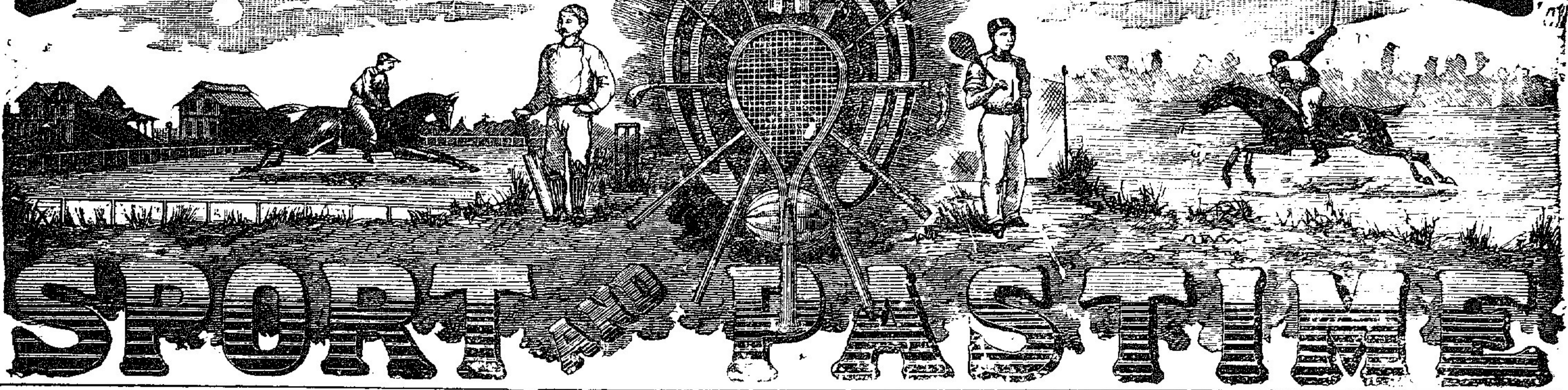


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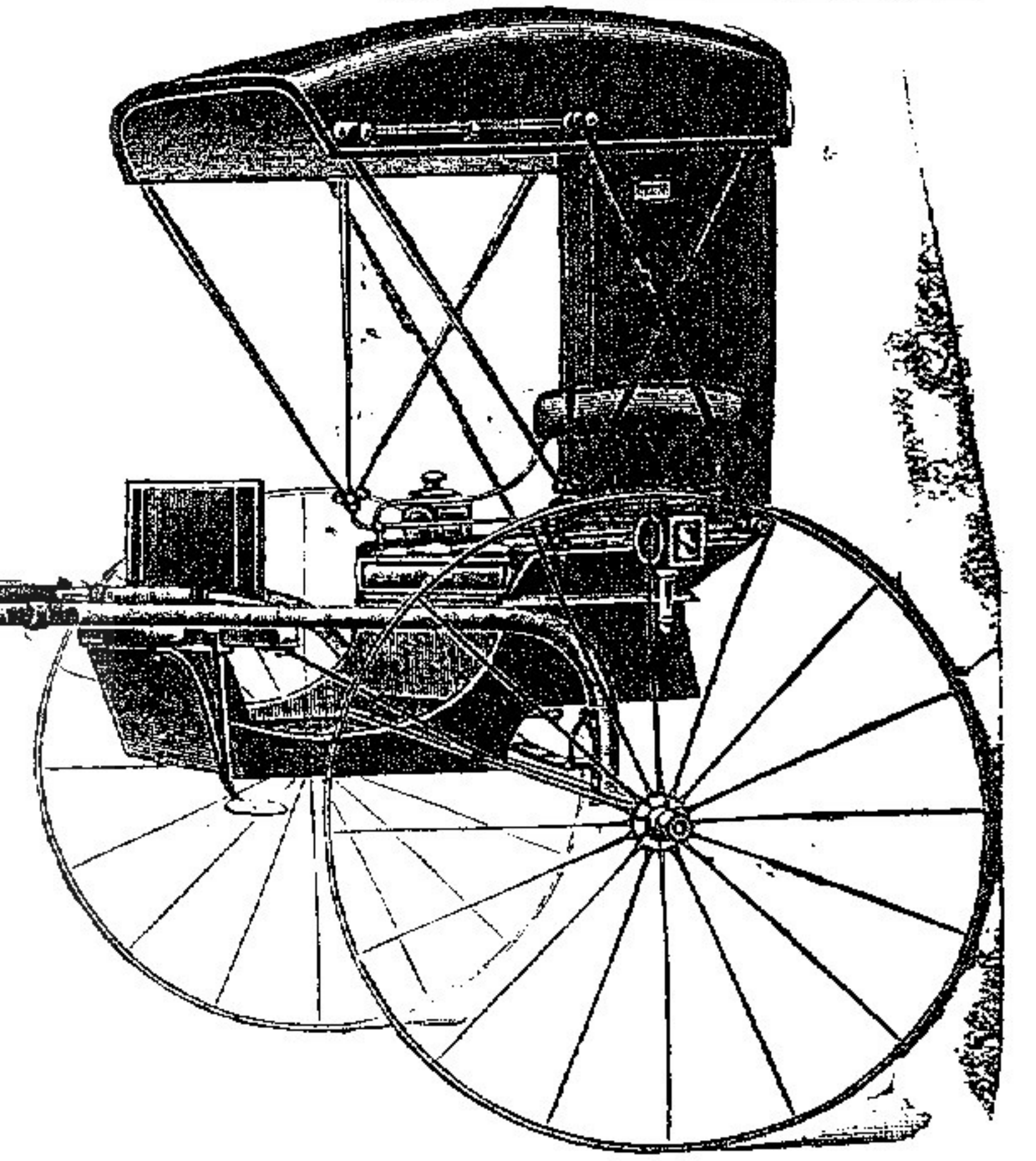
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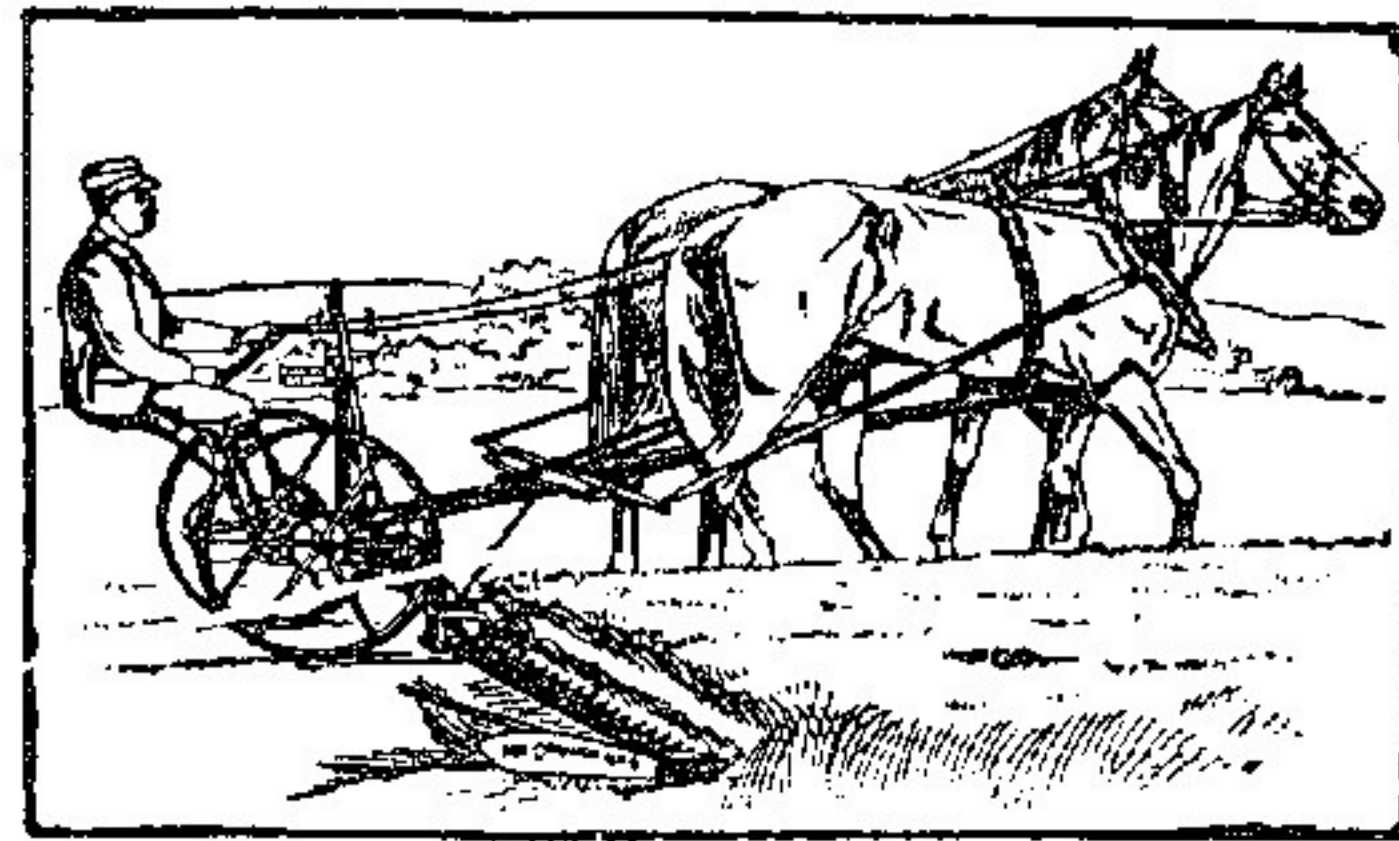
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The annual general meeting of this club was held at No. 65 Calle Solis, Montevideo, on Monday evening, with a large attendance of members. The reports of the committee and the football captain were read and approved with considerable enthusiasm, but less interest was shown in the cricket captain's report, the cricket season having been inactive. The number of members is 75, and the financial position shows a credit balance of \$405.09. \$170.09 in cash and \$235 in stock.

The football season had been a grand success. Twenty matches were played, fifteen won, four drawn and only one lost, which may be fairly called a record in River Plate football. The club scored 74 goals and its opponents 29.

The cricket season had been very poor. Only two matches were played, the first versus the M.V.C.C., which resulted in a draw, and the last was lost versus the C.U.R.C.C.

This year the club will take the lead in organising the annual Athletic Sports, which it is purposed to hold on Tuesday, May 25, at the Blanqueada ground, hired for the purpose from the M.V.C.C. The organising committee will consist of three delegates from each club, namely N. A. Woodcock, J. H. Clark, and Hy. C. Lichtenberger, who will represent the Albion; F. W. Atkinson, J. Adams, and E. M. Stanham, the M.V.C.C.; and P. E. Cassavino, M. Adam, and J. D. Hogge, the M.V.R.C.

Great improvements are being made on the football field, where gates have been opened in order to facilitate the entrance of spectators. Goal nets have been ordered, a telegraph notice board has been constructed, and programmes in Spanish, explanatory of the game, has been printed for distribution to spectators.

Sympathetic reference was made to the loss sustained by the club in the untimely death of Mr Geo. Barker, one of its most active supporters.

The following new committee was elected:—W. J. Maclean, President; J. H. Clark, Vice-president; W. L. Poole, football captain; A. C. Lichtenberger, vice-captain; H. Laugharne, cricket captain; H. A. Woodcock, vice-captain; and Messrs J. Stewart, Alf. Davie, M. Adam, and A. C. Lichtenberger, committee, from which a Secretary and Treasurer will be appointed at the first committee meeting.

A vote of thanks was passed to the outgoing committee and to the auditors, Messrs Adam and Woodcock, as also to the British and native press for the publications they had made on behalf of the club during the past season.

The football season will be inaugurated on April 1 and the teams will at once start to go into practice.

There is all probability of coming to an arrangement with the Argentine Association Football League, while home and home matches with the principal Argentine clubs are in course of arrangement.

FRANCE v. ENGLAND.

To the Editor *River Plate Sport and Pastime*.

Dear Sir,—

I shall be obliged if you will (through the columns of your paper) answer the following question, about which a bet has been made. Whether a representative football team of England was beaten by Frenchmen in France between the dates Sept. 1, 1894, and April, 1895?—Yours truly,

FOOTBALL.

[A representative English team has never played in France. The first team that went over was a Rosslyn Park fifteen, since which several scratch teams have played against them with varying success. Last year the Frenchmen defeated a very scratch team of Oxford men, but as can be seen in our to-day's issue, they were badly defeated last month in England by both the R.I.E.C. and Coventry. A few years hence will be quite time enough to think of an international contest.—Ed.]

ASSOCIATION.

On Feb. 27, were played before large attendances the ties in the third round of the competition for the Association Cup. Two of the results were almost foregone conclusions, Derby County and Everton playing at home having no difficulty in beating Newton Heath and Blackburn Rovers respectively. Preston North End at Deepdale found their equals in Aston Villa, and a draw of one goal each was the final score. Notts Forest have played so well in cup ties this season that their drawn game at Liverpool did not come as much of a surprise.

Amateur Cup (third round).—There was a good attendance at Essex County Ground, Leyton, to witness the tie contested by the Old Carthusians and Old Westminsters. The start went to show that there would be some lively exchanges, as the Old Chaterhouse boys scored twice in as many minutes through G. O. Smith and Buzzard. Hewitt and Darvell got injured, and at half-time the latter had to retire. At that time the Carthusians led by two goals to nothing. On crossing over the Carthusians, with only ten men, quite held their own, although Barwell soon scored for the Westminsters. Near the end G. O. Smith sent in a grand shot, which Moon saved, but on the rebound Buzzard sent it into the net, and the Old Carthusians won by three goals to one. Marlow, although having the advantage of playing on their own ground, could only draw with Kirkley one, goal each. Leadgate Park beat Bishop Auckland by two goals to none, and Stockton beat Casuals by four goals to nothing.

In consequence of the cup ties there were only three First League matches to be decided. At Sunderland the home team received a visit from Sheffield United, who, playing the better game, won by a goal to nothing. Stoke at home had rather the better of the match with Burnley. About ten minutes from the start the home team (Stoke) pressed and Hill sent in a pretty screw shot which gave them their first goal. Each team then attacked in turn, but the next goal also fell to Stoke. Before the interval a third goal was shot for the locals, who crossed over leading by three goals to nothing. In the interval the Burnley forwards were rearranged, and as a result two goals were scored, while their opponents did not add to their points. At Wolverhampton the home team had a visit from Bury, who were rather lucky to score in the first hat. The visitors kept their lead till the interval arrived and a good deal of the second half, but did not have most of the play. Near the finish the Wanderers equalised and the result was a one goal draw.

A good match was that between the recent cup opponents, Woolwich Arsenal and Millwall Athletic, and there was a tremendous crowd at the Manor Field. The home teams having lost the toss, kicked off against a slight breeze and a bright sun, and the game began very fast. The Arsenal had the best of the opening play, and after some twenty minutes, scored the first goal. Continuing to keep up a strong pressure the home team had all the best of matters, and a quarter of an hour later they put through the second goal, while a few minutes later they scored a third point. In the second half one of the Athletic full-backs, in attempting to clear, sent the ball into his own net. The Arsenal did not add to their score, and finally won by three goals to one.

