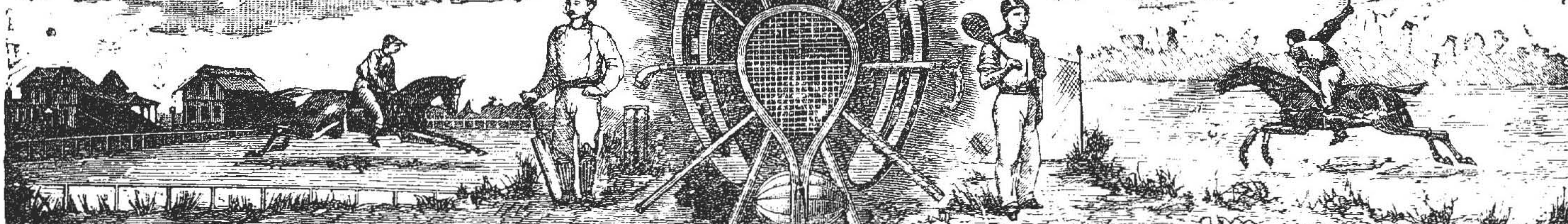


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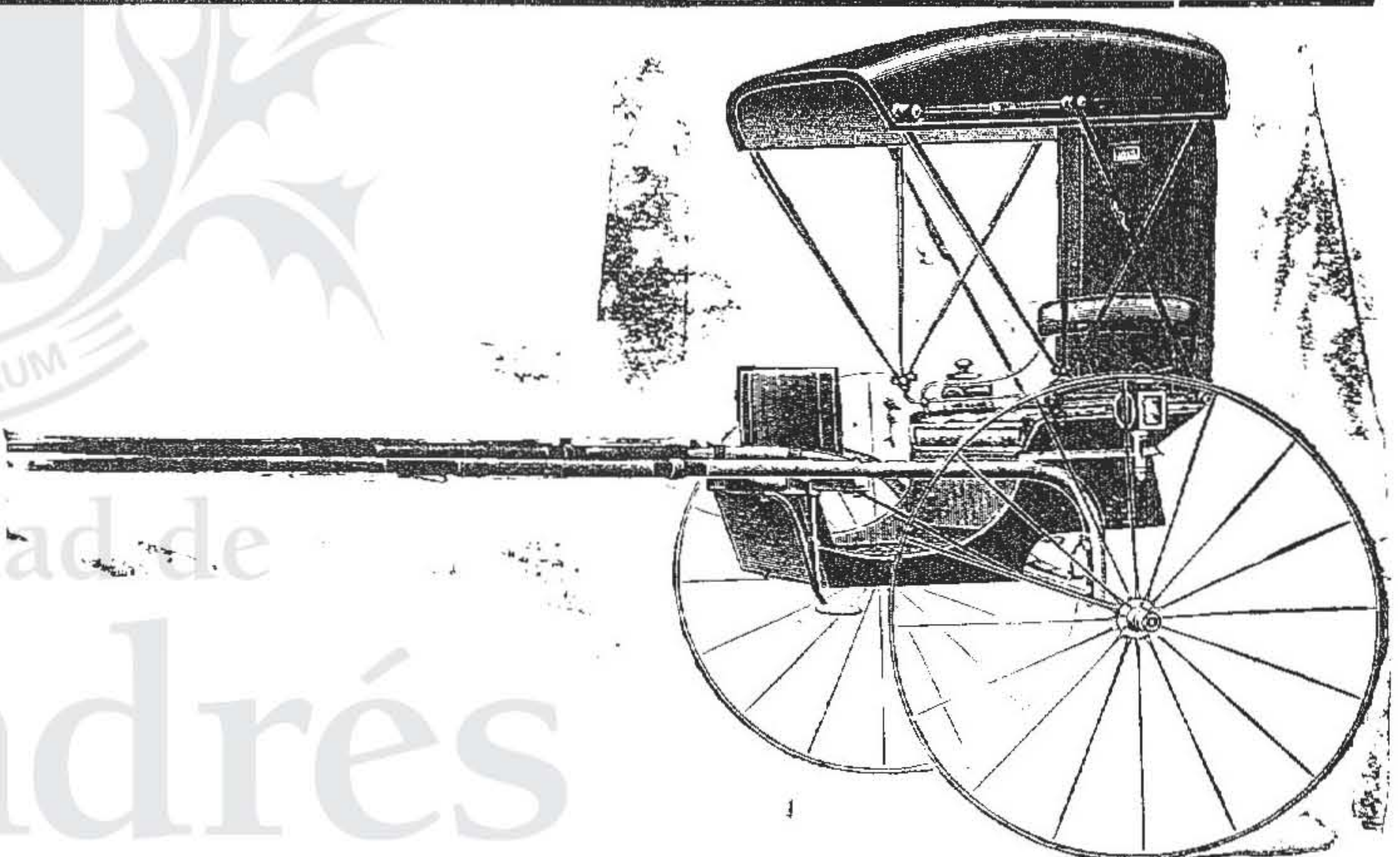
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