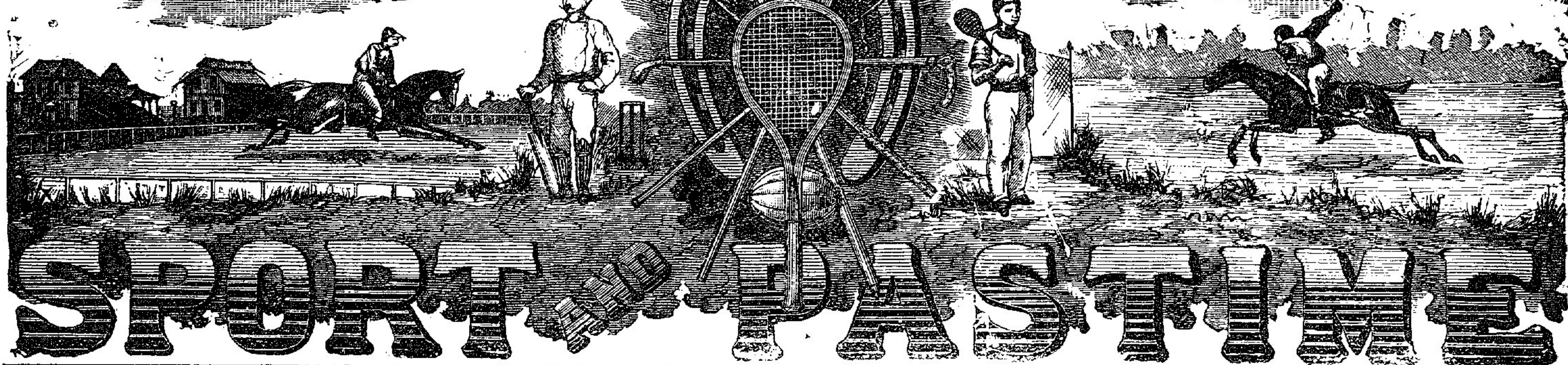


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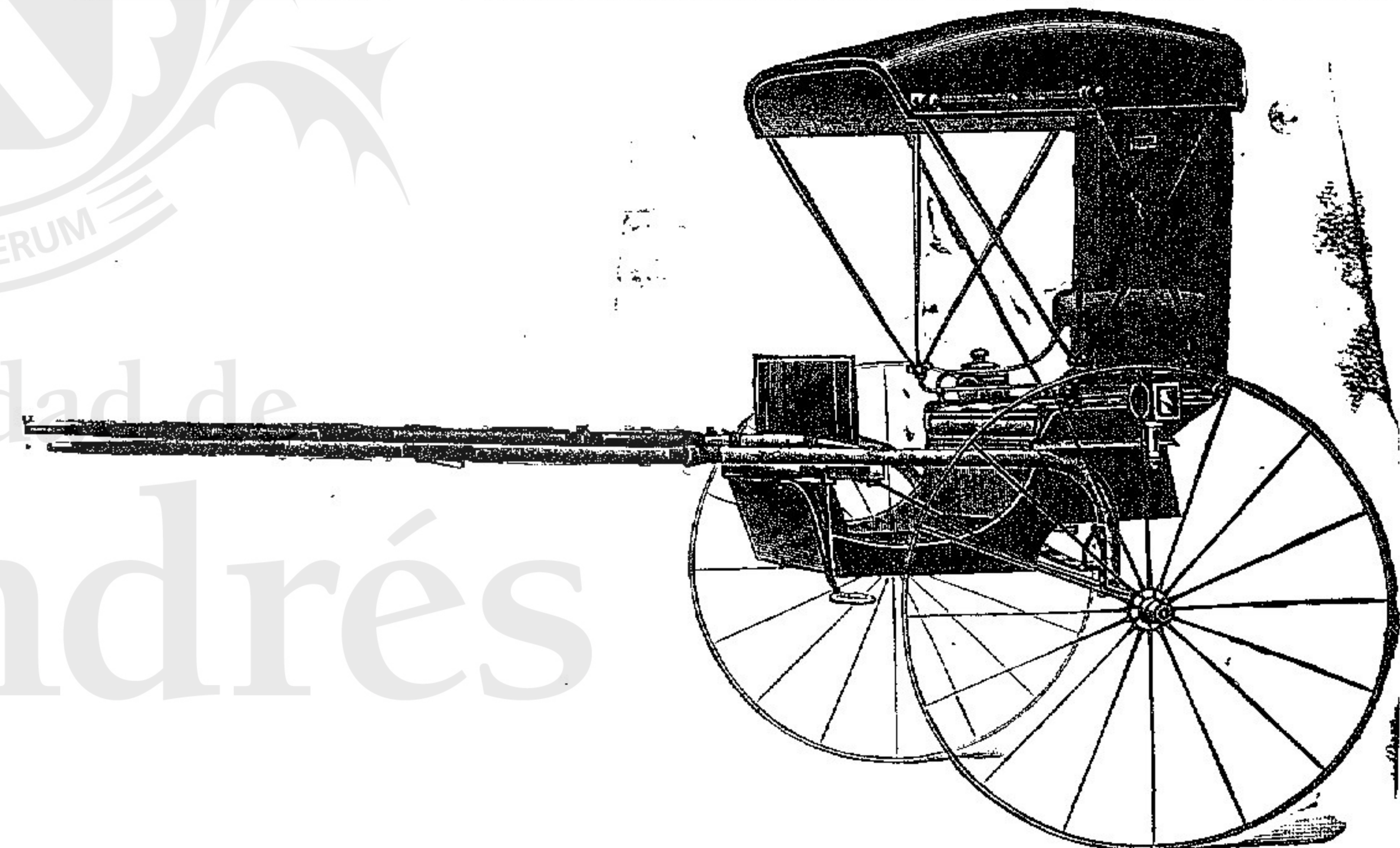
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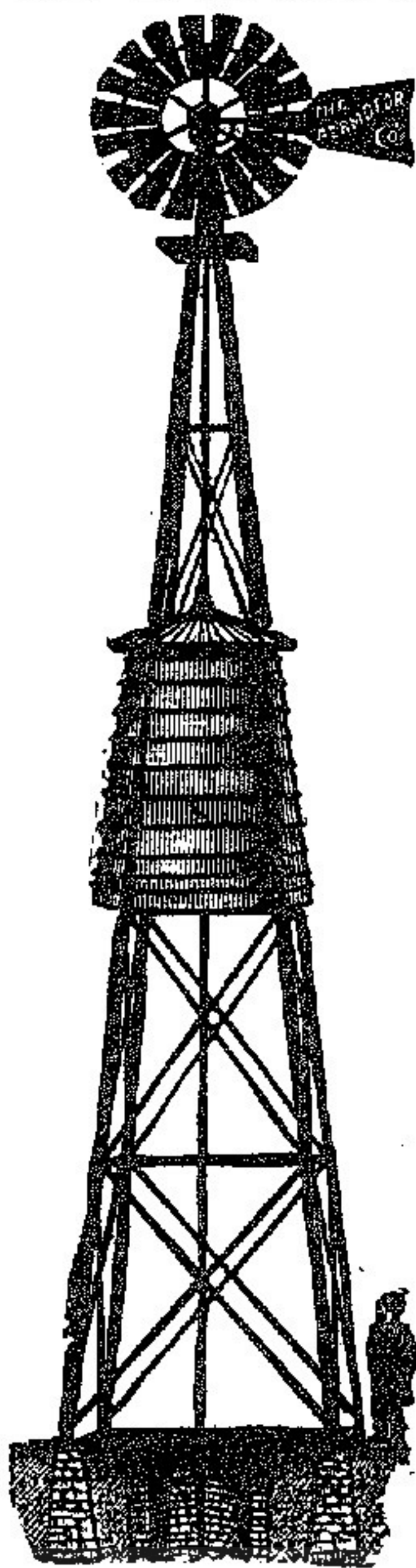
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MAY.

Sun. 2—Flores v. Belgrano A, at Flores.
 Sun. 9—Lomas v. Banfield, at Banfield.
 Sun. 9—Flores v. Belgrano B, at Belgrano.
 Sun. 16—Lomas v. Belgrano B, at Lomas.
 Sun. 16—Flores v. Palermo, at Flores.
 Sun. 16—Lanus v. Belgrano A, at Belgrano.
 Tues. 25—Lomas v. Belgrano A, at Belgrano.
 Tues. 25—Lanus v. Banfield, at Banfield.
 Thurs. 27—Lomas v. Flores, at Lomas.
 Thurs. 27—Belgrano A v. Belgrano B, at Belgrano.
 Sun. 30—Lomas v. Palermo, at Old Polo Ground, Belgrano.
 Sun. 30—Flores v. Lanus, at Flores.

JUNE.

Sun. 6—Flores v. Banfield, at Banfield.
 Sun. 6—Belgrano A v. Palermo, at Belgrano.
 Sun. 13—Belgrano B v. Banfield, at Belgrano.
 Thurs. 17—Lomas v. Lanus, at Lanus.
 Thurs. 17—Belgrano A v. Banfield, at Banfield.
 Thurs. 24—Lomas v. Belgrano A, at Lomas.
 Thurs. 24—Belgrano B v. Palermo, at Old Polo Ground, Belgrano.
 Sun. 27—Lanus v. Belgrano B, at Lanus.
 Sun. 27—Banfield v. Palermo, at Banfield.
 Tues. 29—Lomas v. Palermo, at Lomas.
 Tues. 29—Flores v. Belgrano A, at Belgrano.

JULY.

Sun. 4—Flores v. Banfield, at Flores.
 Sun. 4—Lanus v. Palermo, at Old Polo Ground, Belgrano.
 Fri. 9—Lomas v. Flores, at Flores.
 Fri. 9—Lanus v. Belgrano A, at Lanus.
 Sun. 11—Belgrano B v. Banfield, at Banfield.
 Sun. 18—Lanus v. Belgrano B, at Belgrano.
 Sun. 18—Lomas v. Banfield, at Lomas.
 Sun. 25—Belgrano A v. Palermo, at Old Polo Ground, Belgrano.
 Sun. 25—Flores v. Lanus, at Lanus.

AUGUST.

Sun. 1—Lanus v. Palermo, at Lanus.
 Sun. 8—Flores v. Palermo, at Old Polo Ground, Belgrano.
 Sun. 8—Belgrano A v. Banfield, at Belgrano.
 Sun. 15—Lanus v. Banfield, at Lanus.
 Sun. 15—Belgrano B v. Palermo, at Belgrano.
 Sun. 22—Flores v. Belgrano B, at Flores.
 Sun. 22—Banfield v. Palermo, at Old Polo Ground, Belgrano.
 Sun. 29—Lomas v. Belgrano B, at Belgrano.
 Mon. 30—Lomas v. Lanus, at Lomas.
 Mon. 30—Belgrano A v. Belgrano B, at Belgrano.

MR J. O. ANDERSON'S XI. v. MR G. BROWN'S XI.

A match will be played this afternoon at Lomas between Mr J. O. Anderson's XI. and Mr G. Brown's XI. All players from town are requested to catch the 1.15 train from Plaza Constitucion. The following are the teams:

Mr G. Brown's XI.—
 Goal—A. Coste.
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 Half backs—J. C. Lee, McCulloch, D. Brett.
 Forwards—H. Jordan, G. Brown, Walter Stirling, T. Ibbittson, R. Levy.

Mr J. O. Anderson's XI.—
 Goal—P. L. G. Bridger.
 Backs—W. Leslie, J. Wright.
 Half backs—H. P. Wright, Stocks, A. A. Miller.
 Forwards—G. M. Comber, A. N. Other, J. O. Anderson, W. Stirling, G. E. Leslie.

MR J. NEGRON'S XI. v. MR W. BUCHANAN'S XI.

The football season may be considered to have opened in earnest on Thursday last. The above game was played at Belgrano, on the Athletic Club's ground, between two elevens captained respectively by J. Negron (Belgrano) and W. Buchanan (Palermo). During the first half Negron's team probably had most of the game, and the forwards several times were within an ace of scoring. At half time, however, Buchanan's team was leading by one goal to nothing, the result of a fine rush by the forwards, which ended in Jordan beating the goalkeeper.

On resuming, Negron's team pressed at once, and the forwards got away frequently, but the defence of T. Bridge and G. Brown at back proved very strong and no score resulted. Eventually, after some capital combination, Jordan added a second point, and no further score taking place Buchanan's eleven left the field victorious by two goals to nothing.

ASSOCIATION.

In the league matches decided on March 13, Aston Villa, who have been overworked of late owing to their three matches with Preston North End, were playing at home, and certainly ought to have retired from the Perry Barr enclosure a couple of points to the good, but Liverpool were on their mettle, and a pointless draw was the result.

Sheffield United, at Bramall Lane, received a visit from Preston North End who playing a neat game, won by two goals to nothing.

Everton, who were certainly not up to full strength made a poor show at Goodison Park against the Blackburn Rovers, who won by three goals to nothing.

The return match between the Wolverhampton Wanderers and Sheffield Wednesday on the ground of the former, ended in a win for the Wanderers by two goals to none.

The Bolton Wanderers won their fixture with Burnley by the narrow margin of two goals to one.

Sunderland and Notts Forest met at Sunderland in dull weather. The play was of a give and take nature all through and the game eventually ended in a draw of two goals each.

The return match between Bury and West Bromwich Albion was played off on the former club's enclosure. The Albion lost by three goals to nothing.

The International trial match between teams of amateurs and professionals, took place on March, 15 at the Queen's Club before a moderate attendance, which would probably have been much larger had the weather been more satisfactory. The amateurs had the best of the opening exchanges, but Oakley was once severely pressed by Athersmith. G. O. Smith and Wreford-Brown were much in evidence, the former sending in a couple of hot shots which Foulkes safely negotiated. After some thirty minutes' play, Campbell was tested by Fletcher, but Milward sent in a side shot which the amateur goalkeeper could not quite turn aside. Thus the first goal was secured by the professionals. Ten minutes later Wreford-Brown made the score level with a long shot. With the exception of a good effort by Bloomer, nothing of further interest happened up to the interval. The amateurs went away smartly on resuming, Burnup all but scoring, while some clever play by Gosling and Smith only ended in a fruitless corner. The professionals, towards the end of the game, played up finely putting on two goals through Bloomer and Athersmith. The professionals won by three goals to one, but there was really little to choose between the two teams. The amateur forwards were perhaps not so smart as their opponents in front of goal.

After the match the Selection Committee chose the team to meet Wales at Sheffield:—Foulkes (goal). W. J. Oakley and Spencer (backs), Crabtree, Crawshaw, and Needham (half-backs), Athersmith and Bloomer, right wing, G. O. Smith, centre, and R. C. Gosling and Milward, left wing (forwards).

Marlow and the Old Carthusians met at Leyton on March, 13 in a semi-final tie for the Amateur Cup. Notwithstanding the fact that the Old Boys were strongly represented, they were unable to beat the riverside team, the game ending in a pointless draw.

Queen's Park, the leading amateur club of Scotland, journeyed to the Queen's Club to meet the Corinthians, who were not at their strongest, in a friendly game. McCall set the ball in motion for the visitors, and after some level exchanges Gosling and Gettins initiated a good run, which was stopped by Ritchie. Queen's Park got away, Stewart and Berry running well on the right wing. Oakley was in the way and danger was averted. The Corinthians appeared to be gaining the upper hand, Gettins all but scoring, when Lambie, getting possession, sent in a long shot, which Campbell safely negotiated. Then Alexander and Burnup attacked at their end, while soon afterwards Sandilands put in several long shots. A fast run-enabled Gosling to open the scoring for the Corinthians. Some brief pressure by the Scottish amateurs was followed by a fine run by Gettins, who passed with good judgment to Sandilands, who gave Campbell no chance of saving. The second half was much more evenly contested, Queen's Park playing up capably. McCall decreased the Corinthians' score by one point, and from a scrimmage it was made equal. A two goals' draw was the final result. London Caledonians beat Old Westminster by four goals to one; Stoke beat Casuals by three goals to nothing; and Clapton beat Vampires by five goals to nothing.

Dorset v. Gloucestershire.—This, the last match in the South Western Counties Championship, was played at Dorchester on March 18, and, by securing the verdict, the home team regained the title of which they were deprived last season by Devon. The final score was Dorset two goals, Gloucester one.

Essex v. Cambridgeshire.—Heavy rain fell at Barking on March 17, when the representatives of the above counties met, and there was in consequence, only a moderate attendance. The home players were seldom in difficulties, and won by ten goals to none.

Derby County v. St. Bernard's.—The former club placed only a moderate eleven in the field at Derby, on March 13, against the Edinburgh St. Bernard's, but they nevertheless succeeded in defeating the visitors by six goals to two. Fine weather prevailed, and the match was witnessed by 5000 spectators.

RUGBY

England v. Scotland.—A large attendance at the Manchester Athletic Club enclosure, Fallowfield, witnessed the Rugby International match between England and Scotland. It will be remembered that on the last four occasions on which the two countries met Scotland had proved successful, and it was much hoped, but hardly expected, that on March 13. England would turn the

tables. The four reverses in succession had made the English executive very anxious that the best possible team should meet Scotland, and for that reason an extra trial match was arranged. There was only one alteration in the two fifteens, G. T. Campbell, owing to an injury, giving way to A. W. Bucher of the Edinburgh Academicals.

While there existed a very general opinion that the England fifteen would show themselves stronger than the sides which opposed Wales and Ireland, the victory of Scotland over Ireland suggested that the Scotchmen were quite as powerful as in the previous season, and, as the English forwards had been so regularly beaten by the Scottish scrummagers during the four previous seasons, it cannot be said that the result of this encounter was anticipated with any great degree of confidence in English football circles. That the combination amongst the English backs would prove more skilful, seemed likely, but the ability of the front rank to hold their own against the redoubtable Scotch pack was the point upon which the issue of the match depended.

The game had not been long in progress before it could be seen this question of the forwards might be answered in the affirmative. If not quite so prominent in the loose, the English pack were quite able to hold their own in the scrum, and certainly controlled the ball more skilfully, coming through with it at times, and on other occasions heeling out with a promptitude which enabled Wells and Taylor to make some capital openings for their side. For a time, however, as was natural after the experience of the past four years, the Englishmen worked steadily, rather than brilliantly, but the long and arduous battle with the Scottish forwards ended well in the second half, in a distinct victory for England, and then the home team played a conspicuously open game, the ball being passed out to the backs so repeatedly and the combination being so good that, with less skilful and vigorous tackling on the part of the Scottish backs, England might easily have crossed the line five or six times instead of twice.

While the English forwards by dint of sheer headwork wore down their rivals, it must not be supposed that there was any marked falling off in the football of the Scottish front rank. It was simply that the north countrymen met a band who were rather better than themselves. But the disparity between the two sets was by no means marked until well into the second half of the game. It was at three-quarter that the great difference between the two sides existed. Whereas behind so excellent a pack, Wells and Taylor were both very smart in getting the ball, and Mackie and Bunting showing themselves probably the best pair of centres that England has had since the adoption of the four three-quarter system, made chance after chance for Fookes and Robinson, there was a sad lack of combination between the Scottish backs.