Somerset v. Dorset.—The return match between these counties was played at Yeovil, on Feb. 27, and attracted a larger attendance than at any of the previous county fixtures this season. When the teams met at Dorchester a few months ago, in the South-Western County Championship, Dorset won easily by four goals to none. As they again had a strong eleven out, while Somerset were very weak, the result, a win to the latter by two goals to one, came as a complete surprise. It was due, no doubt, to the faulty play of the visitors in front of goal, their shooting being deplorable.

Corinthians v. West Bromwich Albion.—In lieu of the match with Everton, who, being engaged in a cup tie were unable to keep their engagement at the Queen's Club on Feb. 27, the Corinthians were able to enjoy a pleasant game with the Albion team. A fine afternoon caused the ground to be visited by some 4000 spectators and the turf was in capital condition. Neither side was quite fully represented, the Albion having to find a substitute for their International forward, Bassett, while the Corinthians, besides losing the service of their Old Carthusians members, were without Lodge, in whose place, however, Fry acquitted himself satisfactorily. An even game proved somewhat poor in excitement, on account of the defence on both sides proving superior to the attack. The Corinthians forwards, too, seemed to play with less than their wonted energy, while their antagonists proved somewhat weak in front of goal. In the end the Corinthians were decidedly lucky to win the match by three goals to one.

Millwall Athletic v. Corinthians.—The prospect as regards the weather at Millwall on March 4 was far from promising, which was very unfortunate, seeing that it had been decided to devote the proceeds of the above match to the funds of the Popular Hospital. Rain fell at intervals during the afternoon, and, to make matters worse a bitterly cold wind was blowing straight down the ground. Under the circumstances, however, the attendance, about 2000, was fairly satisfactory. The game during the early stages was not so good as anticipated from such capable exponents, but there was a decided improvement during the second half. Each set of forwards then played in a very vigorous manner, and although the Corinthians won by two goals to one, there was not much to choose between the teams.

The match between Queen's Park and the Rangers, at Glasgow, on Feb. 27, attracted 15,000 spectators. The Queen's Park were the first to score, but it was not till just before time that the Rangers equalised, the match thus ending in a draw of one goal each.

Surrey v. Dorset.—The unsettled state of the weather was no doubt responsible for the small attendance on the Weybridge ground on March 4, when the representatives of the above counties met. Neither side was at full strength, and the game, which ended in favour of Surrey by two goals to none was somewhat disappointing.

In this season's Scottish Cup competition surprises have been of frequent occurrence, and another was added to the list at Dumbarton on Feb. 27, when the home team defeated St. Bernard's by two goals to none.

RUGBY

North v. South.—The second of the season's contests under the above title took place on Feb. 27, at Dewsbury, a town which ought never to have been selected in preference to those which are recognised centres of Rugby football. The ground of the local club is situated

at the crest of a hill, where there is an awkward declivity in the area chosen for play, and scarcely a game takes place without the wind interfering with players' movements. Saturday, however, was a day which contrasted very favourably with that on which the memorable England v. Wales match took place on the same ground. The sun shone brightly and the turf was in capital condition. Play at the outset was very fast, and to all appearances the general verdict was likely to be borne out, for the South forwards, though facing wind and sun, exhibited splendid dash. After the ball had travelled from end to end, the South three-quarters successfully carried out a passing run, which ended in one of them crossing the North line. Jones converted the point, and the Northern forwards immediately set to work to reduce their opponents' lead. Several times the South backs were compelled to defend for all they were worth, for the North forwards were now beginning to work in real earnest. Before half-time the North scored twice, each try being converted. Having changed over, South had the benefit of the breeze, and were expected to draw level with their opponents, but the actual reverse of this happened. The whole North pack worked magnificently, and the Southern forwards were completely broken up. Pinch was repeatedly noticeable for his powerful efforts, and at last succeeded in getting the ball over the line, but Anderson's attempt at goal was spoilt by the high wind. South's last chance was made and thrown away by Byrne, who ran off at great speed, and, having a clear field, elected to drop at goal, with the result that he kicked the ball dead. Towards the end the Northern forwards harassed the Southern line, but were unable to score, and at the call of no-side North had won by two goals and a try to one goal. This result was certainly due to the brilliant work of the Northern forwards, five of whom have found their way into the team which is to do duty against Scotland. It is a significant fact that not one of the five is a Yorkshireman.

At Oxford, on Feb. 27, a capitally contested game between the Varsity and London Scottish resulted in a victory for the Dark Blues by two goals to nothing.

On March 3 Oxford defeated Kensington at Oxford somewhat easily by two goals (one dropped) and four tries to nothing.

At Cambridge the Light Blues brought their Rugby season to a close by defeating Old Merchant Taylors by three goals to nothing. The Cantabs have thus finished up with the fine score of 334 points to 90 recorded against them.

At Newport, on Feb. 27, the home team received their first defeat this season at the hands of Llanelly, who scored one goal and two tries (eleven points) to one try (three points). This was only the third defeat Newport have sustained on their own ground during the last four years.

Inter-Hospital Rugby Challenge Cup.—Guy's v. St. Bartholomew's.—More than ordinary interest was centred in this match, at Richmond, on March 2, for the reason that the teams had met the previous week without any definite result having been arrived at. The weather was not by any means pleasant owing to a strong, cold wind blowing from one end of the ground to the other, but, despite this, there were fully 2500 spectators, all of whom, it is needless to say, were very enthusiastic. St. Bartholomew's in the first match, although failing to secure the honours, showed decided superiority, and their partisans, therefore, anticipated the downfall of Guy's. The latter, however, were very rarely in difficulties, an at all points outplayed St. Bartholomew's. The three-quarter line of Guy's has rarely been seen to such advantages, and their victory of thirteen points to nothing was thoroughly deserved.

The North and South match considerably interfered with the teams representing the Harlequins and Richmond, who met on Feb. 27, at Richmond. The home team were expected to win, but after a scrambling game the result was a draw of eight points each.

Royal Indian Engineering College v. Stade Française.—A large crowd of spectators assembled on the Collegians' ground on Feb. 27, to see the game against the Frenchmen. However, the visitors were not nearly as strong as their opponents, and suffered a severe reverse. Early in the game the Frenchmen pressed, and through mistakes by the Collegians, the visitors looked likely to score. They missed one opportunity, but soon afterwards Dobree defeated the opposition and was responsible for a try, the attempt to convert not being successful. However, the home team soon recovered themselves, and it was not long before they scored twice. Twice during the second half Farran scored tries and once dropped a goal, and when no side arrived the R.I.E. College were the winners by six goals (one dropped) (29 points) to one try (three points).

On Feb. 27, St. Thomas's Hospital paid their annual visit to Coventry, when a very interesting game resulted in a win for the home team by three goals and two tries to one goal and one try.

Coventry v. Stade Français.—This match which was set down for decision at the Coventry cricket ground on March 1, caused considerable amusement for the 3000

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spectators who assembled to witness the first appearance of the Frenchmen in the Midland district. The visitors had received a severe defeat at Cooper's Hill by the N.I.E.C., by twenty-nine points to three.

At Northampton, on Feb. 27, the home team defeated St. Bartholomew's Hospital by two goals and three tries to nothing.

The meeting between Leicester and Manchester produced a close struggle, which eventually ended in a draw of one goal each.

A weak team representing Bath visited Neath on Feb. 27, and suffered defeat by one dropped goal and two tries to nothing.

One of the best contested games seen at Moseley was that which took place between the old local rivals Moseley and Old Edwardians on Feb. 27. Earlier in the season the team played a drawn game, but on this occasion an easy victory was anticipated for Moseley.

Swansea v. Gloucester.—These teams played their return match on Feb 27, and, as on the first occasion, the Welshmen were successful, but by a greater majority of points than in the first game.

Guy's Hospital v. Kensington.—An interesting match was played at Honor Oak on Feb. 27, the Medicos, who are playing well this season, winning by twenty points to eight. Kensington went off with the lead, and scored the first try which they failed to convert, but directly after the drop out the Hospital got over and added the goal points.

Bristol entertained Aberavon on Feb. 27, and after a rather dull and evenly contested game, the home fifteen were returned victorious by a goal and a penalty goal to a dropped goal.

RACING

PALERMO—MARCH 28.

Sunday's racing at Palermo was very enjoyable, though the continued dry weather still had the effect of keeping the fields small. The public were pretty happy in their selections, most of the winners and placed horses being well backed.

Fraser's stable continued its run of luck by winning the opening event with Tetrarca, who had only five opponents to beat, and did it pretty easily.

The Premio Regalona, as the two-year-old race was called, which followed, went to the Ecurie Prisonero by the aid of Loncoy, a son of Solomon and Luminaria, that looks like growing into a useful sort.

After this, the Premio Ensayo, the classic race of the day, came on for decision, but unfortunately only seven animals were sent to the post, and the greater number of these were hardly of the class one likes to see contesting a race of this description.

There were only four entries for the long distance handicap in which the veteran Cantiniere was awarded top weight, and was also heavily backed though she could get no nearer than third to Policeman and Stamboul, while Acero was last.

The Premio Balcarce was won by Damara and

was the first success scored by the new stud Junca, and was the third win of the day for the produce of Gay Hermit, Ney and Tetrarca, being both by that sire. Namuncura and Lautaro were second and third.

The Premio Stamboul may be said to have produced the only boil over of the day, as Pas de Quatre and Mundial, who were first and second favourites, were only able to get second and third to Antropofago, who paid the comfortable dividend of \$16.84 for a win.

Another very limited field turned out for the Premio Tetrarca, which was placed to the credit of the Stud Paris by Oriel, with Policeman and Stamboul second and third

The following are the details:—

PREMIO VOLADORA, for three-year-olds, and upwards that have been a year in the country, have run more than twice, and have not won \$1,000. Three-year-olds, 53 kilos, four-year-olds and upwards 55 kilos.

La Petite Ecurie's ch h Tetrarca, by Gay Hermit—Rallye Chamant 3 y, 59 k... R. Bastiani 1 Ecurie Indecis' Robespierre, 3 y, 53 k... P. Aguirre 2

Rattling along at a good pace all the way Tetrarca soon had his field settled, and won at the end by a couple of lengths from Robespierre who beat Daine a length for second place.

Tickets—Tetrarca with 1587 win and 1068 place, Robespierre 516—367, Daine 1175—1008, Flecha II. 580—571, Vengador 229—152, Tiradentes 636—567. Totals 4723—3733.

Dividends—Tetrarca \$5.35 win and 3.30 place, Robespierre 7.24 place.

PREMIO REGALONA, for two-year-olds, colts 52 kilos fillies 50 kilos, winners once to carry 3 kilos extra, twice 3 kilos extra, \$1700 to the 1st, \$100 to the 2nd, 1000 metres.

Ecurie Prisoners' br c Loncoy, by Solomon—Luminaria, 52 k... R. Bastiani 1 Stud La Redencion's Yanguetru, 52 k... N. Sosa 2

Loncoy made running from end to end, and shaking off the challenge of Yanguetru won by half a length. A length away Hylda II. was third.

Tickets—Loncoy with 2368 win and 1993 place, Yanguetru 2586—2039, Hylda II. 411—437, Arlequin 279—389, Lavinia 226—249, Hilda 407—380, Blue Star 233—200. Totals 6510—5657.

Dividends—Loncoy \$4.94 win and 2.53 place, Yanguetru 2.51 place.

PREMIO ENSAYO, for horses only, weight for age. Penalties for winners, as in the Premio Criadores, \$3500 to the 1st, \$500 to the 2nd, 1200 metres.

Stud Paris' br h Ney, by Gay Hermit—Glorification, 5 y, 62 1/2 k... P. Aguilera 1 Ecurie de las Cañitas' Mariano, 4 y, 62 1/2 k... I. Diaz 2

Tickets—Ney with 4883 win and 3206 place, Mariano 1453—1101, Brick 640—555, Tanger 642—564, Friedland 276—192, Daza 1021—1054, Distinguido 279—288. Totals 9194—6960.

Dividends—Ney \$3.38 win and 2.43 place, Mariano 2.63 place, Brick 3.26 place.

PREMIO MUNDIAL, an open handicap, \$2300 to the 1st, 200 to the 2nd 2500 metres.

Stud Las Armas' br h Policeman, by Dragon—La Plata, 5 y, 49 k... I. Diaz 1 Ecurie Azur's Stamboul, 5 y, 54 k... N. Sosa 2

Settling down with a clear lead, Policeman steadily improved his position winning at the last by about three lengths Stamboul beating Cantiniere two lengths for second money.

Tickets—Policeman with 2140 win, Stamboul 2303, Cantiniere 4479, Acero 660. Total 9582 win. Dividend—Policeman \$8.05 win.

PREMIO BALCARCE, a handicap for all horses that have not won over \$10,000, 1500 to the 1st, 100 to the 2nd, 1100 metres.

Stud Juncal's ch f Damara, by Gay Hermit—Poplin, 3 y, 52 k... P. Aguirre 1 Stud Esperanza's Namuncura, 5 y, 57 k... I. Diaz 2

Getting the best of the start Damara had little difficulty in holding her own to the end, finishing a length ahead of Namuncura, who beat the top weight alike distance for second place.

Tickets—Damara with 3840 win and 2777 place, Namuncura 521—442, Lantaro 2391—1910, Hipolito 524—319, Turria 160—98, Josefita 614—462, Extra 338—236, Sorpresa, 366—356. Totals 8754—6660.

Dividends—Damara \$4.10 win and 2.99 place, Namuncura 8.02 place.

PREMIO STAMBOUL, an open handicap, \$1600 to the 1st, 100 to the 2nd, 1600 metres.

Ecurie Belgrano's ch h Antropofago, by Timias—Arqua, 6 y, 52 k... N. Sosa 1 Ecurie Radames' Pas de Quatre, 3 y, 54 k... S. Urrutia 2

Esfinge cut out the work followed by Little Darling, and Pas de Quatre in the order named. Making the turn for home all took closer order, and Pas de Quatre dashing to the front seemed to have the race in hand, but was unable to resist the challenge of Antropofago who won by 1 1/2 lengths

Tickets—Antropofago with 986 win and 724 place, Pas de Quatre 4472—2747, Mundial 1834—1671, Esfinge 450—292, Little Darling 927—951, Regardez 64—52, Fallstaff 241—181, Indecisa 253—215. Totals 9227—6883. Dividends—Antropofago \$16.84 win and 5.76 place. Pas de Quatre 2.99 place.

PREMIO TETRARCA, an open handicap \$1800 to the 1st 100 to the 2nd, 1900 metres.