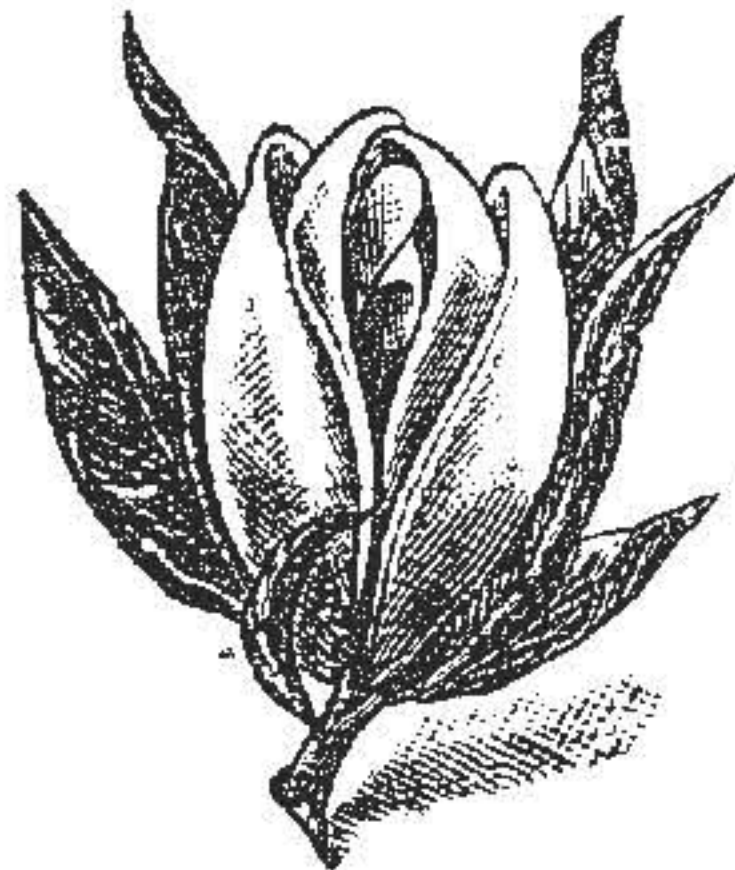
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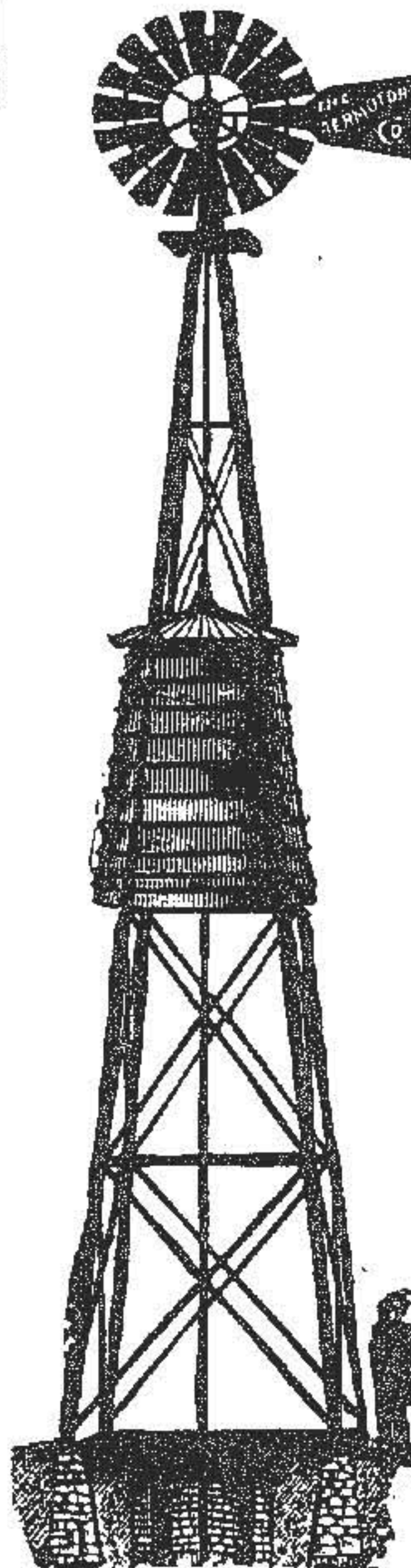
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RACING

