gauntlet ran up second, and Tribune became third, some twenty lengths behind the leader. Rounding into the straight, Gauntlet came up to Prince Edward, but all the efforts of his jockey could not get him in front. Tribune, meanwhile, began to draw up, and, just outside the distance came past hand over hand, to win by twenty lengths; four lengths between second and third.

Isleworth Handicap Steeplechase of 100 sovs; 3 miles.

Mr A. Yates's b g New Abbey, by St. Keen, dam by Old Tom, aged, 12st 7lb..... Dollery	1
Mr E. P. Gundry's Olive Branch, aged, 12st 11b..... Owner	2
Mr W. T. Brabazon's Annie's Delight, aged, 12st 3lb..... Mr Pilkington	0
Mr Luecke's Hatch, 6 yrs, 11st..... H. Brown	0

Betting—11 to 10 agst New Abbey, 7 to 4 agst Olive Branch, 9 to 2 agst Annie's Delight, and 20 to 1 agst Hatch.

Olive Branch led for a mile, when New Abbey took it up. Nearing the stand the second time the field took closer order, New Abbey with the lead. At the top of the railway side Hatch fell, as did Annie's Delight a little further on, and New Abbey went right away from Olive Branch to win by fifteen lengths.

NOTTINGHAM—FEB. 9.

Stoke Handicap Hurdle Race Plate of 80 sovs; 2 miles.

Mr R. Moncreiffe's b Lord Percy, b Autocat—Early, 6 yrs, 11st 7lb..... F. Hassall	1
Mr W. Sanderson's Napsel, 5 yrs, 10st 9lb. J. Harrison	2
Mr H. T. Coventry's Propeller, 5 yrs, 10st 12lb..... Capt. Yardley	3
Mr O. E. Mason's Snape, 5 yrs, 10st 12lb..... F. Lawton	0
Mr T. Tracton's Foghorn, aged, 11st 11lb..... Mr A. Gordon	0
Mr Chatham's Cornbury, 6 yrs, 11st 8lb..... E. Driscoll	0
Mr M. Harper's M'Mahon II, 4 yrs, 11st 11b..... Mr Harper	0
Mr A. Knowles's Miss Archer, 4 yrs, 10st 12lb..... J. Knox	0

Betting: 9 to 4 agst Cornbury, 9 to 2 agst Napsel, 5 to 1 agst Lord Percy, 7 to 1 agst Snape, and 10 to 1 agst any other.

Propeller cut out the running, attended by the favourite, Snape, M'Mahon II, and Napsel, for half a mile, when the last-named ran into second place, Cornbury and Snape lying next, in which order they ran for another half mile. Then the favourite took command, with Napsel and Lord Percy as his immediate attendants. Headed for home, Cornbury retired beaten and below the last hurdle but one Lord Percy went to the front, eventually winning by four lengths from Napsel, while Propeller was a bad third; the others pulled up.

Nottinghamshire Handicap Steeplechase of 400 sovs; 2 miles.

Mr N. J. Kelly's br m Ortelon, by Solomon—Olive, aged, 11st 3lb..... Mr Shiel	1
Mr W. H. Walker's Specs, aged, 11st 4lb..... Mr G. S. Davies	2
Mr T. Tracton's No, 5 yrs' 10st 3lb..... Mr A. Gordon	3
Mr Spencer Gollan's Ebor, aged, 13st..... Hickey	0
Mr C. M. R. Douglas Lane's Lil II, 5 yrs, 11st..... G. Armstrong	0
Mr W. C. Keeping's Peter Melville, 6 yrs, 10st 10lb..... E. Matthews	0
Gen. Beresford's Victor, aged, 10st 10lb. Capt. Yardley	0
Mr C. A. Brown's Barsac, 5 yrs, 10st 4lb..... Mr Beatty	0
Mr C. O. Pemberton's Barba Rossa, 5 yrs, 10st 1lb..... G. Wilson	0

Betting: 11 to 10 on Ebor, 7 to 1 agst Peter Melville, 8 to 1 agst Lil II, 10 to 1 each agst Specs, Victor, Ortelon, and No, 100 to 8 agst Barsac, and 20 to 1 agst Barba Rossa. The favourite jumped off in front of Specs, No, and Victor. Peter Melville lying next; to the water jump in front of the stand, which all safely negotiated, with the exception of Barsac. With little change in the order named, they completed half of the journey; Peter Melville and Barba Rossa came down at the ditch, and Ebor was then attended by Ortelon and Victor, Specs and No coming next. At the second last jump, the weight had told its tale on the favourite, and he gradually dropped away, while Ortelon, taking command, finally won by three lengths from Specs, the same distance separated the latter and No; Ebor came in next, while Victor had come to grief at the last obstacle, and Lil II. did not finish.

February 10.

Harrington Handicap Hurdle Race of 300 sovs; 2 miles.

Mr E. Crawford's bl g Instep, by Intrepid—High Heels, aged, 12st 7lb..... Sherlock	1
Lord Shrewsbury's Willington, 5 yrs, 12st. Williamson	2
Mr A. B. Sadler's San Lucar, 4 yrs, 10st 8lb..... R. Chaloner	3
Mr F. Platt's Royal Douglas, aged, 10st 13lb..... Lake	0
Mr W. Sanderson's Phil Brown, 4 yrs, 10st 5lb..... Harrison	0
Mr W. Dunne's Nassac, 4 yrs, 10st..... Nolan	0

Betting; 2 to 1 agst Willington, 4 to 1 agst Nassac, 5 to 1 agst Phil Brown, 9 to 1 agst Instep, 100 to 14 agst San Lucar, and 10 to 1 agst Royal Douglas.

The running was made by Phil Brown, attended by San Lucar and Royal Douglas, to the last hurdle, where he was in trouble, and Instep and Willington, then singling themselves out, a fine race home ended in the favourite being beaten by a short head, with San Lucar a bad third; Phil Brown was fourth, and Royal Douglas last.

SANDOWN PARK—FEB. 12.

Cardinal's Handicap Hurdle Race of 100 sovs; about 3½ miles.

Mr A. Lawson's b g Query, by Sir Bevys—Rose Bower, 5 yrs, 10st 2lb..... Owner	1
Mr B. Bletsoe's Tribune, aged, 11st..... Mr W. Bletsoe	2
Lord Shrewsbury's Willington, 5 yrs, 12st 7lb..... G. Williamson	3
Mr F. D. Leyland's Scampanio, 6 yrs, 12st 7lb..... Mr W. H. Johnstone	0
Major J. A. Orr-Ewing's Swanshot, aged, 12st..... G. Morris	0
Lord Cowley's Lady Helen, aged, 11st 7lb..... Capt. Bewicke	0
Mr H. G. Lukie's Barbara, aged, 10st 13lb..... E. Hunt	0
Mr G. Cottrill's Joe Miller, aged, 10st 13lb..... R. Chaloner	0
Mr Hendry's Michaelmas, aged, 10st 12lb..... G. Armstrong	0

Mr J. H. Marshall's Stroller, 6 yrs, 10st 12lb. Dollery 0
Mr E. B. Ashmore's Mysore, 5 yrs, 10st 9lb. W. Little 0
Mr A. Marc's Vic, 5 yrs, 10st 8lb..... J. Jones 0
Mr W. R. Williams's Guntawang, 6 yrs, 10st 7lb..... W. Jones 0
Mr C. Grenfell's Commissariat, 5 yrs, 10st 5lb. Owner 0
Mr E. Hahn's Granuale, 5 yrs, 10st..... C. Hogan 0
Lady Helen at the start drew away from Scampanio, Barbara, Guntawang, and Swanshot. Before reaching the stand for the second time Barbara took command, Query, Scampanio, Guntawang, Michaelmas, Swanshot, Granuale, and Joe Miller. Going down the hill Swanshot went into second place, but at the railway side Barbara was joined by Query, who led into the straight. Tribute made strenuous efforts to get on terms, but failed, and Query won by two lengths; Willington was a bad third, Stroller fourth, Barbara fifth, Lady Helen sixth, Swanshot seventh, Joe Miller eighth, the last three being Scampanio, Commissariat, and Guntawang. Vic ran off at the hurdle opposite the entrance gate.

Prince Of Wales's Steeplechase of 200 sovs; 3½ miles.

Mrs S. Jackson's b m Cruiskeen II, by Bacchus—The Sap, 5 yrs, 10st 6lb..... W. Taylor	1
Mr Leopold de Rothschild's Bevil, 6 yrs, 12st 4lb (inc. 7lb extra)..... R. Chaloner	2
Mr S. Davies's Fairy Queen, aged, 10st 13lb..... Mr G. S. Davies	3
Mr F. D. Leyland's Westmeath, aged, 12st 7lb..... G. Morris	0
Major J. D. Edward's Cloontlyn, aged, 11st 11lb..... C. Hogan	0
Mr A. Jolland's Clawson, aged, 12st 11lb..... Mr W. Bissill	0
Major J. A. Orr-Ewing's Ford of Fyne, 6 yrs, 11st 10lb..... Mr Withington	0
Mr G. Parker's Red Hill, aged, 11st 10lb..... A. Parker	0
Lord Shrewsbury's Ballyohara, aged, 11st 9lb..... G. Williamson	0
Mr White's Seaport, II, aged, 11st 7lb..... C. James	0
Mr D. M. E. Herbert's Athelwulf, 6 yrs, 10st 11lb..... H. Escott	0
Mr H. Bagot's Lord Lytton, aged, 10st 7lb..... W. Slinn	0
Mr C. Grenfell's Ballet Girl, 5 yrs, 10st 5lb..... Owner	0