No doubt the visitors which the Scotch forwards have gained of recent years have led the Scottish authorities to be satisfied with half backs who were smart in spoiling the game of their opponents, and three-quarters who could kick well, run strongly, and tackle vigorously, but had not necessarily much skill in working together. At any rate, on this occasion these were the qualifications of the Scottish backs. They kicked much better than their opponents and tackled splendidly time after time. Simpson and Elliot were a good deal blamed, and certainly they did not often open the game for three-quarters, generally, when they got the ball, preferring to make a dash themselves, but it is only fair to state that upon those few occasions they did pass out to the men behind them, little use was made of the opportunity. Neilson commenced well, but fell off afterwards, and both Robertson and T. Scott were ineffective in attack, the most prominent being Bucher, the substitute for Campbell. At back, A. R. Smith acquitted himself admirably, both in kicking and tackling.

To turn to the English team it would be individious to pick out any one of the forwards for special mention, the whole eight working finely from start to finish, and, in addition to their sterling scrummaging, tackling very smartly. Taylor, at half, was perhaps more prominent than Wells, but the latter originated many a good bout of passing, and may be congratulated upon having at last shown something like his real form against Scotland. To the three-quarters, who, in their various positions, proved so formidable a line for attack, with Mackie and Bunting so unselfish, Fookes running so strongly, and Robinson so fast, reference has already been made. Byrne kicked indifferently at the start, but he speedily settled down, and subsequently played, probably as good a game as ever he did in his life, his clever dropped goal in the last moment being the climax of a fine afternoon's work.

Rain had fallen on the previous day, but a high wind during the morning had exercised a highly beneficial effect upon the turf. Some fear existed that, under such boisterous conditions, play would be somewhat seriously interfered with, but, luckily, the wind dropped considerably soon after the start, and the afternoon, alternately bright and threatening, proved, on the whole a pleasant one for the 15,000 spectators who had assembled. Taylor started the ball for England and play followed in Scottish territory. Neilson and Simpson brought relief, and England were forced back. Bunting gained a little ground with a useful but lucky kick, but Scotland attacked in force and England had to act on the defensive in their own twenty-five. McEwan, Fookes, and Neilson were at this time prominent, and the exchanges were of a fast description. The home fifteen found a good opening, Wells passing to Taylor who in turn gave to Bunting. All working together the ball was taken close to the Scottish line where Neilson averted danger. Midfield play followed, many tight scrummages taking place. Then Fookes put in a run and Robinson got possession, but nothing was scored. England were pressing very hard, but at length Scotland took play to

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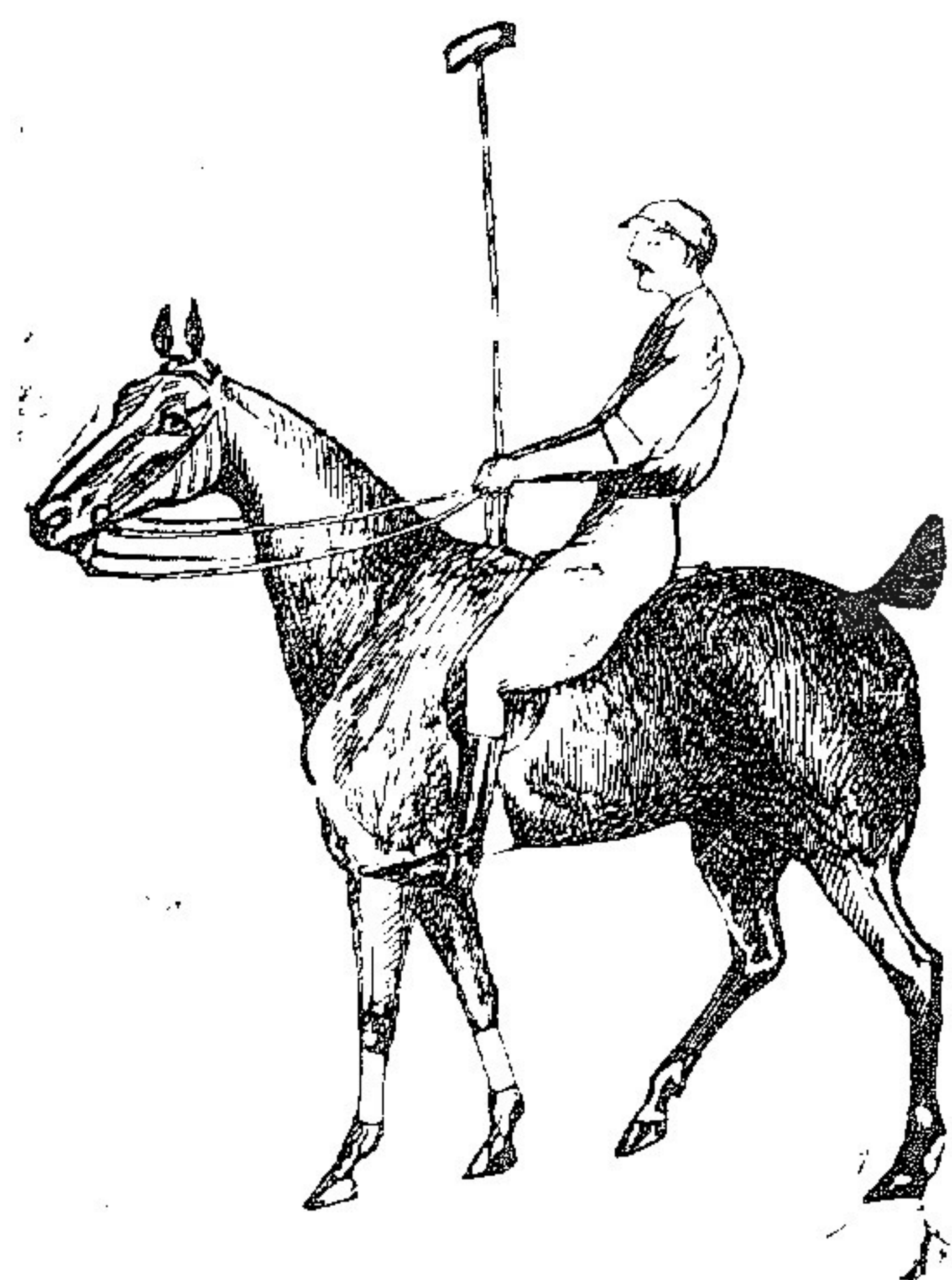
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midfield again. A short attack by the home fifteen was stopped with trouble, but once again England looked like scoring. At the end of half an hour Scotland were on the aggressive, and Byrne, who had nothing to do previously, had to save twice in succession.

From this point the Scottish backs showed some determination. Byrne stopped a drop at goal by Neilson, but play favoured the visitors, some scrummages near the English goal going in their favour for some time. England at length got away again and Byrne and Scott indulged in long kicking. The latter took a penalty kick for Scotland, nothing resulting, and the visitors again began to gain ground. Fookes relieved with a big kick, and then came the interval, when neither side had scored. Macmillan restarted for Scotland, who began by carrying some of the scrummages. The English forwards were staying well and soon held their own. Robinson and Mackie made a fine effort which enabled England to get well into their opponents' territory. A penalty kick, taken by Byrne, just missed the cross-bar. Lively play ensued, the ball travelling from one end of the field to the other, Mackie nearly let Bucher in, the Scottish player reaching the English twenty-five. Taylor was the next to show to advantage, running grandly and recovering quite fifty yards. England swarmed to the attack, and Robinson nearly got behind.

Continuing to force the play the home team were having all the best of matters, and it hardly came as a surprise when Fookes raced over by the touch line. Byrne converted from the difficult position, and England were five points to the good. This reverse did not put much heart into the Scottish representatives, although Simpson and Elliot tried all they knew. Wells, Mackie, and Robinson ran nicely, and the last-mentioned getting an opening took advantage of it and obtained a try. Byrne took the place kick, but this time failed to add to the points. England continued to do all the pressing, and then to the general surprise a try for Scotland was obtained by Bucher, but was not improved. The game was nearly over, but the English once more attacked and Byrne in the last minute essayed a drop at goal which proved successful. England thus won by a goal, a dropped goal, and a try, to a try, or by twelve points to three, a score which gives a good idea of the game.

The following were the teams:

England—J. F. Byrne (Moseley, back), E. F. Fookes (Yorkshire), W. L. Bunting (Richmond), O. G. Mackie (Cambridge University), G. C. Robinson (Northumberland) (three-quarter backs), E. W. Taylor (Northumberland), C. M. Wells (Harlequins) (half backs), R. F. Oakes (Durham), W. B. Stoddart, T. Pinch (Lancashire), E. Knowles, J. Davidson (Cumberland), L. F. Giblin, F. Jacob (Cambridge University), H. W. Dudgeon (Richmond) (forwards).

Scotland—A. R. Smith (Oxford University, back), T. Scott (Langholm), J. Robertson (Edinburgh Academicals), W. Neilson (London Scottish), A. M. Bucher (Edinburgh Academicals) (three-quarter backs), J. W. Simpson (Royal High School), M. Elliot (Hawick) (half backs), R. G. Macmillan (London Scottish), G. O. Turnbull (London Scottish), T. M. Scott (Hawick), W. McEwan (Edinburgh Academicals), J. H. Dodds (Edinburgh Academicals), R. C. Stevenson (London Scottish), W. Morrison (Royal High School), A. Balfour (Watsonians) (forwards).

Referee, Mr J. T. Magee (Ireland); touch judges, Mr R. S. Whalley (England) and Mr Graham Findlay (Scotland).

On March 13, the fourth and last encounter this season between Newport and Cardiff took place at Newport. It will be remembered that Newport had won the three previous matches, but on this occasion, after a magnificent struggle, Cardiff retired the winners by a try to nothing.

At the Old Deer Park, Richmond, on the same day, and before a large crowd of spectators, Blackheath defeated Rosslyn Park by two goals (one dropped) and four tries to nothing.

On March 13, the Harlequins, although without C. M. Wells, had but little difficulty in defeating the Old Ley-sians by three goals and four tries to a goal.

On the same day, Croydon beat the R. M. A. by one dropped goal and two tries to nothing.

PIGEON RACING

On Sunday last the station-master at Campana, a distance of 81 kilometres, let loose 56 birds at 10.30 a.m. The weather was fine and the wind was westerly. The following was the result:

Name of Pigeon House.	Hour of Arrival.	Metres per Minute.
First Prize—	h. m. s.	
Reina Victoria, W. A. Bristow	11 51 20	861
Second Prize—		
Reina Victoria, W. A. Bristow	11 52 50	852
Third Prize—		
Trench, J. Trench	11 53 00	840

The following pigeon-houses competed:

	Birds.
General Sarmiento	10
Reina Victoria	15
Trench	11
Ayacucho	13
Erume	7

We re-publish the programme of the Sociedad Colombi-fila for this season, for the purpose of correcting some errors which appeared:

April—18th, race from Lima, 109 kilometres; 25th, from Baradero, 149 kilom.

May—2nd, race from San Pedro, 172 kilometres; 9th, from San Nicolás, 239 kilom.; 15th, from Rosario, 304 kilom.; 23rd, from Serodino, 352 kilom.; 30th, from Irigoyen, 404 kilom.

June—6th, race from Santa Clara, 453 kilometres; 13th, from Rafaela, 511 kilom. (Premio de Honor); 27th, from Monigotes, 597 kilom.

July 11th, race from Ceres, 672 kilometres.

August—1st, race from Pinto, 778 kilometres; 22nd, from No Tingo or Lugones, 896 kilom.

September 12th, race from La Banda, 1000 kilometres (Gran Premio de Honor).

At all the meetings the prizes will consist of medals and diplomas, 1st prize a silver medal and the 2nd and 3rd ones copper medals. In order for a meeting to take place there must be at least three competitors.

Any race not reaching 500 kilometres, or not finishing the same day, will not be recognized as an official race.

The society will present a silver medal and a diploma to the fastest pigeon in the series of races beyond Rosario.

Any member who may wish to take part in the series of races, must enter at least five birds, and pay for each one 15 cents to Rosario and 20 cents from Rosario onwards.

When entering every member must state how many races he wishes to enter for.

The Gran Premio de Honor will be presented by the society and will consist of a silver cup, this being the 1st prize. For the 2nd prize a gilt medal and for the 3rd prize a silver medal.

The Premio de Honor will be presented by the society and will consist of a gilt medal as 1st prize, a silver medal as 2nd prize, and a copper medal as third prize.

Colonel Vassos, commander of the Greek troops, carried with him a number of pigeons. On effecting the disembarkation of his forces, at Platania, not far from Canea, he gave orders for a couple of the pigeons to be tossed, attaching beforehand to each of them, a message announcing his arrival. The birds had never been in Crete in their lives, and had never flown more than from Athens to the Isle of Serifo, some distance from Crete; notwithstanding this, however, the couple got back to Athens about the same time with the messages intact.

HOMING PIGEON POSTAL SERVICE FOR THE CONGO STATE.

It is in contemplation to gradually cover the Congo State with lines of communication by means of the pigeon. Our contemporary, the "Epervier," of Brussels, writes as follows on this important subject:

"The point in civilisation to which an epoch or people may have attained, is to be indicated in the best manner by the amount of correspondence in the form of letters or publications daily exchanged by means of that great institution called "The Post." The interchange of ideas thus operated day by day, is the most potent lever in the work of civilization which man has at his disposal. The nature of the means employed to facilitate these relations, necessarily varies according to places and times. Our age, with its railways, telegraphs, and telephones, may claim the honour of having conferred on the relations of society at large, the most important and remarkable advantages. In human society, all is bound together, a thread runs through the whole. Everything comes in its time, but progress is quickened when enterprising men harness themselves to her chariot.

"From the day in which our Sovereign conceived the idea of bringing the benefits of civilisation within reach of the populations of Central Africa, it was of the first importance to endow the Congo with a service of regular and rapid communications; the difficulties which the physical nature of the country, and the intellectual condition of the inhabitants presented, by no means discouraged the men of genius who put themselves at the head of the great African undertaking, and after but a few years, we saw the commencement of railways and telegraphs. This, however, was a gigantic thing to attempt across immense tracts of country, covered with extensive lakes and vast deserts of sand, intersected also with high mountains and formidable rivers; long years must elapse before the railway and telegraph can be got to connect the extreme points of so vast a territory; it has, therefore, been seen necessary to instal a system of aerial postage, or at any rate to try this mode of communication, capable, as experience has elsewhere proved, of rendering invaluable service at comparatively insignificant cost, in view of the end to be attained.

"As matters stand, it is out of question to rely upon men either on foot or on horseback, to compass distances so considerable. These couriers are exposed to the greatest dangers; they may be surprised in course of the journey by wild beasts, or by savages no less to be feared; there are burning plains to be crossed, torrents to avoid, mountains to scale. Moreover, it is difficult to find men of sufficient courage, habituated enough to fatigue, accustomed to life in the desert, and capable of finding their way under conditions often perilous and always most difficult; even when men of the needed calibre can be found, it is only possible to enrol them at great cost, and even then with all the good-will they can bring to bear on the accomplishment of their task, the communications they carry only arrive after the most serious delays, and often when the information they convey, has ceased to be of value to the parties interes-

ted. Under conditions such as these, the pigeon post has imposed itself as the only means available. It is useless to dwell upon services which our bird has rendered from antiquity down to modern times. We can hardly expect to all at once establish our system of relays in the Congo State, with the same complete sense of safety as was the the case in Asia Minor, Syria, and Egypt, where every one and every one and everything connected with the pigeon, was sacred in the eyes of all, whether settled or nomadic; but this is no reason whatever against the new departure. The distances are great, transport is onerous, so that the different stations can only be got into working order after some delays, but they will be extended and multiplied in proportion as they are proved to be successful."

LAWN TENNIS.

ROSARIO LAWN TENNIS CLUB TOURNAMENT.

Since our last issue the gentlemen's doubles in connection with the above tournament has been decided, resulting in a somewhat easy win for Messrs J. J. C. Daniel and J. Neil, as will be seen from the subjoined scores:

GENTLEMEN'S DOUBLES.

First Round—

J. M. Ellery and J. Beaumont (scr) beat H. H. Loveday and H. G. Cabrett (+ 15), 6-2, 6-2.

E. Cooper and J. Blackledge (+ 15) beat A. H. Clark and A. Robinson (- 2-6 15), 5-6, 6-3, 6-4.

G. and H. Middleton (- 2-6 15) w.o. against F. Daniel and H. Dorning.

H. B. and E. S. Knight (- 1/2 30) beat H. H. Spicer and G. Tudor (+ 1/2 15), 6-0, 6-1.

Byes—

J. J. C. Daniel and J. Neil (- 1/2 30) w.o. against C. H. Cutts and E. W. Newte (+ 1/2 30).

A. H. Knight and B. Lee (- 15) beat H. M. Rattray and J. Begg (- 15), 4-6, 6-2, 6-4.

Second Round—

E. Cooper and J. Blackledge beat J. M. Ellery and J. Beaumont, 6-3, 5-6, 6-3.

H. B. and E. S. Knight beat G. and H. Middleton, 5-6, 6-0, 7-5.

E. Cooper and J. Blackledge w.o.

J. J. C. Daniel and J. Neil beat A. H. Knight and B. Lee, 6-2, 6-4.

Final—

J. J. C. Daniel and J. Neil beat E. Cooper and J. Blackledge, 6-2, 6-4.

MIXED DOUBLES.

First Round—

Mrs Daniel and H. B. Knight (- 15) beat Miss Gay and A. H. Clark (+ 1/2 15), 6-2, 5-6, 6-3.

Mr and Mrs Rattray (- 1/2 30) beat Miss Talbot and B. Lee (scr), 6-5, 5-6, 6-3.

Miss Loveday and J. Neil (+ 1/2 15) beat Mr and Mrs Day (+ 1/2 30), 6-5, 5-6, 6-2.

Miss Francis and E. Knight (- 15) beat Miss Shimfield and G. A. Middleton (scr), 6-5, 3-6, 6-4.

The second round and finals of the mixed doubles have been postponed till after the holidays.

GOLF.

BUENOS AIRES GOLF CLUB.

We publish below the programme of the Buenos Aires Golf Club:

April 18—Opening day.

May 9, June 6, July 4, August 1—Competition for Challenge Shield and Gold Medal (scratch).

May 27—Flores and Lomas v. Buenos Aires and Hurlingham, at Hurlingham.

June 22—T. S. Boadle's special prize.

June 29—Buenos Aires v. Lomas, at Catalinas.

September (date not fixed)—Final for the Rigby Challenge Trophy and Medal (scratch).

LOMAS GOLF LINKS—MEDAL COMPETITION.

If the weather during March gave golfers cause for dissatisfaction on the score of excessive dryness, the same cannot be said of April—rain has fallen in abundance and the improvement in the Lomas course is wonderful. This improvement brings with it a change which alters the whole character of the game—topped drives are punished as they should be, iron shots can be played with a degree of certainty which is impossible on ground destitute of grass, and putting is no longer a matter of such painful uncertainty. That the first medal competition of this season should have been brought off under such favourable circumstances is a matter of congratulation to all concerned. With the exception of a heavy shower which fell during the afternoon of Thursday last, the day proved a perfect one for golf—the light was good and the course was good, and with these conditions it is only surprising that the scoring was not of a higher order.

As can be seen from the scores given below, Mr R. Paton won the medal, with a nett score of 88, while Mr C. J. Baumgartner obtained the best gross total.

Altogether there were eighteen entries, four did not play and one failed to hand in his return.