PALERMO—APRIL 25.

Sunday was a beautiful day for racing, bright and clean, with just enough nip in the air to make everybody lively and energetic. That it was appreciated was shown by the crowds of people who poured on to the course before racing commenced, nearly all of them seeming cheerful and full of confidence in themselves, far more so indeed than most of them were after the races were over, and almost all the public fancies had gone down like nine pins before despised outsiders.

Excepting in the Premios Cristiana and Malvina the fields were generally larger than we have hitherto been accustomed to this season, and the finishes in several of the events were pretty and well worth going to see.

There were only five entries for the Premio Cristiana, but all were starters. Tiradentes and Margot were made almost equal favourites, but both went down before the less thought of Diosma, who won after an interesting struggle with Tiradentes by a little over a neck, while Rodin, who was third, also ran a very creditable race, and will probably improve on this performance ere long.

There were nine runners for the two-year-old race which followed, and which was named after the colt that won it Yanguetru. The Phoenix filly Devona was made a warm favourite for this event, but did not show anything like her earlier form, and failed to do anything better than run a moderate third. Plaisanterie, who split the pair, was, with the exception of Julius Caesar, the biggest outsider in the race, and would have paid a rare good dividend had she won.

A strong field turned out for the classic race, but again the knowing ones had to suffer disappointment as their champion, Loncoy, was never in the hunt. The race was fought out to the very last stride in which Pillito just got his head in front of Abrojo, and won by that distance, while Addio, who had been used to make running with, tired somewhat towards the finish although he ran a very fair third. Several of the unplaced ones in this race were expected to perform much better than they did, and unless there are some very much better two-year-olds in reserve, than those we have yet seen the class of 1897 will be quite below that of late years.

The Premio Malvina had only five entries, and in it the powerful Malakoff made very light of his burthen of 62 kilos and though he had to be asked to go when challenged by Ataque the result of the race was never really in doubt. Policeman was only a middling third, with Violin and Malvina the two last.

There were only three absentees from the sixteen entered for the Premio Tanager, and again the prize went to a little fancied candidate in Extra, who started at the useful price of 12 to 1 for a win, and 3 to 1 for a place. Not a single one of the placed horses in this race was among those chiefly fancied.

A baker's dozen assembled at the post for the Premio Lautaro, which was rather easily won by Brick, though some of the other runners in the race seemed to us to be ridden to by no means the best advantage.

The Premio Violin, which wound up the day, gave us another excellent race, and again the popular favourites were almost completely out of it. They were Revancha, Vivas, and Reserva, the last of whom just managed to run a dead heat with Ortegale, while neither of the other two even obtained a place.

The following are the details:—

PREMIO CRISTIANA, for three-year-olds, and upwards that have been a year in the country and having run more than twice, have not won more than one race, weight for age, winners to carry 3 kilos extra, \$1400 to the 1st, 100 to the 2nd, 1600 metres.