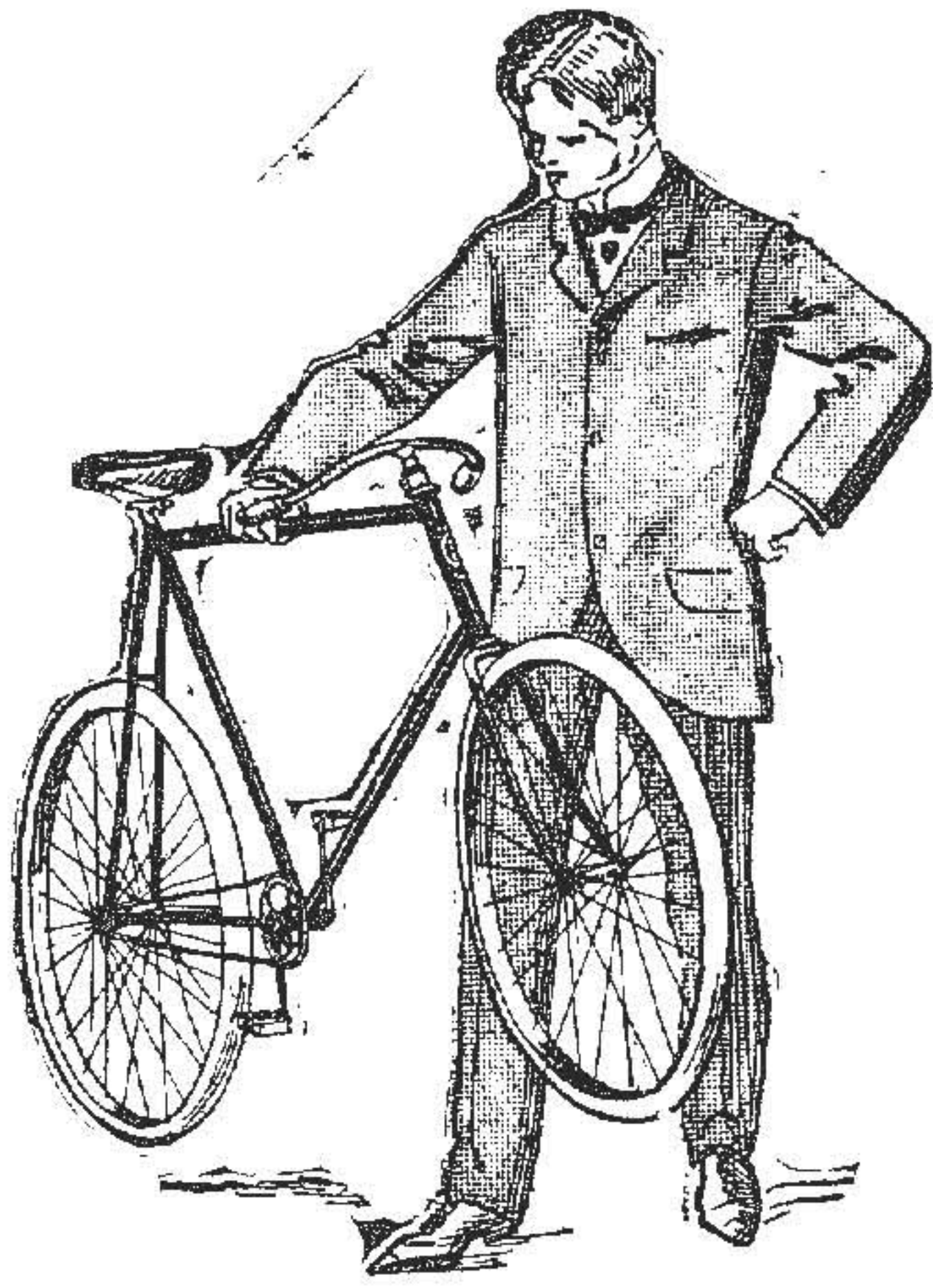
Westmeath took up the running, and, on reaching the judge's box, was a clear length in advance of Cloontlyn, Clawson, Ford of Fyne, and Lord Lytton. At the mile post Cloontlyn drew to the front from Lord Lytton, Bevil, Athelwulf, and Cruiskeen II. The same order was observed at the back for the second time, but Bevil, who then commenced to improve his position, blundered at the water. Rounding the home turn, Cruiskeen II. took charge, Bevil now lying second, and the former eventually won by three lengths; six lengths between second and third. Cloontlyn was fourth, Clawson fifth, Seaport II. sixth, Ford of Fyne seventh, and Lord Lytton next. A protest was lodged against the winner on the ground of interference, but it was not sustained. St. James's Steeplechase of 200 sovs; 2 miles.

Mr G. L. Derriman's br g Romeo, by Boulevard—Cascade, aged, 12st 3lb..... Mr Withington	1
Mr R. Ward's Esher, aged, 12st 3 lb..... Owner	2
Capt. Powell's Bettermost, 5 y, 11 st 10 lb..... Dollery	3
Mr Vanna Lana's Balzac, aged, 12st 3 lb..... Owner	0
Mr C. Hibbert's Auric, 5 y, 11 st 10 lb. R. Nightingall	0
Mr J. A. Miller's Aberdeen, 5 y, 11 st 10 lb..... Eames	0

February Handicap Steeplechase of 100 sovs; 2 miles.

Lord Shrewsbury's b g Misanthropist, by Ascetic—Miss Fancy, 5 y, 11 st 1 lb (inc. 7 lb extra)..... G. Williamson	1
Col. Gough's Paraplue, 6 y, 11 st..... Booth	2
Capt. Le Gallais's Brawl, aged, 11 st 2 lb. J. Stainton	3
Mr R. A. Johnson's Lady Gundreda, aged, 11 st 9 lb..... Mr Withington	0
Major J. D. Edwards's Great George, 3 y, 11 st 9 lb..... C. Hogan	0
Mr R. Walker's Owick, aged, 11 st 7 lb..... Mr G. S. Davies	0
Sir W. Ingram's Lippy, aged, 10 st 7 lb..... C. Clark	0
Mr W. Lawson's Ha Ha, aged, 10 st 6 lb..... Mr C. Beatty	0
Mr Vanna Lana's Anchor, aged, 10 st 4 lb..... Owner	0
Mr L. Brassey's Ormiston, 5 y, 10 st 2 lb..... Dollery	0
Mr C. Hibbert's Headingly, 5 y, 10 st..... Donnelly	0

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River Plate Sport and Pastime

SATURDAY, MARCH 13, 1897.

SPORTING NOTES

Last Sunday was naturally a more or less blank day as regards sport, the all absorbing topic being, of course, the awful deed which has robbed one of the most respected English families in the River Plate, of its head, the London Boards of various important enterprises here of a prospective valuable assistance, and many an obscure individual and family in Buenos Aires of its principal supporter.

Although it can be but of little avail to the late Mr Wanklyn's sorrowing relations and friends I must express, and I feel I am only echoing the sentiments of the whole of the River Plate society, the sincere sorrow and regret we all feel at his untimely death, and the indignation so universally shown at the foul deed which caused his premature end.

I trust it will not seem out of place in these columns to express the earnest hope that out of this terrible tragedy a new era may be begun, and that capital punishment may be given at least a fair trial here. The question as to the assassin's ultimate fate is still *sub judice*, and I hesitate to give words to what is apparently in every honest man's thoughts.

I have been requested to remind those interested that the "smoker" and sale of periodicals at the Lomas English Club, postponed from last Saturday, will take place this evening at 8.15 p.m. With a good programme arranged, the evening's entertainment should be well patronised.

At the postponed general meeting of the River Plate Polo Association which was held in this office on the 4th inst., it was nearly unanimously decided that the 14 hands 2 inches standard of height for polo ponies should come into force at once, and that the new polo rules, as used by the Hurlingham Club in England shall be adopted by the River Plate Polo Association.

Since the meeting, I am informed, that a considerable number of late votes have come in to the Secretary, and it is worthy of note that without exception they are in favour of the increased standard, which may, or may not prove to be right, but the great majority in favour of raising the height, shows with certainty how public feeling is at present.

A "barrier" incident which occurred recently in Tasmania will be of interest to those who watch the progress of the starting machine innovation out here. At Launceston, in the All Aged Handicap, the barrier did not work properly. One side went up and the other stuck, the result being that the two best backed horses were practically left at the post through their riders getting entangled with the ropes. One owner protested, but the stewards decided that as the starter said he gave the word of command and sent the field away the race must stand.

This is the first accident of this description that I have heard of, as happening with the "starting machine," but it is sufficient to show a weak place in the machine, which in all probability will now be speedily remedied.

To-morrow, at Hurlingham, there will be a Member's prize shot for under handicap. Shooting to commence at 2.15 p.m. On Sunday week, the 28th inst., which is the closing day, various prizes will be shot for, full particulars of which will be published in our next issue.

I have been requested to remind those wishing to take part in the forthcoming regatta that the entries for same close to-morrow (Sunday). With the varied programme, which we have already published, this regatta should prove a thorough success both socially and from a sporting point of view.

The Lomas Athletic Club will open the golf season to-morrow. Those intending to play are requested to catch the 9.45 a.m. train from Plaza Constitucion, as play will commence at 10.30 sharp. Although rain is badly wanted to get the links in really first class order, I fancy most of the golfers will be surprised to find them in such a good condition.

On Wednesday last I went carefully over the Lomas Golf links, and was delighted with their splendid condition. The energetic Hon. Secretary, Mr C. Alexander, has spared no pains or trouble in getting them into first class order. A most sporting course has been arranged and the greens have all received careful attention. A successful season for the Lomas Golf Club may safely be predicted.

A short time ago Mr H. Lawrence accomplished an extraordinary performance which is well worth putting on record. When playing over the Golf course at Treasden, England, he holed the twelfth hole (a blind one) in a single stroke. The distance was 147 yards.

The football prospects for the coming season are decidedly bright, and the Association League gives promise of being far more interesting than usual. I hear of three possible new teams enter-

ing, while various changes have taken place among the old ones. Fixtures between the Albion Club, Montevideo, and the various clubs here, are also spoken of. There is also a remote chance of once again seeing the Rosario eleven competing in the League, and this alone would add largely to the interest already displayed in the League matches.

Rugby football also should go ahead more now, after the capital season enjoyed last year. With teams representing the Buenos Aires, Flores, Lomas, and Belgrano clubs plenty of fixtures can be made, and Rosario are always good for a team. Montevideo failed to raise a fifteen last season, but I hear, great efforts are being made to revive football over there.

American advices report legislative interference with football in the United States, this being the result of the brutal way the game is played there. In Nebraska a bill has been introduced into the Lower House which provides for the fining or imprisonment, or both, of anyone playing football, and for the fining of an umpire, kicker, assistant, reporter, or onlooker. Anyone found training for football is to be bound over to keep the peace. In Indiana a similar bill has been introduced. It is scarcely feasible that measures so suggestive of the darker middle ages can be passed.

I hear that it is likely that an experimental shipment of horses will shortly be sent from Australia to China. A shipment, I believe, was sent once before, but the vessel got into bad weather and a large proportion were lost. Should this experiment turn out a success it will probably open up a large and remunerative market for Australia's surplus horses, and I am told by a good authority that there is a great demand for jumpers in the land of the pigtail.

Several members of the Lomas Athletic Club, not to be out-done by the other clubs, have started bat fives in real earnest on a court originally built for Pala, but on which one can have a real good game. In time we shall probably see bat fives courts on the new Athletic Club's ground, in the meanwhile the court above-mentioned answers the purpose excellently.