Below we give the scores:

Name	1st round	2nd round	Gross Total	Handicap	Nett Total
C. J. Baumgartner	51	49	100	4	96
R. Paton	50	53	103	15	88
W. Flint	53	50	103	6	97
A. Goodfellow	57	52	109	8	101
D. Leighton	58	52	110	4	114
H. A. Livock	63	52	115	5	110
F. J. Coombs	62	53	115	10	105
T. A. H. Forde	60	57	117	5	112
R. L. Goodfellow	57	60	117	15	102
H. Dodds	63	57	120	10	110
C. Alexander	63	57	120	6	114
H. P. Wright	67	66	133	18	115
H. G. Sketchley	88	65	153	22	131

In the afternoon there were several foursomes, in which among others D. Leighton and C. J. Baumgartner beat H. A. Livock and C. Alexander 7 up and 5 to play. Later in the day D. Leighton and C. Alexander defeated W. Flint and A. Goodfellow 5 up in nine holes.

ATHLETICS

ROSARIO

Under the auspices of the Club Ciclista del Rosario a race meeting, comprising bicycle, tricycle and foot races, is announced for to-morrow, 18th inst., on the club's ground, Calle Cordoba. Amongst other items on the programme there figures a 7000 metre race for the championship of Santa Fé. Gold medals and other valuable prizes are offered, and given fine weather the affair should be a success.

KENNEL.

We give below the report of a meeting of the Buenos Aires Canine Association, which was held on the 12th inst. Members continue to join the club in large numbers, and we must say that they all seem most enthusiastic in regard to the club's prospects.

Does it not seem rather a pity that in a country where kennel matters have so lately obtained a recognised footing, that the doggy interest should be cut up into two? Would it not be more for the interest of both clubs, and sport generally, if the clubs could arrange to pull together amicably, or even to amalgamate?

By the way, where is the locale of the Kennel Club now, and who is the secretary? We have heard nothing of the club, or its doings, for a considerable time.

A committee meeting of the Buenos Aires Canine Association was held on the 12th inst., at the offices of the association, the following gentlemen being present: Messrs J. Trench, Younger, Bateman, Benn, F. C. Young, and H. E. Hyde (chairman). Various subjects were treated upon, such as the election of new members, the appointment of a veterinary surgeon, and the registration of dogs for both Register and Stud Books. The secretary was requested to open negotiations with the Kennel Club, with the view to an amicable settlement being arrived at with regard to dogs already registered in the existing club, and also for future registrations, it being thought advisable that dogs registered in either club be eligible to compete under the rules and regulations of each club. The question of the association's first show was then discussed at length, and it was decided to hold it on the first or second Monday in June next, a sub-committee having been appointed to fix the locale. The committee also discussed the question of medals, when it was decided to give a silver medal as first prize, a bronze one as second prize, and a certificate for third and highly commended. The medals are to be put in hand at once, so as to be on exhibition if possible a fortnight before the show. The medals will be of exceedingly neat workmanship and appropriate design.

The members of the association are steadily increasing, and as there is no entrance fee at present intending members should lose no time in joining, as the committee will shortly use their right to charge an entrance fee of \$10.

A remarkable instance of maternal affection in a dog and tenacity to life in a puppy has recently occurred at Sewing Shields Farm, some three miles north of Haydon Bridge, and in the occupation of a Mrs Thompson. A Collie bitch whelped in a rabbit-hole; the litter, with the exception of one pup to be kept on the mother, were destroyed by the owner. When no longer needed for its purpose this pup also was conveyed to a tub, and there, as was supposed, drowned, and eventually thrown over the Sewing Shields crags, of considerable height. The following morning the shepherd, to his intense astonishment, found the puppy with its mother alive and well, in the byre. The latter had, evidently, watched the whole performance of drowning and throwing over the cliff, and had gone to the rescue of her pup, with the result cited. Mr Watson, the shepherd at Coldknuckles, near Halipike Loch, on hearing of the incident, begged the little animal for his children, and it may now be seen in frolicsome play about his cottage, having quite recovered from its narrow escape from death by water and a broken neck. Surely, writes a correspondent to the "Newcastle Daily Journal," such an incident as this should teach us that animals are worthy better treatment and regard, and are not the "brutes" and "beasts" that many in scorn are apt to term them.

Mr George Raper declined an offer of three hundred pounds for the wire-haired Go Bang, the day before Mr Raper sailed for New York Show.

The owner of the Fox-terrier puppy Thorny Grip, the winner of three firsts and special at St. Austell Show, has refused an offer of £30 for the youngster from a well-known judge of the breed. It may be added that Thorny Grip was purchased when two months old for a couple of sovereigns.

When Emerald Gem came out at Derby there were many nibbles after her from the cognoscenti, but whilst the clever division were preparing that sturdiest of recruits into the "realms of fancy" Mr A. Dunmore had given a friend *carte blanche* to buy this grand young Collie bitch, and when the Derby victories were repeated at Liverpool, inquirers for Mr Coles heard to their dismay that the bitch had been sold to Mr Dunmore some days, and had to be delivered at the close of the show. This most sensational youngster has only appeared at two shows, and has yet to know defeat. She has won in all twenty-three 1st prizes and specials, and two championships, and her exceeding merit speaks volumes for the excellence of Ormskirk Emerald as a sire. The price paid for this grand young bitch was £180 and half her Liverpool wins—a good price for a rare good bitch.

RACING

PALERMO—APRIL 11.

Another splendid day assisted the Jockey Club to make a success of their meeting on Sunday last, when a more than usually large crowd turned out to enjoy the sport, and although the going was rather on the heavy side the fields were larger than we have hitherto seen this season, and the racing itself really good.

Some of the starts were very poor unfortunately and there is no doubt that one, if not more of the results would have been different had the fields got away on anything like level terms.

Racing began with the Premio Amianto, which produced seven runners of whom the representative of the Stud Lincoln, Cristiana, was made a warm favourite, Fauvette and Belle Etoile coming next in order of favour. Cristiana was quickest on her feet, and retaining her lead to the end, shook off the challenge of Extra, and won a good race by half a length, Mundana, who was the outsider of the party, finishing a good third.

Another fairly numerous party faced the flag in the Premio Clovis, for two-year-olds, when another hot favourite in Loncoy, managed to get home in front, and that with a penalty to carry. In this race all the running to the stand was made by the Ecurie Juncal's filly Fanciulla, who failed to quite stay the distance, but will probably make amends for her defeat with a little more time and experience. Yanguetru, who filled the third place, had also a penalty and was running very strongly at the finish.

Only a fourth of those whose names appeared on the card were sent to do battle for the Premio Progreso, and of these the public promptly selected Devona as their champion, a choice which had the filly had even ordinary luck must have resulted in an easy win, as the daughter of the deceased Phoenix and Midge was left a full twelve lengths at the post, which gave her the almost impossible task to perform of gaining a length in every hundred metres for twelve successive hundreds. That she almost succeeded in achieving this most difficult feat stamps her in our opinion as by far the best two-year-old that has yet appeared, and any stud that is happy enough to possess one capable of beating her may be warmly congratulated. Pepina had all the luck of the start and settled down with several lengths lead of her stable companion, who was second. Rounding the bend all closed up a little, and Abrojo and the favourite began to work their way through their horses. Before reaching the stand they had both cleared the ruck, and were looking so dangerous that Palacios on 25 de Mayo made up his mind that if the stable was to win, no time must be lost. From this point all the first four were at work in bitter earnest with the result that 25 de Mayo won by a head from Pepina, who was a neck in front of Abrojo, with Devona beaten a bare half length from the third. That the race would have been so good had the start been a fairly good one is highly improbable, but it is certain the result would have been different.

All the ten came to the scratch for the Premio Etoile, a big field for a long distance race nowadays, and though Malakoff and Espoir carried most money they both had to succumb to the lightly weighted Malvina, who pulled through by a length from Espoir after Ortegual had cut out the work for the first half of the way, and he had shown the rest of the way himself. The favourite Malakoff was a pretty good third.

The Premio Primera brought out nine runners of whom the best at the weights proved to be Tanger who was followed home by Eureka and Namuncurá in the order named.

Láutaro added another win to the already pretty lengthy list of La Petite Ecurie, and had Oriel and Friedland for his attendants, and a particularly nice day's sport was brought to a conclusion when Violin scored a rather unexpected win from eight others in the Premio Independiente.

The following are the details:—

PREMIO AMIANTO, for all horses that have been a year in the country, and have run more than twice without having won over \$6,000, three-year-olds, 52 kilos, four-year-olds and upwards 54 kilos. A penalty of 3 kilos to be carried for each race won. \$1400 to the 1st, 100 to the 2nd, 1400 metres.

Stud A. Lincoln's b f Cristiana, by St. Honorat
—Annette, 3 y, 54 k. J. Bayardi 1
Ecurie Azur's Extra, 3 y, 54 k. R. Garrido 2
Mr Ypso's Mundana, 4 y, 53 k. I. Diaz 3
Mr J. Quaini's Mimado, 4 y, 53 k. L. Calistro 0
Stud Paris' Fauvette, 5 y, 56 k. P. Aguilera 0
Stud Red Lancer's Sorpresa, 3 y, 51 k. J. Oimos 0
Stud Palmar's Belle Etoile, 3 y, 51 k. C. Cardoso 0

After cutting out the whole of the work, Cristiana shook off the challenge of Extra, and won from her by half a length, a length away Mundana was third.

Tickets—Cristiana with 2138 win and 1832 place, Extra 283—378, Mundana 170—172, Mimado 146—93, Fauvette 1356—1373, Sorpresa 200—150, Belle Etoile 705—596. Totals 4998—4594.

Dividends—Cristiana \$4.20 win and 3.05 place, Extra 7.09 place.

PREMIO CLOVIS, for two-year-olds, colts 52 k, fillies 50 kilos, a penalty of 3 kilos for winners, \$1700 to the 1st, 100 to the 2nd, 1000 metres.

Ecurie Prisonero's br c Loncoy, by Solomon—
Luminaria, 55 k. R. Bastiani 1
Ecurie Juncal's Fanciulla, 50 k. J. Olmos 2
Stud La Redencion's Yanguetru, 55 k. H. Esteves 3
Stud Santa Fé's Alarife, 55 k. F. Goyenecheo 0
Stud El Derby's Pillito, 52 k. P. Aguilera 0
Ecurie Semper Paratus' Julius Cesar, 52 k. Urrutia 0
Ecurie Indecis' Gyp, 52 k. A. Malerba 0
Stud A. Lincoln's Blue Star, 50 k. A. Ruiz 0
Ecurie Argentino's Lavinia, 53 k. F. Olivero 0
Stud Calchin's Babiole, 50 k. J. Rodriguez 0

Getting the best of the start Fanciulla retained her position at the head of affairs till the stand was reached when Loncoy got up to her, and gradually pushed himself to the front, winning eventually by a neck. Yanguetru was third, a length behind the second.

Tickets—Loncoy with 3551 win and 3144 place, Fanciulla 187—245, Yanguetru 1263—1616, Alarife 1016—1355, Pillito 852—835, Julius Cesar 88—126, Gyp 190—313, Blue Star 32—79, Lavinia 134—157, Babiole 61—129. Totals 7374—7999.

Dividends—Loncoy \$3.73 win and 2.46 place, Fanciulla 7.97 place, Yanguetru 2.70 place.

PREMIO PROGRESO, for two-year-olds, colts 54 kilos fillies 52 kilos, \$500 0 to the 1st, 500 to the 2nd, and the 3rd saves his stake, 1200 metres.

Stud Amianto's ch c 25 de Mayo, by Orbit—
Geneve, 54 k. G. Palacios 1
Stud Amianto's Pepina, 52 k. J. Paez 2
Stud Los Cardos' Abrojo, 54 k. R. Bastiani 3
Stud Devona's Devona, 52 k. S. Gomez 4
Mr Ypso's Fernet Branca, 52 k. H. Esteves 0
Stud Gen'l La Madrid's Catanga, 52 k. I. Diaz 0
La Petite Ecurie's Addio, 54 k. R. Garrido 0
Ecurie Azur's Onagh, 52 k. N. Sosa 0
Stud Pobre's Tamberlick, 54 k. L. Calistro 0
Stud Pampa's India, 52 k. J. Olmos 0
Stud Paris' Rose d'Or, 52 k. P. Aguilera 0

From a very straggling start in which Devona got badly left, Pepina slipped away with a long lead, her stable companion occupying second place. Before reaching the stand, Abrojo and Devona had so improved their positions that the jockey of 25 de Mayo thought it safest to make the best of his way home, instead of allowing the filly to win, and he just beat her by a head, a neck separating her from Abrojo, who was half a length in front of Devona.

Tickets—25 de Mayo and Pepina with 1113 win and 1340 place, Abrojo 182—313, Devona 3646—3097, Fernet Branca 87—116, Catanga 251—544, Addio 2269—2429, Onagh 186—206, Tamberlick 173—224, India 268—393, Rose d'Or 467—804. Totals 8642—9502.

Dividends—Stud Amianto \$13.97 win and 2.87 place, Abrojo 9.33 place, Devona 2.81 place.

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

Stud Santa Fé's b m Malvina, by Noé—Sarsaparrilla, 5 y, 46 k. J. Bivas 1
Ecurie Juncal's Espoir, 4 y, 56 k. R. Garrido 2
Sr. J. B. Zubiaurre's Malakoff, 6 y, 60½ k. I. Diaz 3
Stud Paris' Cantiniere, 7 y, 59 k. P. Aguilera 0
Stud Gen. San Martin's Sirena, 3 y, 58 k. J. Rivero 0
Stud La Confianza's Ataque, 3 y, 56 k. S. Gomez 0
Ecurie Radames' Ravachol, 3 y, 56 k. S. Urrutia 0
Ecurie Azur's Stamboul, 5 y, 55 k. V. Libonati 0
Stud Amianto's Ortegual, 4 y, 54 k. J. Paez 0
Stud Yuqueri's Yeraú, 4 y, 54 k. C. Cardoso 0

Ortegual made running to the station crossing where Malvina forged her way to the front and holding her own to the end won by a length from Espoir, who was the same distance in front of Malakoff.

Tickets—Malvina with 1175 win and 1045 place, Espoir 1400—1417, Malakoff 2600—1764, Cantiniere 1074—1026, Sirena 1178—1150, Ataque 424—575, Ravachol

448—387, Stamboul 596—686, Ortegál 309—303, Yeraú 643—577. Totals 9847—8930.

Dividends—Malvina \$15.08 win and 4.43 place, Espoir 3.79 place, Malakoff 3.44 place.

PREMIO PRIMERA, a handicap for all horses that have not won more than \$8000, \$1500 to the 1st, \$100 to the 2nd, 1500 metres.

Ecurie Argentino's br c Tanger, by Gay Hermit	
—Smirna, 3 y, 54½ k..... F. Olivera	1
Ecurie Prisionero's Eureka, 4 y, 57½ k. R. Bastiani	2
Stud Esperanza's Namuncurá, 5 y, 53½ k. N. Sosa	3
Stud La Confiianza's Regalona, 5 y, 57½ k. J. Gomez	0
Stud Pobre's Idiota, 3 y, 55½ k..... L. Calistro	0
Ecurie Azur's Grillon, 4 y, 42½ k..... P. Aguilera	0
Stud Calchin's Orbe, 3 y, 44½ k..... J. Cabrera	0
La Petite Ecurie's Cartujo, 4 y, 44½ k..... J. Olmos	0
Stud Winchester's Galatea, 3 y, 42½ k. A. Malerba	0

Namuncurá held pride of place to the bend where he retired, and Tanger coming away won easily by over a length. The same between second and third.

Tickets—Tanger with 1417 win and 1165 place, Eureka 2226—2186, Namuncurá 3193—2725, Regalona 562—537, Idiota 217—254, Grillon 834—822, Orbe 235—301, Cartujo 994—1091, Galatea 300—301. Totals 9978—9982.

Dividends—Tanger \$12.67 win and 3.35 place, Eureka 2.72 place, Namuncurá 2.57 place.

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

La Petite Ecurie's ch c Láutaro, by Solomon—	
Lise Fleuron, 3 y, 47 k..... J. Olmos	1
Stud Paris' Oriol, 5 y, 62 k..... P. Aguilera	2
Ecurie Azur's Friedland, 6 y, 50 k..... N. Sosa	3
Sr. T. de Alvear's Blue Boat, 3 y, 60 k.... P. Aguirre	0
Ecurie Indecis' Little Darling, 3 y, 45 k... A. Malerba	0
Stud Palmar's Palmar, 4 y, 56 k..... C. Cardoso	0
Ecurie Prisionero's Daza, 3 y, 65 k..... R. Bastiani	0
Stud Gral. San Martin's Pick Pocket, 4 y, 54 k	
J. Gomez	0
Stud Don Gonzalo's Don Gonzalo, 3 y, 47 k	
J. Insaualde	0

Láutaro won his race from end to end, finishing half a length in front of Oriol, who beat Friedland two lengths for second money.

Tickets—Láutaro with 2315 win and 1919 place, Oriol 1624—1007, Friedland 677—509, Blue Boat and Little Darling 3043—2531, Palmar 909—741, Daza 923—1029, Pick Pocket 324—242, Don Gonzalo 650—564. Totals 10465—8542.

Dividends—Láutaro \$8.13 win and 4.48 place, Oriol 6.72 place.

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

Stud Amianto's br h Violin, by The Laddie—	
Harp, 4 y, 58 k..... G. Palacios	1
Ecurie Sans Façon's Tiradentes, 3 y, 40 k. M. Valdez	2
Stud Revolucion's Hugonote, 3 y, 41 k... A. Malerba	3
Stud Paris' Mundial, 5 y, 61 k..... P. Aguilera	0
Stud La Confiianza's Reserva, 3 y, 55 k.... S. Gomez	1
Ecurie Belgrano's Antropófago, 6 y, 54 k... N. Sosa	0
Stud A. Lincoln's Independiente, 3 y, 53 k. J. Bayardi	0
Stud Floresta's Laurel, 4 y, 50 k..... P. Bagu	0
Sr. M. Gonzalez' Pichincha, 5 y, 50 k.... C. Cardoso	0

On settling into their places, Hugonote was seen to be leading a position he retained to the stand where Violin took command, and running on, won easily by two lengths from Tiradentes, Hugonote being third a length away.

Tickets—Violin with 1214 win and 880 place, Tiradentes 555—422, Hugonote 2330—2234, Mundial 1446—1141, Reserva 2359—1651, Antropófago 1390—1041, Independiente 971—437, Laurel 622—474, Pichincha 868—594. Totals 12,255—8924.

Dividends—Violin \$18.97 win and 5.40 place Tiradentes 9.70 place, Hugonote 3.34 place.

PALERMO—APRIL 18.

Premio Esperanza—1400 metres.

Mimado 62½	Chara 57½
Belgrano 62½	Bristol 57½
Distinguido 60½	Androcles 57½
Orbe 60½	Tiradentes 57½
Extra 58½	Oscar 57½
Flecha II. 58½	Sorpresa 55½
Margot 58½	

Premio Vendetta—1000 metres.

Alarife 55	Esteatita 50
Huapi 52	Nobleza 50
Sirena II. 50	Plaisanterie 50
Amelia 50	Marea 50
Sultana 50	Mandarina 50

Premio America—1400 metres.

Alcaide 59½	General Artigas .. 57½
Mariano 59½	Rio Negro 57½
Imperio 59½	Nevada 57½
Brick 59½	Pergamino 57½
Palmar 59½	Talma 57½
Ney 59½	Fauvette 57½
Rigoló 59½	Distinguido 57½
Hipócrita 59½	Turria 57½
Duque 59½	Zig-Zag 57½
Mignonnette 57½	Artois 57½
Blue Boat 57½	Pitanga 55½
Argentino 57½	Adelina 55½
Tánger 57½	Minerva 55½

Premio Stone Cross—2500 metres.