Stud America's br m Diosma, by Tissaphernes—Lady Chesterfield, 3 y, 56 1/2 k.....R. Garrido 1
Ecurie Sans Façon's Tiradentes, 3 y, 58 1/2 k.....R. Bastiani 2
Ecurie Bend' Or's Rodin, 3 y, 55 1/2 k.....N. Sosa 3
Mr Ypsos's Mundana, 4 y, 58 1/2 k.....I. Diaz 0
Stud Rio Tercero's Margot, 3 y, 56 1/2 k.....V. Libonati 0

Dashing to the front immediately the flag fell, Diosma was never headed and won by half a length from Tiradentes, who finished the same distance in front of Rodin. Tickets—Diosma with 1332 win and 1044 place, Tiradentes 1716—1157, Rodin 443—479, Mundana 432—244, Margot 1721—1043. Totals 5644—3967.
Dividends—Diosma \$7.62 win and \$3.31 place, Tiradentes 3 18 place.

PREMIO YANGUETRU, for two-year-olds, colts 52 kilos, fillies 50 kilos, winners once to carry 3 kilos extra, twice or oftener 5 kilos extra, \$1700 to the 1st, 100 to the 2nd, 1000 metres.

Stud La Redencion's b c Yanguetru by Titan—Jauja, 55 k.....H. Esteves 1

Stud Paris' Plaisanterie, 50 k.....P. Aguilera 2
Stud Devona's Devona, 53 k.....S. Gomez 3
Stud Santa Fé's Alarife, 57 k.....G. Palacios 0
Ecurie Sempere Paratus' Julius Caesar, 52 k.....P. Lara 0
Stud America's Le Destrier, 52 k.....R. Garrido 0
Ecurie Juncal's Opulencia, 50 k.....J. Paez 0
La Petite Ecurie's Nobleza, 50 k.....N. Sosa 0
Stud Calchin's Amélia, 50 k.....J. Rodriguez 0

Yanguetru took command and kept stalling of the challenges of Plaisanterie, and Devona, and won by a neck from the former. A length between second and third.

Tickets—Yanguetru with 1363 win and 1340 place, Plaisanterie 143—273, Devona 3640—2919, Alarife 659—744, Julius Caesar 67—114, Le Destrier 449—662, Opulencia 308—304, Nobleza 365—641, Amélia 657—1051. Totals 7651—8034.

Dividends—Yanguetru \$10.10 win and 3.36 place, Plaisanterie 8.69 place, Devona 3.62 place.

PREMIO LA MADRID, for two-year-olds, colts 52 kilos, fillies 50 kilos, winners of one classic race to carry 3 kilos extra, of two or more 5 kilos extra, \$4000 to the 1st, 500 to the second, 1200 metres.

Stud El Derby's ch c Pillito, by Neapolis—Picardia, 52 k.....P. Aguilera 1
Stud Los Cardos' Abrojo, 52 k.....R. Bastiani 2
La Petite Ecurie's Addio, 52 k.....R. Garrido 3
Stud Gen. La Madrid's Catanga, 50 k.....I. Diaz 0
Ecurie Juncal's Osado, 52 k.....P. Aguirre 0
Ecurie Prisionero's Loncoy, 55 k.....J. Olmos 0
Ecurie 25 de Mayo's Efrain, 52 k.....V. Libonati 0
Stud Amianto's 25 de Mayo, 55 k.....I. Paez 0
Stud Calchin's Hylda II, 50 k.....J. Rodriguez 0
Stud La Redencion's Huapi, 52 k.....H. Esteves 0
Stud Los Cardos' Citoyenne, 50 k.....S. Gomez 0
Stud Paris' Rose d'Or, 50 k.....D. Peryra 0
Stud Manantiales' Pegasus, 52 k.....N. Sosa 0
Ecurie Radames' Cotillon, 52 k.....S. Urrutia 0
Stud Victoria's San Telmo, 52 k.....P. Lara 0

Addio was first away, and led until nearly into the straight where he was easily passed by Abrojo, the latter leading till quite close to the winning post, though hard pressed by Pillito, who just managed to get his head in front in time to win by a short head. Addio was third a length behind Abrojo.