Stud Paris' ch h Oriel, by Orbit—Brunette 5 y, 60 1/2 k... P. Aguilera 1 Stud Las Armas' Policeman, 5 y, 49 k... I. Diaz 2

Yerua showed the way as far as the Stud Las Ortigas where he was passed by Policeman, who held command to the stand, here Oriel challenged and getting the best of the run home, drew away to win by two lengths from Policeman who was a length in front of Stamboul, with Yerua last.

Tickets—Oriel with 4127 win, Policeman 5448, Stamboul 1363, Yerua 2546. Total 13,484 win.

Dividend—Oriel \$5.88 win.

PALERMO—APRIL 4.

Premio Distinguido—1500 metres.

Table with 4 columns: Name, Kilos, Name, Kilos. Includes Grillon 60, Flecha II. 53, Daine 56, Aguilera 53, Vivas 55, Regalona 53, Dámara 53, Robespierre 52, Cristiana 53, Turria 50.

Premio Devona—1000 metres.

Table with 4 columns: Name, Kilos, Name, Kilos. Includes 25 de Mayo 52, Catanga 50, Illimani 52, Sultana 50, Yanguetru 52, Hilda II. 50, Pillito 52, Onagh 50, San Telmo 52, Plaisanterie 50.

Premio Lavalle—1100 metres.

Table with 4 columns: Name, Kilos, Name, Kilos. Includes M. Coquelin 52, Esteatita 50, Planeta 52, Nobleza 50, Blandengue 52, Atico 50, L'Etourdi 52, Bota de Potro 50, Osado 52, Opulencia 50, Loncoy 52, Sirena II. 50, Dorrego 52, Pepina 50, 25 de Mayo 52, Amelia 50, Mirasol 52, Leonor 50, General Paunero 52, Ana Aurelia 50, Remigio 52, Filosofa 50, Suave 52, Cardo Negro 50, Emir 52, Abrojo 50, Voraz 52, Santa Jacinta 50, Julio César 52, Marcelina 50, Hugo 52, Hironnelle 50, Palermo 52, Rose d'Or 50, Sultana 50, Galette 50, Catanga 50, Amaranta 50, Chingolo 50, Tarantilla 50.

Premio Policeman—2200 metres.

Table with 4 columns: Name, Kilos, Name, Kilos. Includes Cantiniere 59, Ortegál 54, Ravachol 57, Policeman 54, Espoir 56, Reserva 50, Stamboul 55, Belle Etoile 43.

Premio Ataque—1200 metres.

Table with 4 columns: Name, Kilos, Name, Kilos. Includes Brick 59 1/2, Distinguido 54, Oriente 57 1/2, Hipolito 53, Tetrarca 57, Bab. 53, Tic-Tac 55, Gavroche 53, Daza 55, Cristiana 53, Dámara 54, Josefita 47, Grillon 54, Azucena 44.

Premio Orsino—1600 metres.

Table with 4 columns: Name, Kilos, Name, Kilos. Includes Mariano 60 1/2, Bab 51, Esfinge 60, Lautaro 51, Maratón 60, Hipolito 49, Independiente 55, Little Darling 48, Elaine 53, Daine 47, Ataque 53, Coronel Dorrego 46, Eureka 52, May Blossom 40, Don Gonzalo 52, Indecisa 40.

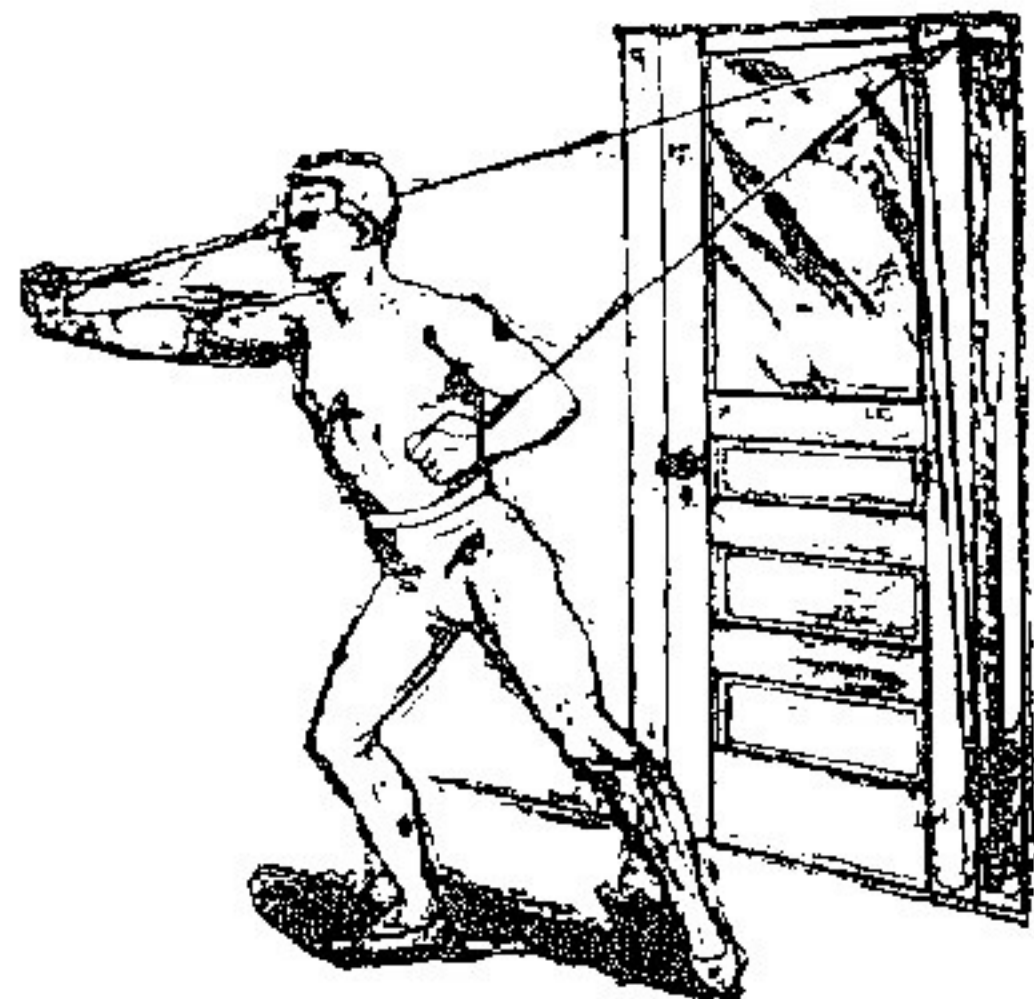
Premio Addio—1800 metres.

Table with 4 columns: Name, Kilos, Name, Kilos. Includes Violin 60 1/2, Regalona 50, Distinguido 52, Lanterne 50, Laurel 53, Tiradentes 40.

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SATURDAY, APRIL 3, 1897.

SPORTING NOTES

A general meeting of the members of the Banfield Athletic Club, will be held on Saturday evening, the 10th inst., at 8 o'clock, in the Italian Hall, Banfield. As the business will be of vital interest to the club, as many members as possible should try and attend.

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In another part of the paper will be found an account of the annual general meeting of the Albion Football Club, Montevideo. They have a most satisfactory balance in hand, and their football record for last season was a very good one. Several improvements have been made, and the Committee are evidently determined to use every effort to make this season's football equally successful.

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One improvement I should like to call particular attention to, and that is the cards, with explanatory notes of the game, printed in Spanish, for distribution among the spectators. The Secretary has kindly forwarded me one of these cards, which contains a plan of the field on the inside, and on the outside a short description of the game. These will be much appreciated by the Spanish-speaking spectators, and will help considerably to make the game more popular among them.

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The much-needed rain has at last fallen and will no doubt do an incalculable amount of good. From a sporting point of view all the golfers are

naturally rejoicing, and peons are busy on our various links, getting the greens into order. Footballers also will now be able to indulge in gentle practice and I shall expect to see the goal-posts make their appearance on our grounds very soon and shooting practice begun.

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In our last week's issue we published a full programme of the Hurlingham Club's golf season, but omitted to state that the opening day has been fixed for Sunday, April 25, by which time the Committee hope to have the links in first-class order. Hunter, the golf professional, has already arrived, so that those who have clubs that require mending should let him have them at once. He has brought out a large assortment of selected clubs, so that those in need of new ones, had better lose no time in securing what they want, before all are sold.

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The Jockey Club held their annual general meeting on Wednesday evening when the year's accounts were passed, the rules of the club were revised, and the committee for the coming year elected. According to the report presented, the progress of the Club during the year has been very satisfactory; 183 new members have joined and 22 have resigned, there being at present 804 members of the Club.

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I am pleased to observe that the committee of the Jockey Club have ordered the publication of a third volume of the Stud Book which will contain the names of all thoroughbred horses in the country up to December 31, 1896. This is a well arranged publication, the demand for which is increasing day by day with the spread of the thoroughbred.

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The Premio Balcarce, which was won on Sunday last by Damara, is the first race that has fallen to the new Stud Juncal, which is presided over by Mr. C. Cuninghame, an English trainer, who has lately taken up his quarters among us. I hope it may be only the first of a long series of successes, and am sure that if the material is there my wish will be realised.

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I have frequently had occasion to remark on the lack of originality displayed in the naming of racehorses, and another instance happened on Sunday last when two fillies of the same age, took part in the Premio Regalona. Both are named Hilda, but in one case the word is spelt with an / instead of a J. In accordance with the Jockey Club's rule the numeral II. has been added in the latter case, but even with this aid, confusion is almost certain to arise.

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The Jockey Club in pursuance of their intention to encourage jump racing and amateur jockeyship, have, I understand, arranged a hurdle race for one of their programmes in the early part of May. This has been anticipated with eagerness, and will be much appreciated by a large section of the racing community, who expect to see this description of racing take a strong hold on the public here.

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The news has just reached me of the success of two well known Argentine ponies in Hamburg, where a big jumping competition has lately been held. The ponies were Macuco and a grey that used to be familiar as the mount of Mr. C. Paatz with the Belgrano draghounds, and they were sent to Germany, to a friend by Mr P. Hasperg. The competition was won by the unnamed grey pony, who cleared the extraordinary height of 5 feet 7 inches, while Macuco took second prize.

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A singular accident took place at West Ayton, near Scarborough, England, in the beginning of March. While five horses, the property of Mr. J. S. Darrell, were at work, one of them bolted and ran into the river Derwent. The riders of the other horses at once pulled up, soon after which the bolting horse scrambled out of the water alone. In the course of the day the body of the groom (G. Walton) was recovered.

A very curious case in connection with pony-racing has occurred at Canning, Western Australia. There was a race for fourteen handers, and after the race the winner was objected to on the ground of being over height, and on being measured the pony would not measure by half an inch. (She had a certificate 1894, when she was a four-year-old). The Stewards disqualified the pony, and ordered the second pony to be measured too. To this the owner of the second pony objected on the ground that he held a 13-3 certificate granted in August last, and which was good for six months. The Stewards have replied to this that if he will not have his pony re-measured the race shall go to the third pony. It is customary in Australia to grant certificates of height to two-year-olds three months, three-year-old six months, four-year-old twelve months, five, six and aged two years, but they seem to have dropped these rules in this case. The matter will probably go into the law courts, unless the Western Australian Turf Club take the matter up, about which there seems to be some doubt.

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I am glad to find that my last week's remark regarding the probable absence of the New York team from the International Polo Tournament in England this season was premature, as I am now informed that the difficulties which existed have been overcome, and there is now every likelihood of seeing a real good team from over the water.

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The second regatta of the Tigre Sailing Club will be held to-morrow. The course will be outside the stakes on the Lujan. The race will commence at 1 o'clock sharp, and all competitors should be alongside the Emma at 10 a.m. in the Lujan, so as to receive instructions.

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The following boats will take part in the regatta:—Mr H. T. Grigg's Chiquilla, Mr C. Chabry's Rysketon, Mr B. St. G. Verschoyle's Hortensio, Mr L. B. Trant's Ruby, Mr R. R. MacIver's Joan, Mr C. G. Smith's Soss, Mr C. Mackern's Chinito, Mr C. Altgelt's Anonyma, Mr R. Moore's Datt.

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The Tigre Sailing Club have received a handsome present in the Ruby, a very smart boat, presented to the Club by Mr L. B. Trant. The boat will shortly be available for members to use, and this should be a great inducement to many to join the club, especially to those who are fond of sailing, but do not happen to possess sailing boats.

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Tom Cannon and the "terrible Greek" have again met, and I take the following account of the meeting from a home paper:—On March 1, the "Graeco-Roman world's championship" was decided at Liverpool between Tom Cannon, who has held the championship for eight years, and Antonio Pierri, the terrible "Greek," whom he defeated last year. The Greek, not being satisfied, challenged Cannon. On this occasion the first and only fall lasted for 37 min. 40 sec. Cannon, throwing his opponent from the perpendicular, dislocated the Greek's shoulder.

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The result was not immediately known because of the plucky way in which the Greek, disregarding pain, resisted Cannon's efforts to lever him over upon his shoulders. The Greek was assisted from the arena, and as he could not appear within the stipulated ten minutes interval, Mr. Ted Reece, the referee, awarded the match to Cannon. Tom M'Inerney, the world's champion catch-as-catch-can wrestler, challenged the winner to a mixed match.

CRICKET.

FIXTURES.

APRIL

- Sun. 4—Married v. Single, at Flores.
- 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. Portenos, 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.

FLORES A.C.—MARRIED v. SINGLE.

A match, Married v. Single will be played at Flores to-morrow. Train leaves Once de Setiembre at 10.30 a.m. The following are the teams: Married—Messrs B. W. Gardom, A. Boyd, B. J. Dillon, Duggan, S. Carlisle, A. Palmer, F. Foster, J. Huxtable, B. O. Watson, L. Baugh, H. B. Elliot. Single—Messrs B. G. Henderson, G. F. Elliot, T. A. H. Forde, A. S. Willes, W. D. Gardom, T. Palmer, H. B. Elliot, D. King, S. Francis, J. H. Elliot, J. Holtum.

OLD BEDFORDIANS v. B.A.C.C.

The following eleven have been chosen to play in the above match to-morrow at Palermo: Old Bedfordians.—Messrs G. S. Anderson, R. W. Anderson, H. B. Anderson, R. E. H. Anderson, J. O. Anderson, A. Anderson, E. L. Rumboll, F. H. Jacobs, L. Jacobs, F. Morony, L. Cory Smith. B.A.C.C.—Messrs R. W. Rudd, B. B. Syer, W. Brown, F. E. Jones, A. Lacey, E. Thornton, T. A. H. Forde, D. Kingsland, S. Francis, R. L. Phillips, C. W. Cumming. Train leaves Central Station at 9.55 a.m.

BATTING AND BOWLING AVERAGES.

Only a few changes have to be recorded this week, and most of these are for the worse, and after the wet weather we have been experiencing, the probability is that most of the averages will fall still lower before the season is finally closed. The first thirteen batsmen remain in the same order, Brown drops two places, while E. R. Gifford and Venn each lose a place. The minimum number of innings will remain the same. In the bowling, the first five remain unchanged both as to their averages and position. E. L. Rumboll takes Brown's place who falls in consequence, H. B. Anderson changes with Venn, and Mackinnell with Thomson. E. R. Gifford appears for the first time and takes the twelfth place, while the others remain the same. Next week the minimum number of overs bowled will be the same.