Oriol 60½	Ravachol. 53
Malakoff 59	Stamboul 52
Espoir 56	Yeraú 51
Policeman 56	Idiota 51
Tánger 53	

Premio Limethorpe—1100 metres.

Brick 59½	Hipólito 52
Oriente 57½	Grillon 50
Eureka 57	Josefita 49
Sarandi 57	Belgrano 43
Dámara 56	Orbe 41
Bab. 56	Chara 40
Cristiana 54	Androcles 40

Premio Mignonnette—1600 metres.

Mundial 61	Hipólito 50
Girondino 61	Bay Rum 46
Daza 55	Little Darling 44
Namuncura 52	Cartujo 42
Independiente 51	Aguila 40
Distinguido 50	

Premio Daza—1800 metres.

Revancha 53	Bristol 52
Esfinge 58½	Malvina 50
Policeman 56	Pichincha 48
Daza 54	Monk 47
Tánger 54	Beaujeau 45
Antropófago 53	Tiradentes 42
Vivas 52	

CYCLING.

Sandow is coming out as a champion cyclist. He says he will race any man in the world on a bicycle from ten miles upwards, but not a mile or any mere sprinting contest. He should ride at 14 st. 6 lb., but could not think of entering a contest for less than £1000.

An attempt to arrive at the number of people who use bicycles in England has been made, with the result that a total of 1,500,000 has been fixed upon. Inquiries have revealed the further fact that during the last ten years the number of cycle factories has increased from 61 to nearly 700.

One of the advantages of being famous is that you need never pay for your luxuries. This has been incidentally illustrated by a paragraph which went round the cycling papers not long ago to the effect that Mr Gladstone was learning to ride. The paragraph was obviously inaccurate, but one enterprising manufacturer took advantage of it to offer to supply the whole Gladstone family with bicycles free. Many members of the Gladstone family are still fond of the wheel; but we learn, on good authority, that their machines have all been paid for.

It has been left to Spain, a nation which enjoys as yet but small experience in such matters, to institute a much-needed improvement in cycle tracks. In the new cement track which is now being constructed near the Bull Ring at Madrid admittance to the centre of the track from the competitors' dressing-rooms and machine sheds will be gained by means of a tunnel, which passes under the track, so that machines and riders may pass on and off the track, during the racing without hindrance or danger to riders on the track. It would be advisable that the "Union Velocipédica Argentina" should take note of this when they obtain from the Municipality, the concession for the new track which is proposed to be constructed in the neighbourhood of Palermo.

The Artistic Cycle Club of Paris is a unique body and is not wanting in ambition and the means to satisfy it. It has acquired a valuable property in one of the most delightful parts of the Bois de Boulogne where it has fitted up a club house, the most complete and convenient of its kind. It is thus in the very centre of the cycling movement, for the whole of the wheeling fraternity turns out in the famous resort morning and evening, and on Sundays it is really difficult in some parts to move about on account of the crowds of cyclists who ride in the avenues and alleys. One of the features about them is the smartness of their get up. Most of them are accompanied by ladies who cycle; and as these are attired in the most bewitching style possible, and succeed even in making the unlovely bloomers attractive of a certain elegance, sometimes white caps and knickers that look quite refreshing on a hot day. Those who have gone through the training schools moreover invariably study elegance in riding, with the result that a Frenchman usually comes out in a style that is calculated to create a certain impression.

FIXTURES

CRICKET

Sat. 17, Sun. 18—Rosario A.C. v. Flores A.C., at Flores.

FOOTBALL

Sat. 17—Mr G. Brown's XI. v. Mr J. O. Anderson's XI, at Lomas.
Sun. 18—Mr T. F. Allen's XI. v. Mr J. Negron's XI, at Flores.
Sun. 18—Mr J. O. Anderson's XI. v. Mr F. Spencer's XI, at Lomas.

RACING.

Sunday, April 18—Hipódromo Argentino, Palermo.
Thursday, May 27—Meeting at Hurlingham (Polo Association Cup).

NATURAL HISTORY.

The buffaloes, or bisons, are almost exterminated in the United States, but a small herd of 20 is owned by the Island Improvement Co., and kept on Antelope Island, in the Great Salt Lake, where the animals have been grazing for three years in a semi-wild state. The island is 30 miles long and six miles wide, furnishing the animals with an ideal home, where they are not interfered with by anyone.

Many of the native birds of New Zealand are gradually disappearing, owing to a great increase of late years in the number of wild cats and weasels. It is a well-known fact the digger likes to have a cat in his hut, and when moving from place to place usually takes his companion with him. In the event of a rush, however to woods afresh and pastures new, the cat was often away from home, and time too precious to wait for its return. The result is that many cats who were left homeless have become wild, and in consequence the total extinction of birds is threatened.

Buenos Aires Lawn Tennis Club.

OPEN TOURNAMENT and CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE RIVER PLATE.

AN OPEN TOURNAMENT, consisting of the following events, will be held on the CLUB GROUNDS, CALLE AYACUCHO 1735, Buenos Aires, on

TUESDAY, MAY 25,

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26,

THURSDAY, MAY 27.

Play to commence each day at 9 a.m.

EVENTS:

Championship of the River Plate.

GENTLEMEN'S SINGLES.

CHALLENGE CUP, value £50, to be won five years (not necessarily in succession) before becoming the property of the holder. Any competitor for this event must have resided for at least three months in South America. The competitors shall play the best of five sets, the fifth of which shall be an advantage set, and in the match for the Championship all five shall be advantage sets. The winner will receive a prize worth \$100, and will have his name engraved upon the Challenge Cup, which is offered by Members of the Buenos Aires Lawn Tennis Club, and also receive a Gold Medal; other prizes will be given should there be more than ten entries. The winning of this event will carry with it the right to the title of "Champion of the River Plate" for the year. Entrance fee \$10.

LADIES' SINGLES, HANDICAP.

Entrance fee \$5.

GENTLEMEN'S SINGLES, HANDICAP.

Entrance fee \$5.

LADIES' AND GENTLEMEN'S DOUBLES, HANDICAP.

Entrance fee \$5 each player.

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Entrance fee \$5 each player.

Should there be more than forty entries for the Gentlemen's Singles Handicap, this event will be divided into two classes: an A and B class. Players entering for the event will be placed in their respective classes by the Handicapping Committee. Prizes of equal value will be given to each class.

The best of three sets (the third to be an advantage set) will be played throughout the Tournament in all handicap events.

In the event of the number of entries being very large the Committee will arrange for the necessary preliminary rounds to be played off to the convenience of players before the Tournament.

The Club Courts will be at the disposal of competitors on and after May 12. Competitors' tickets, admitting player and a friend, may be obtained from the Hon. Secretary.

No entry will be considered valid unless accompanied by entrance fee.

Entries will be received by the Hon. Secretary at Calle 25 de Mayo 130, Buenos Aires, up to noon of Monday, May 10.

The draw will take place at the "Sport and Pastime" offices on Wednesday, May 12.

The Tournament will be held under the Rules of the Lawn Tennis Association (of England).

Slazenger's Championship Balls will be provided by the Club.

The Committee reserve to themselves the right of refusing any entry.

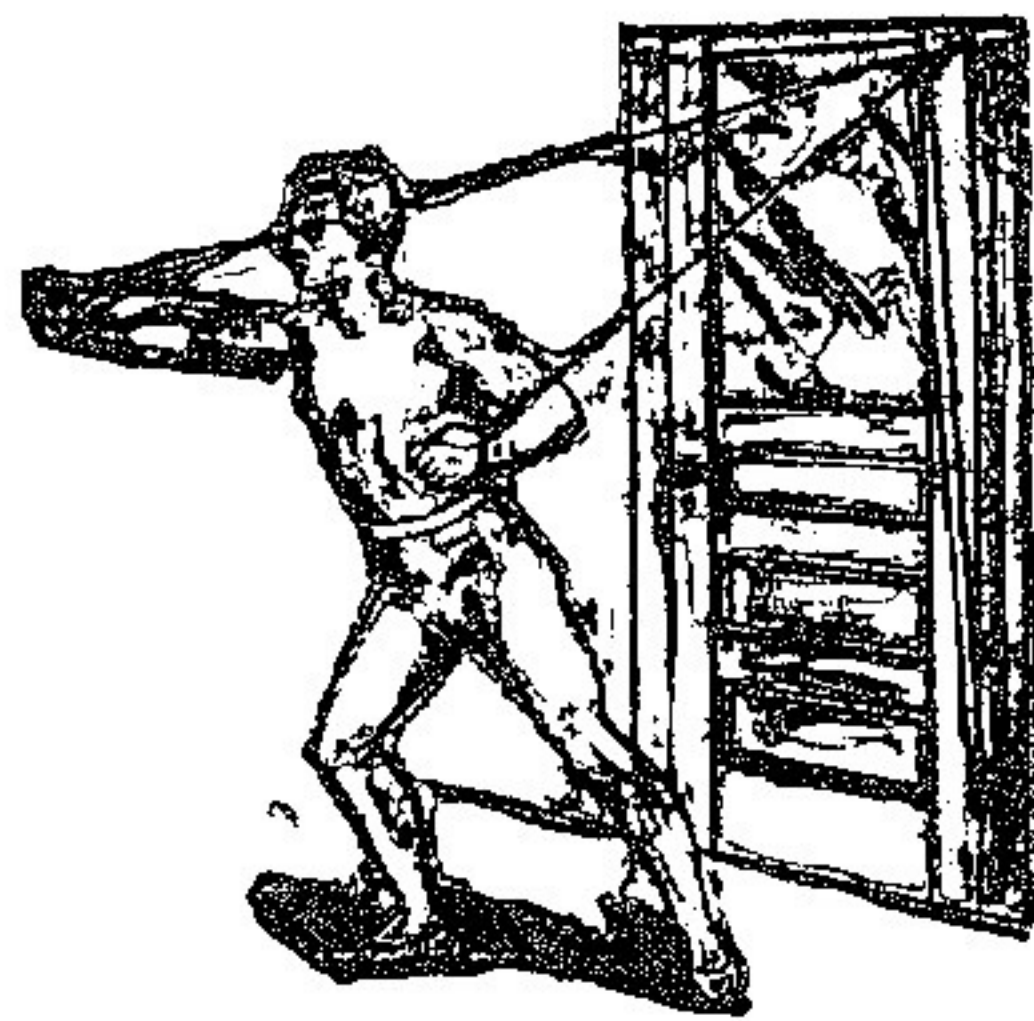
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SPORTING NOTES

I have received a letter in connection with the rules of the Canine Association, signed "Novice." As, however, he has not enclosed his card, I am not at liberty to publish his communication.

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For the benefit of members of the Lomas Athletic Club I may mention that all the new colours have arrived, and can be obtained only at J. Smart's, Calle Piedad 556.

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Owing to a printer's error in my notes last week, I regret to say it appeared as though the general meeting of the Lomas Athletic Club was to have taken place yesterday. The date should have been Monday, 19th inst. The meeting will be held at the Italian Hall, Lomas, at 8.15 p.m. and it is of the utmost importance that as many members as possible should attend.

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The good news has reached me that a team of Polo players will, by the time this is published, have left England for this country, where they hope to get plenty of matches, in the provinces and round Buenos Aires itself. The team may be said to be a military one, as it is composed of Col. Truman, Captains Peters and Raymond, and Messrs Lane and Shaw.

As the team were to sail in the Danube yesterday, it will be only a short time before they are here, and I hope the secretaries of clubs, on reading this will take steps to arrange for matches with the visitors as soon as possible, so that on the arrival of the steamer a definite list may be submitted to them.

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There exists, I am sorry to say, considerable dissatisfaction among the owners of race horses, who complain that the Jockey Club have not increased the value of the prizes offered in proportion to the increase of the Club's income, obtained by the closing of the Club Hipodromo Nacional, and it seems a pity that the Jockey Club do not see their way to accede to the owners' wish, at all events, in the smaller races, as it costs nearly as much to keep a second class horse in training, as it does a good one, while the returns obtainable are really very small.

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Luis Calistro has had his jockey's license suspended for four meetings by the commission of the Jockey Club, on account of his foul riding on Idiota in the Premio Primera last Sunday. This is a salutary punishment, and it would probably be for the good of racing if the powers that be were more strict in the administration of their laws.

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The mares Fauvette and Cristiana having been wrongly entered in the Premio Esperanza at next Sunday's meeting at Palermo, have had to be left out, which is most unfortunate for their owners as both mares have lately been running in good form, and would probably have run well in the race.

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That famous mare Mignonnette is said to have quite recovered her old form, and if that is so the cracks among the older horses had better look to their laurels, for she will undoubtedly prove a very hard nut to crack, especially at distances between fourteen and eighteen hundred metres. She was to have been tried with Blue Boat and Alcaide this week, I believe, but getting the better of her tiny pilot on the day previous to that appointed for the trial, she gave herself such a severe gallop that it was judged better to dispense with the trial.

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An exciting scene was witnessed a few weeks ago at Widmerpool station, on the Midland Railway. A fox that had been found in a covert called Parson's Thorn, after crossing the line shortly before a train was due, and thereby nearly leading to the destruction of some of the hounds, ran into the ladies' waiting room, where it was discovered and killed by the pack.

**

The Teutonia Club opened their new clubhouse with great éclat on Sunday last. A capital programme had been arranged and everything came off successfully. Perhaps the most interesting event was a sham fight between the Greeks and Turks. The members were dressed in clothes corresponding to the nation they represented, with canoes as men-of-war. The scene of the battle took place in front of the island of Aguirre, on the Rio Lujan. After the programme was finished a sumptuous repast was served, during which many hearty toasts were drunk to the prosperity of the club.

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A full committee meeting of the Argentine Association Football League was held on Tuesday last, when all the League fixtures were decided upon. The committee for the season consists of the following:— Mr A. Boyd, President; Mr B. B. Syer, Vice-president and Hon. Treasurer, Mr J. O. Anderson, Hon. Sec., and Messrs P. L. G. Bridger (Lomas), T. F. Allen (Flores), T. Bridge, D. Duncan (Lanus), J. Negron, H. W. Botting, J. H. Boyd, W. H. Harvey (Belgrano), A. M. Brown, A. J. Goode (Banfield), J. R. Boyd and A. J. Rugeroni (Palermo).

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The opening day of the Hurlingham golf season as our readers already know is Sunday, April 25, on which day two handicap competitions will be played over a course of eighteen holes for the gold medals presented to the club by W. Samson, Esq., and T. S. Boadle, Esq. Entries are to be sent to the Secretary, Hurlingham Club, Piedad 559, on or before the 21st inst. Those wishing to enter for the first-mentioned competition must remem-

ber to state the club they belong to, and the last handicap received from said club.

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The second competition is open to members of Hurlingham only. No player, however, can win both medals, but if a member of the Hurlingham Club returns the lowest nett score, he can choose either medal and the other goes to the next lowest score. In addition to the above there will be a sweepstake of two dollars to be taken by the lowest nett score.

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The Buenos Aires Golf Club are holding their opening day to-morrow on their links at Villa Catalinas, on which occasion a handicap competition will be played, the entrance for which is \$2. All entries close to-day at 12 o'clock and should be sent to the Hon. Sec., 265 Maipú.

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The annual general meeting of the Buenos Aires Rugby Football Club was held in these offices on Wednesday last. The Hon. Treasurer, Mr D. J. Stokes, presided, and was able to place before the meeting a most satisfactory report of the past season, both financially and otherwise. The committee and officers for the coming season were elected, and a very hearty vote of thanks was given to the Lomas Athletic Club, and to Mr T. R. Griffin, the Hon. Secretary, who worked so hard in their interests, and who had always personally superintended every necessary arrangement for the club's convenience.

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The following are the officers and committee elected for this season:—President, Mr Ronald Bridgett; Vice-presidents, Mr D. J. Stokes, and Mr J. Drysdale; Hon. Treasurer, Mr D. J. Stokes; Captain, Mr J. C. Bellamy; Hon. Sec., Mr M. F. Gilderdale; Committee, Messrs W. R. Baikie, J. O. Anderson, F. E. Jones, and A. J. McMorran. The first committee meeting will be held on Monday next the 19th inst.

CRICKET.

BATTING AND BOWLING AVERAGES.

Numerous changes in the batting averages have to be recorded since our last publication. A. Anderson finishes up the season at the head of the list, though his average has suffered to the extent of two points since last week.

R. W. Rudd falls two places, G. A. Thomson and F. E. Jones each going above him. H. B. Anderson finishes well going up five places, while G. F. Elliot falls two. G. M. Comber falls three places and D. Gibson, thanks to his two not out innings on Thursday last, appears in the list for the first time taking the twentieth place in the list.

Next week the cricket averages will appear for the last time, and we shall probably depart from our usual rule and give a more or less complete average list of our more prominent cricketers.

In the bowling, M. A. Halstead concludes the season with the splendid average of 6.4, and one cannot help regretting that this bowler has not been seen more frequently in our first class matches this season. The next important change is H. B. Anderson, who, as in the batting, finishes up the season with a much improved position taking the sixth place on the list. W. Brown falls a place in consequence, while the only other change of note is the reappearance of P. L. G. Bridger, who takes the fourteenth place on the list.

Next week we shall publish more bowling averages taking no minimum number of averages.

BATTING AVERAGES.

	No. of inns.	Times not out.	High. Score.	Total Runs.	Aver.
A. Anderson	31	7	106*	956	30.8
J. O. Anderson	45	5	103*	1329	29.5
R. E. H. Anderson	28	3	122*	815	29.1
P. M. Rath	14	2	70	368	26.3
J. R. Garrod	12	0	210	365	30.4
B. J. Dillon	23	3	76	591	25.7
E. L. Rumboll	33	3	117*	745	22.6
B. B. Syer	13	1	96	270	20.8
A. B. P. Boyd	12	1	62	223	18.6
G. A. Thomson	21	2	50	369	17.6
F. E. Jones	15	2	38	240	16.0
R. W. Rudd	17	1	50	293	17.2
H. B. Anderson	26	1	55	404	15.5
F. H. Jacobs	20	1	54*	294	14.7
R. L. Halstead	13	1	33	179	13.8
E. R. Gifford	13	2	36*	163	12.5
W. Brown	23	2	34	304	13.2
G. F. Elliot	18	2	45	228	12.7
P. L. G. Bridger	17	4	53*	157	9.2
D. Gibson	14	5	34*	108	7.7
W. H. Harvey	29	2	57	340	11.7
E. L. Wilson	23	1	45*	251	10.9
G. M. Comber	13	1	25	134	10.3
H. W. Botting	11	0	31	111	10.1
A. Venn	19	1	34	194	10.2

* Signifies not out.

BOWLING AVERAGES.

	O.	M.	R.	W.	AV
M. A. Halstead	147.2	43	284	44	6.4
P. M. Rath	212.4	60	437	57	7.6
W. R. Goodbody	123.3	45	238	27	8.8
W. H. Harvey	292.1	55	686	71	9.6
T. V. M. Knox	392.2	114	850	83	10.2
H. B. Anderson	256.3	64	609	56	10.8
W. Brown	354.3	118	776	70	11.08
E. L. Rumboll	393.1	102	913	78	11.6
A. Venn	141.2	20	354	30	11.8
R. C. Mackinnell	221.3	66	617	49	12.5
G. A. Thomson	261.3	51	659	51	12.9
E. R. Gifford	112	30	248	18	13.7
J. Stuart	109.1	14	327	21	15.5
P. L. G. Bridger	110	18	277	17	16.2
J. O. Anderson	193.1	28	645	36	17.9
G. F. Elliot	162.1	30	464	25	18.5
J. R. Garrod	147	42	322	16	20.1
C. R. Tupholme	146	30	375	17	22.05

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

The following teams have been selected for the above match to be played at Flores to-day and to-morrow. Cricket commences on the arrival of the 10 o'clock train from Once. To-morrow play will not begin till the arrival of the 1 p.m. train, and no lunch will consequently be provided on the ground.