Tickets—Pillito with 611 win and 684 place, Abrojo and Citoyenne 1156—1302, Addio 1615—1702, Catanga 332—497, Osado 458—548, Loncoy 3987—3801, Efrain 140—161, 25 de Mayo 1556—1417, Hylda II, 80—150, Huapi 124—238, Rose d'Or 145—256, Pegasus 79—113, Cotillon 79—105, San Telmo 45—79. Totals 10,497—11,053.

Dividends—Pillito \$30.65 win and 8.10 place, Abrojo 5.20 place, Addio 4 45 place.

PREMIO MALVINA, a handicap limited to between 62 kilos and 48 kilos, \$3000 to the 1st, 200 to the 2nd, 2800 metres.

Sr. J. B. Zubiaurre's ch h Malakoff, by Whipper In—Vera, 6 y, 62 k.....I. Diaz 1
Stud La Confianza's Ataque, 3 y, 54 k.....S. Gomez 2
Stud Las Armas' Policeman, 5 y, 54 k.....R. Garrido 3
Stud Amianto's Violin, 4 y, 58 k.....G. Palacios 0
Stud Santa Fé's Malvina, 5 y, 48 k.....J. Rivas 0
Malvina made strong running as far as the Stud Acobal where she was displaced by Malakoff, who came on to win by two lengths from Ataque, the latter beating Policeman a length for second place.
Tickets—Malakoff with 5302 win and 2170 place, Ataque 947—683, Policeman 1506—1084, Violin 3900—1847, Malvina 1141—687. Totals 11,898—6471.
Dividends—Malakoff \$4.03 win and 3.36 place, Ataque 6.34 place.

PREMIO TANGER, a handicap for horses that have not won more than \$7000, \$1500 to the 1st, \$100 to the 2nd, 1400 metres.

Ecurie Azur's ch m Extra, by Soukaras—Etoile 3 y, 43 k.....C. Bustos 1
Stud Calchin's Flecha II, 3 y, 45 k.....J. Gomez 2
Stud La Confianza's Regalona, 3 y, 57 k.....S. Gomez 3
Stud Floresta's Tulipan, 3 y, 57 1/2 k.....P. Bagu 0
Ecurie Lucullus' Bab, 4 y, 55 k.....M. Rodriguez 0
Stud Amianto's Avenir, 3 y, 53 k.....J. Paez 0
Stud Don Gonzalo's Don Gonzalo, 3 y, 51 k P. Aguilera 0
Stud Gen. Zapiola's Scipion, 4 y, 50 k.....M. de Armas 0
La Petite Ecurie's Cartujo, 4 y, 48 k.....J. Olmos 0
Stud Santa Fé's Eclipse, 5 y, 43 k.....J. Rivas 0
Stud Pobre's Chara, 4 y, 40 k.....M. Valdez 0
Ecurie Belgrano's Androcles, 3 y, 40 k.....F. Gomez 0

With Avenir cutting out the work the lot ran to the paddock, where Extra assumed command and drawing away won by a length from Flecha II, who was the same distance in front of Regalona.

Tickets—Extra with 728 win and 830 place, Flecha II, 1420—1517, Regalona 907—991, Tulipan 39—69, Bab 504—565, Avenir 1157—1070, Don Gonzalo 2347—2186, Scipion 388—423, Cartujo 1653—1956, Eclipse 729—698, Chara 217—195, Androcles 245—175. Totals 10,334—10,675.
Dividends—Extra \$25.55 win and \$7.03 place, Flecha II 4.75 place, Regalona 6.21 place.

PREMIO LAUTARO, an open handicap, \$1700 to the 1st, 100 to the 2nd, 1600 metres.