CRICKET.

FIXTURES.

MARCH

- 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. 21—Lomas A.C. v. Flores A.C., at Flores.
- Sun. 21—Belgrano Social Club v. Albion Club (Buenos Aires), at Belgrano.
- Sun. 21—Lomas A.C. 2nd XI. v. London Bank C.C. 2nd XI., at Lomas.
- Sun. 21—Banfield A.C. v. Flores 2nd XI., at Banfield.
- Sun. 21—Lanus A.C. v. B.A.C.C., at Lanus.
- Sun. 21—Palermo A.C. v. Quilmes Rovers, at Quilmes.
- Thurs. 25—Belgrano A.C. v. Hurlingham, at Hurlingham
- Sun. 28—London and R. P. Bank v. British Bank, at Palermo.
- Sun. 28—Albion Club (Buenos Aires) v. Social Club, at Lomas.
- Sun. 28—Banfield A.C. v. Hurlingham, at Banfield.

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.

LOMAS A.C. v. HURLINGHAM.

This match will be played at Lomas to-morrow. Train leaves Plaza Constitucion at 10.35 a.m. The following are the teams:
Lomas A.C.—P. L. G. Bridger, J. O. Anderson, H. B. Anderson, A. Anderson, F. H. Jacobs, G. M. Comber, R. E. Draper, W. R. Goodbody, M. A. Halstead, A. A. Miller, D. Gibson.
Hurlingham—B. J. Dillon, E. L. Rumboll, E. L. Wilson, A. Williamson, T. A. H. Forde, B. W. Gardom, P. Permain, H. Schwind, H. Chevob, M. G. Fortune, Lacey.

BELGRANO v. LANUS.

The above match will be played at Belgrano to-morrow. Play to commence on the arrival of the 10.50 train from Central Station (F.C.R.)

The following will represent Belgrano: Messrs H. W. Botting (captain), J. Campbell, W. Fowler, W. M. Graham, W. H. Harvey, N. B. W. Kitching, R. C. Mackinnell, S. J. Moore, J. S. Prescott, H. W. Roberts, J. D. Shepard.

Lunch will be provided on the ground.

BANFIELD A.C. v. MR. WATSON'S XI.

The above match will be played to-morrow at Banfield. Play to commence on the arrival of the 12.30 train from Plaza Constitucion. The following will represent Banfield:

Messrs D. Kingsland, H. W. Griggs, R. Kingsland, A. Goode, A. Woodwell, H. Kingsland, F. J. Dawson, A. Venn, W. Dack, A. M. Brown, W. Chevob.

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

The following have been selected to play for the B.A.C.C. in their 2nd XI. match to-morrow at Palermo:

Messrs R. W. Anderson, C. R. Thursby, D. J. Stokes, A. Lace, D. Kingsland, R. L. Phillips, E. Thornton, R. E. Hunt, W. Higgins, H. C. Plews, R. O. Watson.

Play to commence at 2 11 o'clock. Train leaves Central Station at 10.40 a.m.

BATTING AND BOWLING AVERAGES.

Very few changes have to be recorded this week in our average list. R. E. H. Anderson now takes the third place, Rath and Dillon each falling a place. E. L. Wilson drops a place, and D. L. Mann disappears from the list. The minimum number of averages will still remain ten.

In the bowling department no change has taken place in the order, though Mackinnell and Harvey each have slightly lower averages, while Venn has a one-point better one. Next week the minimum number of overs will remain 100.

BATTING AVERAGES.

Table with columns: Player Name, No. of inns., Times not out, High. Score, Total Runs, Aver. Runs. Lists players like A. Anderson, J. O. Anderson, R. E. H. Anderson, etc.

* Signifies not out.

BOWLING AVERAGES.

Table with columns: Player Name, O., M., R., W., Av. Lists players like P. M. Rath, W. R. Goodbody, W. H. Harvey, etc.

BOHEMIANS v. NONDESCRIPTS.

This fixture, which was decided on Sunday last at Lomas, brought the Nondescripts' season to a close.

The game was a most interesting one, eventually ending in a victory for the home team by 28 runs. For the Nondescripts the honours fell to R. Draper for good all-round play. Going in fourth wicket down with things in anything but a promising state for his side, he carried out his bat for a capital 47, in addition to which he bowled very well and with the worst of luck.

The Nondescripts won the toss, but decided to take the field. Draper and G. M. Comber opened the bowling to Buchanan and Duncan. The latter soon left returning the ball to the bowler (Comber), and this performance was repeated by the next comer, Sly.

After lunch, the next two wickets fell for an addition of 14 runs, but the next wicket put on 16, and mostly from Buchanan, who at last opened his shoulders. On Tabor taking over the ball he bowled Belton with the third ball of his third over and so the innings closed for 55, Buchanan being left not out for a patient and praiseworthy 31.

The Nondescripts then batted, but a poor start was made, MacMorran proving very deadly, and six wickets were down for 50 runs. This brought Draper and Tabor together, and both playing a good free game, the score rose rapidly. Tabor was eventually dismissed by a beautiful catch in the long-field by MacMorran, who took it high up right hand, running backwards.

Below we give the scores and analysis:-

Scorecard table for Bohemians vs Nondescripts. Lists players like W. Buchanan, D. Duncan, Comber, etc. and their runs and wickets.

BOWLING ANALYSIS

Table showing bowling analysis for Bohemians and Nondescripts. Columns: Player Name, O., M., R., W.

BELGRANO A.C. v. BANFIELD A.C.

This match which was played on Sunday last at Banfield, attracted quite a number of spectators to the ground, who anticipated a good game. The home team, however, who were very representative, won easily by 122 runs.

The visitors turned up two short, but found substitutes on the ground. Halstead bowled very well for Banfield and secured six wickets for 24 runs. Shepard batted well for the visitors and was the only one who obtained double figures.

As the visitors were three short the Banfield captain decided to put them in, and W. M. Graham and J. D. Shepard started the batting, M. A. Halstead and A. Venn sharing the bowling. A very fair start was made runs coming steadily, principally from Shepard.

The home team then batted and a most disastrous first start was made. Prescott and Nicholson were the pair to face the bowling of Harvey and Mackinnell, the former bowling Nicholson in his first over after being put through the slips for a brace of two's.

The home team then won as stated above. Harvey with five wickets for 56 runs obtained the best analysis. Below are the scores and bowling analysis:

Scorecard table for Belgrano A.C. vs Banfield A.C. Lists players like W. Graham, J. Shepard, Harvey, etc.

BOWLING ANALYSIS

Table showing bowling analysis for Belgrano and Banfield. Columns: Player Name, O., M., R., W.

BELGRANO 2ND XI. v. LANUS (F.C.S.) 2ND XI.

This match was played at Belgrano last Sunday, and resulted in a win for the visitors by 35 runs. Lanus turned up three short, but the home club lent them three substitutes, two of whom claimed a large share in the victory.

Belgrano batted first and fared very badly losing four wickets for 14 runs. Stockdale and Fraser put a slightly better complexion on the game, and later McKenzie rattled up 16, but the score only reached 49.

Lanus then batted and made a better start 16 appearing before the first wicket fell. The issue was, however, still in doubt, when Boyd and McFarlane got together, but they soon determined the result and the score had reached 84 before the whole side were dismissed.

Below are the scores:

Scorecard table for Lanus 2nd XI vs Belgrano 2nd XI. Lists players like A. Greaven, E. F. Morony, etc.

Belgrano 2nd XI.	1st inn	2nd inn
H. W. Roberts b Hartley...	0	b Moss..... 7
N. B. Kitching c Luck b Moss	2	c and b Moss..... 0
G. F. Wallis b Hartley.....	7	not out..... 14
C. Stockdale c Greaven b	9	not out..... 2
Hartley.....	9	
H. Rugeroni c Talbot b		
Hartley.....	0	
H. Fraser b Morony.....	10	
T. Allen l b w b Hartley...	1	
W. Chevob c Brookings b		
Hartley.....	0	
C. C. McKenzie c and b		
Morony.....	16	
C. McKinnon b Morony.....	0	
E. G. Christian not out.....	0	
Extras.....	4	Extras..... 0
Total.....	49	Total (for 2 wks). 23

PAVILION GOSSIP.

The alterations in the pavilion at Flores are now practically concluded, with the result that they now have a much larger dressing room, while several other improvements have been made for the convenience of the members. The new Lomas ground has now been railed in, and looks very well, and I hear on good authority that a fine pavilion is to be built there. They hope to move there in time for the opening of the football season.

An incident which occurred during the match at Lomas on Sunday last reminded me of a dispute which was once over heard on a cricket field as to what constitutes obstruction of the field. The incident referred to occurred during the Non-descripts inning, when one of the batsmen in attempting a stroke, hit the wicket-keeper on the head with his bat.

The dispute was between two spectators at a County cricket match at home.

"Look here," said one, "we will suppose Grace is batting. A fast ball rises pretty sharp from the pitch. In trying a late cut he gets too far back and hits the wicket-keeper with the bat. I should call that obstructing the field!"

The other was by no means convinced, and eventually the disputants decided to lay the case before a well-known professional who happened to be passing on his way to the pavilion.

"There!" ejaculated the inquisitive one, after stating his case, "in those circumstances, what would it be?"

The professional rubbed his chin thoughtfully, and replied—

"A cracked head for the wicket-keeper, I should say."

It was distinctly hard lines on the Belgrano 2nd XI. that after lending three substitutes to Lanus on Sunday last, they should have been defeated mainly owing to the efforts of two of them as Messrs Boyd and McFarlane were the two highest scorers for Lanus, and their batting with the help of 13 extras, enabled the visitors to win by 35 runs.

Among future cricket fixtures the match between the Albion Club and the English Social Club, Lomas, is causing considerable interest. The match will be played at Lomas, on Sunday, 28th inst. The match between Lomas and Flores, postponed from Sunday last, will be played tomorrow week, 21st inst., while another new and interesting match that between the London and British Banks will be played either on the 21st or on the 28th inst.

The question of throwing instead of bowling at cricket has again cropped up, and in the "Field" of Feb. 6 an excellent article on this subject appears. Mr F. R. Spofforth has spoken very plainly in a letter written to an English paper, and he, with many others, was very dissatisfied with the deliveries of two of the Australian bowlers, McKibbin and Jones. If then we are going to see doubtful deliveries allowed in such a match as Australia and England, how can one hope to eradicate this evil from county and minor cricket?