BATTING AVERAGES.

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

* Signifies not out.

BOWLING AVERAGES.

Table with columns: Name, O., M., R., W., Av. Includes players like M. A. Halstead, P. M. Rath, W. R. Goodbody, etc.

Buenos Aires, 30th March 1897.

To the Editor River Plate Sport and Pastime,

Dear Sir,—

My attention has been called to the remarks on umpiring by your cricket editor in your last issue and I find that I cannot pass them over unnoticed. I am quite ready to admit that this gentleman has a thorough knowledge of the game he reports on so fully and so well, and we are all willing to take his criticisms in good part, but he should be careful not to go too far, as in that case his remarks will be detrimental to the game instead of improving it. On the occasion in question the observations he refers to, were, as far as I know, made in the pavilion, not on the field, and considering that all the fielders near the wicket were of the opinion that the batsman was out and that one of the decisions made a difference of 80 runs I think it was only in accordance with human nature that they should discuss the matter afterwards, and they were quite within their rights to do so. I feel sure that nothing was said that could be considered to reflect on the honesty and good faith of

the umpires, but simply the question as to whether the decisions were correct or not was discussed while talking over the various phases of the game. At any rate if any hasty words were spoken in the heat of the moment they were soon forgotten and the general recollection of the match was that it had been most exciting and enjoyable. It is not agreeable, therefore, after a week has elapsed, to be confronted with these severe criticisms in black and white and our conduct stigmatized as unsportsmanlike and bad form. I do not think there is much in the argument that the umpire was doing us a great favour in acting for us, although we were, of course, much obliged to him for doing so, as these favours are reciprocal and in almost all club matches, it is the custom for the side that takes the innings to provide umpires until other competent men come on the field—as a matter of fact, a well-known cricketer had promised to umpire for us, but was prevented from doing so at the last moment. One more remark. The fact that your cricket editor was himself one of the umpires in question should have been a sufficient inducement to use less forcible language even if it did not cause him to ignore the matter altogether.

Regretting that it should have been necessary to write this letter, I am, dear Sir, yours faithfully, B. W. GARDOM.

[We have much pleasure in inserting the above letter and feel sure that the writer has the interests of the game at heart. At the same time we can but reiterate our former statements.—Ed. "S. and P."]

BUENOS AIRES ENGLISH HIGH SCHOOL.

CRICKET SEASON 1896-97.

Results of matches— Played 7, won 4, lost 2, drawn 1. Matches won— H.M.S. Retribution, at Palermo, by 17 runs. Mr Gardom's XI., at Flores, by 82 runs. Banfield, at Banfield, by 113 runs. Banfield, at Banfield, by 51 runs and three wickets. Matches lost— Lanus, at Lanus, by 4 runs. B.A.C.C. 2nd XI., at Palermo, by 42 runs. Match drawn—Lanus, at Lanus.

The great difficulty in getting a really good School team for cricket in this country is the fact of the holidays coming in the middle of the season, and naturally the boys get out of practice, besides two or three of the team may be leaving school to go to business, thereby weakening the team for the second half of the season very considerably. Taking these points into consideration, the season was by no means a bad one. Passing on to the members of the team we should signal out the following as perhaps likely to become in some future time members of good teams: A. Coste—Has improved as a bat, hits with great freedom, but is rather inclined to put the ball up in the slips; useful bowler at times. T. Brown—A good bat though unlucky, very useful bowler, excellent field. C. Brown—A very hard hitting bat, comes off at times good wicket-keeper. C. Knautd—Good left-hand bowler, rather inclined to get wild, improved as the season advanced; fair bat. C. Benson—Good bat, timid in coming forward, excellent field.

Below are the batting and bowling averages for matches:

Table showing Batting averages for R. W. Rudd, A. Coste, E. Brown, T. Brown, C. Knautd, C. Benson, G. Young with columns for Name, Runs, Innings, not out, Ave. rate.

Table showing Bowling averages for A. Coste, T. Brown, C. Knautd, R. W. Rudd with columns for Name, Overs, Maid, Runs, Wickets, Aver.

N.B.—Only present members of the School team included in this list.

HURLINGHAM v. BANFIELD A.C.

The above match was played at Lomas on Sunday last, the Lomas Athletic Club having kindly lent their ground for the occasion. Hurlingham were not very strongly represented, but Banfield were nearly up to full strength, though they had not the services of their two regular bowlers, M. A. Halstead, and G. Bingham. The wickets was good at the Temperley end, but throughout the game the other end played awkwardly and the balls frequently bumped in a nasty manner. For Banfield, R. E. H. and A. Anderson alone showed up well, and their partnership produced 94 runs, and to this fact the Southerners owed their victory. This batting was well backed up by Prescott's bowling, and his capital analysis of five wickets for 83 runs, should have been even better still, had all the chances been accepted. Perhaps, however, the feature of the match was the batting of W. D. Gardom for Hurlingham, who carried his bat right through the innings for an invaluable 46, which was a really plucky effort to save his side from defeat. Rumboll was their most successful bowler, as he took six wickets for 47 runs.

The Banfield captain was successful with the toss and elected to bat, sending in A. Anderson and F. J. Dawson to face the deliveries of Rumboll and Lacey, the last named bowling from the Temperley end. With only 5 runs scored, Lacey clean bowled Dawson, and Prescott joined Anderson. Runs came steadily, until with 16 added Prescott hit out in a half-hearted manner at a ball from Rumboll, and was easily caught at extra-cover. R. E. H. Anderson came next and the longest stand of the day ensued. The two brothers soon mastered the bowling, the new-comer, as usual, scoring at a quick pace. B. W. Gardom went on, but having sent down four wides in two overs gave way again. Jones relieved Lacey, and W. D. Gardom took a turn with the ball, but it was all of no avail and it was not until 115 runs had been registered that A. Anderson tamely returned a ball to Rumboll. He had made 38 in his usual careful style. J. O. Anderson came next and after putting a ball to leg for a single, and making an off-drive for a brace, hit right inside a slow half-volley from Rumboll and was splendidly caught by F. Jones at long on, the fieldsman taking the ball with his back to the wicket. This was the beginning of a series of disasters as the rest of the side were dismissed for an additional 35 runs. R. E. H. Anderson compiled a brilliant 67 before he was caught off Lacey, his score contained eleven bounday hits. F. H. Jacobs made 12, but no one else secured double figures. Rumboll and Lacey shared the wickets, the former taking six for 47 and the latter four for 60.

Hurlingham then batted, F. E. Jones and W. D. Gardom going to the wickets first, the bowling being shared by J. O. Anderson and A. Venn. Runs came freely from the start, the fielding being very much at fault. With 18 runs scored, Anderson bowled Jones with a slow high ball which was nearly a full-pitch. E. L. Rumboll was the next comer and Prescott relieved Anderson. Runs continued to come steadily, until the score reached 34, at which period Prescott bowled Rumboll, the batsman making the ball into a difficult "yorker." Lacey took his place and in the same over put his leg in front of a straight ball, trying to hook it round to leg (34—3—0). Forde came next and matters were considerably improved. The last-comer played nice free cricket, while his partner kept steadily at it, only taking advantage of the loose balls. Dawson relieved Venn, while R. E. H. Anderson and Kingsland took turns at the other end. With 70 up Forde returned a ball to Dawson having made a capital 26. W. Brown followed, and Prescott went on at the Temperley end, while Venn also crossed over. After one or two escapes Brown at last succumbed to a ball from Prescott, after he had made eight (95—5—8). After his downfall, no one but Permain and Miller shaped at all well against the bowling and the whole side were out for 132, or 30 runs behind.

The Banfield fielding contrasted badly with that of Hurlingham and more than one good chance was thrown away. Prescott bowled very well, as his figures show, while Venn worked hard for his two wickets.

Below are the scores and analysis:

Table showing scores and analysis for Banfield and Hurlingham, listing players and their runs/wickets.

BOWLING ANALYSIS

Table showing bowling analysis for Banfield and Hurlingham, listing bowlers and their performance.

LONDON BANK v. BRITISH BANK.

This is the first season that the British Bank has been able to put an eleven into the field, and when some time back they challenged the London Bank, it was thought that the London Bank would easily hold their own. Since then, however, their eleven has sustained more than one loss, and on Sunday last the British Bank won a good game by 26 runs. The match had been looked forward to with great interest, and a fair number of spectators were in attendance. The London Bank batted first, but in spite of loose fielding, no one seemed able to stop for any length of time, and the wickets fell with great regularity until L. Jacobs came in. He should have been caught from the second ball he received, after which he set to in earnest, and put together a creditable 42 before he was caught

off Gifford. The extras amounted to 21 and the innings realised 123. Gifford did the brunt of the bowling and secured six wickets for 54.

The British Bank then batted and after the first wicket had fallen for 10, runs came steadily. Lace (25), Willes (28), and Gibaud (34) all played useful innings, and with six wickets down they were only a single run behind. It was then left for the Manager to make the winning stroke, and this he successfully accomplished amidst general and enthusiastic applause. The side were eventually dismissed for 149 runs, and so won as above stated. R. C. Mackinnell was by far the most successful bowler tried, and he took five wickets for 33 runs.

A sort time being left for play the London Bank representatives again batted, but with poor result, as six wickets were down at the drawing of stumps, for but 29 runs, out of which Bedford made 13 before being run out.

British Bank.	
J. C. Croll run out	3
A. Lace c Challinor b Thompson	25
A. S. Willes l b w b Bedford	28
E. R. Gifford c Stuart b Thompson	13
J. Holtum hit wicket b Mackinnell	3
T. K. Gibaud c Challinor b Bedford	34
F. M. Heriot c Fowler b Mackinnell	7
H. Hume b Mackinnell	9
H. C. Plews b Mackinnell	0
H. Colson not out	5
H. B. Elliot c and b Mackinnell	15
Extras	7
Total	149

London Bank.		1st inn	2nd inn
C. W. Thompson b Gifford	8	not out	4
D. Le Bas c and b Gifford	14	c Colson b Willes	4
B. Bedford b Gifford	0	run out	13
S. Francis c and b Willes	6	c and b Gifford	0
W. H. Fowler b Elliot	9		
L. Jacobs c Hume b Gifford	42	c Croll b Gifford	0
F. Coutts b Gifford	2		
J. Stuart not out	9	c Gifford b Willes	6
R. C. Mackinnell b Willes	9		
A. Challinor c Croll b Gifford	0		
G. Macfarlane b Willes	3	c Gifford b Willes	0
Extras	21	Extras	2
Total	123	Total (for 6 wks)	29

BOWLING ANALYSIS—British Bank.

	O	M	R	W
B. Bedford	20	3	55	2
R. C. Mackinnell	21	10	33	5
C. W. Thomson	20	7	44	2
J. Stuart	4	2	10	0

London Bank.

	O	M	R	W
E. R. Gifford	29	9	54	6
A. S. Willes	16.2	5	18	3
H. B. Elliot	6	1	14	1
J. C. Croll	6	2	14	0

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

This fixture was decided last Sunday at Lanus, and after an exciting and close game resulted in a victory for the home team by 9 runs only. It was a great pity that the visitors had not a capable wicket-keep, as 38 extras is far too many, and but for this large item in the Lanus score sheet, Palermo would probably have returned victorious. Stirling proved very successful with the ball, as in six overs and three balls he secured four wickets for the small cost of 6 runs. For the homesters Moss with 6 for 32 was also very successful.

Lanus batted first, but a very moderate start was made the first four wickets falling for 28 runs. R. Billing made 12 and Hartley 15, but no one else secured double figures. With the help of extras, however, the innings realised 90 runs. Palermo then batted, but their start was even more disastrous, six wickets falling for less than half their opponents' total. W. S. Stirling and G. Brown then became partners and considerably improved matters, the latter played a capital innings of 32, and Stirling put together a useful 15, the rest, however, failed, and the innings closed for 81, or 9 runs behind.

Lanus.		Palermo A.C.	
C. Weir run out	5	W. Buchanan b Hartley	6
A. Moss b Brown	5	H. Fraser b Moss	0
A. E. Martin b Campbell	7	J. Campbell b Moss	3
C. M. Belton b Campbell	0	G. Brown b Percy	32
F. B. Percy b Campbell	6	W. Stirling b Moss	6
H. Billing b Knaudt	12	R. Levy b Hartley	0
T. D. Belton b W. Stirling	0	A. J. Rugeroni b Moss	1
J. Luck b Knaudt	1	W. S. Stirling b Moss	16
R. Brooking l b w b W. Stirling	0	E. Curran b Moss	1
D. Campbell not out	1	E. Potter not out	1
H. Hartley b Stirling	15	C. Knaudt c Luck b Percy	0
Extras	38	Extras	15
Total	90	Total	81

BOWLING ANALYSIS Lanus F.C.S. A.C.

	O	M	R	W
G. Brown	7	2	10	1
J. Campbell	10	2	21	2
W. Stirling	6.3	2	6	4
C. Knaudt	4	2	7	2
W. Buchanan	1	0	8	0

Palermo A.C.

	O	M	R	W
A. Moss	20	4	32	6
H. Hartley	18	5	30	2
F. B. Percy	1.8	0	4	2

ENGLISH HIGH SCHOOL v. BANFIELD.

This match was played at Banfield on Saturday last, and resulted in a win for the school by three wickets and 51 runs.

Banfield batted first, Dawson and Weir putting on 30 for the first wicket, the former hitting hard for 21, Moffatt played a good innings for his 19, the score reached 83.

The School began very badly losing three wickets for 20 runs, but with T. Brown in the game altered, Rudd hitting out while Brown played steadily, at 93 the latter was out for 19 having played well at a very critical time. E. Brown followed, but soon after lost Rudd, who had played a hard hitting game making 84. Finally the School lost seven wickets for 134, winning as above stated.

Banfield.		English High School.	
F. J. Dawson c Knaudt	21	R. W. Rudd b Martin	84
b Rudd	5	A. Coste c Woodwell b Hartley	3
H. Weir b Knaudt	5	C. Benson c and Hartley	1
H. Hartley c Knaudt b Rudd	2	G. Knaudt b Dawson	3
A. Venn absent	0	T. Brown c and b Moffatt	17
C. D. Moffatt run out	19	E. Brown not out	11
A. Harriman b Rudd	4	F. Kelly b Martin	0
C. Kelly absent	0	M. Bruski b Martin	0
A. Woodwell b Knaudt	0	G. Young not out	1
E. E. Keay b Knaudt	10	A. Hutton	did not bat
A. H. Poulton b Knaudt	14	F. Taylor	did not bat
A. Martin b Knaudt	0	Extras	14
Extras	8	Total (for 7 wks)	134
Total	83		

WEST INDIES.

MR PRIESTLEY'S TEAM.