Ecurie Nautilus' ch h Brick, by El Amigo—Bryonia, 4 y, 56 k.....P. de Armas 1
Stud A. Lincoln's Independiente, 3 y, 51 k.....J. Olmos 2
Stud Pobre's Aguila, 3 y, 42 k.....J. Teilin 3
Stud Solitario's Esfinge, 4 y, 58 1/2 k.....H. Esteves 0
Ecurie Indecis' Alcaide, 4 y, 58 1/2 k.....P. Aguirre 0
Stud Amianto's Electrica, 4 y, 55 k.....J. Paez 0
Stud Gen. San Martin's Pick Pocket, 4 y, 51 k I. Diaz 0
Sr. M. Gonzalez' Pichincha, 5 y, 49 k.....J. Gomez 0
Ecurie Belgrano's Rose Royale, 4 y, 48 k.....N. Sosa 0

Ecurie Azur's Grillon, 4 y, 48 k.....C. Bustos 0
Stud Gen. Zapiola's Monk, 9 y, 46 k.....M. de Armas 0
Stud America's Diosma, 3 y, 45 k.....P. Grigera 0
Mr. Ypsos's Mundana, 4 y, 40 k.....J. Rivas 0
Independiente showed the way as far as the front of the stand, where Brick was sent up to him and came away to win easily by a length. Aguila was a good third.

Tickets—Brick with 1594 win and 1486 place, Independiente 1530—1205, Aguila 658—705, Esfinge 736—486, Alcaide 855—516, Electrica 871—939, Pick Pocket 861—879, Pichincha 1674—1327, Rose Royale 674—720, Grillon 424—547, Monk 103—156, Diosma 970—795, Mundana 112—148. Totals 11,062—9709.

Dividends—Brick \$12.48 win and 4.17 place, Independiente 5.05 place, Aguila 7.22 place.

PREMIO VIOLIN, an open handicap, \$2000 to the 1st, 100 to the 2nd, 2000 metres.

Stud Amianto's ch h Ortegale, by Orbit—Geneve, 4 y, 53 k.....J. Paez 1
Stud La Confianza's Reserva, by Carasco—Shirley, 3 y, 56 k.....S. Gomez 1
Ecurie Belgrano's Antropofago, 6 y, 52 k.....I. Diaz 3
Ecurie Azur's Excelsior, 4 y, 60 1/2 k.....V. Libonati 0
Ecurie Prisionero's Eureka, 4 y, 59 k.....R. Bastiani 0
Stud Paris' Cantiniere, 7 y, 58 k.....P. Aguilera 0
Stud José Maria's Revancha, 6 y, 57 k.....R. Garrido 0
Ecurie Radames' Vivas, 3 y, 56 k.....S. Urrutia 0
Ortegale held command to the stand, where he was challenged by Reserva who just got up in time to make a dead heat of it, Antropofago was third two lengths away.

Tickets—Ortegale with 1585 win and 1080 place, Reserva 1710—1321, Antropofago 1351—865, Excelsior 321—170, Eureka 1658—703, Cantiniere 1597—847, Revancha 3116—1716, Vivas 1993—1283. Totals 13,334—8085.

Dividends—Ortegale \$7.18 win and 6.51 place, Reserva 7.08 win and 5 61 place.

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Efrain	52	Sirena II	50
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San Telmo	52	Rose d'Or	50
Le Destrier	52	Plaisanterie	50
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Alcaide	60 1/2	Pas de Quatre	54 1/2
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Reserva	56	Tiradentes	43
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Premio Malakoff—1600 metres.