I do not agree with the article above referred to on one point and that is that this throwing has gradually increased owing to the way the English people have of letting things slide. One has only to see a good deal of our professional cricketers at home to know what good natured easy-going

fellows they are, and I do not consider it fair that they should put one of these men to umpire when a fellow-professional perhaps with a doubtful action is bowling.

Putting aside the question as to whether any umpire is able to watch both the hand and foot at the same time, is it likely that any professional is going to no-ball another one, while knowing full well that if he does so, his friend is practically ruined, and that unless he bowls with an entirely different action to the one that has been passed as sound for years, he will be unable to take further part in important cricket, and so lose his means of livelihood.

With Mr Spofforth's idea of using punitive measures against offenders, by means of disqualification for periods, I am entirely at variance. Leaving professionals out of the question, several amateurs bowl with decidedly doubtful actions, but they are not trying to throw, but simply bowling to the best of their ability. If the umpire decides that their delivery is unfair, then the bowler must be taken off and not again utilised, but why punish him? I could mention at least three of our bowlers here with decidedly suspicious deliveries, but no one would dream of accusing them of trying to throw instead of bowling.

The Warwickshire County Committee lately made an interesting presentation to Lilley, their wicket-keeper. They have handed him an illuminated address in recognition of his having played in the three test matches, England v. Australia. All the officers of the club have signed the address, and in recognition of his having scored the first 1000 runs in one season among the many wicket-keepers of the country an admirer has presented him with a watch and chain.

The match between Ireland and England on February 6, was by no means one-sided, for from start to finish the game was most keenly contested. At first it seemed probable that the Irish forwards, who played the "rushing" game to perfection, would carry everything before them, and during the first portion of the game they kept the ball mainly in their opponents' half. From start to finish, indeed, they performed in splendid style, and to their unwearying pluck and stamina the credit of a grand victory is mainly due.

Although beaten, it cannot be said that the English team were in any way disgraced. Moreover, the selection committee came out of the ordeal with flying colours, nearly all of the new men doing themselves full justice, as both Northmore and Robinson of the backs fully justified their selection. The forwards, too, gave a decidedly better account of themselves than the pack which were opposed to Wales, and I do not think very many changes will be considered necessary in this department when the time comes to select the team against Scotland.

There can be no doubt that Rugby football has made great strides in Ireland of recent years, and its popularity has increased enormously. The representatives of the Shamrock are now looked upon as most dangerous opponents when International honours are in question. They have now won the Championship two years in succession, and their victory over England last month looks as though they were again going to carry off the honours.

Many amusing stories have been from time to time circulated about the President of the Football Association—Lord Kinnaird. He would not impress you to day as ever having been particularly nimble; yet his football career was among the most brilliant of his generation. Shortly after his marriage, his young wife remarked to a

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visitor how fearful she was that one day his lordship would return from the field with a broken leg "Do not distress yourself on that account," replied the visitor, "for if he did, it would not be his own!"

CORRESPONDENCE

THE PLEBISCITE.

Buenos Aires, March 11.

To the Editor *River Plate Sport and Pastime*,

Dear Sir,—

As one of those who sent in a correct list of names in the North and South Plebiscite, I with many others would be interested to know

- (1). How many lists were received?
- (2). How many were correct, but not in the plebiscite order?
- (3). Who are the recipients of bound volumes of "Sport and Pastime," Nos. IX. and X.?

Kindly favour me by answering these questions in your issue of the 13th, and oblige, yours faithfully,

G. V. WILLIAMS.

Ed. NOTE.—The list above referred to was not a correct one, the plebiscite order being entirely different.

- (1). It is not our custom either to give the number of lists sent in, or the names of those who competed.
- (2). No lists were correct, as to be so they have to be in the plebiscite order.
- (3). As no one sent in a correct list no volumes have as yet been forwarded; when they are it will be duly notified in the paper.

FIXTURES

CRICKET

- Sunday, March 14—Lanus A.C. v. Belgrano A.C., at Belgrano.
 Sunday, March 14—Lomas A.C. v. Hurlingham, at Lomas
 Sunday, March 14—B.A.C.C. 2nd XI. v. Flores 2nd XI., at Palermo.
 Sunday, March 14—Banfield A.C. A team v. Mr Watson's XI., at Banfield.

RACING

- Sunday, March 14—Hipódromo Argentino, Palermo.
 Thursday, March 25—Meeting at Hurlingham.

ROWING

- Thursday, March 25.—Regatta at the Tigre, under the auspices of the Rowing Association of the River Plate (Union de Regatas).

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CYCLING.

As we announced in our previous issue, a meeting was held on Thursday last between the Union Velocipédica Argentina and the A.A.A.R.P., with the object of arranging the difficulties which had arisen between the two bodies with regard to the term "amateur." After due discussion it was decided ad-referendum to suppress Art. 19 of the Rules of the Union, this being the only rule which was not in accord with those of the A.A.A. The article to be abolished read:—"Amateurs may run with professionals without being disqualified, provided always that the prizes competed are not in cash. They may likewise train and be trained by professionals without risk of disqualification." The decision will be made known in due course to the Junta Directiva of the U.V.A. and if approved by them, as is expected, all difficulty will be at an end with regard to cycling in the Argentine Republic, as from the 1st of January of this year the reglamento published by the U.V.A. has been recognized by cyclists generally as their authority. We are informed that as soon as the proposed alterations become an accomplished fact, the Southern Cross Cycle Club intend to affiliate to the U.V.A.

Lord Dunraven has purchased a bamboo bicycle. His Lordship has developed almost as great a fondness for cycling as for yachting. Lord Dunraven has had a somewhat queer career. Beginning life as a soldier, he has won fame during the last 30 years as a steeplechase rider, war correspondent, under-secretary for the colonies, county councillor, journalist, and yachtsman.

The proposition to permit pacing by electric and motor cycle race tracks in England seems to have met with opposition from the professional cycle racing men. Certain of them anticipate the most terrible results from accidents that may happen if the mechanical pacing instruments are sanctioned. They imagine any number of men mixed up with a "slipped up" motor cycle on the track while its pedals, wheels, cranks, and piston rods continue violently in action. Then, they say, there is the danger of the escape of the petroleum, paraffin, benzoline or benzolium oil, by which the motor gathers its power, its ignition, explosion and general flare-up. Altogether the pros are against the mechanical pacer-maker, probably looking to the fact that they themselves may some day be seeking jobs on pacing teams.

An important discovery affecting the cycle industry has been made by Mr Wilfrid van Wart, of Birmingham. The invention consists in the production of a new alloy of the colour of silver, of great strength and beauty, from which cold-drawn seamless tubes have been successfully drawn. The tubes are so light and strong that they are eminently suitable for the manufacture of cycle frames. The new metal is mainly composed of aluminium, the specific gravity being about one-third that of steel, and, therefore, little over the specific gravity of pure aluminium, the lightest metal in commercial use. Elaborate tests made at the Mason College a correspondent says, have demonstrated that the new metal has far greater tensile strength, and consequently is of greater utility than any other metal of the same specific gravity.

That the mission of the wheel may prosper, and be the means of bringing health and enjoyment to the doors of thousands of women, it is well to lay the following maxims to heart:—That the rational use of the cycle is one of the very best forms of exercise which can be obtained; that for many functional ailments it is a cure, for some organic apalliative; that if abused when the rider is in an unfit state, it can do as much harm as over-walking, over-riding, over-climbing; that over-fatigue is always bad, but much worse when the rider is out of condition; that girls and women unaccustomed to bodily exertion require a longer time to become habituated to it than a young man or boy of the same age. That condition will come by constant practice, and cannot be hurried or forced by over-work. That as condition improves so longer distances and a greater speed may be safely attempted.

An instructor in a leading cycle school recently gave a short lecture to his pupils, a few extracts from which are here given:—
"After learning to ride, the next thing is to acquire the fine points, with an idea of getting the best results out of the least efforts," said he. "Along those lines the first thing to do is to get seated squarely on the saddle. A man should so sit on the seat that the heel of either shoe may touch the pedal when it is down. When properly seated, the thing to be borne in mind in pedalling is to point the toes downward, and keep them so pointed during the entire revolution of the pedal. By so doing, the ankle movement, which is absolutely necessary in perfect riding, is acquired. In walking, most people toe out, and the tendency is to toe out in riding. That is to be avoided; the feet must be perfectly parallel with the frame. In securing a proper position, get the saddle as nearly over the pedals as possible, without hindering the action of the handle-bar. There are three ways of distributing the weight on a wheel—on the seat, the pedals, and handle-bar. The largest portion should come upon the pedals, the next on the seat, and the last on the bar. One should not lean heavily enough on the bar to tire the wrists."

There has been a great revival of interest in the United States, as well as in Europe, this year over the one-hour track record. The recent performance of Michael, the Welsh rider, at the Manhattan Beach track, when he reduced the American record, has served to increase the interest in long distance riding, and next season one-hour races may be made a special feature at race meets. In England the long distance riders are making attacks on the hour records every other week with successful results. The hour records and their holders, in the different countries, are as follows:

	Riders	Miles.	Yards
England	T. Linton	31	582
France	T. Linton	30	197
Denmark	A. A. Chase	28	1500
America	J. Michael	27	1690
Belgium	J. Michael	27	498
Germany	J. Michael	26	1547
Scotland	R. C. Crawford	26	1000
Italy	Fischer	26	752
Austria	Haderer	26	544
Africa	Greathead	26	36
Switzerland	Portier	25	988
Russia	Puresoff	24	1510
Spain	Lacasa	24	1396
Holland	Witterveen	24	827

Cycle racing in Australia has supplanted all other forms of sport, with the result that racers from all over the world are flocking to the Antipodes, and those shady gentlemen who formerly leached an existence off other forms of sport have now affixed themselves and their attentions to cycling. The natural result has followed, an Australian paper thus picturing it:—"Here is the matter in a nutshell. Betting is becoming rampant, bookmakers giving as much attention to cycling as to horse racing, racing men and their friends wager heavily on all events, and dishonest practices are becoming manifest. How long will the sport remain pure under this influence?"

It is estimated that at present there are 4,000,000 bicycle riders in the United States, while New York City alone possesses 200,000. There are at least 250 reputable wheel manufacturers in the United States besides a host of small concerns that cannot be strictly called manufacturers. Over £12,000,000 is invested in the plants, which give employment to more than 70,000 persons. It is estimated that the wheels turned out last season exceeded 1,000,000. A whole army of workmen are engaged in making bicycle sundries and in repairing. The wheel has brought prosperity to numberless country hotels and road houses, which had become almost extinct since the decline of coaching. Telegraph messengers, postmen, lamplighters, building and street inspectors, "walking delegates," policemen, coast patrollers, express messengers, doctors and others, are all using the bicycle in their respective vocations.