An eleven representing All Barbados met the Englishmen at Bridgetown on Jan. 21 and following days. The home team scored 130 in their first innings, and the visitors replied with 77, Mr Stoddart being the highest scorer with eighteen. In their second venture. All Barbados put together 177, Mr Priestley's eleven thus requiring 231 to win. They were, however, all disposed of for 95, and suffered defeat by 136 runs. The success of the home players was mainly brought about by the excellent bowling of Mr C. Goodman, who took fourteen wickets for ninety runs.

LORD HAWKE'S TEAM.

Third Match, v. All Trinidad.—This return match was played at Port of Spain on Feb. 5 and 6. The visitors batted first and scored 130 runs (Mr R. Borens 23, Lord Hawke 26, Mr R. W. Wickham not out 20), and All Trinidad were credited with 123 (Mr A. Warner 38, Mr L. Constantine 35, Mr M. Smith 27). Only three of Lord Hawke's team reached double figures in the second innings, which closed for 63. All Trinidad obtained the required number of runs for the loss of five batsmen, and thus won by the same number of wickets. For the home team Mr J. Woods dismissed ten batsmen for sixty-seven, and Mr A. Cumberbatch eight for ninety-one. Mr H. R. Bromley-Davenport took seven wickets for fifty-four runs.

Fourth Match, v. St. George's, Grenada (12-aside).—Played at Grenada on Feb. 10 and 11, and resulted in a win for the visitors by seven wickets. Scores: St. George's 91 (Mr H. A. Martin 23) and 104 (Mr H. A. Martin 30); Lord Hawke's Team 172 (Mr A. D. Whatman 48, Mr H. D. G. Leveson-Gower 42, Lord Hawke not out 24) and 24 for three wickets. Mr Bromley-Davenport took four wickets for twenty-two runs.

PAVILION GOSSIP.

At last the long-looked for match, between the London and British Banks, has been played, and the British Bank have been returned victorious. While in no way detracting from their victory, it is only fair to point out that the London Bank, at the time the fixture was made, had a very much stronger team, but since the commencement of the season several of their original eleven have left. It was a very pleasing feature to see the Manager himself playing, and how much it was appreciated was shown by the applause he received on making the winning hit.

The Hurlingham Club do not appear to be having a very successful cricket season. They never seem to be able to put two consecutive elevens into the field, of even strength. On Sunday last they were defeated by Banfield at Lomas, though in justice it must be stated that among their opponents were three or four Hurlingham men, two of whom were responsible for 105 runs out of the total scored, which was 162.

By the way, Banfield in no way deserved their victory. The fielding of two or three of their team was simply disgraceful, and runs were thrown away constantly. One or two appeared to take no interest in the game and fielded most carelessly, which must have been extremely exasperating both to the captain and bowler, especially as up to the fall of the sixth wicket, it was anybody's game.

All were pleased to see the capital batting performance of that promising young cricketer, W. D. Gardom, whose innings of 46 not out was a meritorious display of patient and stylish cricket. Going in first he played right through the innings, while no one was able to stay with him for any length of time. We shall expect to see him in his club's first eleven next season. For Banfield, R. E. H. Anderson played one of his characteristic innings, knocking up 67 in a very short space of time.

The annual match between the Old Bedfordians and the B.A.C.C. will take place to-morrow, but after the great rainfall, the wicket is sure to be a very slow one, so that the match, to a certain extent, will be robbed of a good deal of interest. This is a great pity, as these Old Boys' matches are always much enjoyed, and generally provide some of the pleasantest games of the season.

All Old Bedfordians here will be glad to see that A. O. Jones was chosen to play for the South v. North, in the Rugby football match at the end of last month. He is probably the most brilliant cricketer any of the Bedford schools have turned out as his performances for Cambridge University and Nottinghamshire have proved. This season he has been playing full back for the Leicester Rugby Football Club, and his old school-fellows will be glad to see that his excellent all-round play for them has at last been recognised by the authorities.

At the commencement of the present cricket season high scoring was generally the order of the day, and some large individual scores had to be recorded. Latterly, however, the bowlers seem to have been holding the upper hand and the scoring has not been at all high, with the natural result that most of the batting averages for some time past have had a downward tendency. I heard one cricketer, who had started the season well, bewailing the fact that he could not score at all now, which reminded me of the following little rhyme:

If you bowl some wickets, make some runs,
You're thought a little king;
If you make a duck, and miss a catch,
It's quite a different thing!

In one of our Junior matches here the other day a batsman played the ball, and struck it again, apparently in defence of his wicket, but at once proceeded to run. An appeal was made for "hit the ball twice," but the umpire said "not out." The decision was, of course, incorrect the rule reading thus:

If the ball be struck or stopped by any part of his (the striker's) person, and he wilfully strikes it again, except it be done for the purpose of guarding his wicket, which he may do with his bat or any part of his person, except his hands, the striker is out "hit the ball twice."

It was only as far back as last season that a similar case to this arose wherein W. G. Grace, in a county match successfully appealed for "hit the ball twice," the batsman having attempted a run, thereby showing that the second stroke was not executed in defence of his wicket.

I hear on very good authority, that the Oxonians will enter a strong protest before the inter-Varsity sports, on account of the Cambridge men having engaged professional assistance in training, etc. Several well known Old Blues look upon the innovation with dismay, and as the Oxford men flatly refuse to use the services of a professional, in any branch of sport, it is certainly not fair upon the Oxonians that the Cantabs should take advantage of a professional trainer, besides which it is totally, at variance with the true spirit of inter-Varsity Competition.

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The Inter-University contest upon the Thames promises to be an interesting one, for the Cambridge crew certainly appears to be quite up to the average, if not capable of going just one more, and as Oxford is usually just a bit too good, unless the Dark Blues are extra class this year, then the men from the Cam should have a good chance of first breasting the mark off the Ship at Mortlake. Colonel Willan, who has umpired the matches during many years, has described the last contest that took place between the rival rowers of the Universities as the most punishing and hard fought that he had ever seen.

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Yet another contest is to be added to the already long list of inter-Varsity events. The new one is boxing, and the idea has been received with mixed feelings both at Oxford and Cambridge. Of course, there are the usual arguments being put forward for and against this new movement, but as the contests will be decided by "points," and not on the "knock-out" principle, I quite fail to see how any possible harm can come of it. At the same time I should like to know if there is to be a "blue" or "half blue" given to the selected representatives.

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Many curious accidents have taken place in the football field, but one of an extraordinary nature, which unfortunately terminated fatally, is reported from Scotland. A young fellow playing in an Association match on March 6, "headed" the ball back from his opponents' kick-off. He continued playing and finished the game. When he returned home he suffered great pain and his neck became swollen. He gradually got worse and finally died from exhaustion.

The Rugby Union International Difficulty.

The latest enactments on the part of the Welsh Rugby Union on the one side and of the International Board on the other, have tended to widen the breach rather than close it up. At Edinburgh, on Feb. 20, the International Board met and carried, *nem con.*, the following resolutions:

"1. That the question of the Gould Testimonial is a dispute between Unions, over which the International Board has jurisdiction under by-law 5 of the board, and that Wales has already acknowledged such jurisdiction.

"2. That a sub-committee of one representative each from England, Scotland, and Ireland be appointed to draw up a detailed statement in answer to the resolutions of the Welsh Union giving the history of the case, and publish the same forthwith.

"3. That Messrs G. Rowland Hill (England), A. J. Smith (Scotland), and E. McAllister (Ireland) be the members of the same committee."

On Feb. 22, the Welsh Rugby Union met and resolved "That, in consequence of the resolution passed at the International Board meetings on Jan. 25 and Feb. 20, this union regrets to find itself obliged to withdraw from the International Board."

On the evening of Feb. 25 a full statement of the Gould case was issued by the sub-committee of three, and from this it is clear that the grounds upon which the Welsh Union take their stand are absence of jurisdiction on the part of the International Board. On Jan. 26 the Welsh Union passed the following resolutions:

"1. That in the opinion of this committee the International Board was not formed for the purpose of dealing with the rules as to professionalism, but merely to settle the laws of the game and disputes arising between different unions.

"2. That assuming the International Board had any right to deal with the question of professionalism they have not made any rules relating to it, neither have they adopted the rules now made by either the English or this union. Therefore, that the question of professionalism can only be dealt with under the rules of the union of which each player is a member, and therefore, that even if the International Board have any power to deal with the matter of the Gould testimonial, the case can only be judged by the rules as to professionalism made by this union.

"3. That this committee is of opinion that neither the subscribers to the Gould testimonial nor Gould have broken the rules as to professionalism made by this union.

"4. Without admitting the right of the International Board to interfere with the Gould testimonial, this Committee have, with a view to meeting the views of the International Board, withdrawn their subscription promised to the testimonial fund, and have also withheld their sanction to the presentation being made in any other form than that indicated by the International Board, and this committee, therefore, do not feel that they can do anything further.

"5. That even if this committee were to accept the resolutions passed at the last International Board meeting they would have no power of putting them in force, as they have no control over the funds collected for the Gould testimonial, which are in the hands of a committee independent of this union.

"6. That this committee are willing for rules as to

professionalism to be made by the International Board provided the four different unions agree to same; but, such rules should not have a retrospective effect."

Upon these the board makes the following remarks:—

"1. By-law 5 of the International Board states: 'In case of disputes about international matches, or otherwise, between two countries, a committee of the board, consisting of two representatives appointed by each union, should have absolute and exclusive jurisdiction.' As is shown in the correspondence in April last, if England had not asked the board as a whole to consider the question, they would have been compelled to have made it a dispute between Wales and them, and would have asked the board to adjudicate. At the present moment the fact that Scotland and Wales have put off their match creates a dispute between two countries, which it is the duty of the board to settle.

"2. On this assumption Scotland and Ireland, who are in the enviable position of not requiring rules for professionalism, are to be bound as between Wales and them by the Welsh rules, thus being bound by two sets of rules, which may be as wide apart as the poles. Further, England and Wales are thus at liberty to play professional teams against these countries, if they are so minded, they have the sole construction of their own rules, and Scotland and Ireland are to have no right of appeal, a position of matters clearly untenable, both in the interests of these countries and of the game.

"3. In the correspondence it will be noticed that the Welsh Union Committee are of opinion that they cannot sanction the Gould testimonial as a monetary gift, so evidently their regulations forbid a testimonial in this form. They did, however, sanction the gift of a house. The members of the board are utterly at a loss to see any difference in the principle between the two, the one being tantamount to the other. Rule 2 (a) as to professionalism as adopted by the Welsh Union reads as follows: 'A professional is any player who shall receive from his club, or any member of it, any money consideration whatever, actual or prospective, for services rendered to football for the club of which he is a member.' From the interpretation which is now placed upon this rule by the Welsh representatives on the board, it follows that it is open for any person, whether member of the player's club or not, to recompense any player in any club, so long as he does not do so for services rendered to his—club. Such a rule is absolutely worthless to grapple with professionalism.

"4 and 5. The Welsh Union have to all intents and purposes admitted the right of the International Board to interfere with the testimonial. Their representatives attended the special meeting of the board held in May east, and not only did not protest, but they actually agreed to what was then done. The meeting held in August was specially called at their request, in order to receive a deputation from their committee, who desired that the Board should tell them in what form they would sanction the proposed gift to Mr Gould. On this occasion also no protest was made against the 'right' of board to adjudicate.

"It is stated by the Welsh Committee that they have withheld their sanction to the representation being made in any other form than that indicated by the International Board.' Let them take the logical proceedings to carry out the withholding of their sanction—got the promoters of the movement and Mr Gould to give a guarantee that the wishes of the board will be met, and the difficulties will be at an end. The promoters informed the Rugby Union on Feb. 5, 1896, that 'we have no wish whatever to run contrary to the regulations of your Union.' Surely, as they wrote in this spirit to the Rugby Union they would be more able to fall in with the wishes of their own union, and certainly the Welsh Union have control over Mr Gould, who would naturally desire to act in accordance with their instructions.

"6. This offer does not contemplate dealing with the present case, and therefore has no practical bearing on it. Further, Scotland and Ireland have clearly intimated that upon no consideration will they agree to professional rules being made by the board, though they are quite agreeable that any question of professionalism should be submitted to the board for its decision.

"The Right Hon. John Hay Athole Macdonald, Lord Justice Clerk, of Scotland, and Francis Arthur Marindin, Major Royal Engineers, the arbitrators who kindly undertook the task of settling the deadlock which occurred between England and the other countries, evidently hoped that the board would have the power of settling all disputes in the future, as the following note is appended to their decision: 'The arbiters trust that the parties to the submission will not consider them to be going beyond their province if they express the earnest hope that the players of the Rugby game, in all the four countries, will, in electing representatives to the International Board, have the desire to make that board a deliberative body, more than a body of mere delegates, and will intrust to it the interest of the game with a hope that, by the aid of patience and mutual forbearance, the result of these labours may be as far as possible unanimous, and with a resolution loyally to accept its determinations.'

"It is a matter of extreme regret that upon the first occasion of a dispute between countries since the institution of the board, the authority of the Court of Appeal should be denied by one of its members. Signed by order of the board,

"G. ROWLAND HILL, hon. sec., Rugby Football Union.

"J. A. SMITH, hon. sec., Scottish Football Union.

"E. McALLISTER, hon. sec., Irish Rugby Football Union.

"Feb. 23, 1897."

CYCLING.

Both the Rosario and the Central Argentine Railway have advised the National Railway Board that in future they will carry bicycles of passengers as luggage.

William McGladdery, the Irish cycling champion, died on March 1, aged only 26. Deceased was a prominent figure at almost every athletic and cycling meeting not only in Ireland but across the Channel, and he was the holder of all the important cycling championships in Ulster.

An electric engineer recently used a stationary bicycle to operate a small dynamo. The current obtained supplied some small incandescent lamps. However, from a stand point of economy, this method is defective. It cannot compete with the large electric plants, acetylene, gas or kerosene; it is doubtful whether it is superior to the old tallow candle, but it is excellent to enlighten the question of the future of the legs and demonstrate that the lower extremities are not only good for walking but for other industrial uses. The arms need not be used unless it is for some specially skilled labour.

A dynamo operated by a wheelman of ordinary power, riding a stationary machine and pedaling at an average gait, can produce a force of twenty volts a seven-ampere current. Repeated tests have shown this to be a fact. The electric energy is 140 watts, which represents a value of 101 foot pounds, units that are easily understood. There is a very small loss of power in the large electric light plants; with small dynamos, formerly worked by the arms and not with the legs, the loss can be estimated at 40 per cent. The energy developed by a wheel man, which can be kept up for a long time, is about 180 foot pounds, or one-third of a steam horse-power. A steam horse-power is nearly that of a blooded horse weighing 830 pounds. It can be said that a horse does three times the work of a man and the horse is six times heavier, but man's specific activity is double that of a horse and double what it was when the mechanical energy of man was estimated by the power of his arms. Although the difference is considerable it is correct. Man's food is superior to that of a horse, which eats hay and oats. The horse can be compared to a heavy low-pressure engine. Man is like a high-pressure engine, but he is far from the condensed energy of other living beings. A bird has a more active respiration and his food is better utilized and needs less weight than man (154 pounds on an average) to produce a steam horse power. A number of pigeons sufficient to weigh from 65 to 75 pounds can produce power equal to two men weighing 440 pounds or a horse weighing 830 pounds.