Rosario—Messrs W. S. Penman, H. A. Willis, F. M. Martin, R. F. Dorning, Gordon Brown, A. Leunda, A. B. Calder, Besserer, A. M. Lamb, G. Bartlett, and R. Colson.

Flores—Messrs A. Boyd, B. J. Dillon, W. Brown, B. B. Syer, T. V. M. Knox, T. A. H. Forde, F. E. Jones, A. Palmer, W. D. Gardom, S. Francis, A. N. Other.

FLORES A.C. v. OLD BEDFORDIANS.

This match was played on Sunday last at Flores in magnificent weather and before a capital attendance of spectators, among whom were many ladies. The Old Boys were again without the services of G. S. Anderson, whose steady bowling they greatly missed. Flores were well represented, and after a most pleasant and interesting game, they retired victorious by 16 runs. After the exceptionally heavy rain fall the wicket was wonderful and at times played quite fast, but the bowlers were always able to "do a little," and this helped to keep the scores down.

For the home team Dillon and Rudd were the top scorers with 37 and 30 respectively, and they put up 55 for the first wicket. In the bowling Brown was very successful obtaining five wickets for 47 runs. For the visitors H. B. Anderson hit up a brilliant 43, while Morony took five wickets for 31 runs.

The fielding all through was very good and very few chances were thrown away.

Flores having won the toss, were rather puzzled as to what course to pursue, but eventually decided to bat, sending in Dillon and Rudd to face the bowling of H. B. Anderson (railway end) and Rumboll. Each bowler opened with a maiden, and six overs were sent down before the 10 appeared. After this runs came steadily though the scoring never became rapid. With 40 up Morony relieved Rumboll, and a few runs later H. B. Anderson handed the ball to R. W. In Morony's sixth over Rudd was nicely caught at short slip by R. W. Anderson, high up right hand. He had played extremely well though, at times, the wicket appeared to trouble him somewhat. The partnership had produced 55 runs, of which Rudd's share was 30. F. E. Jones followed in and another stand resulted. R. W. gave way for H. B. Anderson and Rumboll resumed at his old end, while later J. O. Anderson had a trial, but the separation came from the other end. H. B. Anderson clean bowling Jones for a most useful 25, the score standing at 95. Boyd joined Dillon, and with but one run added, H. Anderson bowled Boyd with a ball which pitched well up to him, but at which the batsman played back and was too late. Syer came next and the score gradually rose until with 120 up, the luncheon interval arrived, Syer being not out 17 and Dillon not out 35.

After lunch a sudden change came over the game, Morony, who went on at the railway end, proving most destructive, while R. W. Anderson kept up the other end. With 6 runs added, Morony bowled Syer with a very good one, which quite beat the batsman, who had scored a useful 20. W. Brown came next, and after escaping an easy chance of stumping which the wicket-keeper did not avail himself of, fell a victim to the second ball, making a mis-hit and being caught at long-slip (124-5-0). Dillon had to leave next, putting his leg in front of a straight one from Morony. His 37 was a masterly display of quiet and patient cricket as may be imagined from the fact that his score contained 27 singles. The rest of the innings requires but little description and the whole side were dismissed for 152, a very much smaller total than at one time seemed probable. Morony, who up to lunch time had only taken one wicket for 17 runs, proved most successful after lunch and took four more for 14. The other five wickets were divided between R. W. and H. B. Anderson.

The Old Bedfordians then batted, F. H. Jacobs and A. Anderson going to the wickets first, while W. Brown and T. V. M. Knox shared the bowling. With only two runs scored, Knox clean bowled Jacobs with a short ball which kept low. Rumboll took his place, but another blow was in store for the Old Boys as 4 runs later Rumboll made a ball from Knox into a "yorker" and was bowled (6-2-2). J. O. Anderson joined his brother and the score was raised to 16, when A. Anderson opened out to Brown and was well caught low

down at cover point. R. E. H. Anderson joined J. O. and gradually matters improved both batsmen playing free cricket. With the score at 50, Elliot took over the ball from Brown, who had been receiving rather severe punishment. This change soon worked as in the new bowler's second over, J. O. Anderson was clean bowled with a beauty that broke at least six inches. The partnership thus broken had produced 45 runs. H. B. Anderson followed in and soon began to show that he was in a lively frame of mind, runs coming at a capital pace. With 75 up, however, R. E. H. Anderson unfortunately played a ball from Knox on to his pads, and from thence it went to his wickets. R. W. then joined H. B. Anderson and an excellent stand was made, and a victory seemed well within reach of the Old Boys. With 132 up, however, Brown, who had gone on for Elliot, yoked R. W. Anderson for an invaluable 14 (132-6-14). Wanting but 23 runs to win, and with four more wickets to fall, matters looked rosy for the visitors. but the tail cut up miserably. Morony, L. and W. Jacobs being dismissed without any addition to the score. With five wickets left for play, Francis, who was acting as substitute, joined H. B. Anderson, but with 4 runs added, the last named player, in his anxiety to get the required runs, got too far out of his ground hitting at a ball from Brown, and as he missed it Syer whipped off the balls very smartly and the innings closed for 136 or 16 runs behind.

Below are the scores and analysis:—

Flores.		Old Bedfordians.	
B. J. Dillon	37	F. H. Jacobs	0
Morony	37	A. Anderson	0
R. W. Rudd	30	Gardom	9
Anderson	30	E. L. Rumboll	2
F. E. Jones	25	J. O. Anderson	27
Anderson	25	Elliot	27
A. Boyd	0	R. E. H. Anderson	28
B. B. Syer	20	Knox	28
W. Brown	0	H. B. Anderson	43
W. D. Gardom	0	b Brown	43
Anderson	3	R. W. Anderson	14
G. F. Elliot	5	E. F. Morony	0
Anderson	5	L. Jacobs	0
B. G. Henderson	4	W. Jacobs	0
c R. W. Anderson	4	S. Francis	0
B. W. Gardom	2	not out	2
T. V. M. Knox	9	b R. W. Anderson	9
b R. W. Anderson	9		
Extras	17	Extras	11
Total	152	Total	136

BOWLING ANALYSIS

Flores.				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
H. B. Anderson	15	4	36	2
E. L. Rumboll	8	1	20	0
E. F. Morony	18	6	31	5
R. W. Anderson	18.1	2	39	3
J. O. Anderson	4	3	9	0

H. B. Anderson bowled one wide.

Old Bedfordians.				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
W. Brown	17.2	5	47	5
T. V. M. Knox	17	6	32	3
G. F. Elliot	10	1	26	2
R. W. Rudd	2	0	20	0

W. Brown bowled one wide.

LOMAS A.C. v. ROSARIO A.C.

The above match was played at Lomas on Thursday last, in anything but pleasant weather, but before a capital attendance of spectators. The match was disappointing throughout, for it was originally a two-day fixture, in spite of which the four innings were played through on Thursday. Unfortunately the visitors were but poorly represented, several of their more prominent members being absent, and this to a large extent accounts for their poor display. The reason that the game was decided on one day's cricket may easily be accounted for in two ways, the wicket was very bad indeed, and the light, at times, was terrible, both of which facts made good cricket impossible. The natural consequence was the game was robbed of all interest, especially as it turned out so one-sided, the home team winning easily by 155 runs.

For the visitors, Leunda hit out brilliantly for 24 in their first innings, while in the bowling, Willis with three for 28 and three for 34, was the most successful of the six tried.

For Lomas, A. Anderson finished up the season with two capital displays of 31 and 39, while both H. Anderson and M. A. Halstead obtained splendid figures in the bowling.

An early start was made, and Bridger having won the toss elected to bat sending in J. O. and A. Anderson to face the deliveries of Penman and Martin (Temperley end). From the first it was clear that the wicket was not playing at all true, the balls alternately rising and shooting. In spite of this runs came steadily and 33 was up before J. O. Anderson was clean bowled by a ball which pitched about half-way, but which never rose at all. G. M. Comber took his place, but with the total unaltered fell a victim to a "yorker" from the same bowler (33-2-0). R. W. Rudd filled the vacancy and the score was raised to 46 before Willis, who had relieved Penman, bowled him. F. H. Jacobs came next and another short stand was made, in spite of various changes in the attack. With the score raised to 61, however, Jacobs mis-hit a ball from Penman and was taken in the slips. A. Anderson was the next to leave l.b.w. to a ball from Willis. He had made 31 runs by good and careful cricket on a difficult wicket, and his score contained five boundary hits. This brought H. Anderson and R. L. Halstead together and the stand of the innings

resulted. Both batsmen played a free game and runs came apace. Leunda was given a trial with the ball, and Willis, Penman and Martin each tried to effect a separation. It was not, however, till the score stood at 100 that H. Anderson played a ball into mid-off's hands and had to retire for a brilliantly compiled 22. Bridger took his place, but was caught and bowled off the first ball he received, making seven wickets down for 100. Draper followed, but 11 runs later lost Halstead, who was caught off Willis, after making 20, which contained two hits out of the ground. D. Gibson followed and Willis relieved Leunda. Play at this period was very slow and only 2 runs were added in eight minutes, when Draper was clean bowled by Penman. M. A. Halstead was the last comer and the score was raised to 127, before he was well caught at extra cover by Lamb off Penman. The score (127) though a small one, was good, when the wicket is taken into consideration.

With three-quarters of an hour for play before lunch, Rosario commenced their first innings. The first pair were Willis and Gordon Brown, while the bowling was shared by Bridger and M. A. Halstead. A most disastrous start was made the first three wickets falling for one run, while half the side were out for seven. Leunda and Besserer, however made a useful stand, the former playing up most pluckily before he was caught and bowled by Bridger. The follow-on, however was averted and the last few batsmen all making a few, the total eventually reached 68 or 59 runs behind. M. A. Halstead proved most destructive and obtained five wickets for 23 runs.

Lomas then again went to the wickets, R. W. Rudd and J. O. Anderson being the first pair, while Leunda and Martin (Temperley end) shared the bowling. A poor start was made for with but 6 runs scored Martin bowled Rudd, the batsman playing outside the ball. A. Anderson joined his brother and a capital stand was made. The Rosario captain, apparently determined to break the partnership continually changed the bowling, no less than six bowlers being utilised, but it was not until the score had been increased by 55 runs that this was effected, J. O. Anderson in hitting out at a ball from Dorning being well taken at third man for a useful 34. H. B. Anderson took his brother's place and opened well by hitting a ball from Dorning out of the ground. With 76 up, however, he was caught off Lamb, the board reading 76-3-9. R. L. Halstead added a single and then fell a victim to a ball from Leunda. F. H. Jacobs then joined A. Anderson and another good stand was made, the score being raised to 107 before Anderson was most brilliantly caught by Martin in the slips for another sterling innings of 39. Bridge came next, but after scoring a 3 and a 2 was bowled by Martin. Jacobs was caught off the same bowler for a useful 17, but with the exception of D. Gibson, who again played a not out innings no one did anything of note and the innings closed for 134 or 7 runs more than the first innings.

Requiring 194 to win Rosario started their second venture, and disastrous as their first innings was, it was nothing in comparison to what followed. M. A. Halstead and H. Anderson were deputed to bowl and such good use did they make of their opportunity that half the side were out for but 8 runs. When the time arranged for the drawing of stumps arrived, the board read 28-7-0, so the visiting captain wisely arranged to play another five or ten minutes in order to arrive at a definite conclusion. The light was very bad, but MacMorran, who was playing as a substitute, hit out well and scored a dozen before H. Anderson bowled him. With 35 up J. O. Anderson relieved Halstead and with the last ball of his first over he brought the match to a close by bowling Duncan. The innings thus closed for 38 and the match ended as stated above. H. Anderson with five wickets for 14 runs, and M. A. Halstead with four for 10 each bowled splendidly and appeared at times, to be unplayable.

Lomas.		1st inn		2nd inn	
J. O. Anderson	b Martin	14	c Calder	b Dorning	34
A. Anderson	l b w b Willis	31	c Martin	b Willis	39
G. M. Comber	b Martin	0	b Willis		3
R. W. Rudd	b Willis	6	b Martin		2
F. H. Jacobs	c Martin	b Penman			17
H. B. Anderson	c Penman	b Leunda			9
Leunda		22	c Leunda	b Lamb	9
R. L. Halstead	c Besserer	b Willis			1
P. L. G. Bridger	c and b Leunda		b Martin		5
Leunda		0	b Willis		0
R. E. Draper	b Penman	3	not out		16
D. Gibson	not out	10			0
M. A. Halstead	c Lamb	b Penman			0
Penman		3	Extras		8
Extras		7			

Total 127 Total (for 9 wkts)*. 134
* Innings declared closed.

Rosario A.C.		1st inn		2nd inn	
H. A. Willis	b Halstead	0	b H. B. Anderson	0	
Gordon Brown	b Bridger	0	b Halstead	0	
F. M. Martin	b Halstead	0	b H. B. Anderson	3	
W. S. Penman	c and b Bridger	1	b Halstead	3	
R. Dorning	c Gibson	b Halstead			1
Leunda		1	b H. B. Anderson	1	
A. Leunda	c and b Bridger	24	b Halstead	3	
A. B. Calder	hit wicket	b Bridger			2
Besserer	b Halstead	9	not out	3	
A. M. Lamb	not out	8	b H. B. Anderson	0	
A. J. McMorran	c R. L. Halstead	11	b H. B. Anderson	12	
D. Duncan	absent	0	b J. O. Anderson	0	
Extras		4	Extras	11	
Total		68	Total	38	

BOWLING ANALYSIS.
Lomas.—First Innings.

	O	M	R	W
F. M. Martin	15	2	43	2
W. S. Penman	15.2	2	32	3
H. A. Willis	13	5	28	3
A. Leunda	6	2	17	2

Second Innings.

A. Leunda	5	1	18	1
F. M. Martin	19	0	31	3
W. S. Penman	3	0	9	0
H. A. Willis	9	2	34	3
A. M. Lamb	5	0	21	1
R. F. Dorning	4	1	13	1

Rosario.—First Innings.

M. A. Halstead	11.4	5	23	5
P. L. G. Bridger	11	2	41	4

Second Innings.

H. B. Anderson	9	5	10	4
M. A. Halstead	9	3	14	5
J. O. Anderson	1	0	3	1

R O S A R I O .

LOCAL CRICKET CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

ROSARIO A.C. v. CORDOBA AND ROSARIO RY. C.C.

The above return fixture between these clubs was decided on Sunday last at Plaza Jewell, the victory remaining with the Railway team by the narrow margin of 7 runs. As already reported in our columns, the first match was won easily by the Railway eleven, the scores reading 126 against 61, but on the present occasion, as will be seen from the scores given below, a far more even game resulted.

The pleasant change in the weather from that experienced at matches of late was very agreeable although somewhat chilly for the spectators.

The proceedings were commenced by Willis and Brown on behalf of the Railway Club, the bowling being entrusted to Penman and J. D. Martin. These batsmen, however were soon separated as with the score at 8 Brown was caught by Parr off J. D. Martin (1-8-3). F. Martin filled the vacancy, but no sooner had joined Willis than the latter put a ball into Clarke's hands at long off. H. Dorning joined Martin, but succeeded in augmenting the score by 7 only when a ball from Penman proved too much for him. With three of their best wickets down for 25, things looked far from rosy, for the C. and R.R.C.C. when R. F. Dorning went in to join Martin. These two players put a little more life into the game, runs coming more rapidly, but just as the two appeared to be well set, Martin was unfortunate in being well taken in the long field by Clarke, having compiled a neat 23 at a critical time. Lowndes then took his place at the wickets, a change being made in the bowling soon afterwards, V. C. Parr replacing J. D. Martin with the score at 48. The change proved effective as the new bowler found Lowndes' wicket with the last ball of his first over, thus making way for Henderson, who was also soon obliged to retire with 4 only to his credit, being caught by J. Parr (64-6-4). The remaining four batsmen only put together 11, which brought the total to 86 leaving R. F. Dorning "not out" with a useful 20 to his credit.

Without delay, the R.A.C. sent in Penman and Boardman to face the deliveries of F. Martin and H. Dorning, the former taking Boardman's wicket with his third ball, no score having been made. J. D. Martin followed in and hit the first delivery from his brother for 3, but succumbed to a good ball from Dorning soon afterwards, the board reading 9-2-6. Keyworth at this point joined Penman and with very slow cricket the total was taken to 20, when Willis relieved Martin at the pavilion end. Keyworth was taken with a "yorker" by Dorning having added 6 to the total, Blackledge taking the place of the outgoing batsman. His partnership with his captain was not of long duration as the latter was caught and bowled by Willis with the next ball, after having put together 15 by very steady play. His place was taken by V. C. Parr, who commenced by hitting Willis for 3, but with the score at 36, the last named bowler proved too much for Blackledge. With Keene in, the game became somewhat livelier, and F. Martin took over the ball from H. Dorning, and a few runs later the bowlers changed ends which proved effective as Keene was well held by Lowndes at long on. J. G. Parr filled the vacancy, but after adding two was caught at the wicket by Brown off Martin. Clarke, who was the next batsman, soon lost the companionship of V. C. Parr, who was bowled by a "scorcher" from Martin. Boxall only succeeded in adding one to the total, when he also fell a victim to Martin. The score at this point had reached 75 and with one wicket still to fall the game became rather exciting. G. Middleton, however, who was the last man in, after adding one had the misfortune to lose Clarke, who had put together 15 in a very short space of time, thus leaving the C. and R.R.C.C. winners, as already stated, by 7 runs.

Very few catches were missed which combined with the good bowling accounts for the small scores. For the C. and R.R.C.C. F. Martin's bowling was the most effective, his figures being five wickets for 29 runs, and for the R.A.C., Parr and Penman were the best with two for 11 and five for 31 respectively. The C. and R.R.C.C. still retain second place in the competition, as will be seen from the table given below.

Subjoined are the full scores and analysis:

C. and R.R. C.C.				Rosario A.C.			
H. A. Willis c Clarke b Penman	3	Boardman b Martin	0	W. S. Penman c and b Willis	15	J. D. Martin b Dorning	6
G. Brown c Parr b Martin	3	F. H. Keyworth b H. Dorning	6	F. M. Martin b Dorning	6	Blackledge b Willis	2
F. Martin c Clarke b Penman	23	V. C. Parr b Martin	19	J. M. Keene c Lowndes b Martin	8	T. G. Parr c Brown b Martin	2
H. Dorning b Penman	7	E. Clarke c Kean b Dorning	15	G. Middleton not out	1	Boxall b Martin	1
R. Dorning not out	20	G. Middleton not out	1	Extras	4	Extras	4
M. Lowndes b Parr	5	Extras	10	Extras	4	Extras	4
Henderson c Parr b V. C. Parr	4	Total	86	Total	79	Total	79
C. Parr	4						
G. W. Hamill b Penman	6						
B. Carman b J. D. Martin	4						
T. G. Milne b Penman	1						
R. Kean b Martin	0						

BOWLING ANALYSIS.
C. and Rosario Railway C.C.