A man has invented a bicycle which is driven by the weight of the rider, which, according to the inventor, has only to be adjusted at a certain angle to pull the machine along. The only thing about it is that it will not go uphill.

AS IT WAS IN THE BEGINNING

I was introduced to Mrs Rainbow one afternoon in the Park. She was chaperoning her four daughters. Asterisca, Iris, Aspera, and Alianore. They looked for all the world like a parcel of foreign women at the Zoo. Mrs Rainbow and Asterisca made room for me between them, and the former began:—"Are you one of the Staffordshire d'Orms?" she asked.
"No," I said, "I am an American; but I am always taken for an Englishman. Do you know my Staffordshire namesakes?"
"No," she said shortly; then, "Aspera, come and change places with Asterisca. I want to introduce you to my daughters. I have left the youngest, Isissima, at home. She is nursing the racoon. Besides, she is too young to take the air in the Park. All my daughters are beautiful. Asterisca, the eldest, is engaged to Lord Pancake. She has had no education, dear thing, which thoroughly suits her for the position. Of bread and milk and the *World* is her diet. Iris, on the other hand, is intellectual, reads all the books she can lay hands on, and has a passion for classical literature. She is also the gymnast of the family. Dances wonderfully, performs on the trapeze, and swims like a Triton. Asterisca, on the contrary, is lively, and an excellent judge of champagne, though her habitual intoxicant is barley-water. So much better for the complexion, the doctor says. Iris is so clever that no professor can approach her. She will probably marry a member of Parliament or a Political Agitator, or something respectable like that. Alianore is only fifteen, and if she only stops growing will be beautifully proportioned. I intend throwing her more into the musical set, you know. There are some very tolerable musical eligibles. Not the most marrying set in London, you say; perhaps, but still, with Alianore's beauty, family, and my supervision, she is bound to do something that's good. My youngest, Isissima, our Cinder-Allen, must live in the country; she is so fond of animals. The dear child is nursing the racoon at present, but her chief pet is a white pig which she drives about in a goat-chaise, as in Paris. This is Aspera."
Her voice softened, and she smiled gently.
"Aspera," she continued, "is the most exquisite of all my daughters. She is the incarnation of Ideal Womanhood. She has health, spirits, wit, tact, goodness, taste in dress, everything, and if she decides wisely I shall not cross her. She may marry a stranger, possibly an American."
Aspera I thought a not ill-looking girl, Mrs Rainbow a decidedly amusing adventure.

One afternoon I was sitting in my little room

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overlooking the Green Park when Mrs Rainbow was announced.

She was dressed, butterfly fashion, in red and yellow and brown and blue stuff—to me a deep mystery.

"I have come with my book," she said, "as I thought you might like to review it."

I bowed and glanced at the cover. The book was entitled "My Four Exquisite Daughters."

I thanked her briefly, and promised to do what I could with the volume. The visit I supposed was to end; but not so Mrs Rainbow. "What is that photograph?" she asked abruptly. "Is that Mrs Fontenoy?"

"Mrs Fontenoy? But she never gave me her photograph."

"You and she have been much discussed lately, and your attentions to her have taken me by surprise. She called on me yesterday, and dear Aspera was quite hurt and bewildered. Now, be candid, you are in love with Aspera, are you not, my dear sir?"

I looked so astonished that Mrs Rainbow was thrown off her guard.

I made a bad shift to reply, "Who could be in love with one of your daughters, my dear madam," cried I, "so long as your charms are supreme?"

"What, was I, then, the attraction—the object of your affections?"

I grew both brutal and desperate. "You are one of the most attractive women in England. Mrs Fontenoy is but a dairymaid compared to you. You are witty, beautiful, original, all that is lovely in fact, and I only hope that if ever I visit London with my future wife—Miss Poppinjay that now is—she will endeavour to copy your refinement and your delicate English intuition."

I hear that Mrs Rainbow always alludes to me now as that "horrible cowboy."

Some Curious old French Hunting Notes.

"It was written," said an English writer, speaking of an old French book, entitled "La Venerière," or La Venerie, for it is spelled in both ways, "by a practical sportsman—if, indeed, there ever was such a thing in France." The commentator was evidently imbued with the idea that no one not an Englishman could know anything about sport; but it may be seen in the course of this paper that the sneer was undeserved, for the book, if quaint in some of its phraseology, was the work of an author who was quite abreast of the times.

"La Venerière" was the production of a Frenchman who described himself as lord of a manor and a nobleman of Gastine, in Pictou, and was dedicated to Charles IX. of France. It was, therefore, penned during the time our Queen Elizabeth extended her enthusiastic patronage towards the chase in England. It is dedicated "to the very great, very mighty, very excellent, and very valorous Charles, very Christian King of France, the ninth of his name." This practical sportsman had very much the same kind of idea as had old Luke Freeman, Lord Egremont's huntsman, who told one of his young masters that "stoddy" was all very well, so long as it was the "stoddy" of foxhunting. The practical one first remarked that in all ages men had given themselves up to several high and hidden sciences some to philosophy to divert their mind, some to mechanics to acquire riches through the medium of inventions. The French nobleman, however, had examined and considered all these, and came to the not unwise conclusion that, as neither art nor science can lengthen life, "the best science we can learn (after the fear of God) is to make and keep ourselves happy by following honest exercises, among which I have found none more noble or more to be recommended than the art of hunting." Then, after presenting his credentials for posing as a sportsman, among which he included having hunted as often as he could, as did his fathers before him, he begged the king to receive his treatise with "a favourable eye and a good grace."

M. de Fovilloux, the author, was evidently a good houndman, for he carefully describes the different kinds in use for hunting, and relates how he had read in a chronicle in the town of Lambail an account of the lord of the manor, whose pack of grey and brown dogs started a stag in a forest in Peinetieure, and, after hunting him for four days in succession, killed him almost at the gates of Paris. It used to be said that Mr St. John's harriers were possessed of such great scenting powers that the master, on whipping off in the dark, could always run a stick into the ground and start again next morning in pursuit of his overnight hare, but these staghounds quite eclipsed any performance of that kind; but it would have been more satisfactory if we had been told where the forest in question and Peinetieure were situated.

The bulk of the information contained in "La Venerière" relates to stag-hunting; but in connection with kennel management there is a very quaint chapter on the duties of whipper-in, the "valet de chiens," if the term may be so translated, for the multifarious duties belonging to the valet include those discharged by more than one individual in an English kennel. Without exception, every English treatise on hunting, from that of Beckford downwards, lays particular stress on the mental qualities of huntsman and whipper-in, and the practical M. de Fovilloux is no exception to the rule. A "valet de chiens," worthy of the name, he insists "doit être gracieux, fort, courtois, and doux;" that is, we take it, he should combine the suaviter in modo with the fortiter in re, and he should, of course, be fond of hounds.

He was further required to possess certain bodily qualities. He was to be swift, and it was of supreme importance that he should possess good wind as much to enable him to blow his horn at a critical moment as to empty his bottle. Neither Beckford nor Mr Horlock,

both of whom claim for the huntsman so many good qualities as to raise him almost to the pinnacle of perfection, makes mention of this bottle-emptying ability; that generally comes of itself, for the man who has hurried along on foot, blowing his horn the while, is not generally found wanting when some kindly sympathiser offers him a glass of beer. The first thing to be done after our "valet de chiens" is hired, says our instructor, is to go and see the hounds, and clean them if they require it, though this matter, one would think, should have been seen to by the outgoing valet. However, acting perhaps on the taming system adopted by Androclus towards the lion, it was doubtless regarded as expedient that the new comer should ingratiate himself with his charges by doing them some service which they should remember with gratitude. The next step was to blow his horn four or five times running to call the pack to him, and then, upon the principle that the way to a man's heart is down his throat, the "valet de chiens" was to still further cement the friendship by giving the hounds a somewhat unusual feast. He is directed to fill a couple of good-sized bags with bones, small fish fricasséed trimmings of horses' hoofs, roast meat, and other odds and ends, and, taking one receptacle himself and giving the other to an assistant, he was to go abroad with three other helps, one on each side and one behind, the trio being armed with canes wherewith to whack those who ran riot. In the not impossible event of some of the hounds running sheep, the author directs that the offenders are to be coupled up, not two hounds together, but each hound with a sheep or ram, while the hound was to be beaten for a long time and rated. This method of converting sheep-worrying hounds was known in England before the time of Beckford, for he ridicules it; but it is none the less curious that it should find place in an old French hunting book written soon after 1558.

In the event, however, of the hounds comporting themselves as a proper steady pack should, the new valet de chiens and his colleague in charge of the bags of provisions were to place themselves on opposite sides of an inclosure, and make the hounds run from one to the other in return for the various delicacies bestowed as rewards. When the bags were empty the game was to be suspended, and the pack marched back to kennel to the sound of the horn.

Although we may laugh at some of the directions here given, it is impossible to shut one's eyes to the fact that there is the groundwork of much of our English system. Whenever people have to do with strange animals it is an invariable custom to make their acquaintance through the medium of food, and upon this fact is based the old saying that hounds will always go to the man who feeds them, though in the case of sundry amateur huntsmen the saying does not work out correctly, since many never go near the kennel at all at feeding time; but the oddments in the two bags were clearly the forerunners of the bits of biscuit throw to the hounds in kennel. We imported our hunting cries from France, and it is by no means unlikely that we gained some of our hints on kennel management from the same source, for in the sixteenth century and before, the chances are that our neighbours across the Channel were in some respects ahead of us in the splendour of their hunting establishments, for it will be noticed that the author of "La Venerière" takes it for granted that there are available a couple of valets de chiens and three assistants, while in other parts of the book it is abundantly clear that a tolerably lordly way of doing things was no novelty even at that time. In connection with the plan of coupling a sheep-worrying hound and a sheep or ram, it may be noted that the plan does not widely differ from that said by "The Druid" to have been adopted by old Stephen Goodall in Sir Thomas Mostyn's kennels. To cure those of his hounds that were addicted to running rabbits he introduced a buck rabbit into the kennel, and, summoning all hands, he provided each with a whip, and gave directions to his staff to lay about them with a will as soon as they saw a hound even look at the rabbit. This continued round of punishment, says "The Druid," became at last so distasteful that to end the system the feeder one day, while Goodall was out hunting, ate the rabbit.