As may be seen from these examples, the use of the bicycle opens a great future to the industrial use of the legs and explains the performances of the well-trained racers. The rowing of boats is replaced by the legs operating a propeller at the stern. As to aerial cycling, there is nothing in it. In fact, an aerial cycle, including the rider and propeller, will weigh 220 pounds. As has been seen, the rider can produce 180 foot pounds. But according to the experiments of Mr. Langley at Washington, these 180 foot pounds will only raise from 11 to 13 pounds from the ground. An aerial wheelman would then have but 5 or 6 per cent of the necessary power to raise himself into the clouds, where he would find no rough roads or hills to mount and he would not be obliged to make short turns, but whence sudden descent is sometimes made.

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EN PASSANT.

An earthquake shock was felt in Mendoza on Monday.

Diphtheria is very bad in Caucete and Santa Lucia, Province of San Juan.

There is talk of demolishing the building at present occupied by the Colegio Militar in Palermo.

The Bella Vista Rowing Club are getting up a programme for a regatta to be held on April 18.

Nearly £1,000,000 sterling has been collected in the United Kingdom towards the famine fund for India.

The returns of the Civil Registry of this city for the month of March give 2676 births, 373 marriages and 1166 deaths.

Military and naval officers on the sick list must in future remain in the Military Hospital while under treatment.

Lieut.-General Máximo Tajés, ex-President of the Banda Oriental, has been appointed Envoy Extraordinary to this Republic.

Rius Rivera, the successor of Antonio Maceo in the command of Cuban forces, has been taken prisoner by the Spanish troops.

Twice in one week have the Rontgen rays been applied at the Leeds Infirmary for the extraction of coins swallowed by children.

Telegrams tell us that it is assured the arbitration treaty between Great Britain and the United States will be passed by the Senate.

An extraordinary general meeting of the shareholders of the Hidrográfico Nacional will be held on April 7, at 182 Florida, to elect new directors.

The proposed new law for public cabs states that the body of the coach must be painted a dark colour and the wheels, springs, etc. a bright yellow.

On account of the serious charges against Lieutenant B. Meroño, who was in command of the Santa Fé when she was wrecked, he is to be tried by court-martial.

The net total of the British Navy Estimates for 1897-98 is £21,838,000. It is proposed to increase the personnel of the Navy by 6300, bringing the total to 100,050.

The Chilean press is unanimous in condemning the sea-going capabilities, and the engines in particular, of the ironclads Presidente Errazuriz and Presidente Pinto, built in France.

Politicians are busy in Santa Fé. Dr. Galvez, one of the candidates for the governorship, says that if he is elected he will renew to foreigners the right to vote in Municipal affairs.

On February 28, the last day for the enrolling of National Guards throughout the republic, Entre Ríos had enrolled 30,970 guards, against 29,235 in 1896, and Rioja 8,115 against 8,941 in 1896.

The Finance Minister and the Minister of War both claim jurisdiction over the dry docks in the port. In the meantime no regulations or tariffs can be drawn up till the question as to which department they belong to is settled.

The City of Buenos Aires had a total of 35,498 citizens enrolled in the National Guards on February 28, while four years ago they amounted to 39,570. It is calculated that at least there are 10,000 men who have not presented themselves.

The British power in South Africa is growing steadily. The Transvaal itself is filling up with British adventurers, who will, to a man, join any movement to upset the existing authority and make the country a vassal of Great Britain.

A debate in the Senate at Paris has disclosed the fact that the Island of Madagascar has already cost France £8,000,000, and will probably cost her at least a million a year hereafter without any hope of the slightest return for a long time to come.

Part of the profits resulting from the lottery authorised by the National Government and played in this city provides subventions to no less than 108 institutions, among which are churches, schools, hospitals, asylums, convents and charitable societies.

A public subscription to complete the monument to the memory of General San Martín, and also to repair the church in his natal town of Yapeyú, Corrientes, has been put in circulation. The Consejo Nacional de Educación has been asked to allow lists to be sent to the state schools.

The Spanish residents in this republic and the Banda Oriental will order from France the cruiser that they intend to present to Spain. If possible the armament of the vessel will be of Spanish manufacture. The cost, including armament, is calculated at \$700,000 gold, nearly all of which has been collected.

The La Plata police are looking after a man who is accused of supplying Cooper's Powders, for scab curing, to his family instead of yerba. After the third or fourth mate had been taken the wife and her three children were seized with symptoms of poisoning but owing to prompt medical assistance being given they were soon all out of danger.

The elections for Deputies and Senators to represent the fifth and sixth sections of this province in the La Plata legislature took place last Sunday. There was no bloodshed, only the usual complaints about frauds by the three political factions against each other. The Unión Cívica got a total of 12,371 votes in both sections, the Nationalists 12,665, and the Radicals 8,818.

Two youths were killed by lightning in Alta Córdoba on Monday last.

Dr. Luis Saenz Peña, ex-President of the Republic, was 75 years of age yesterday.

During the month of March the highest quotation of gold was 315 and the lowest 305.

For the first quarter of this year the Bahia Blanca Custom-house dues amounted to \$297,791.82.

During the last 20 years the railways of the world have absorbed 50,000,000 tons of steel, or almost half the total product.

The demolishing of the houses on the square that is to be the site of the new Congress buildings will commence on Monday.

The rails of the line to Neuquen have reached kilometre 60, and it is probable that in another three weeks there will be 100 kilometres laid.

The total import and export dues collected by the Custom-house in this city during the first three months of this year was \$16,353,643.83 paper and \$2,746,425.28 gold.

The Rosario Railway will issue tickets at reduced fares between Buenos Aires, Rosario, Santa Fé, Santiago del Estero and Tucuman from the 6th inst., available till the 21st.

The income of the Municipality from local taxation is put down at \$14,000,000 for 1897, but it is likely to reach a higher figure, as during the first quarter of the year \$3,708,630 has been collected.

Government has reappointed Engineer Maschwitz to be president of the National Railway Board, and Dr. R. Ruiz de los Llanos, Sr. Lisandro Olmos, and Engineer Stegman to form the board of directors.

The plans have been presented to the Provincial Government for the construction of a railway from La Plata to Mercedes (Buenos Aires). The proposed line will connect the branches of the port of La Plata with the Pacific Railway in Mercedes.

Indiarubber gathering is an industry that has developed with almost incredible rapidity in the Gold Coast of recent years. From the whole colony, in 1882, no exports of the gum are recorded; in 1893 the value of the shipments is set down at £200,000.

The lottery authorised by government must be flourishing, as the commission have bought the property Mejico 560, consisting of 1781 square metres, to erect buildings for the different offices, drawings, etc. The value of the site is \$137,000, or \$76.92 per metre.

For the Easter holidays the Central Argentine Railway will issue tickets at reduced fares between Buenos Aires, Rosario, Córdoba and Alta Gracia, and in combination with the Central Córdoba Railway between Buenos Aires, Rosario, Santiago del Estero and Tucuman.

A committee, consisting of Sir William Hart Dyke (chairman), Mr E. W. Bockett, Sir Donald Currie, Viscount Curzon, Mr J. E. Elliott Lees, Mr A. O'Connor, Sir George Russell, and Hon. P. Stanhope, has been formed for the purpose of collecting subscriptions for a bust of the late Lord Randolph Churchill, to be placed in the precincts of the House of Commons.

In the proposed new municipal law relating to street traffic the cabbies are especially looked after. They are prohibited to wear handkerchiefs round their necks, woollen or other comforters, mantles, ponchos, etc. Beyond the forced use of a livery (samples can be seen in the municipal buildings) they must pass an examination as to a coachman's duties and to their knowledge of the city.

The steamers Eastern Prince and Orcona have brought out material and machinery for the Compañía de Luz y Fuerza Motriz in Córdoba. Work will commence at once on the transmission lines from the hydraulic station to the city. The tunnel for the water of the river has now a length of forty metres. The steamer Merida has brought forty tons of material for the public lighting of Córdoba.

The revenue of Western Australia for February is the largest ever recorded in any month. It amounted to £326,241, against £173,198 in February last year. Customs yielded £94,644; land £24,571; mining, £40,160; postages, £8,902; telegraphs, £9,961; railways, £130,892; and stamps, 6,644. The estimated revenue for the financial year, which has still four months to run, was £2,425,000 and of this amount £1,878,276 have already been received.

In the coming financial year the British Admiralty purpose commencing four battleships, three third-class cruisers, two sloops, four twin screw gunboats, two torpedo boat destroyers, and a new yacht for the Queen. Including these new orders, the total number of vessels under construction during the year will be 108, with an aggregate displacement of about 380,000 tons. Sixty-six of these, including 50 torpedo boat destroyers, are expected to be complete for service during the next financial year.

The world's record for staying under water has, we learn from Australia, been beaten by Charles Cavill, the champion swimmer, who, at the Aquarium, Melbourne, on January 26 last, in the big seal tank, remained beneath the surface for the unprecedented period of 5mins 5secs. Previous records were:—4mins. 46½secs. by Professor Enoch, Wonderland Theatre, Lowell, Mass., U.S.A., March 28, 1896; 4mins. 35½secs., by Professor Beaumont, Alhambra, Melbourne, December 16, 1893; and 4mins. 29¼secs., by James Finney, Cambridge Music Hall, London, April 7, 1886.

One of the industries in which the Germans have made very remarkable, if quiet, progress during recent years is that concerned with the manufacture of needles. The English have been so accustomed to lead in this direction, and to suppose that they alone are fitted to lead, that it must come as an unpleasant surprise to them to learn that last year the Germans exported 2,500,000 lb. of these small but indispensable articles, as compared with 1,830,000 lb. in 1895.

The proposed Pacific telegraph cable from America to Japan, which will probably be sanctioned by Congress during the session, will, of course, be the longest in the world. The distance is about 6500 miles; but, as the depth is great, a considerable amount of slack will be required, and the length of the cable will not be less, and probably rather more, than 7500 nautical miles. A station will be established at Honolulu, 2097 miles distant from the American coast.

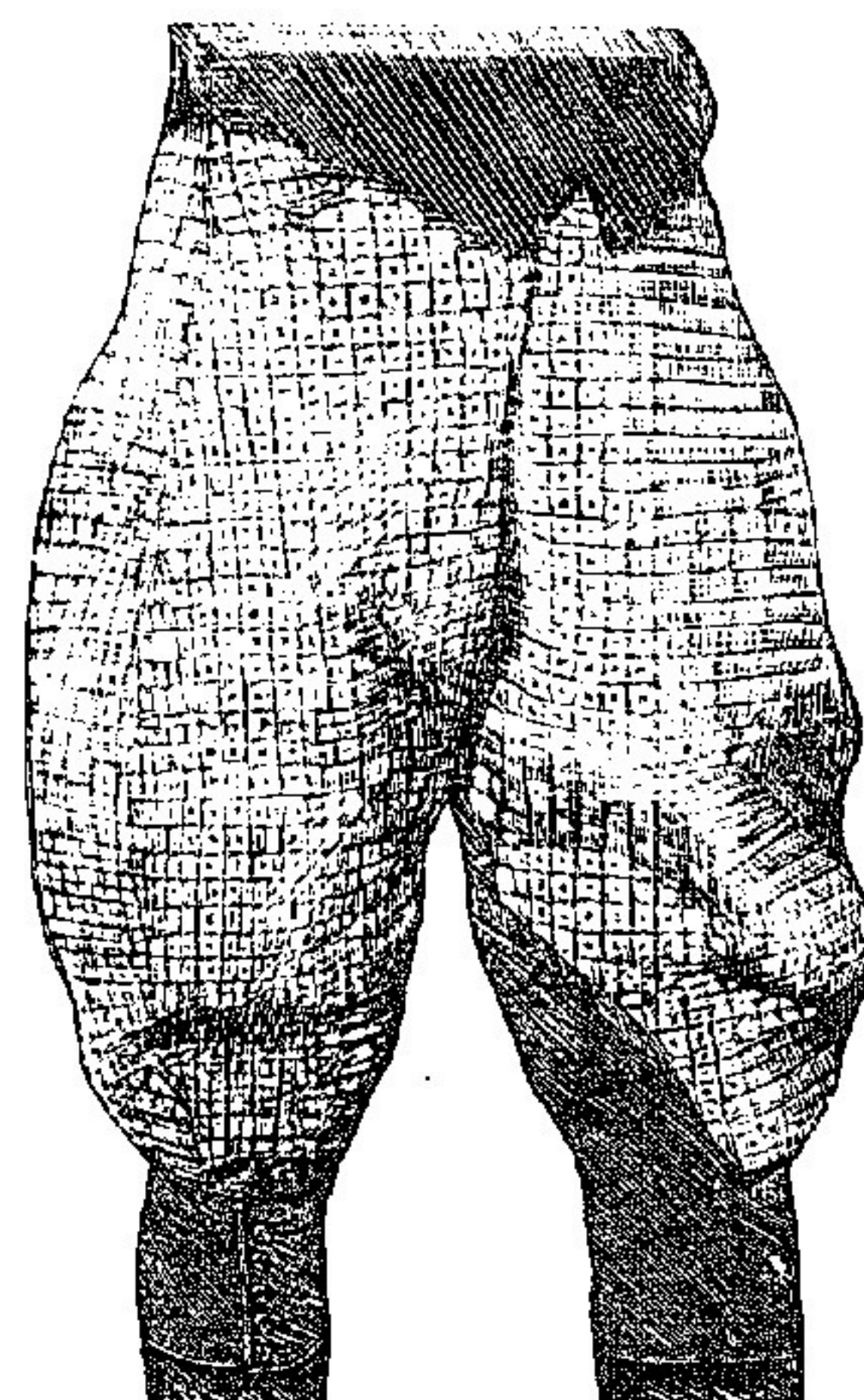
General Tajés, in an interview with a reporter, says the revolution in the Banda Oriental is drawing to a close. Lamas is hurrying by forced marches to the Brazilian frontier, and Saraiva's forces have been cut up by General Muñiz. The only part where revolutionists are to be found is in Cerro Largo, and they are badly armed and drilled. He puts the government forces at 11,000 disciplined troops, without calling out the National Guards of the Department of Montevideo.

Sr. Barriga, representing a London syndicate, is applying for a concession to construct a transandine railway that will start from Villa Mercedes (San Luis) to Tinguiririca on the Argentine frontier, a distance of 400 kilometres, passing through the Department of San Rafael. The cordillera tunnel will be only five kilometres, ten less than the one of the railway by Uspallata. From the tunnel the line will go to San Fernando, in Chile, which is joined to Santiago by rail. By the proposed route from Tinguiririca Buenos Aires will be 300 kilometres nearer Santiago than by Uspallata.