	O	M	R	W
W. S. Penman	14	2	31	5
J. D. Martin	10	0	34	3
V. C. Parr	5	1	11	2

Rosario A.C.

F. Martin	13	0	29	5
H. Dorning	15.2	4	24	3
H. A. Willis	9	1	22	2

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

	Played	Drawn	Lost	Won	Points
United Banks	5	1	0	4	9
C. and R. R. C.C.	6	0	2	4	8
R.A.C.	5	0	3	2	4
C.A.R.A.C	6	1	5	0	1

WEST INDIES.

LORD HAWKE'S TEAM.

Seventh Match, v. Barbados.—The English cricketers, captained by Lord Hawke, met Barbados for the first time on Feb. 25, at Bridgetown. The home team opened the batting, and, when the tenth wicket fell, were credited with 166 runs (Mr A. S. Cocks 36, Mr C. Goodman 35). Four of the visitors were disposed of for 98, and stumps were then drawn for the day. On Feb. 26 the score was carried to 290 (Mr A. D. Whatman 67, Mr G. R. Bardswell 54, Mr H. D. G. Leveson-Gower 38, Mr P. F. Warner 27, Lord Hawke 23, Mr C. Heseltine 21). The Barbados eleven batted remarkably well in the second innings for 319 runs (Mr H. Cole 78, Mr P. Cox 74, Mr H. B. G. Austin 36, Mr C. Goodman 28, Mr T. W. Roberts 24, Mr C. Browne 23, Mr A. S. Cocks 22). The Englishmen required to make 196 to win on the third day, and had only an hour and a half left, so that the game ended in a draw, the visitors having lost three wickets in their right second venture for 97 (Mr P. F. Warner 37, Mr G. R. Bardswell 27).

Eighth Match, v. Barbados.—This return match was played at Bridgetown on March 2, 3, and 4, and resulted in a win for Lord Hawke's team by four wickets. The visiting captain won the toss, and sent in his opponents, who scored 149 (Mr P. A. Goodman 52, Mr T. W. Roberts 24, Mr D. Macanley 22); after which the English players made 165 (Mr G. R. Bardswell 73, Mr H. D. G. Leveson-Gower 47). In their second innings Barbados were dismissed for 203 (Mr D. Macanley 36, Mr H. Cole 32, Mr H. B. G. Austin 31, Mr P. A. Goodman 23, Mr A. S. Cocks not out 22; and the visitors experienced little difficulty in winning, as already stated. The principal feature of the game was the brilliant display of Mr P. F. Warner, who carried out his bat for 113 runs.

PAVILION GOSSIP.

On Sunday last the Old Bedfordians met with a second reverse, this time at the hands of the Flores Athletic Club. The game was a most enjoyable one and the interest was fully maintained to the end. The fielding of the Old Boys was very different to that of the preceding Sunday, and the match generally was fought out in a much keener spirit, while there was a capital attendance of spectators.

The B.A.C.C. have recently been most unfortunate in their fixtures with the Montevideo Cricket Club. This season they had arranged home and home fixtures, but owing to the troubled state of the Banda Oriental it is quite impossible for our men to go over, and now they are unable to come here, as several naval men, who had kindly promised to play for them, at the last moment, were unable to obtain leave of absence, so the match has been scratched.

Accordingly the Rosario match to-day and to-morrow with the Flores A.C. will bring our cricket season to a close. On the whole it has been an enjoyable season though of late the

scoring has been distinctly low. This may be accounted for, to a considerable extent, by the fact that nearly all the wickets recently have been slow ones, so that the bowlers have invariably been able to maintain the upper hand.

The match between the Rosario A.C. and the Lomas A.C. was a very one-sided one. It was known that Rosario could not bring down as strong an eleven as they wished, but few were prepared for such an utter collapse. In each of their innings it looked as though Lomas were going to make a new record for River Plate cricket, by dismissing their opponents, for under 20, twice in the same match, for in the first innings Rosario lost five wickets for 7 runs, and in the second venture they lost 5 for 8, but on each occasion the "tail" came to the rescue.

It was most unfortunate that the wicket turned out so badly, as, except for a short time, at the beginning of the Lomas second innings, it was extremely difficult, and run getting was by no means an easy task. Mr M. A. Halstead bowled uncommonly well and distinctly added to the reputation he is gradually acquiring for himself. Mr A. Anderson also showed that his position in the averages is no fluke as with the wicket almost unplayable he compiled two capital innings of 31 and 39.

I hear on good authority, that the Lomas A.C. have offered the B.A.F.C. the use of their ground again this season. I do not know if the offer has been accepted, but the Lomas Club certainly deserves the thanks of all our Rugby football players for its efforts to promote that branch of the game. I sincerely hope that the offer will be accepted, if only in appreciation of the strenuous efforts which the energetic and popular secretary of the Lomas A.C. has made to obtain that end.

I also hear on good authority that the Lomas Athletic Club hope to have their new ground ready for football by the end of next month, by which time they hope to have their new pavilion finished. Accordingly they will open their football season on the old ground where many a tough battle has been fought out. The ground looks in capital order just now, and the going will be very fast for the first few matches.

At the Football League committee meeting held last Tuesday, several important modifications in the existing rules were made, which our Association football players should carefully note. To rule 10, the following has been added: "The goal-keeper shall not be charged except he be in the act of playing the ball, or is obstructing an opponent. Note—In the act of playing the ball, means actual contact with the ball."

The above addition to our rules is very important and should be carefully borne in mind by our forwards. Another change which must be mentioned is the innovation of the 12 yards line. As far as I know the rule relating to this has never been enforced here, but our players must remember that now the Referee has no option, but if (in the opinion of the Referee) an intentional foul has been made, he must enforce the penalty kick whether it is appealed for or not.

The Albion F.C., Montevideo, opened their football season on Sunday last, with the H.M.S. Basilisk as their opponents, whom they defeated by five goals to one. Printed programmes with the names and positions of the players, and Rules of the game in Spanish were distributed among the spectators. On Thursday they played the H.M.S. Retribution, to-morrow they play the combined fleet and on the 25th they meet the H.M.S. Beagle.

The club is determined to revive the interest in football at Montevideo, and I hope they will receive every support from our clubs here, with whom they are anxious to arrange fixtures. Now that the League fixtures are arranged, club secretaries should put themselves in communication with the energetic Secretary of the Albion Club, Mr H. C. Lichtenberger, c/o Messrs J. L. Humphreys and Co., Barraca Inglesa, Montevideo.

After a bad start, England has come out, with flying colours, from the last of her International Rugby football matches. In the last few years Scotland has proved victorious, but this season, England, after succumbing to both Wales and Ireland, gained a handsome victory by twelve points to three. It was a splendid game, and at half-time the score-sheet was blank. Of the twenty-four matches now played between the two countries, England has won nine, Scotland eight, and seven have been left drawn.

BLESS THE BOY

Yes, a faded spray of lilac, and, as you say, no perfume lingers about the tiny petals. It was never plucked, in graceful art it lived alone. And now, what a picture it conjures up, of . . . the only woman I ever loved and lost.

Well, if you must know, it was on my last journey to Ceylon we met. The first few days on board were uncommonly dull, dull weather, dull officers, and oh! dullest of dull passengers, so dull that I blessed the empty chair next mine at dinner-time, and dreaded the day that would see it occupied by another of this trying company that had not an atom of anything interesting about it.

But what a change came over the spirit of my ideas when at last Mrs. Chalmers appeared. Notwithstanding her long cloak and the lace she had wrapped about her head, I knew at once that I should not count the long minutes of the day again in the restless misery of a wasted unprofitable time.

It was Captain Dray who introduced me, as I was pacing the deck just before the dinner gong sounded. "Captain Rayner," he said, "at last Mrs. Chalmers is honouring us with her company to-night—she allows me to introduce you as her table companion—will you look after her comfort?"

I bowed, and as the captain was called away, offered my arm. "We have been deprived of your society a long time Mrs. Chalmers; if I were Captain Dray, my ship should know a new rule, that my passengers must come to dinner."

"A difficult rule where the passengers are passengers," she said with a little laugh.

"May I hope you have quite recovered," I began. "Oh!" she exclaimed, "I have not been ill—it is my boy who has kept me in the cabin, but thank goodness he is better now, though as tyrannical as ever."

I smiled as I took her down to dinner—"Children are privileged beings!" I said, "and there are many who envy them their privileges, but you must not let us be deprived of the pleasure of your society any longer."

She smiled, somewhat enigmatically, I fancied, but only said, "He has promised to be very good now."

After dinner I installed her in my deck chair, and we talked on any and every subject, whereby I gained considerable knowledge of Mrs. Chalmers' character, likes and dislikes. This was not much—I could not gather was she wife or widow, for she never mentioned the word husband, but I know that she gave me leave to call on her when we should both be back in town.

Her oval face was beautiful with the beauty of a Greek statue to which the scarlet of her lips gave life and animation, even without the delicious tones of a sweet, soft voice. I sat opposite her, more and more absorbed in admiration as the evening advanced, and at last after a long pause in our conversation, as I was contemplating the picture she made, destined never to leave my brain, I could not help myself, and said earnestly, "With the moon shining on your face you are like a beautiful marble goddess! Are you as cold, I wonder?"

She got up very slowly, but I did not think I had offended her for she gave me her hand. "Good night," she said, "it is getting quite chilly. I should not like to be a goddess with a cold."

"I shall see you to-morrow?" I asked, eagerly. "Perhaps," she answered, "slightly raising her eyebrows, "if I am allowed to come."

And then she left me to my own reflections. How delightful they were I leave to the imagination of those who, like myself, have been suddenly laid low by the treacherous little darts of mischief making Love. And from the deck I picked up this spray of lilac she had worn at her throat, which has never left me since.

Next day the weather was exquisite, and when I went above for the second time, I found her again comfortably settled in my chair, at which my heart gave a grateful bound. How beautiful she was in the fresh morning air, in a dainty yachting get-up that had not its equal on board.

She looked up smiling. "Good morning, Captain Rayner, will you forgive my monopolising this?" with her hand on the arm of the chair. "It will not be for long."

"Oh, Mrs. Chalmers," I ejaculated, "please, please make use of it during the voyage. Nothing will give me greater pleasure. Now promise me you will!" This fervently as I still held the hand I had been shaking.

With a little blush she withdrew it. "Oh thanks, you are very kind."

"Not at all, I am honoured." At this moment a maid came forward to speak to her, and I discreetly stepped back a little, though I could not help overhearing a few words.

"He is very restless, ma'am." Do you think he wants me?"

"I am afraid I cannot keep him quiet."

"Very well then, I will come. Au revoir, Captain Rayner."

There was hardly an anxious mother-look on the face that turned, and to my disgust took leave of me for the present, but I could sympathise and inwardly cursed the fractious child that had kept its lovely mother so long a prisoner, and even now would not let her enjoy an hour's liberty without exercising the tyranny that yesterday she had laughed at, but that, to-day, I fancied, nay I believed she chafed under.

And all that day I waited in vain—she came no more to grace my chair.

Next day we reached Gibraltar, and knowing well the bustling horrors of arrivals and departures, I kept my cabin and finished arrears of a correspondence that would leave me free to enjoy the delicious companionship I had gained so unexpectedly.

At dinner-time her place was empty.

"A pity Colonel Chalmers could not stand the voyage any further," said Dray, looking at my disconsolate face heartlessly, and a stupid smile flitted across the row of dull faces opposite me, but I managed to control myself, and tried hard to find comfort in my empty chair that had held her in its arms for even a few hours.

From that day I have never set eyes on Mrs. Chalmers, but this spray of lilac is not all that keeps her alive in my heart—I love her still!

What's that? The postman!

Dear Captain Rayner, I hear you are in town—why do you not fulfil your promise of coming to see me? I wonder if you have heard that Colonel Chalmers died two years ago?"

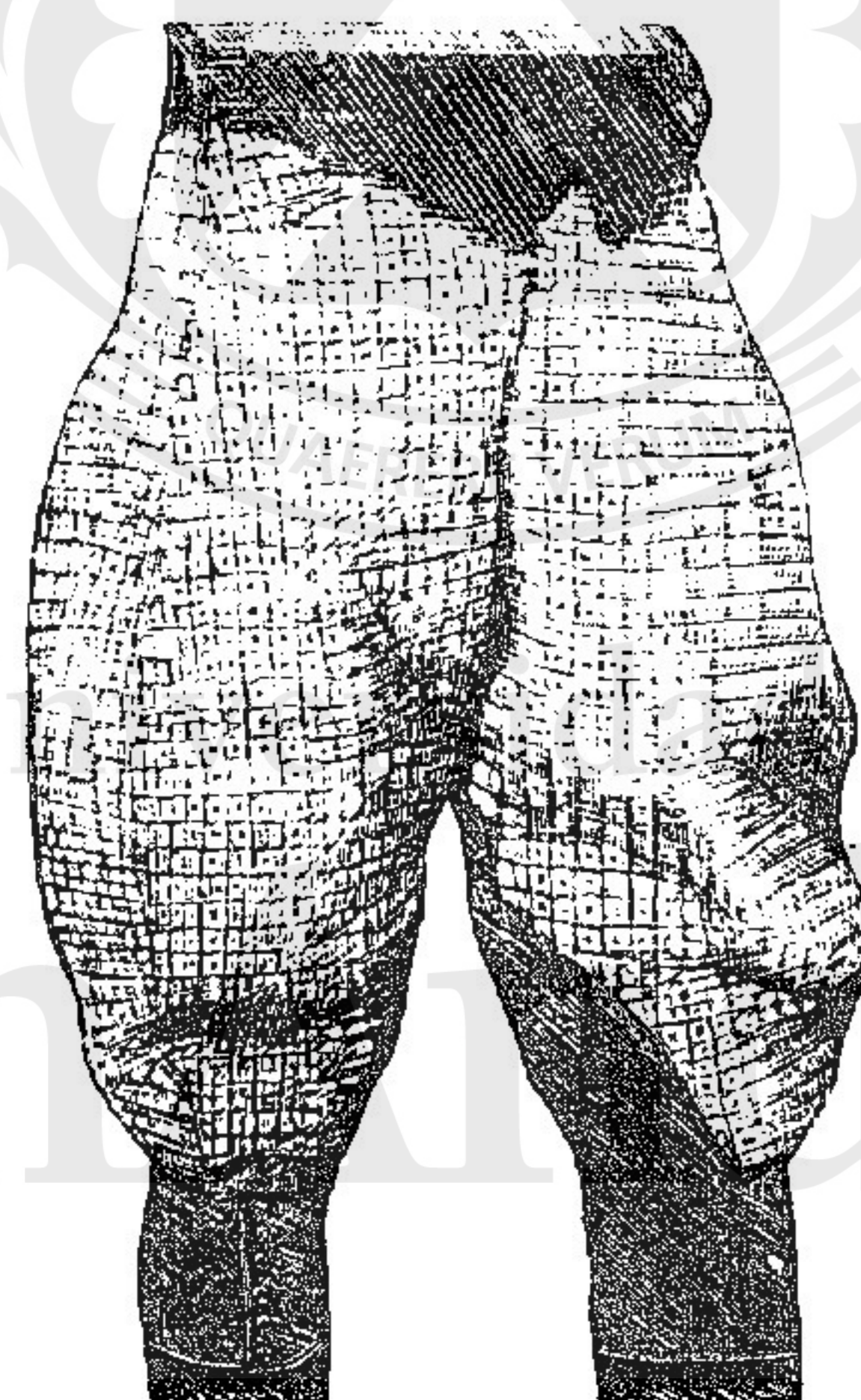
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SPECIAL MEETING.

On the conclusion of the annual meeting a Special General Meeting of subscribers will be held to consider alterations (as follows) in the regulations of management that are proposed by the Committee:

Rule No 6 as now—5. The Committee of Management shall appoint a qualified Medical practitioner to act as Senior Medical Officer under the professional direction of the Consulting Medical Officers.

The Committee may at their discretion allow the Senior Medical Officer to reside outside and to engage in private practice so long as this does not interfere with his duties to the Hospital.

He shall be responsible to the Committee and shall receive such stipend as the Committee may deem fitting and in the event of such Senior Medical Officer being allowed to be non-Resident, the Committee shall also appoint a Junior Medical Officer at a salary to be fixed by the Committee, who shall reside on the premises and shall not engage in private practice either in or out of the Hospital.

Alter to—The Committee of Management shall appoint a qualified medical practitioner to act as Senior Medical Officer, who shall be responsible for the treatment of all Patients. He shall receive such stipend as the Committee may deem fitting and shall not carry on any private practice within the precincts of the Hospital.

The Committee shall also appoint a Junior Medical Officer at such a salary as they may fix. He shall reside on the premises and shall not engage in private practice either in or out of the Hospital. The Committee shall also have the power to provide such further professional assistance as they may from time to time deem necessary for the efficient working of the Institution.

Rule No 7 as now.

7. The Committee of Management shall appoint two or more British qualified medical men practising in Buenos Aires as Honorary Consulting Physician and Surgeon, who shall be ex-officio members of the Committee of Management and shall possess a vote at General Meetings. They shall have powers of General Supervision over all cases in the Hospital and shall give their services gratuitously.

Alter to. The Committee of management may at any time elect one or more duly qualified Medical men to act as members of the Committee. The post shall be honorary and all such appointments shall terminate when a new Committee takes office.

The Committee may also appoint duly qualified medical men from time to time to act as consulting specialists in various diseases, and are authorized to pay such fees as may be agreed upon. All these appointments shall terminate when a new Committee takes office.

Rule No. 10 as now:

10. An order from the British Consul, the Chaplains serving on the Committee, on the Visiting Medical Officers, guaranteeing the poverty of the applicant, shall be sufficient to procure admission, subject to such arrangements as the Committee from time to time may decide on.

Alter to. An order given by any member of the Committee guaranteeing the poverty of an applicant shall be sufficient to procure admission subject to such arrangements as the Committee may from time to time decide on.

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The bubonic plague is on the decrease in Bombay.

Monday, the 19th, is the anniversary of the Primrose League.

The profits of the national lottery, during March last, reached \$300,849.

Ferrari's opera company left Genoa on the 15th, on board the steamer Sirio.

The revolutionists are reported to have captured the Oriental gunboat Artigas.

On the 1st of April there were notes to the value of \$298,165,957 in circulation.

The new Chilean fleet will steam direct for Valparaiso after its visit to Rio Janeiro.

It is reported that 44,000 insurrectionists have laid down their arms in the Philippines.

Fifteen British war vessels passed through the Suez Canal during the first days of this month.

Lord Wolseley left London on Wednesday last to pay a technical visit of inspection to Gibraltar.

To provide the "sinews of war" Greece will try to place an internal loan of 20,000,000 dracmas.

The Caja de Conversion have put 800,000 more nickel coins in circulation, representing a value of \$100,000.

The Spanish Government has given orders to General Weyler to allow the exportation of tobacco from Cuba.

At a sale of rare postage stamps in London last month one from "Buenos Aires, 5 pesos," orange, brought £28.

The "navy" of the Banda Oriental has been increased by the addition of the steamers Colon and Francisco Videla.

The inauguration of Mr Charles Bright's electric tramway line in Palermo has been postponed till Monday 19th inst.

The streets of Asuncion are compared to a desert. The inhabitants have fled the city to escape the influenza epidemic.

"What are the wild waves saying" in Mar del Plata? Nobody can tell, for its glory has departed for another eight months.

General Reynolds, on account of ill health, has given up the command of the artillery division in Villa Mercedes, San Luis.

Fifty soldiers of the Rioja encampment of National Guards are unable to go through their drill owing to being barefooted.