THE MAJOR ON MESMERISM

"Yes, my boy," said the Major, "mesmerism is a great and growing business. Why (as if the idea had occurred to him at the moment) you can mesmerise. In fact (waving his arms as if he had some intention of flying), anyone possessed of sufficient will power to enable him to pass for a man can mesmerise. How did I find it out? Well in a curious sort of way. I was in Mexico not long ago. Went down there to buy a mine. Bought the mine. It promised well. The most dangerous piece of immovable property in the world, as you may know, is a mine that promises well. Hereafter when I hanker after anything in the moving way I will buy a mine that has been abandoned or do some prospecting on my own account. The mine, as I said, promised well. It is in the same promising condition still, but I haven't been able to find jay yet who will take it off my hands. I sunk my little all, as it were, in the mine and then had to forage for bread. It is hard on a man, who has been raised on terrapin and champagne to be compelled to forage for bread, but I had to do it, sir, and I did it without any compunctions of conscience, for I wasn't tired of living, and didn't know anybody in Mexico who yearned to board and lodge me simply on account of my physical beauty, and mental attainments, marked as they are, sir. In foraging around I ran up against a Hypnotist, with a big H. He could talk nothing but English, and was in a hole

because his advance agent had eloped with a local beauty of about forty summers. Now I could sling 'grease' talk just as well as United States, and I said to the Hypnotist, 'What's the matter with engaging me and taking me into partnership?' He said there was nothing the matter with engaging me, but was unable to see why he should take me into partnership. All I had to do, he said, was to be one day in advance, engage the halls, bill the town and cultivate the newspaper fraternity. Ten dollars a week and expenses, he said, would be considered munificent by some of the ex-monarchs of the effete East, but as I was an American, and had never squeezed the last dollar out of a down-trodden people he would give me twelve dollars. I tried to bluff, and said I had spent more money before breakfast. He said it might be so; he was not one to doubt the word of a gentleman who was born and not made, but the business couldn't afford more. However, he promised, in addition to the salary and expenses, to initiate me into the mysteries of mesmerism and that caught me."

"Did he keep his word?" I asked.

"My dear boy," said the Major, "that Hypnotist kept everything he could lay his hands on. No, as you correctly opine, he could not lay his hands on his word. That explains why he did not keep it. He put me off. Said I was a beauty as an advance agent, and that the profession would lose a star if I drifted into anything else. Well I knew I was a daisy. Why, I used to drift into a town I had never heard of until about thirty minutes previously, and in an hour I knew everybody in it from the newest policeman to the mayor, and was on such terms of familiarity with the hotel clerk that he'd ask me to moisten my larynx. The newspapers couldn't do enough for me. I just mesmerised the entire population, but without intending anything of the sort. Some of us have giant intellects, and some of us haven't. I will say no more. I was telling a billposter one day what I wanted, and was looking him straight in the eye, because I had been up the night before and wanted sleep badly, and knew that if I didn't concentrate my attention on the subject in hand I'd indulge in nature's sweet restorer standing up. While I was talking, I was wishing I could close my eyes and lie down. The billposter took on a somnolent look and finally his eyes closed. I may have dropped a few curt phrases, for incivility in a billposter is hard for a Southern gentleman to stand, sir. I know I ordered him to open his eyes. He did so, and when I asked him what in—he meant by going to sleep while a gentleman was talking to him, he said he 'didn't know.' Never had done such a thing before, he said, and he begged a thousand pardons. They never beg a single pardon in Mexico. They beg a thousand at a time. They are polite, if they are only 'Greasers.' It afterwards occurred to me that I was thinking very hard about sleep when the 'greaser' covered his lamps, and I wondered if I had mesmerised him without intending it. If I had, I must be a diamond of the first water, don't you see, for if I could send a man to sleep without intending to do so, what couldn't I do when I condensed my will-power into my eyes. Just as I was thinking about a scheme for discovering the real value of the natural gift I possessed, the professor informed me that two of his subjects had bolted. I asked him if they hadn't a right to bolt when they pleased. He said he thought not, but as there was no law worth mentioning in the country, he couldn't hold them, besides, to go to law, might damage the business."

"I don't quite understand," I suggested.

"I didn't understand myself," said the Major, "but I knew I had an old hand to deal with, and said I supposed we could always get subjects. The Professor said we could if we were in England or the United States, but not in Mexico. 'You see,' he said, 'I don't understand the cursed language, and I can't mesmerise a Mexican by telling him in English, to close his eyes. He doesn't understand English and I don't understand Spanish, and unless you understand a man's language, you can't hypnotise him.' Well, I discovered that the professor had brought his subjects with him. They were all English, every mother's son of them. He used to mesmerise them straight enough, but they had never done a day's work in their lives except to be mesmerised at so much a week, just as sure as you're born. The Professor paid them from seven to ten dollars a week, and they found themselves. They were professional subjects. You catch the idea? When they weren't in one mesmerist's employ, they were in another's, except when trade was slack. Why, we had one fellow who had been drinking castor oil as if it was whisky for twenty years, and the galoot couldn't smell it without looking like a dying cod when he was in his senses. Four subjects weren't enough to go on with, you see, so I said I'd look around. I found two. Oh, I found them as easy as falling off a log. They were railway porters. The first three men I tried my will on didn't seem to pay any attention to my wishes, but went about their business in the ordinary way. On the next I made a haul. I looked him straight in the eye, though as if I were getting a million a second for it, and told him to close his eyes. I was astonished some myself when he obeyed orders. Then I asked him if that joke wasn't enough to make a man laugh. The fellow laughed as if he was trained to it. I woke him up. That was enough for me. I knew I was a mesmerist. Still don't you see the two fellows I corralled were of no use to the professor, because he couldn't talk Spanish. So when it was their turn to do an act, they had to walk to one side of the stage where I mesmerised them, and then pushed them back. They had to be walked back to me again to bring them to their senses. This was unhandy, but we couldn't do any better until we struck the coast, where we found plenty of English-speaking subjects. Yes, I've mesmerised a good many people since, and I'll tell you why there aren't more people in the business."

When a mesmerist tells you that you can do the trick, you laugh. You have never tried, and you don't want to make a greater fool of yourself than the Almighty intended you to be. By-and-by you think you will have a try at the game. I know a man who selected his tailor as his first subject. He wanted a new lot of clothes, and didn't care about paying for them, during the present century. So he walked into the tailor's shop one day, and, looking him straight in the eyes, said, 'Close your eyes!' If he hadn't owed a bill for five years, he might have succeeded, but the tailor had been looking for him, and was anxious to see him, and when the fellow said 'Close your eyes,' the tailor said 'Not me,' and hang me, sir, if he didn't make the fellow fork out on the spot. No amateur has a right to begin on his tailor. It is enough to show that he will never shine in the business. Why I haven't thought, not seriously at least, of doing that myself, but wait until I get the science down a little finer and I'll astonish the trading community. It's a business in which you mustn't get discouraged. The first fifty people you try may not respond in a sympathetic manner. The average man will throw up the job before he tries fifty. There he makes a mistake. The fifty-first may be a subject. I've known amateurs to hit a bull's-eye at the third attempt. You don't want anything better than that. No, sir, I will be candid, I don't know as much about this force as I might. None of them do. The Professor could make a man enjoy a meal of candles, but he didn't know why he could, and he didn't care, so long as the shekels rolled in. Now (stretching himself), if you don't object we'll liquor once more and take a walk up Piccadilly."

P O L O .

News of a polo accident in India has just come to hand. Lieutenant Roberts (a connection of Lord Roberts, we believe), 7th Royal Fusiliers, had his eyeglass broken by a ball; portions of the glass entering the right eye, we regret to say, destroyed it.



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The Committee reserve the right to alter this programme, should it be found necessary. Entries to close to H. H. Ewen, 559 Piedad, on Saturday, March 20, not later than 5.30 p.m.

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The gold dollar is equal to 670 Paraguayan paper dollars.

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In the Comisaria of the 27th Section, a boy, aged five years, was kept "incomunicado" for nineteen hours!

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The National Labour Office can provide employment for 1295 persons—410 men, 818 women, and 72 families.

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The Egyptian revenue for 1896, showing an excess of £1,345,000 over expenditure, is the largest ever collected.

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The drilling of the Active National Guards will commence on Sunday, May 2, and will be between 12 noon and 4 p.m.

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The Falkland Islands has only a population of 1900 in all the islands, and they occupy between them 1,160,000 acres of land.

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The present sugar crop of Rio Grande del Norte, Brasil, is estimated at 100,000 bags and the cotton crop at 10,000 sacks.

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Frank Brown, at the San Martin Theatre, is drawing crowded houses. The remainder of his company is expected here in a few days.

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The demarcation of the frontier with Chile is proceeding satisfactorily, and nine boundary pyramids will be erected this month in the cordillera of the Province of Atacama.

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A term of ten days has been allowed the National Guards of the Department of Montevideo to enrol themselves. All between the ages of 17 and 45 years are called out.

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Mr Frank May, formerly chief cashier of the Bank of England, died on Tuesday, February 9, at Batcombe, a secluded village on the Mendip Hills, a few miles from Shepton Mallet.

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The arrivals of immigrants at this port during the month of February amounted to 12,712, which includes 5101 from Montevideo, due no doubt to the revolutionary movement there.

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The camps where the twenty-year-old National Guards are spending the sixty days in soldiering offer variety. Dennehy is said to be a bare sandy plain, that of Cordoba to be too much of a forest, while Cuyo is covered with loose, sharp stones.

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The vineyards in Chile embrace an area of 1245 cuadras. The cuadra is equal to 3.9 acres, and produces on an average 10,000 litres of wine a year. One of the vineyards—the Panquehue—produces about 2,500,000 litres per annum, and is said to be the third largest in the world.

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A manager of one of the railway lines in Montevideo has been advised by the revolutionary chiefs that if he attempts to repair the telegraph wires when cut by them it will be considered an act of hostility, and that in revenge they will blow up bridges and so stop the traffic altogether.

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The Welsh bard Gwalchmai died at Llandudno on Monday, February 15, in his ninety-fifth year. During his long life he has won seven oak chairs and sixteen silver and gold medals, and but for his advanced age would probably have been appointed Archdruid in succession to Clwydfardd.

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On an examination being made into the causes of an explosion which occurred in Glasgow last month it was found that the cover of the man-hole in connection with the electric wires had been blown up by an explosion of gas, caused by the vapour which had accumulated in the man-hole coming in contact with the electric wire, and thus being ignited.