The most expensive book ever published in the world is said to be the official history of the War of Rebellion, which is now being issued by the Government of the United States at a cost up to date of about £477,000. Of this amount £236,858 has been paid for printing and binding. The total cost is expected to reach nearly £500,000. It will consist of 112 volumes, including an index, and an atlas which contains 178 plates and maps illustrating the important battles of the war, campaigns routes of march, plans of forts, and photographs of interesting scenes, places, and persons. Only 51,000 copies of the book have yet been sold.

The Constitution prohibits the salary of the President of the Republic being increased while he is in office, but this can be got over by Congress voting an increase just before one presidential term is up and before a new one commences. Near the end of General Roca's presidency, and before Dr. Juárez Celman took over the reins of government, Congress voted an increased salary to the President of the Republic, and it is probable that this will be repeated near the completion of the present presidential term. It is said that Congress will vote that the President receives \$200,000 yearly, the Vice-President \$100,000, and each of the Cabinet Ministers \$40,000.

When Dr. Jameson started from Pitsani on the now historical raid it was thought essential to cut the telegraph wires. One wire was cut, that going south to Cape Town; but the wire which ran to Pretoria, which could give the first alarm to Kruger and the Boers at headquarters, was never touched. The trooper who was sent to cut the Pretoria wire was, in plain words, drunk. He started on his errand carrying with him the most elaborate and detailed instructions. He was to cut the wire in two places, so many yards apart, take it so far into the veld, and bury it so deep. He did cut certain wire, and he did make an effort, at least, to bury it in the veld. But the wire which he cut was that of the peaceful railing by which a farmer kept his cows in. Then with a good conscience he reeled back.



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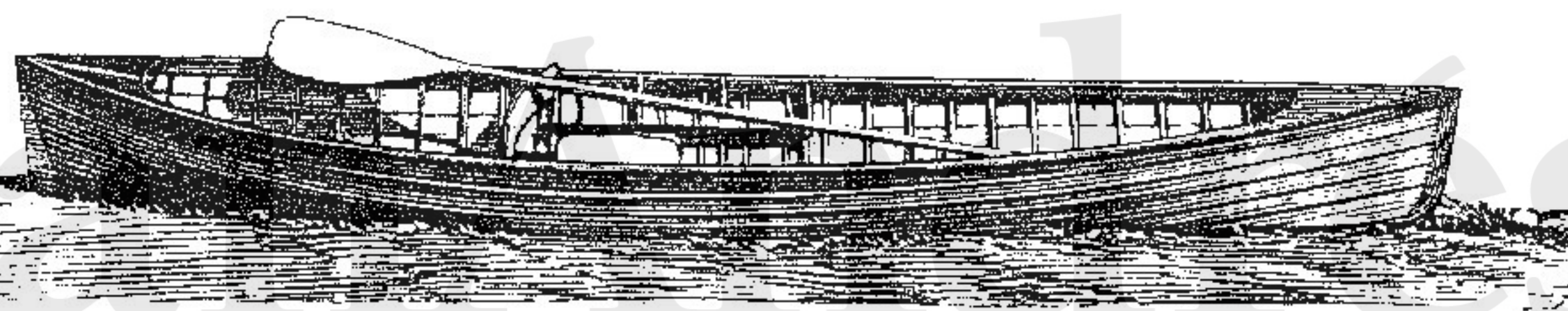
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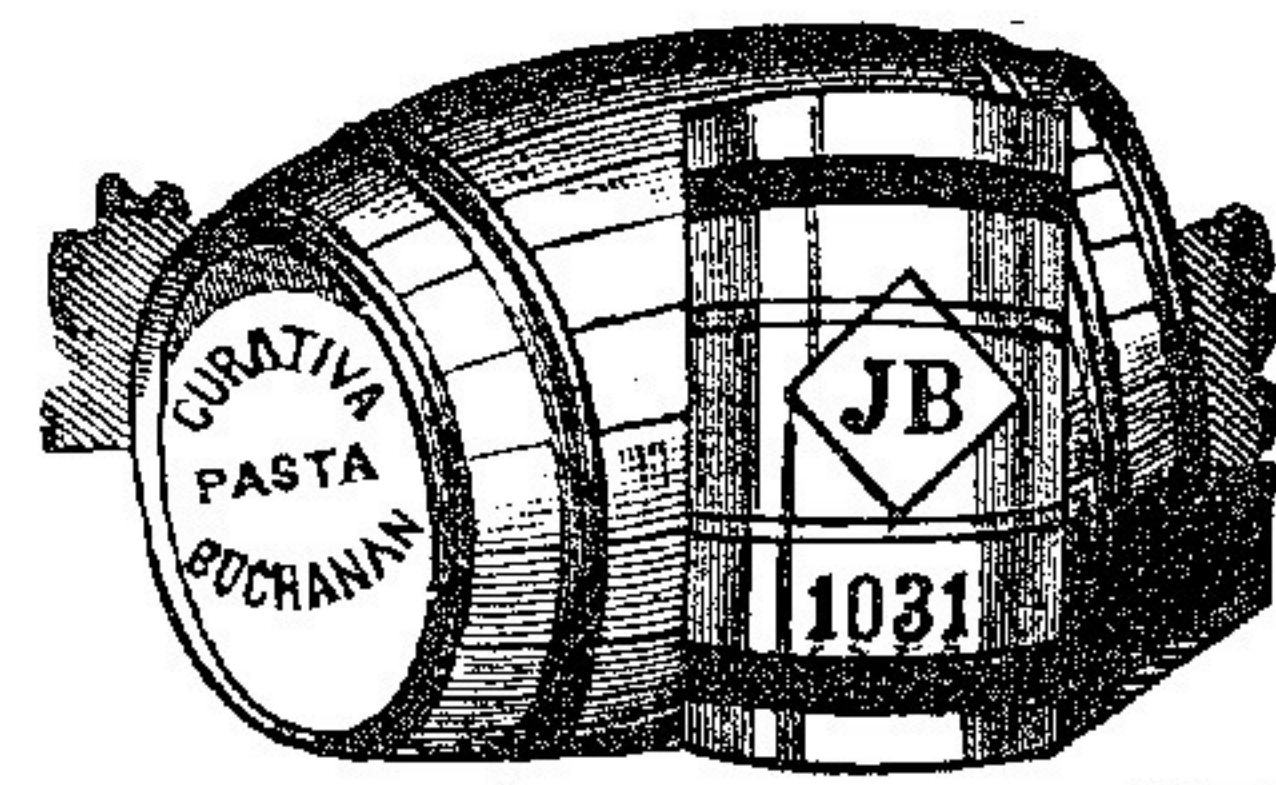


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The late rains have been general in all the partidos of the province.

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A rural fair will be held at Gualeguaychú from the 23rd to 30th of May.

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Four leagues of camp in the national territory were sold last week at \$1100 per league.

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The price for Argentine frozen mutton in the London market has risen to 8d the eight pounds.

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Messrs Erasquin and Cano will inaugurate on the 25th inst. their new auction mart and fair for live stock at Merlo.

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The Sansinena Freezing Meat Co. will hold a general meeting on April 8, to elect new directors and other business.

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Mr Manuel Quintana bought in judicial auction on Friday 1902 hectares of camp in Magdalena for the sum of \$157,000.

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There is a good demand for crossed bullocks for export, animals weighing 600 kilos and upwards bringing \$100 per head.

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Bullocks and wethers are commanding good prices in the Deptford market, the first ranging between 40d and 44d and the second 50d the stone.

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The Argentine Minister in Washington, Sr. Mérou Garcia, has received instructions from the Government to endeavour to get ameliorated the new Customs laws in the United States that affect the importation of our produce to that country.

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Early in July the Government will sell by auction fractions of land in the Pampa Central, section XIX., marked by the letters A, B, C, D. The total is 521,450 hectares or 208.58 kilometric leagues, and the base of sale is \$1500 per kilometric league.

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The most important price for cows that has been for a long time was paid by Mr J. A. Arieu, who has just bought privately from the auctioneer Mr M. Castillar, in Azul, a point of 300 cows proceeding from Mr Vivot's estancia Loma Blanca, at \$40 per head.

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A number of important estancieros in Necochea are forming a rural society there in shares of \$100, the idea being to hold periodical sales of stock under a properly formed society.

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The Finance Minister has already signed the bills in favour of the Santa Fé, Entre Ríos and Córdoba Governments for the amount short for the purchasing of seed to be distributed amongst the colonists who lost all their harvests owing to the ravages of the locusts.

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During the five years from 1888-92 the average yield of wheat in Entre Ríos was 1042 kilos per hectare; from 1893 there has been a gradual decrease, the average yield being 660 kilos per hectare, while in 1896-97 the yield was only 158 kilos. Maize during 1888-92 yielded 1450 kilos, and from 1893-96 the average was 546 kilos per hectare. Linseed has fallen from 978 kilos per hectare in 1888-92 to 691 kilos in 1893-96. Surely there must be other causes than locusts, frosts and droughts, to account for this great difference between 1888-92 and 1893-96.

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A very important matter with regard to viculture, which is worth recording, is that it, has been asserted that in the United States—California, I believe—there is a vine which was accidentally discovered, when steeped in water, imparted to it the power of poisoning fish and other animal life. It was naturally inferred from this experiment that vines grafted on this stock would have the power of resisting such deadly diseases among vineyards as the Phylloxera and Oidium. This has proved to be the case, and the value of this discovery cannot be too highly estimated.

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Messrs B. Alchourron and Co., the well-known camp auctioneers, liquidated all the stock of the estancia La Merced in Roque Perez last week, with the following result: 850 cross-bred cows, by the point, at \$18.95; 50 crossed bullocks, at \$47.50; 200 milch cows, by the point, at \$33; 340 picked cross bullocks, at \$32; 240 half-bred Durham cows, at \$39.60; 50 half-bred Durham heifers, at \$46; a point of black-faced sheep, at \$6; a point of half-bred Lincoln ewes, at \$4.35 and \$5; 70 black-faced ewes at \$46, and rams from \$50 to \$120, Durham and Polled Angus bulls, \$61 to \$350; oxen, \$75; horses and mares \$21, and a point of mares at \$13.50. Total for the sale, \$91,583.

The rain that we are now getting while of immense benefit to the camps in general, will unfortunately hinder the gathering of the maize crop. In some partidos the crop being harvested is considerably heavier than was expected. One chacarero in the partido of Acebal, who last year had 1000 bags, tells me that this year he will have barely 800, but what maize there is, is generally speaking, fairly well grown and of good colour. At present the chacareros do not know what price to ask, the expenses of gathering this year will be much less than last, when it cost 40 cents per bag with food, whereas this year they are only 14 cents per bag with food.

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Rain has been very badly wanted in the inside camps. Estancieros in all parts having to draw water, as all the lagunas were dry, and in some places having to move their stock to fresh camp. What makes it worse for them is that where the crops have been gathered in, the chacras are so full of "yuyo colorado" that there is really little or nothing for animals to eat. This is one of the great disadvantages of letting land for chacras. Even if the rent is paid the land is left dirty, and exhausted in nearly every case.

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Speaking of rent for chacras, in spite of the succession of bad years there have been, these show no signs of coming down. I have lately heard of one lot four leagues from the station of Acebal being let at \$14 per square, and for another lot of 400 squares, close to the station of Guerrico, \$25 per square has been offered.

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The Secretary of the Rural Society has just received from the Minister of Foreign Affairs a copy of a decree issued by the Belgian Government regarding the importation there of live stock, the decree orders that all cattle, sheep and swine must be landed at Ostend or Antwerp where they will be immediately taken to the Government slaughter houses and killed within three days of arrival. In view of the difficulties existing in England against the landing of Argentine live stock several exporters have arranged to ship their stock to Belgium and there slaughtered and from there shipped to England. The voyage is only of a few hours duration and the meat arrives in a perfectly fresh condition. The hides, horns, etc. will be sold in Belgium where they find an excellent market. The Belgian Government has decided to permit the importation of animals under these conditions, and the export of the meat without charging either import or export duties.

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The following is taken from "The Live Stock Journal": "A rather pathetic instance of the Laming instinct possessed by a heifer was related to us recently by a gentleman who vouched for the absolute accuracy of all the following details, though the events occurred some years ago. It appears that a relation of his own had journeyed from Warwickshire into Herefordshire, a distance of some sixty or seventy miles, upon a cattle-buying expedition, and amongst his other purchases, invested in a Hereford heifer and her first calf. The latter was too young to travel, and so was disposed of to a local butcher, and the dam was brought to her new home with a number of other beasts by road, and eventually put in a field with her companions to graze. The next morning it was discovered that she had broken out of the pasture, and, a search being instituted, it was found that the heifer had found her way back alone to the farm upon which she had been raised, having apparently searched every meadow in the neighbourhood in the course of her hunt for the calf which she had been deprived of."

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NATURAL HISTORY.

In total eclipses animals have been noticed to fall asleep, showing that this condition is not due to habit, but to removal of light, the absence of which so acts upon the nervous system as to invite repose.

The water of the River Tinto, in Spain, hardens and petrifies the sand of its bed, and if a stone falls in the stream, and alights upon another, in a few months they unite and become one stone. Fish cannot live in its waters.

A tablespoonful of powdered alum sprinkled into a hogshead of water will so purify it that after a few hours it will be found to possess nearly all the clearness and freshness of the finest spring water, the impure particles sinking to the bottom. One tea-spoonful will purify four gallons.

New Guinea is the home of the most wonderful feathered creature known to the student of ornithology—the awful rpir n'doob, or "bird of death." A wound from the beak of this creature causes excruciating pains in every part of the body, loss of sight, speech, and hearing, convulsions, lockjaw, and certain death.

Some further details of the nature of the light emitted by glow-worms has appeared in a recent number of "Wiedeman's Annalen." Natural glow-worm light behaves like ordinary light, except that when it is filtered through cardboard or through copper-plates it shows the properties of the "X" rays or Becquerel's fluorescence rays. The rays may be reflected and probably also refracted and polarised. The results were obtained by H. Muraoka by the aid of 300 glow-worms, at Kyoto, in Japan, during the month of June, when thousands of them swarm in that neighbourhood.

The secretary of the Zoological Society recently exhibited two examples of a new viper, lately discovered by Captain A. H. McMahon, during the survey of the Indo-Persian frontier. This snake was met with in the sandy portions of the desert between Nushki and Persia, where it was almost impossible to detect its habit of lying buried in the sand, with only the head, which harmonises with its surroundings, visible. Constant life in the sand had rendered the bodies of the reptiles so soft that it was a difficult matter to secure specimens without injury, even a slight blow with a thin stick being sufficient to cut the skin and so disfigure it.

A petroleum spring has been found in the forest of Doussard at the end of Lake d'Annecy, in Savoy. Two bear hunters returning from the chase, and wearying for a smoke (the odour of tobacco would have alarmed their prey), sat down near the Villa des Fleurs, a village of Marceaux, and lit their pipes. One threw the burning match into a neighbouring pool, and to his surprise saw the water take fire. Further trials showed that other pools near had also petroleum on their surfaces. M. Carrey, a geologist, believed in the existence of petroleum in the neighbourhood, but it has only now been found by accident. Arrangements are being made to survey the spring.