Girondino	60 1/2	Tulipan	53
Rayón d'Or	55	Independiente	51
Mundial	60	Hipólito	47
Brick	59	Extra	46
Palmar	56	Cartujo	46
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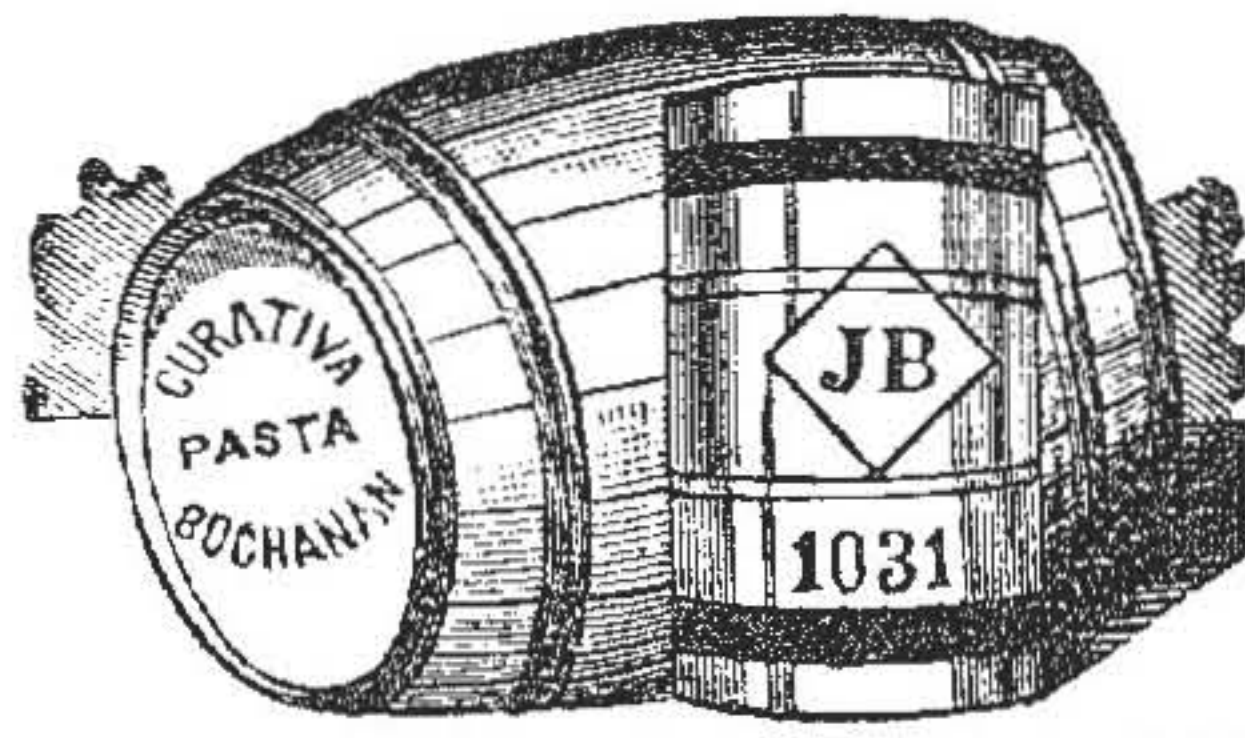
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Flat racing is again in full swing in England, and as the jumping season is hardly yet ended, the home papers are very full of turf matters.

Paris III. had another try in the Northamptonshire Stakes, but the old horse seems to have lost all his form and failed to even get a place.

The majority of the other races were well filled and produced good results.

Details will be found below of a few of the principal events:—

LIVERPOOL—MARCH 27.

Table listing race results for Liverpool on March 27, including the Spring Cup of 800 sovs and various other races.

Betting: 11 to 4 each agst Green Lawn and Chiselhampton, 8 to 1 each agst St. Jarlath and Spook, 100 to 12 each agst Stowmarket and Villiers, 100 to 8 each agst Le Dauphin and Amphidamas, and 20 to 1 each agst The Docker, Bowline, and Gribou.

After several breaks away Green Lawn immediately drew away from Amphidamas, St. Jarlath, Stowmarket, Villiers, Bowline, Le Dauphin, Spook, and Chiselhampton with The Docker next, and Gribou last, in which order they crossed the road and raced down to the canal point.

Table listing race results for Champion Steeplechase of 500 sovs, 3 miles, including Mr B. Bletsoe's br h Grudon and other entries.

Anchor pioneered Surplice, Grigou, Brawl and King Charles, with Grudon next and Craig last, up to and over the water jump, which all got over safely.

NORTHAMPTON, AND PYTCHLEY HUNT MARCH 30.

Table listing race results for Northampton and Pytchley Hunt on March 30, including Earl Spencer's Plate of 500 sovs and other races.

away to win by a length; the same between second and third; the Snood filly ran on into fourth place; Diplomat being fifth, and Peacock sixth.