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The directors of Messrs. Baring Brothers and Co. announce a net profit for 1896, including the balance brought forward from 1895, of £110,646. They propose to distribute £100,000, which, after providing dividends on the £1,000,000 of First and Second Preferences, leaves a balance of £15,000, or 186 per cent. for the £25,000 of Ordinary shares. In 1895 the amount distributed was £95,000, and £7,690 was carried forward. The reserve stands at £100,000.

Telegrams from Montevideo state that Dr. Sanarelli has definitely terminated his studies on the discovery of the yellow fever microbe.

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General lists for public subscription have been opened in the newspaper offices and other places in Montevideo for the Red Cross Association.

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The St. Patrick's Day banquet will take place at George Mercer's, Calle Florida. There are no invitations, but tickets can be obtained from Mr Patrick Ham, San Martin 367.

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While the crew of the United States cruiser Yantic were practising gun exercise on Tuesday last, at Banco Chico, Montevideo, a gun burst, killing one sailor and wounding several others.

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It is impossible to believe any news about the revolution in the Banda Oriental, they being of the most varied, contradictory and absurd nature. The Government lay claim to having between 12,000 and 13,000 men, and the revolutionists to 9,000 men—all, of course, well armed and disciplined forces.

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Everything points to a prompt settlement of the strike of the milkmen. Some of them have already come into the city with milk. After the strike is over and things have settled down they will renew their endeavours to obtain a modification of the "sisa" tax and of the law relating to the cover of their cans.

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Cartaneo, the forger, whose falsifications are in circulation from Colombia to Tierra del Fuego, has fallen into the hands of the police of Montevideo. He was quite at home in either forging bank notes, postage stamps, bonds, or consular documents. He is an old offender, having been condemned for forgery three times in Buenos Aires, and once in Montevideo.

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The sugar schedule of the new United States tariff is expected to include something to please all concerned in the United States, and especially to be of interest to Europe and the British sugar colonies. Besides the maximum and minimum schedules which will be about 25 per cent. apart at the basis of the reciprocity negotiations. There will be a specific duty calculated to produce twenty million dollars more revenue, and to protect American productions. There will also be a deferential duty to protect American refiners and countervailing duties against bounty-paying nations.

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Mr Edison claims to have discovered a chemical much more susceptible to the Rontgen rays than is the case with any previously used. He hopes to find others still more sensitive, and believes that it will be possible to construct an instrument that will show by means of the X rays the internal organs and tissues of the body as well as the bones, thus enormously increasing the powers of diagnosis possessed by surgeons in cases both of wounds and of the processes of disease. He declines to furnish the name of this substance, and is experimenting with new chemical combinations at the rate of thirty per day. The ever-optimistic wizard holds that when pathogenic germs are understood and destroyed, and internal diagnosis is rendered easy, human life will only be limited by old age, accident, or dissipation.

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The chief guest at the house dinner at the Savage Club in Adelphi Terrace, London, on February 6, was Dr. Nansen. Replying to the toast of his health Dr Nansen said—Brother Savages, I must say I feel greatly honoured by the reception you have given me, though I think that I really deserve it, because, as a savage, I think I have beaten you all. (Laughter and cheers.) I feel quite certain that if you had met me last summer in the month of June you would admit that a better specimen of a savage you had never seen in your life. (Laughter.) I do not say so much about Lieutenant Scott-Hansen. He has not entitled himself so much to the title of a savage, as he led a comfortable and civilised life on board the Fram. As for myself, I must confess that it was the first time I lived for fifteen months without the aid of soap—(laughter)—and I think that is sufficient to make me a fitting member or guest of this Club. (Loud laughter.) I must confess there remained yet a worse fate. We fed on raw meat—Polar bears, walrus, walrus blubber, and so on. The worst of all, perhaps, was the way in which we had to clean ourselves. Well, I won't go into the details. (Laughter and cries of "Do.") We had no soap, as I have told you, and I can assure you it is rather a nasty thing, after having been obliged to skin walrus in the water and getting your clothes soaked through with fat and oil, to feel those clothes sticking to you in the most uncomfortable way. We did our best to keep ourselves clean, and patronised many difficult methods of cleansing oneself. We tried the Esquimaux way, but that was no good. What we had to do was to use the knife and scrape ourselves. (Laughter.) That was all right so far, for the knife will scrape the skin clean in the long run if you use it well. But it was worse with our clothes, and the only thing we could do with them was to boil them in our cooking-pot. (Laughter.)

From our London exchanges we learn that a definite and authoritative proposal has at last been made for the fit commemoration of the sixtieth year of the Queen's reign. The Prince of Wales, after consultation with her Majesty, has issued a long letter on the subject. He suggests the establishment of the "Prince of Wales's Hospital Fund of London," to invite subscriptions of one shilling per annum and upwards in the hope that such a sum may thus be raised from those who have not hitherto regularly contributed as will enable all the Metropolitan Hospitals to meet their ordinary expenditure. The Prince has associated with him as members of the general committee the leaders of different religious denominations and public interests. By the Press the proposal has been well received, and no doubt the scheme will be a success.

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The subjects of the German Kaiser must be specially careful what they say not only about him but about his Consort. Still, we cannot help thinking that the Correctional Tribunal of Magdeburg went slightly over the score in sentencing a woman to a month's imprisonment because she expressed the opinion that the Empress is less beautiful than the illustrated papers paint her. It is the common lot to be misrepresented to one's advantage. The photographer who cannot make a plain face attractive, if not actually beautiful, is as unworthy the name as the publisher who cannot construct "good notices" by using scissors and a gum-brush with deftness upon a dozen unfavourable reviews. The woman committed Majestaetsbeleidigung, a crime which the Amazing Kaiser invented in one of his inspired moments of leisure.

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We quote the following strange statement from an exchange. "It is reported from London that a revulsion of popular feeling, which may lead to the grant of a pardon, is now taking place in England in favour of Jabez Balfour, the member of parliament who some time ago was sentenced to a long term of penal servitude for frauds alleged to have been perpetrated in connection with what were known as his "Liberator" companies, the collapse of which caused such widespread ruin. Inasmuch as nearly every one of his undertakings has in the hands of the liquidation ultimately resulted in large profits, that in some cases have actually yielded as much as 40 per cent over and above the amount invested, an impression has arisen that he has been unjustly dealt with, that he had no intention to defraud his stockholders, and that his embarrassments were of a merely temporary character due to the badness of the times. This is precisely what he alleged in his defence."

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ESTANCIA AND COLONY.

Government is preparing the plans of the fiscal lands in Chubut, Neuquen, Tierra del Fuego, and Santa Cruz that are to be sold in public auction.

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Argentine butter in London has suffered a serious fall in price. At this time last year it was quoted at 110s per 112 pounds, now it is from 84s to 90s, due it is said to heavy arrivals from Canada.

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Australia has sent a sample shipment of butter from various manufactories to Glasgow. The manufacturers are prepared to forward for consumption quantities of not less than 300 tons per month.

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Taking them all round the camps as far as Pigué have had a good year and stock is doing fairly well. The crops have been decidedly good, and both in quality and quantity above the average of other districts. We have seen samples of wheat which for weight and clean appearance could hardly be beaten.

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The majority of the sheep out west of the Curumalan are Merinos, and there is a general complaint that the capones are practically unsaleable. If very fat and a purchaser should turn up \$4 to \$5 might be got, but if not fat capones that will give two kilos of wool or over are practically unsaleable at \$3 each. There are no black faces out that way, but we should fancy they would do better than any other class, and an old resident who has a few descendants of black-faced rams on his place thinks the same.

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We are indebted to Messrs Fortune and Furber for the following list of camps sold during the past month: San Pedro—1793 hectares, one league from Castro station, F.C.R., at \$96 per hectare. Buyer, H. Dhiet. Under name of Obligado in map of province.

Trenque-Lauquen—9380 hectares, in nine lots. Only one lot sold, at \$16.55 per hectare. Buyer, Vicente Gomez. Under name of Robbio in map of province.

Pehuajó—1144 hectares, fourteen leagues south of Pehuajó, rents at \$3500 to \$4000 per league. Price, \$14.60 per hectare or \$39,420 per league. Under name of Pirovano in map of province.

San Vicente—270 hectares, four leagues west of San Vicente, fenced, permanent water, rents from \$15 to \$20 per square, sold for \$87 the hectare. Buyer, Ignacio Maria. Under name of G. Salazar in map of province.

Necochea—800 hectares, seven leagues north-west of town, at \$18,500, equal to \$23 per hectare. Under name of Faure in map of province.

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The inundation of the River Dulce in Santiago de Estero is assuming alarming proportions. From La Banda to Antajé, five leagues from the coast, the camps are covered with a metre of water.

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Comandante Rawson, Governor of Neuquen, who will leave shortly to take up his duties there, will be accompanied by representatives from colonies in Santa Fé and Baradero, with a view of studying the soil, etc.

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Messrs Funes, Lagos and Co. sold in their yard last Monday 42 imported Lincoln shearing rams, for the sum of \$13,960, or an average of \$332.38. These rams were imported by Mr Robert Ewart, and amongst the buyers we noticed Messrs Pacheco, De la Fuente, Casaf, Sansot, Nuñez, Goya, etc.

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It has always been said that the price of gold regulates the value of our produce for export, but two years ago, when the harvest was no larger than the present one, in this province, and when gold was at 350, wheat was sold at \$6 for good and \$7 for superior, while at the present time, when gold is at 307, good wheat brings \$10 and superior \$11.

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All cattle on the islands in the River Parana have had to be removed, due to the rising of the water. The River Gualeguay, from San José to where it joins the Parana, has inundated the country round about.

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The prices for cattle and sheep in the London and Liverpool markets are good, in the first-named bullocks brought from 5 1/4 d to 5 1/2 d per lb and sheep 5 1/4 d. In Liverpool, where the arrivals were heavy, bullocks were sold at 5 1/4 d to 5 3/8 d per lb, and wethers at 5 1/4 d.

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On the estancias Las Cabezas, San Diego, Santa Maria and other large establishments in Gualeguay and the neighbourhood the disease called "tristeza" has broken out in an alarming manner. The owners of the estancia San Diego are trying the remedy proposed by Dr Martinez—salicilato of soda.

Regarding the notes re a camp fire which appeared in our last issue, the following is the decision of an eminent lawyer here, in the case of a camp fire which destroyed a number of fencing posts. The camp was rented under inventory. "El señor — recibe el campo bajo inventario levantado y formado de comun acuerdo, y se obliga á conservarlo con cuanto en el existe, en las mismas condiciones que ese documento indica, salvo el natural deterioro causado por el tiempo y uso."