The introduction of the mongoose into Jamaica marks one of the instances of unexpected results following upon an attempt to improve the process of natural selection, and takes rank as a warning with the plague of rabbits and thistles in Australia. The mongoose was introduced from India, in 1872, in order to destroy the rats which infested the sugar canes, and it increased and multiplied to such an extent that not only the rats and mice but most of the living species of the island were threatened with extinction. Poultry suffered first, but the depredations extended to young pigs, kids, lambs, newly dropped calves, puppies, and kittens. Game of all kinds was attacked, both living and in the egg. The marauder ate even fish, and made such a speciality of snakes, ground lizards, frogs, turtles, and land crabs that many kinds of these entirely disappeared. Finally the mongoose developed a ravenous desire for bananas, pineapples, young corn, avocado pears, cocoas, yams, and the sugar canes, which it had been called in to protect, winding up its tastes with an appetite for salt meat. The result was a wholesale disappearance of species. A few birds, like the ground dove, had the sense to shift their breeding places to the tops of the prickly cacti, where they were safe; but other animals, and the reptiles in particular, suffered so severely that many kinds were believed for years to be extinct. As a consequence there arose yet another plague. Insects like the ticks and "jiggers" which used to be kept down by the snakes, increased so overpowering that men and cattle were grievously infested. One could not walk without being covered with them. The victory over the island remained with the tick and the mongoose, until, within the past year or two, a fresh stage set in. The mongoose suddenly began to be less plentiful, and it was found that he had fallen victim to the tick. The results of the diminution are shown in a gradual reappearance of other beasts, birds, and reptiles. Among the snakes there is a very marked increase, and even the ground lizard, supposed to be quite extinct, has become common again. The balance of life has begun to reassert itself, and naturalists will watch with curiosity for a complete reinstatement of the previous fauna. The renewed depredations of rats are hailed as an advent of salvation, and, odd as it may sound, the increase in numbers of the crocodile is taken as a happy omen.

THE PEARL OF PONAPE.

(Continued).

'I know you, Rogers, of the Hawk, and I know your trade. Do you see those guns on the Dreamland? They could sink a cruiser. If in two hours you don't quit the islands, and for good, remember, I will sink you or take you prisoner, to be handed over to the British authorities in Australia. Now, go!'

Jubal was crafty, and he slunk away, heaping curses on the 'British dog.'

In two hours the Hawk stood out to sea, setting her course west half north, and the peaceful islanders breathed freely again, as though released from the contamination of some loathsome pest.

The day after her *rencontre* with the beachcomber, Juliette lay on a sandy knoll, under a cool, shady clump of betelnut trees. Her mind was ill at ease. Eli Jackson had returned from Metallanien that morning with the news that the Hawk was simply cruising round the island, and that Jubal Rogers meant mischief.

In the course of a long conversation with Juliette, he craftily spoke of England and the English, casually saying that Travers was a 'swell,' and would never marry out of his 'caste.'

This troubled Juliette much. She was now reasoning the matter out, going over the *pros* and the *cons* of the case.

She looked cool, and beautiful, and calm; yet it was a matter of life or death to her. When the mingled fires of hot bloods, Spanish, French, and English, meet in the body and course through the heart of a tropically-reared exotic like Juliette, matters pertaining to love are apt to become too passionate to survive disaster in case of disappointment. Just now she was communing with herself as to whether it would not be better to at once drop over the nearest cliff and end all her misery; or seclusion with the devotees of Haline, those sacred women who lived with the spirits of the air, and mourned their worldly loves as dead things. She loved Travers with the one love of such as herself. To her he was a god. When he came the days were brightest sunlight; when he went the fleecy clouds swept swiftly over the sun and made existence for her grey and colourless.

But Eli had told her that Travers was not for such as her. He was a gentleman, and for that reason Eli Jackson, the millionaire of Ponapé, could not meet on an equality the English stranger whose yacht lay in Jokoi's harbour. For the first time in her life the thing called "class" had come in her way. To her free untutored soul such a thing appeared paltry and mean; yet guilelessly she said, if Travers were one of that creed, it was well. She buried her love fires deep in her soul and surrendered her heart to aching regret. As she lay thinking a shadow fell across her form. The sombre, lurid light of pent up anguish in her swiftly upturned eyes startled Travers, the intruder, with the shock of an electric battery; and his bright smile vanished like mist before the gale.

'Juliette! Yet brooding over that cowardly insult,' he said. 'Come, come, forget it. It shall never occur again.'

He stood with his gold-laced cap in his hand, drinking in her beauty with eyes half closed in intense pleasure. She rose with a rippling laugh. The sun of her life was shining now with all its magical power. She stood fluttering and quivering with emotion before him, radiant as a golden butterfly, in her creamy loveliness. He caught his breath sharply when she lightly laid her delicate hand upon his coat sleeve.

'Oh, my hero,' she said, with sparkling eyes, 'I would suffer it all again to be rescued by you.'

Tenderly she lisped the final pronoun and he saw the sparks fire from her eyes.

She laughed again. Now she was gay as the glittering *coleoptera* that fired off its batteries in the massy bushes over her head.

'What have you there, in the pretty box?' she asked, and she pointed coquettishly to a small box he carried.

'Chocolate,' he replied, handing her the box.

'Oh, how I do love you,' she hastily explained; and piteously her gay, lilting tones changed at the instant, as she grasped the meaning of her hasty words.

'Come,' said Travers, quickly, to relieve her of her embarrassment, 'let us go for a walk. I wish to speak to you. I have much to say.'

They walked on towards the beach, chattering, sparring with words, teasing and laughing. At length they reached the shore.

'Why have you brought me here?' asked Juliette, placing her hands behind her and standing on tip toe to look up into his face.

They stood on the yellow beach skirting the harbour. The pebbles higher up the shore glittered like topaz. The sea was one huge, undulating turquoise girdled with a band of snow out where the breakers surged lazily over the bar and round the whole edge of the bay. Behind them, in the distance, the emerald landscape sloped up to the very summit of a crater. Above them the sky was a dazzling blue, the blue of Venice, of Turin, of Siena. Around them wild oranges, mangoes, sassafras and sandalwood shed a marvellous perfume, and the air was heavy with the incense of nutmeg and massoy.

Travers looked down from the pink atoll (coral rock) on which they stood, and saw the graceful form of the girl reflected in the clear blue of the deep waters of the sea.

'Are you afraid to trust yourself with me, so far from home?' he asked in reply to her.

'No,' she replied, 'why should I be? I love the water, I love your beautiful yacht, and above all, oh! how I do love the chocolate you bring!'

'And me, Juliette?' he asked, seriously.

'Ah! you,' she murmured, her tender eyes growing dark as night. 'You will go away in your beautiful yacht, and I shall be left alone. The Pearl of Ponapé is not a fit mate for you. I am only the child of a French captain. He came with Bully Hayes from Hogoleu, and old Jackson of Quiros, whom I call father, gave them a big reception, and the French captain saw Estelle. She was married to him at Yap, and he left her at Palao when his warship went back to Europe.'

Her voice sank to a tone of deep sadness as she continued: 'I came here with old Jackson when we left Quiros with Estelle.'

Her bosom rose and fell rapidly, and her fingers trembled. She stood before him with dark pathetic eyes.

'And who was Estelle?' he asked, dreamily, gazing far out to sea.

'Ma mère,' she answered, softly. 'After the big vessel went away she went to Palao, where I was born. She was killed, *ma mère*, at Rouan Kiti. Keru, of Strong Island, came there trading, he saw her and wanted her, so did Captain Rugg, who cruised about the Paumotus trading in pearls. But Jackson sent Estelle on board the Dolphin, an American warship. Captain Rugg opened on her, but was chased by the Porpoise, of the same nation, and sunk. But Keru was cunning, and one night, *mon dieu!* twenty fast sailing canoes dashed into Rouan Kiti when the Americans were away, and Keru's men set fire to the settlement. Jackson drove Keru, back, but my poor mother was speared by some of Keru's men as she was escaping in the dark. She is buried under the big sandalwood cross at Rouan Kiti.'

Travers turned and pointed her to a seat, sitting down by her side and taking her hand.

'And who were your mother's parents, Juliette?' he queried, with a strange persistence.

'Her father was a French officer on Dumont D'Urville's exploring ship, when he was surveying the Caroline,' she answered, sighing softly.

And her mother?' he went on pitilessly.

Demandez de Jackson. Il ne me le dira pas correctement. (Ask Jackson. He will not tell me correctly.)

She blushed and would not speak English. He relieved her distress immediately.

'So you have good French in you, Juliette. Better blood than I have in me, I do declare,' he said, soothingly.

Her heart almost stopped beating. Could he really mean that?

'And yet not good enough for you!' She clasped his hand as she spoke. 'I asked Eli all about it. He said the English are a peculiar and a proud race. Is my blood as pure as yours, *mon héros?*'

'Quite as pure, my idol, I doubt not,' he soberly answered.

'And yet not good enough for you?' she questioned, doubtfully.

'Too good, Juliette, to my thinking,' he replied. 'I am not worthy of you, though I can love you with a strong, true love that will never cease. Existence is beautiful when I am with you, Juliette.'

'And you will never leave me?' she asked eagerly, anxiously.

'Never, my beautiful love, while life remains to me,' he answered.

'*Ah! c'est toi que j'aime, bien aimé!* ('Tis thou whom I love, dearest one), she sighed, as she yielded to his embrace.

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The waves murmured and splashed against the red atoll of the *cay*. The perfume of sandalwood filled the air, and it was cool under the *fan* trees where they sat. Juliette, nestling against Travers' shoulders, was cooing herself softly to sleep.

She slept. And wildly his thoughts played havoc with the joy of Travers. He thought of the family name. A *mésalliance* was what they would call his marriage at home. And they would growl of a blot on the brave old escutcheon.

Juliette started and awoke.

'Dearest one! You were thinking you could not wed me. *Ah! mon héros*, only do not leave me. *Je serai contente* (I shall be content). If you go away I shall die!' she sobbed.

He bent over her and embraced her passionately.

'My queen, did I not tell you once that I should never leave you! I never yet broke my word. Have faith in me.'

Juliette was happy. Fanned by the cool Pacific breeze she dozed softly in the arms of her lover. Travers dreamed on of a life of happiness in the islands.

What was that that moved in the sassafras to the right? Then the betelnut palm trembled violently. Something was moving there, thought Travers.

Unwilling to disturb Juliette he did not move.

A moment after a crashing blow on the head laid him senseless.

Juliette awoke with a scream.

Standing over Travers was Jubal Rogers with a fiendish look on his face. His yellow eyes gleamed savagely as he raised a long dagger to plunge into Travers.

With an agonised cry Juliette flung herself upon the beachcomber. She fought like a tigress for the dagger. It seemed impossible that so frail a creature could be possessed of such strength.

Unable to accomplish his purpose, Rogers dropped the dagger and seized Juliette. A short, unavailing struggle and she fell back senseless in his arms. Raising her up, with long strides he plunged down the rocks to where his boat lay hidden.

'Quick,' he growled to his rascally crew. 'Two of you go up and fetch the Britisher down. *Corpo di Dio!* he shall pay dearly for that blow.'

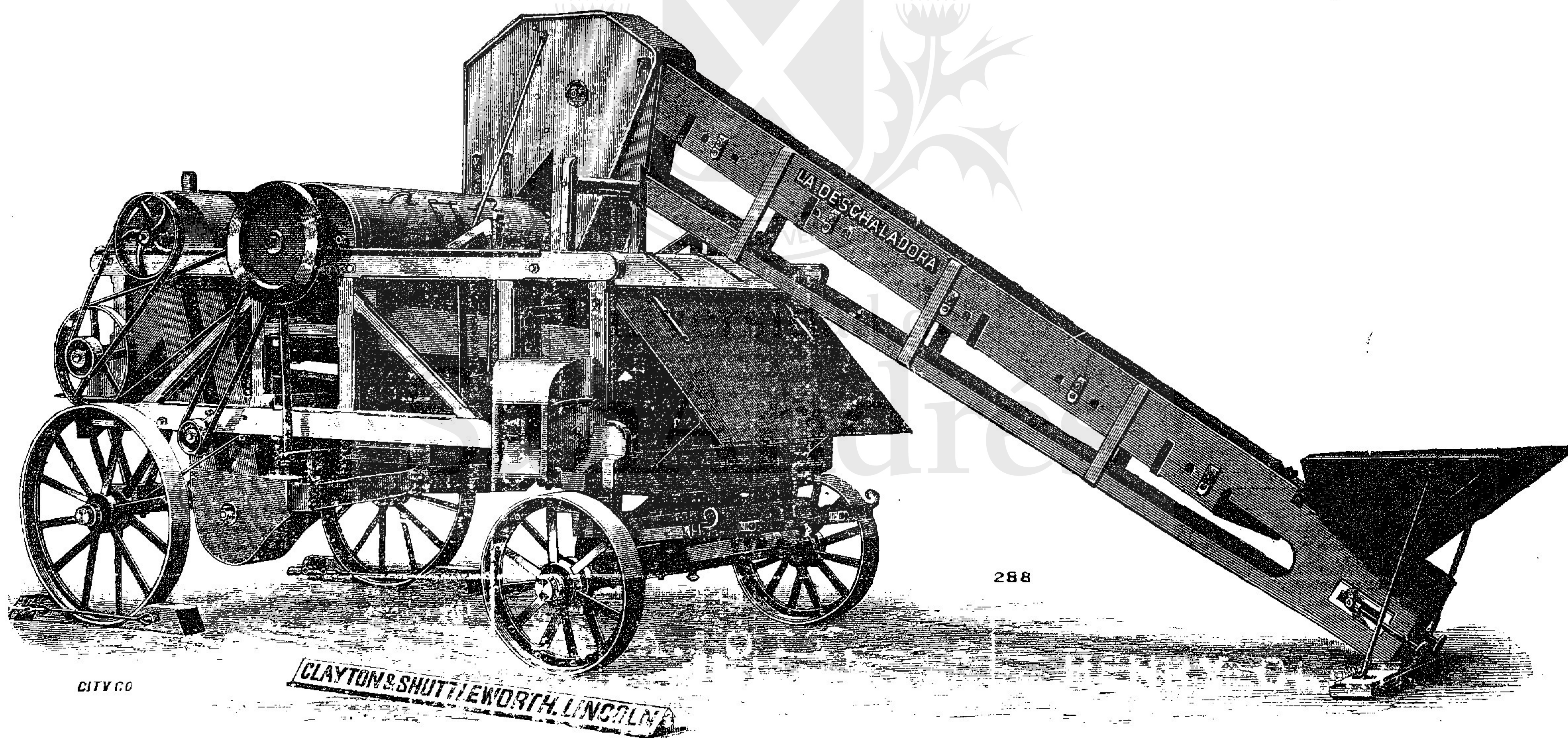
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