A boat-hiring establishment is being erected on the ground of the Dock Co. in La Plata. The boats will all be of a light build.

From May 1 next the 24 hour method of marking the time will be applied in Belgium to the railways, the post, and the telegraph.

An artesian well in Marcos Juarez, Cordoba, gives 4000 litres of water per hour. It has a depth of seventy metres and cost \$1570.

The resignation of the commanders of the first and second naval divisions, Captains E. Correa and E. Barilari, have been accepted.

The Liberal party in the House of Commons says that the only solution of the Cretan question is the handing over of the island to Greece.

Mr Alfredo Demarchi has bought the concession of the company known as Dock Sud de la Capital. He intends to carry on the works.

The "comisarios" of Carhué and Guamini have been dismissed from their posts for giving false accounts of the elections held on March 28.

Banks and business in general were content with three holidays during the past week, but our courts of justice could not do with less than seven.

Two sailing vessels have arrived at Bahia Blanca from Australia with wooden sleepers for the Neuquen extension of the Southern Railway.

The profits of the Jockey Club would seem to increase at every meeting held. The club netted \$24,200 as its share on tickets sold last Sunday.

The Sunday drilling of the active forces of the National Guard will be from 11 a.m. till 4 p.m. during the months of July, August and September.

A correspondent writes: "From Salto to Paysandu there are no men left on the estancias; horses and live stock of all classes have been driven off."

A chemist advises that canned fruit be opened an hour or two before it is used. It becomes richer after the oxygen of the air has been restored to it.

The President of the Swiss Confederation has been named arbitrator in the limits question between France and Brazil regarding the territory of Amapá.

A thunderbolt struck an aguardiente factory in La Paz, Montevideo, last week. The fire destroyed 100,000 litres of aguardiente that were in deposit. Damages, \$40,000 gold.

The British Admiralty has ordered a cruiser to pursue and prevent the steamer Bermuda from landing war material and men in Cuba. The vessel is sailing under the British flag.

An American syndicate has made proposals to the Bolivian Government for the construction of a railway from the River Paraguay to Santa Cruz, asking a twenty years' guarantee.

Brazil will be ready in May to give the "Conselheiro" the return battle. If things are not hurried up the public will have forgotten all about the engagement of Canudos.

Steinitz, the great chess player, whose reported death some weeks ago turns out to be false, played on Tuesday last, in Vienna, 22 games, winning 17, losing 2, and 3 being drawn.

Estancieros in the Banda Oriental calculate that between the revolutionists and government troops no less than 1000 head of cattle are slaughtered per day, to say nothing of sheep.

The late storms caused a great amount of damage to the Central Uruguay Railway. Parts of the line were under water, while in other places the earthworks have been washed away.

Germany, China, Japan, Chile, Honduras and this country will not be represented by war vessels at the General Grant Commemoration to be held in New York on the 27th of this month.

With the assistance of the latest machines a piece of leather can be transformed into a pair of boots in 34 minutes, in which time it passes through the hands of 63 people, and through 15 machines.

The contract for the building of the branch of the Central Argentine Railway from Pergamino to Melincué has been approved of by the National Government. The line is to be finished in two years.

The permanent lazarette in Lisbon, added to the high imposts, etc., on steamers arriving in the port, is the reason given for several lines making Gibraltar their port of call for late mails and passengers.

The Marine Minister of France has declared in the Chambers that unless the present budget for the navy is triplicated it is impossible for France to compete against the maritime supremacy of Great Britain.

The Municipal Intendente has notified the Chief of Police that lamp breaking and lamp stealing is on the increase, especially in the neighbourhood of Avenida Buenos Aires and in the streets of Belgrano.

During the last sixty-five years the increase of population has been—In France, 18 per cent.; Austria, 45; Italy, 48; United Kingdom, 63; Germany, 75; Russia, 92; British colonies, 510; United States, 625.

An invasion of Indians has taken place on the borders of the Province of Salta and the Chaco. They attacked the estancia of Sr. J. C. Aranda, killing two of his sons and driving off all the live stock on the place.

The returns of the elections in the fifth section of this province, held on March 28 last, give four deputies to each of the three contending factions. The returns of the sixth section have not been published yet.

General Mitre has received from the makers of the Mauser rifle, Messrs L. Loewe and Co., a beautiful specimen of that arm, accompanied with a very laudatory letter. The gift came through Colonel Riccheri.

It is estimated that the death rate of the world is 67 a minute, and the birth-rate 70 a minute, and this seemingly light percentage of gain is sufficient to give a net increase of population each year of almost 1,200,000 souls.

The building for the installation of the electric plant of the Tramway La Capital, Calle Comercio and Paseo Colon, is progressing rapidly. The works will suffer no stoppage, as the principal part of the material is on the ground.

The import and export dues collected by the Custom-house of this city, from January 1 to April 13 of this year, amounts to \$3,166,240.16 gold and \$18,589,697.14 paper, which gives an increase of \$574,194.43 gold over the corresponding period of 1896.

Dr M'Dowell, of Chicago, who competed for the diamond sculls at Henley Regatta last year, but who was defeated by Mr R. Beaumont, is making arrangements to again appear on the Thames this summer. He will leave for England about the 1st of April.

During 1896 39,226 emigrants left Irish ports, or 3.5 per 1000 of the estimated population, being a decrease of 9708 as compared with 1895. The number of male emigrants was 17,935, or 3637 less than in the previous year; and of females the decrease was 6071.

Latest telegrams state that during the meeting of the Turkish Cabinet on Sunday last the Sultan was in constant communication with the Czar of Russia and the Emperor of Germany, and assure beyond a doubt that Turkish politics are directed from St. Petersburg and Berlin.

We learn that there is a proposal of the British authorities to discard the troy weight and to adopt the metric measurement in the Royal Mint, and it is observed that when this is done the U. S. A. will be nearly the only leading power still using the troy weight in its mints.

The Municipal Intendente has been asked to impose the maximum fine on no less than seventeen makers of fideos and traders in wine, their goods having been declared dangerous to the public health owing to adulterations. In the case of the fideos, poisonous substances were used, derived from tar and lead, so as to give the corresponding colour.

In consequence of the continued decline of the French wool and weaving industry, which, according to the secretary of the Paris Chamber of Commerce, will be killed entirely should the American tariff be increased as threatened, a powerful syndicate of wool carders at Roubaix have resolved to close their works there and emigrate to Japan, where the industry can still be carried on under profitable conditions.

A new law in the Transvaal will be the forced use of the Dutch language in all public documents and business, declaring of no legal value those drawn up in any other language.

The principal tugboat owners, Messrs N. Mihanovitch and A. Gardella, have entered into an agreement, which comes into force from the 25th inst., to charge a uniform rate for the use of their boats. This will do away with the reduction in prices that existed owing to the competition between the two firms.

Recent official statistics show that more than £830,000 are each year spent on playing cards in Russia in Europe. The monopoly of the manufacture of playing cards in Russia belongs to the Tsaritzin Maria charitable institutions, and an income of £280,000 a year is produced, the cost of manufacture being only £50,000.

A new Municipal law prohibits, after August 12, the introduction of milk into the city in the old-fashioned raw hide panniers, with the milkman sitting on horseback. It must be brought in spring carts, and sold from them or from shops. Special permits will be given to vendors on horseback where the state of the roads will not allow the use of carts.

The Peruvian Government has suspended the coining of silver money. From May 10 next the importation of silver money into the country is prohibited. Passengers will only be allowed to land with fifty soles, above that amount they will be charged Customs dues and the coins sent to the mint to be melted down. The effects of this decree have been the raising in value of silver money 2 per cent. in a few days.

In view of the two serious explosions we have lately experienced in this city, is it now time that the deposit of powder and dynamite outside of Palermo Park be removed? The deposit is situated in close proximity to the Tiro Federal, Hipódromo Argentino, Central Argentine line, and to the main pipes of the water supply of the city. The military guard that look after the building live in tents and their cooking is done in the open.

The overmastering reason of the German Emperor's hostility to Greece is, according to the "Saturday Review," a purely personal one. He dislikes the King of Greece intensely. Besides, William looks upon the Greek King as a recreant and traitor to his order. "That a king should ask for a plebiscite inspires the Hohenzollern with much the same horror as would a National Assembly whose members demanded the anointing oil."

The captain of the steamer Ethelgonda, which arrived here on Saturday last, reports that on March 8, while in the Bay of Biscay, he saw several sailing vessels completely dismantled in charge of tugs, and also two steamers whose decks had been swept clean, showing neither chimneys, masts nor deck-houses. For some days previous to March 8 a severe storm had been raging in the bay, and it is probable that the Hydarnes, now some weeks overdue, has been caught in it.

According to the latest report of the Census Committee there are to-day in the Argentine Republic no fewer than 659 flour mills, driven by steam, water, or horse-power. The 234 steam and 303 hydraulic mills represent 10,500 horse-power, and 70 per cent. of this total falls to the riparian provinces, Buenos Aires leading 2,884 horse-power, Santa Fé second with 2,244, this capital third with 1,130, Entre Rios fourth with 880, Cordoba 817, etc. The capital sunk in these flour mills amounts to no less than \$36,000,000.

The police statistics for last February report 20 suicidal attempts, 7 of which were fatal, of the total 18 persons were Roman Catholics and 2 Protestants. Ten fires occurred, causing a loss in merchandise, furniture, and damage to buildings of \$131,495, only \$46,600 of which was insured. There were 212 arrests for disorder, 1187 arrests for drunkenness, and 932 for carrying arms and other charges not specified. Property to the value of \$135,392 was stolen during the month, but the police recovered \$47,000.15 of the amount.

The favourite sport in Siam is fish-fighting. Betting on fish-fights is such a passion with the Siamese that they will stake not only all their money and their goods but even their wives and children. The right to keep fighting fish is bestowed only by the king, and is so highly paid for, that the royal coffers derive a large revenue from granting the requisite licenses. The fighting fish are little things—long, and not thicker than a child's finger, but they are full of fight, and fly at each other with the utmost ferocity as soon as they are put into the same water.

Mr Kruger's speeches while on a visit to the Orange Free State appear to have caused a ferment in his own country. They have set the Boers to the singing of the "Volkslied" and the Uitlanders to the singing of "Rule Britannia." We have the merest summary of the great man's speeches, but he has been speaking jocosely of war, and predicting that if war comes his burghers will emerge victorious. But his character as a diplomatist, so high a few months ago, is falling off. The real diplomatist never breathes the word war till he ceases to be a diplomatist—that is, till he applies for his passports.

Crete has been under the Turks since 1669. From that day to this the insurrections in the island have been beyond count. The revolt of 1821 went on for nine years, at the end of which the powers handed it over for a time to Mehemet Ali, Viceroy of Egypt, a savage who oppressed the Cretans grievously. In 1840 the island was handed back to the Sultan. Continual quarrels went on for 18 years, until the revolt of 1858, which culminated, after several uneasy intervals of peace in the terrific outbreak of 1867. The carnage was awful. Women and children were slaughtered, and multitudes of them perished by cold and hunger in the mountains, to which they fled from the Turkish swords.

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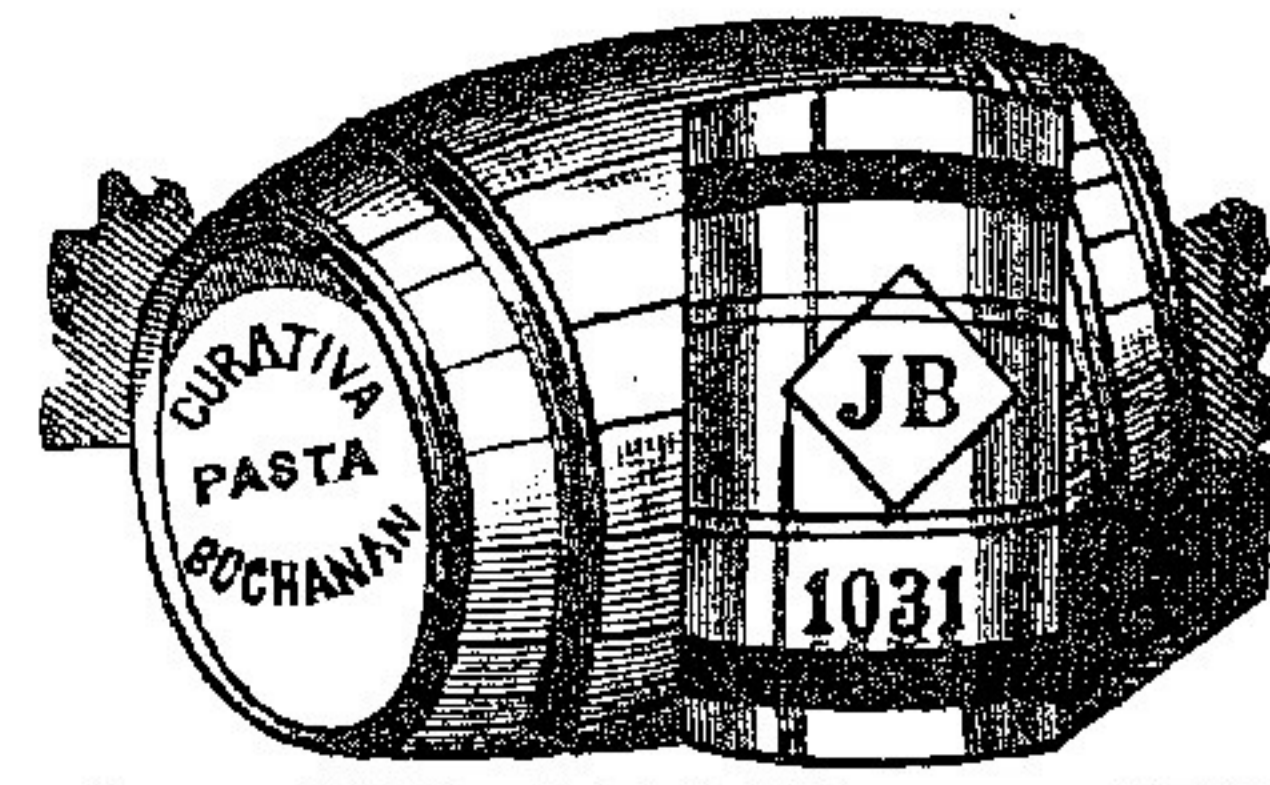


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ESTANCIA AND COLONY.

Telegrams from Port Natal announce that the steamer Meath arrived safely there and without the loss of a single mule.

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Messrs Standt and Co. give the number of bales of wool exported from this country since October 1, 1896, as 351,235, of which 36,301 bales went to the United States. There are 25,000 bales ready for export.

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From the 1st of January up to date 40,150 bullocks, 140,530 wethers and 2436 mules have been shipped from this port. The exportation of cattle and sheep is notably less than in the corresponding term of last year.

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Prices for Argentine live stock in the English markets are ruling steady, prices for bullocks running from 40d. to 44d., and mutton from 48 to 50 pence per stone. Frozen mutton is in great demand at 2s. per stone.

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The estancia Colonia Obica, in Cañuelas, consisting of a little over a league of camp, has been rented by Messrs Rocca, Terrarosa and Co. for a time of five years, at a yearly rental of \$6.50 gold per square.

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The locusts have appeared in Paraguay. Writing from Caazapa, a central province of that Republic, a correspondent says, "a flight of locusts passed across the railway workshops at Sapucay on March 16, they were flying in a north-easterly direction. On the 18th they appeared on the New Australian Colony, where they were hunted away by means of noise and smoke. On the 20th they doubled back to Villa Rica, they were flying with the wind, took two hours to pass, and extended about a mile and a half across the camp." As far as we can hear, they have done very little damage, not even depositing their eggs.

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It is curious how a visitation of locusts like this bring out the characteristic national traits. On an English colony the majority of men and women may be seen working against the pests when everything appeared utterly hopeless, and attempting, with somewhat forcible language, to make everyone else do likewise. In some Italian colonies the chacareros rolled on the ground, crying aloud and pulling out their hair in handfuls, while they cursed their saints and reviled their maker, till they were quite exhausted.

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Baron Hirsch's Hebrews turned out in long overcoats, caps with earlaps and a cat-o'-nine-tails class of whip. They all proceeded in line and every now and again a wail would rise from their ranks calling on Jehovah to smite the locusts. But the following account of a Paraguayan battling with the pests is perhaps the most strange of all. We give it in our correspondent's own words:—

"As I first saw him he was sitting on his fence smoking a cigar and watching the locusts eat his rice crop (only about 50 lines), his wife and boys were absent in the camp, and accordingly he waited their return. He smiled as I rode up, and waving his hand towards the chacra, said: 'Caramba, patron! If I had as many cattle as I have langostas, I should be a rich man.'"

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The shorthorn bull Ingram Yet bred by Mr C. Morgan Richardson on his farm in Cardiganshire, has been sold for £110, for export to Buenos Aires. This bull won the first prize in the last Birmingham Cattle Show.

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The greatest enemy that sheep owners in New Zealand have to contend with is a bird of prey called Kea. This bird creates great losses amongst the sheep; perching upon the animals' back they insert their beak until they arrive at the kidneys, preferring these to any other part of the body. The losses have lately been so serious that sheepowners are offering a reward for every bird killed. The Maoris say that the Kea used to build its nest on the ground, but owing to the sheep treading them down, they now build in trees preferring mountainous districts.

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A veterinary surgeon in the German army recommends the following for the extermination of lice on horses, cattle, and swine, fill a bottle with equal parts of petroleum and linseed oil, after being well shaken wet a woollen cloth with the mixture and rub the parts of the animal attacked with the parasite, these die immediately. The remedy must be applied again within a few days, after which wash with warm water and common soap. The hairs do not come off.

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Robberies of stock are still taking place with great frequency in the Province of Buenos Aires. Mr A. Dominguez having had stolen from his estancia in Chacabuco last week five oxen of a total value of \$1000. To take the animals off, the camp the thieves smashed the locks of "tranquerás."

The department of Azul especially seems to be favoured with the depredation of these thieves, in the neighbourhood of Cachari sheep lifting being of nightly occurrence, a well known estanciero in that district tells us it is simply impossible to obtain any satisfaction or help from the comisarios and from the indifference shown by them to complaints made one is led to believe that they are hand in glove with the thieves, and the only chance is to write to the Provincial Chief of Police, Mr Lozano, asking him to see that proper measures are taking instead of appealing to the local authorities.

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To give one an idea of the audacity of these gentry, we may mention a case that just been brought before our notice, a fortnight ago some thieves lifted four hundred sheep from an estancia in Cachari, and were driving them off when they discovered they were followed, they immediately cleared off, and the sheep were recovered and driven back by the peons of the estancia. Thinking no further attempt would be made the same night no watch was kept, with the result that next morning they found that the thieves had paid them another visit and got off with the sheep.

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The inspection office of the exportation of live stock of La Plata has issued a circular to those in charge of places of embarkation, advising them that all deaths occurring in railway waggons, corrals or steamers must be notified at once, and that no dead animals be removed or skinned until a veterinary surgeon inspects the carcass.

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Messrs Bullrich and Co. sold last Saturday the stock of fowl imported by the well-known breeders Messrs Abbot Bros., at the following prices: 92 cocks and hens, from \$10 to \$50 each; 15 ducks, \$10 to \$23 each; one turkey cock, \$120; 4 turkey cocks and hens, \$65 each. Imported eggs went from 50 cents to \$1.20 each.