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It appears then that a tenant of a camp not rented under inventory would not be responsible for damage by camp fire. All camp men who have camps rented under inventory should be careful to see that both buildings and fencing posts are insured, and owners of camps so rented, also should insist on insurance being effected, as in many cases a tenant might be unable to make good the damage.

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The following is a list of exportation of live stock from here during the month of February last:—

England—6582 head of cattle, 28,193 sheep, 18 horses (these horses were shipped by Messrs Kingsland and Cash); Brazil—2663 sheep; Franca—233 head of cattle, 4096 sheep, 56 horses; Banda Oriental—1 sheep and 19 horses. The total number of animals shipped reached 9499 head of cattle, 32,308 sheep and 74 horses. The quality of the cattle sent forward was of the very best in no case any one head being less than 600 kilos.

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Mr Joseph Quirejita, of Ayacucho, has sold to Messrs B. Roca and Co. 1000 bullocks at \$42 a head for their saladero.

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Messrs Liebig and Co. have suspended slaughtering in their saladero in Fray Bentos having, up to date, slaughtered 48,353 head of cattle.

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Five thousand bullocks were sold by Mrs C. Unzué de Casares during the week to Messrs N. Montors and Co. at a reserved price.

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There has been but little difference this week in the price of wool in the Central market. The prices being in the neighbourhood of those of last week. For special cross Lincoln up to \$9.40 was paid, for superior wool prices have varied from \$8 to 8.50, for good wool \$7 to 7.70, and for fair \$6.60 and 6.30. Mixed wools were sold from \$7.30 to 6.00 the ten kilos according to class. Some good lots of crossed ewe wools were placed at \$7.50 to 8.00.

The prices for hides have been pretty firm, superior woolly hides bringing from 65 to 73 cents, good hides 60 to 64 cents, and poor ones 40 to 50 cents.

Dried bullock hides from the Province of Buenos Aires were sold at prices up to \$11.20 the ten kilos. Heavy hides were placed at \$9.80 and 10.10.

Hides from Entre Rios obtained \$10.20 and from Corrientes \$2.80 gold.

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The saladeros are paying from \$35.00 to 90.00 for mestizo bullocks; in Entre Rios prices vary between \$10.00 and 12.00 gold.

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A splendid Merino ram has just been sold for £1100 stg. in Sydney, Australia. This ram was bred in New South Wales, and is famous for its perfect form and weight.

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In the last sale of rams in Melbourne several rams of the Vermont strain were sold at £800, and one ram called President went for £1040, bred in Tasmania.

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Aviso á los Estancieros

Los Señores CARNAC y Cia., vendedores de animales en pié, en Deptford, Francia y Alemania, compran animales para la exportacion. Tambien se encargan de mandar lotes á los mercados de Europa, por cuenta de los Estancieros. Se adelanta dinero al embarcar los animales y se cobra una comision muy módica.

Por mas informes dirigirse á **CHAS. J. HOWARD,** 195, RECONQUISTA, (Ciudad).

POLLED DURHAMS.

The two-year-old bull Polled Acomb 367 P.O.A.B. 120519 A.S.H.B., which was recently on view at Messrs Funes and Lagos' mart, attracted a large number of visitors, it being the first animal of the kind ever imported to the republic. He was shipped by the breeder, Mr J. H. Miller, Mexico, Ind., U.S., for Messrs Dobbs Bros., Cabaña Las Palmas, Carlos Pellegrini, the purchase having been negotiated through the kindness of the Hon. W. J. Buchanan, U. S. Minister. Messrs Dobbs, after investigation of breeds, have come to the conclusion that a polled Durham would best serve them in building up their herd, and must be credited with considerable courage in introducing an absolutely new type of animal to the country. Though the bull was slightly thin after its long voyage it arrived in good condition, perfectly sound, and the buyers believe that in Polled Acomb they possess the best bull of the breed. He has been used on a number of Mr Miller's cows, is a roan, calved Oct. 6, 1894, sired by Miami Boy 76 (116517) out of Goodness 14th (vol. xxxviii.) a Bates topped Desdemona sired by Lord Acomb 9th. The dam is a grand cow and fine breeder. Miami Boy has earned distinction as a sire. The experiment will be watched with interest, but we have no doubt that the spirited importers will soon find imitators. Messrs Dobbs will be happy to give any more information on the subject. Mr Cecil Palmer, the live stock artist of New York, made a sketch of the bull before shipment, a reproduction of which we hope shortly to publish, meanwhile the following extract from the "Breeder's Gazette," of January 27, will be of interest:

"The 'Polled Durhams' have attained the dignity of an export demand. When the attempt was made some time ago to establish a breed of hornless shorthorns it soon became apparent that the intelligence of the movement ensured its success. The use of the saw or the dishorning clipper was evidence enough of a demand for hornless cattle, and the old time shorthorn was still in favour with the great mass of farmers on account of its general purpose character. The promoters of the new movement believed that the establishment of a breed similar in all respects to the shorthorn, but lacking the horns, would fill a long-felt want, and the event has amply justified their foresight. Working on the base of a native "muley" stock and a pure-bred shorthorn, which by a "sport" in breeding had been calved hornless, a type of cattle has been established which resembles in all points the shorthorn, and in which the hornless head is so well fixed as to be almost invariably transmitted. These cattle are called "Polled Durhams," have a pedigree register, were recognised at the Columbian Exhibition as a distinct breed, and have been so classed at a number of State fairs. In this breed there are strains of pure shorthorns, i.e., without any admixture of outside blood, and these animals, which are admitted for registry in the American Shorthorn Herd Book, as well as in the Polled Durham Herd Book, are called "double standard."

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Price of gold on the Bolsa from March 6th to March 12th, inclusive—
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Monday.....309.20 " Thursday.....307.50 "
Tuesday.....310.00 " Friday.....308.50 "

The prices at the Corrales during the past week have been as follows:

Bullocks, \$50-60.	
Novillos for Export.....	\$ 70-95
Fat cattle for consumption - novillos .	30-65
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Calves-large, \$8-10; small, \$5.00-9.00	
Wool—Fine	5.60-7.70
" —Cross Lincoln.....	5.00-8.50
Hides—Bullock	\$14.00-15.00
" —Novillo	10.00-11.50
" —Cow	8.50-10.20
Sheepskins, consumo, per kilo....	0.31-0.60
Lambskins, per dozen	2.00-2.50
Sheep—Lincolns	\$ 8.00-9.00
" —Mestizo-Lincolns	6.00-7.80
" —Rambouillet	4.00-6.00
Ewes	3.00-6.00
Wheat (barleta), 100 ks	\$10.50-10.80
" (French), 100 kilos	7.50-10.80
" (Candeal)	8.00-14.00
Barley	5.00-8.00
Maize (morochó), 100 kilos (new). .	2.70-4.30
" (amarillo), 100 kilos (new). .	2.60-3.50
Hay, 1000 kilos	26.00-38.00

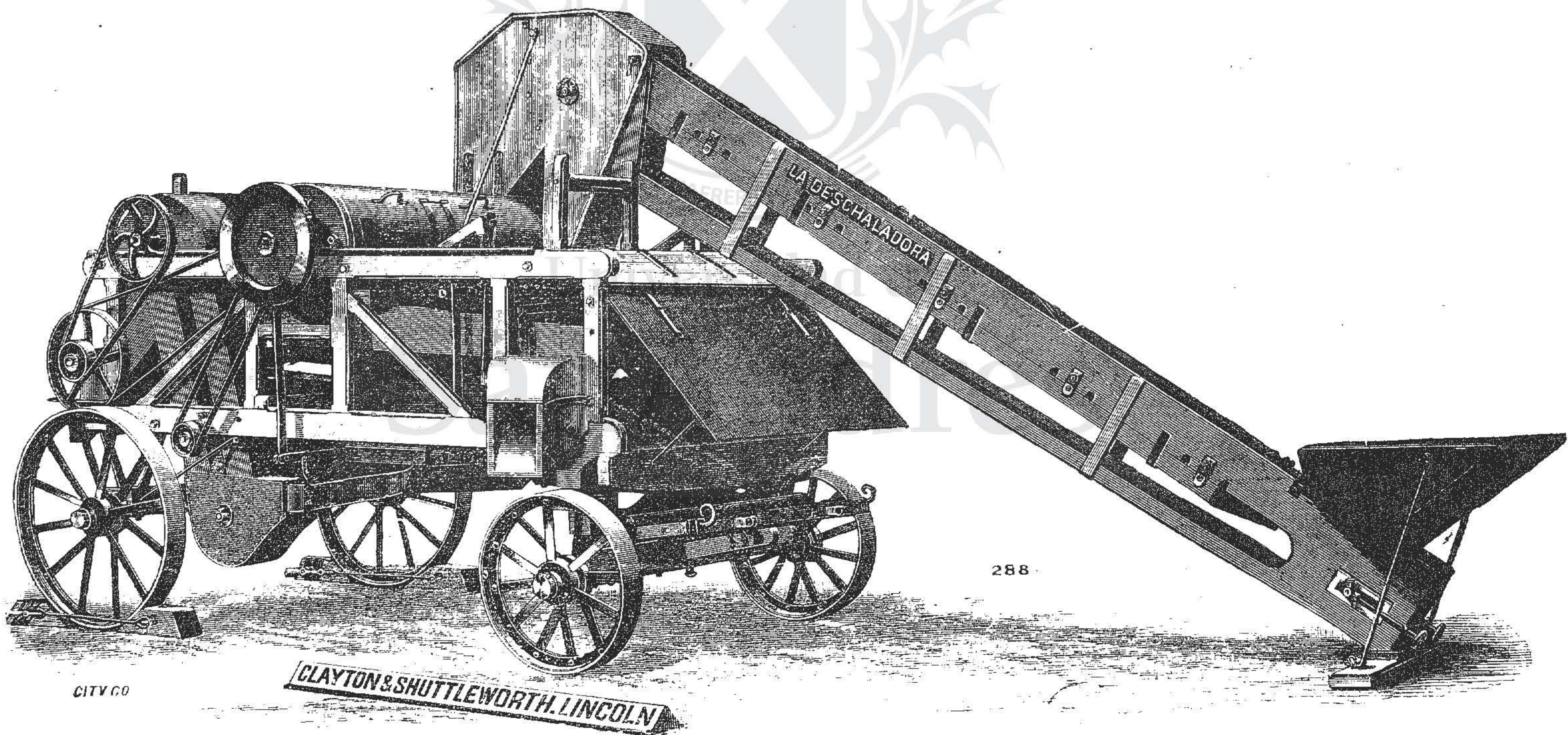
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