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From the "Mark Lane Express" of March 15 we learn that the average value of the mutton imported in 1895 was 35s 2d per cwt., and that the average value last year was only 32s 7d. Thus there has been a very considerable decline in the past two years in the prices of all kinds of mutton which has not been limited to the markets of the United Kingdom, those of Berlin and Paris having been in sympathy, while the imports of fresh mutton from Australasia and elsewhere have sensibly declined in value likewise.

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"If we make inquiry into the cause of this we shall no doubt be told it is over production. Argentina has sent a largely increased shipment of sheep for slaughter during the period indicated, and the mutton is, at any rate, of second-class quality. There cannot be the slightest doubt that the weighty Argentina factor has somewhat influenced the account, especially as the imports of live sheep from the United States and Canada have very much declined since the Bill of last session was passed, which declares that all farm animals imported from a foreign country must be slaughtered at the port of arrival.

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"But the sheep imports from Argentina, if large in the past year, are only likely to increase far more in the future, so that if over-production has caused the decline, we fear that it is likely to continue, especially as the Australian Colonies and New Zealand continue to increase their sendings of fresh meat, although they declare it to be an unprofitable trade. In new countries with land dirt cheap and the resources of production unlimited, to have an outlet for meat as well as grain is urgently necessary, however low the prices are which are obtainable. We were told at least half a dozen years since that the great United States cities would very soon consume all the meat the American farmers could produce, but they still continue to send us their chilled beef and live cattle, and the fallings off in their sheep may possibly be only temporary.

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"When we consider these matters we do not sufficiently take into account the well-nigh unlimited resources of most of the exporting countries. Both the United States and Canada have vast regions of waste land left to utilise, and after Argentina we have Mexico yet to deal with, which probably could compete with either country named in sending up cheap meat, if only her live stock were made better. We admit, then, that we can see little prospect of any sensible revival in prices for mutton. The rates will vary, no doubt, whenever there is temporary home scarcity in production, but their general level will remain low, and we fear have a tendency to get even lower than at present."

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We are indebted to the "Live Stock Journal" for the following: "The trade for pedigree Hereford cattle for South America has commenced very early this year, with the purchase of twelve yearling bulls for improving the native stock belonging to the Liebig's Extract of Meat Company, at Fray Bentos, South America. Mr Hedley Jones, of Lower Eaton, Hereford, executed the commission. There is an increase entry of young bull in this year's volume of the Herd Book, but if the demand approaches anything like that which is anticipated there

are many breeders who will be sorry they have not also entered. The Secretary of the Herd Book says he can only sign exportation certificates for those that are entered in the Herd Book. The twelve bulls for Fray Bentos were to be shipped on the 19 of March at Liverpool."

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The saladero Fray Bentos is offering \$12 gold for novillos in Entre Rios.

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It is rumoured that the Oriental Government will send agents over here for the purpose of buying 5000 horses.

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We are indebted to Messrs Fortune and Furber for the following camp sales:

Vecino—1350 hectares, at \$53 the hectare. Under name of R. Lara in map of province, and known as El Manzano.

General Puyrredon—1500 hectares, in two lots, at \$43 and \$62 the hectare. Buyer, B. Linogio. Under name of Cipriano in map of province.

Coronel Suarez—Fiscal lands Nos. 6, 7, 8, north of the Sierra Ventana, 12,970 hectares, at \$21, \$22 and \$12.20 the hectare. Buyer, Mr Pradere.

Nueve de Julio—1 league, 5 leagues north of Casares station, fenced, with good house and buildings, known as La Guisela, at \$150,000. Buyer, Mr. Woodruff.

Trenque-Lauquen—8380 hectares, four lots at \$12.90, two at \$14.20, and two at \$12.20 per hectare. Under name of Rabbio in map of province.

Puan—3500 hectares, two leagues west of Alfalfa station, 1800 hectares sold in lots at \$27 and \$28 per hectare. Known as La Ernestina.

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" (French), 100 kilos 7.00— 10.50
" (Candeal) 9.00—12.00
Barley 6.00— 9.00
Maize (morochó), 100 kilos (new) 2.50— 3.80
" (amarillo), 100 kilos (new) 2.30— 3.60
Hay, 1000 kilos 14.00—26.00

THE LOCUSTS.

Professor Lawrence Bruner, who will soon come out to the Argentine Republic, at the invitation of the Merchants' Investigation Commission, to study the locust invasions, has devoted the last fifteen years to this special line of investigation, making long journeys in every locust-invested region in North America, including British America, the Western and South-Western States of the United States, and Mexico.

In 1890 and 1891 he was selected by the late Professor C. V. Riley, then chief of the department of Entomology in Washington, to make a special report on the locust invasions during these years in the territory east of the Rocky Mountains, and the results of his work are printed in the *Bulletins of the Department of Agriculture* for the years 1891 and 1892.

For several years past he has had charge of the locust investigation of the department of Entomology in Washington.

By permission of the Minister of Agriculture he holds the chair of Entomology in the University of Nebraska during the winter courses of that institution, heading expeditions during the summer over the regions which may be threatened with invasions of the pest.

AN OVERREACH.

He was as mean a man as ever trod upon neat's leather. Meanness is indeed far to poor and inexpressive a word to convey an accurate idea of his sordid stinginess.

I think we all hated him, all, that is except the doctor. I know I did and do, even now when he is suffering the torments of those who meet with their deserts and when there is left to me the pure pleasure of telling the story of his discomfiture. By the bye, I suppose the frank confession that I am not alone delighted, but proud of being delighted, to tell this story throws a light on a curious side of my character. For Gilham-Gripperton has never done me harm, has never affronted me, and, as far as I know, has not the least ill-feeling towards me. Yet he is one of those men whom it seems a duty to hate, and whom you feel virtuous for hating.

The doctor was the only man in the club who even affected to like him; and although he only professed the mildest regard for the miserly little wretch, we all thought he protested too much.

"Gripperton's a curious psychological study," he would say, as we sat in the club smoking-room, talking scandal with masculine zest (for he it confessed in parentheses that our sex is just as fond of gossip as the other). "Nothing promising on the surface, no outcroppings of ore, and yet if you explore long enough I don't doubt you'll meet a vein of precious metal."

"Precious metal, quotha," cried Warner; "why, Forster, don't you know that the little beggar has cartloads of it, though it will take a better man than you, my boy, to extract any of it from that mine?"

"I only spoke figuratively," said Forster, flushing slightly.

Then one, more curious than the rest, and unacquainted with Gilham-Gripperton's past career, asked suddenly, "Who the deuce is this fellow?" In a moment the tongues of all of us were loosened, and each strove against his brother to be first to tell the tale. What we had to tell about our absent fellow member amounted to this:

The explanation of the fact of his having a double-barrelled name was that it represented the respective surnames of his father and mother at the time of his birth, and subsequently. His calling in life was ignoble, and the mere mention of it administered a shock to the finer feelings of the impecunious. For he was a debt collector and broker. In this branch of business he

distinguished himself early in life by summoning his own mother for a disputed butcher's bill, and conducted the case against her himself. By "living laborious days" and nights, by sedulous screwing and scraping, by denying himself all but the bare necessaries of life, he at length saved enough to become the owner of some slum property in the East-end of London.

The foundation of his fortune was now laid. He collected his own rents, acted as his own broker when he levied on the scanty goods of his tenants, never executed any repairs till forced to do so by the Local Authorities, and added steadily to his property. Life was now one long delight to him until one Sunday morning in the Park he heard a Socialist orator explain that the chief advantage of the taxation of ground rents was that the landlord could not shift the burden of the tax on to his tenants. Gilham-Gripperton listened and was convinced. It was an awful revelation to him! He went home full of vague alarms, and trembling at the dire prospect of losing part of his hard-earned income.

He watched the demand for this reform grow and spread with ever-increasing alarm, and the return of a Progressive majority for the London County Council finally decided him to sell his slum.

Then our easily accessible and salubrious suburb became his abiding-place, not, however, from its rural charms or any unsuspected advantages the estate agents discover in it, but because he held three or four bills of sale on the goods and chattels of the dwellers therein; and he desired to be within easy reach of his securities. It was in virtue of these investments that he became a member of our club; for Warner and Morrison happening, by curious and frequent coincidence, to be unable to meet the quarterly instalment of interest—seventy per cent. by-the-bye—due on their respective bills of sale, Gripperton granted them a week's grace in consideration of their proposing him as a member and paying his first year's subscription in advance.

Thus we came to know him, and thus it is I am able to write this true but marvellous history. During the whole time that he was a member he was never known to spend a penny in the club, yet he smoked more of the club cigars and drank more of the club whisky than anyone ever seen on the premises. How was that you will ask. Because he was treated to these luxuries by his debtors; and their name was legion. He was for ever complaining of the expense of living, and yet what he spent on it wouldn't have kept a Ritualistic curate in Lent. He would walk miles to save a halfpenny in the price of a bloater, and spent his mornings in the spring collecting young nettletops and dandelion leaves, in order that he might enjoy the unwonted luxuries of two vegetables at dinner and a salad to follow. He never bought pens, ink, or paper after joining the club, but used the club stationery, and that only for all business purposes. He would annex wafers and paper fasteners whenever he could surreptitiously lay hands on them, and the billiardroom afforded him many precious opportunities of secretly increasing his stock of matches.

He carried tobacco, but if you asked him for a pipe of it, his invariable reply was, "I shall be very happy to sell you some. I can't afford to give it away." And then he would offer you a pipeful for a penny. He never made a present in all his life, but for all that he was a past master in the art of "cadging!" He was fond of fruit and got it by simply begging it from such of the members as grew any. He always called on such people as would receive him at their houses just about luncheon or dinner time, in hope to share the family meal. In fact, he was the concentrated quintessence of meanness.

And now it is my happy task to trace the working of Nemesis.

One evening being alone in the reading room, he stood on a chair to rummage among some old papers on a shelf, of course with a view of appropriating anything that he might find useful. By the blessing of Providence he over-stretched himself, the chair slipped from under him, and he came a cropper on the floor. The news quickly spread to the smoking-room that Gripperton had broken his wrist, and was received with a wild shout of ecstasy. Immediately there was a general exodus of members to ascertain if the good news were true. It was alas! only a sprain.

"Sometimes they're worse than a break," said Morrison consolingly.

Gripperton meanwhile was groaning with agony. But the suggestion that he should go home in a cab and send for a doctor, brought him with a yell to his feet.

"A cab?" he shrieked. "Why I've never hired a cab in my life, and I shall be fifty next year. No, no, I'll walk to the Dispensary."

"Been closed these two hours," said Warner. "Why don't you go to Forster? He's a good man and he seems to have some sort of regard for you."

"Ah! but what will he charge me? My dear sir, do tell me what he will charge. Doctors are so terribly expensive."

"I'll go with you," Warner offered, "and speak to Forster about his fee, if you like," and he winked knowingly at us.

"Thank you! oh, thank you, my dear sir, I accept your offer with gratitude. Of course, I don't mind a reasonable fee, say eighteen pence or two shillings, though even that's a very serious expense to a poor man like myself."

Warner took his arm, the unsprained one, and walked him off.

"Just wait a minute please," said the servant who opened the door to them, "and I'll see whether the doctor's in."

Two minutes after the doctor was in the hall, scolding the servant for leaving his distinguished visitor in the hall.

"Recollect that this is Mr Gilham-Gripperton," he said, "and I insist upon every respect being paid to

him when he honours me with a visit. Come in, dear Mr Gripperton, let me show you the away."

"Good," said Warner to himself, "he's evidently going to bleed the little beggar freely. There's no need for me to give him the tip."

And he slipped away before Gripperton had time to call him back. Then the doctor bathed and bandaged the injured arm, showing all the while the tenderest concern for his patient, while Gripperton kept wondering how much extra he would have to pay for this display of sympathy. When at last the bandage was adjusted and the last word of advice as to treatment had been given, he tremblingly inquired what there was to pay, "and for the sake or all that's merciful," he whined appealingly, "remember that I'm a poor man, a very poor man."

"Oh, don't speak of a fee, my dear friend," said Forster.

"But, damn it all, sir, I must. I have not only to speak of one, but to pay one too."

"Not to me, my dear fellow, not to me," says Forster. "I couldn't think of charging for a little friendly service like that. Sit down and have a glass of grog with me, won't you?"

Wouldn't he? Didn't he? Gilham Gripperton thought he was in paralise. Nowhere else could he imagine it possible to get a surgical operation performed upon you gratis, with Glenlivet and Laranagas thrown in.

"Just drop in every evening and have a cigar with me until the wrist is well. You'll always find the whisky on tap."

Gripperton could hardly believe his senses. "And you—you won't charge me anything," he faltered.

The doctor laughed. "You will have your joke, you funny dog," was all he said.

"Doctor," says Gripperton enthusiastically, "you're a magnificent man. I'll come often and see you."

He did; he came regularly every evening until the wrist was healed, and every other evening afterwards. He soaked himself with whisky, and still the doctor was always at home to the little beast, and always gave him a hearty welcome. Now I know that all this part of the story is true, because the doctor himself told it me. As to what has yet to come, Gripperton is my authority.

It was about three months after the accident to Gripperton's wrist that one evening over the Glenlivet Forster announced that he had sold his practice, and was thinking of buying another in Leeds, Gripperton's grief on hearing this announcement was sincere and unaffected. Happily, however, he had the presence of mind to help himself at once to an extra "go" of whisky. Then he asked when the doctor was going.

"At once," said Forster, "if I can come to terms with my agent in Leeds. You see it's a very fine practice indeed. But I shall have to pay a thousand more for it than I have got for my own, and I'm borrowing the money. The only thing that makes me hesitate in the least about completing is a doubt whether my agent is not charging me too high a rate of interest for the loan. By the bye, old fellow, perhaps you can tell me whether twenty-five per cent isn't rather a high rate of interest?"

"What security do you offer him?"

"Oh! I give him bills for the amount, that's all. You see he knows me well, and he knows too that I shouldn't be such a fool as to run away from such splendid practice—two thousand a year it's worth. And although I don't understand business matters, I know it would be well worth my while to pay twenty per cent for the money, but I think the extra five is a little too much, eh?"

Gripperton thought so too, but all he said was "I daresay you could get it done all the lower rate."

"Help yourself, old man," says Forster passing the bottle. "Well, if you could arrange it for me, I should be very much obliged, and of course I would pay you the usual commission."

"Of course," assented Gripperton.

"Only," the doctor went on, "I must get the money at once, as there are several men after the practice; so after all, I think I'll write to-morrow and accept my agent's offer."

"No, no," cried Gripperton, "perhaps I can arrange the matter for you."

He has not distinct recollection of how he got home that night. He knows that someone brought him home, and he knows that he woke up in the morning with a racking head-ache to find that his clothes were wet through, and that he had gone to bed in them. He had a sharp attack of influenza; and some of us called every day at his lodgings, in the hope of hearing he was worse. But in ten days' time he was back again at the club. Forster, by the bye, had gone off to Leeds the day Gripperton was taken ill, and had not returned.

The members had hardly recovered from the shock the return of the sick member in apparent health had administered to them, than Braithwaite, the solicitor, walked in.

"I suppose I ought to let you fellows know" he said, "that there is no chance of your seeing Forster again."

"Good Heavens! Why not?" There was a world of pathos in the agonised inquiry. No-one ever expected Gilham-Gripperton of such depth of feeling.

"Oh! There's no occasion for such sympathy," said Braithwaite, "he hasn't gone into die Ewigkeit, and there's no reason to doubt that he's in the best of health. But the infernal scoundrel's raised every penny he could, and has bolted, leaving two thousand pounds of debts behind him."

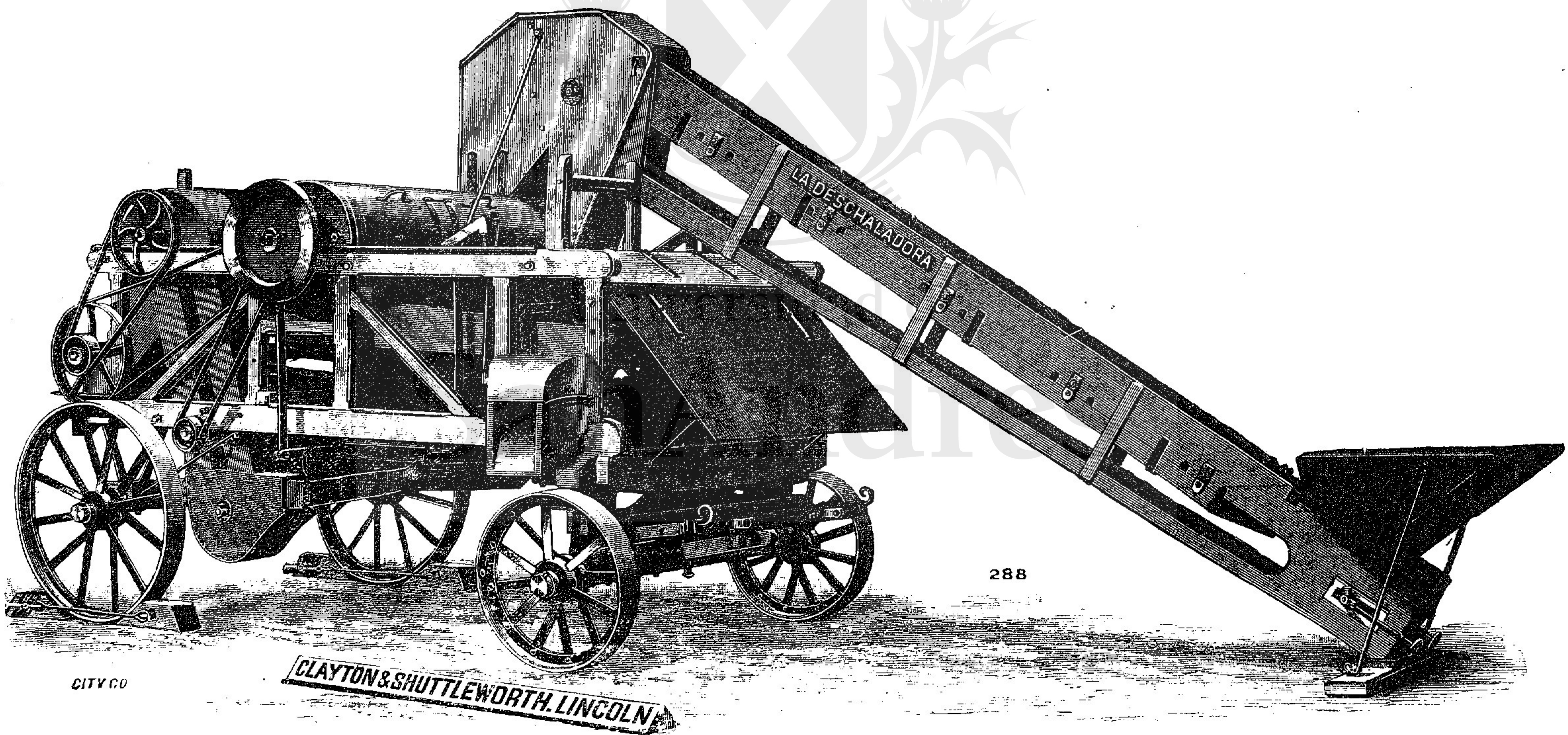
An appalling heart-rending groan burst from Gripperton's lips, and then a shriek. "It's three thousand pounds, not two!" he yelled. "I lent him another thousand. I'll never rest till I find him!"

And he rushed out of the room in a frenzy: and has never known a minute's peace since, for he hasn't yet found Forster, and I don't think he ever will.

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