Table listing race results for Althorp Park Stakes of 10 sovs each, with 380 added, for two-year-olds; five furlongs.

Guila took the lead at once, with the Aromatic gelding and Vestalin next. At three furlongs the Aromatic gelding challenged Guila for the lead, but without much success.

MARCH 31.

Table listing race results for Northamptonshire Stakes of 1000 sovs, one mile and 1080 yards.

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LONDON LATEST BETTING.

Table listing betting odds for various races including City and Suburban, Kempton Jubilee, and Derby.

LAWN TENNIS.

QUILMES v. BELGRANO.

A very interesting match between these two clubs took place at Quilmes last Sunday, resulting in a win for Quilmes by 100 games to 61.

Table listing tennis match results between Quilmes and Belgrano, including H. Ritchie and Colville Jones beat A. M. Barton and Moore.

BANFIELD ATHLETIC CLUB'S TOURNAMENT.

The first lawn tennis tournament ever held by the above club was brought to a conclusion on Sunday last, when Messrs G. Bingham and P. Cowper secured the gentlemen's doubles, while the former also carried off the gentlemen's singles.

The best games were those between Messrs Dowson and Moffat, and Messrs Bingham and Cripps, in the singles, while in the doubles the final produced a capital struggle.

GENTLEMEN'S SINGLES.

Table listing tennis match results for Gentlemen's Singles, including First Round and Second Round matches.

GENTLEMEN'S DOUBLES.

Table listing tennis match results for Gentlemen's Doubles, including First Round and Final matches.

ROSARIO LAWN TENNIS CLUB TOURNAMENT.

The above handicap tournament has now been concluded, the second round and finals of the mixed doubles having been played off last week, resulting in a victory for Mr and Mrs Rattray.

GENTLEMEN'S DOUBLES.

Table listing tennis match results for Rosario Lawn Tennis Club, including First Round and Final matches.

MIXED DOUBLES.

Table listing tennis match results for Mixed Doubles, including First Round and Final matches.

ATHLETICS

OXFORD v. CAMBRIDGE.

It was quite according to precedent that the weather for this festival should be rather cold and dull, with a keen northerly breeze, from which, however, the ground of the Queen's Club at West Kensington is partially sheltered by the surrounding buildings. The attendance was a large one, though it by no means overcrowded the ample accommodation provided. There was room to spare even in the well-appointed stands, which, together with the pavilion, were profusely hung with varicoloured bunting in honour of H.R.H. the Duke of York, who witnessed the sports from a balcony built out from the racket courts. Liable as is this annual contest to disappoint prediction, its result on the present occasion appeared to be even more than usually open. From the performances of the competitors at University and College meetings, Oxford were confidently—though, as the event proved, not quite correctly—presented with two events, the hundred yards and long jump, and their rivals with an equivalent in the weight and hammer, while their chances of winning the mile were thought to be something more than auspicious. Victory might turn upon the nice balance of the high jump, upon the meeting of two first-rate hurdlers, or on the repetition of matches between Jordan and FitzHerbert and Fremantle and Wood, in races which had produced exciting struggles twelve months ago. It was worthy of note that in the nine events no fewer than seven previous winners (four from Oxford and three from Cambridge) were competing. Each team consisted of eighteen men, filling twenty entries; and eleven of the Dark Blues and nine of their rivals had taken part in last year's sports. As will be seen from the details which follow, the meeting actually afforded some most interesting sport, although in only two of the nine events was the issue exceptionally close. Of the performances accomplished the quarter-mile was the most noteworthy, but the mile, three miles, hundred yards, and long jump are also deserving of special mention. The arrangements were, as usual, excellently carried out, the cinder track of three laps to the mile having received careful attention. In addition to the usual telegraph boards, a kind of speaking trumpet, called a megaphone, used in America, was employed to proclaim the results, and it certainly was not the fault of the instrument that its announcements were not always intelligible. There was, apparently, some confusion in the timing of the three miles or, at any rate, of the last lap, for which the official figures cannot be taken as credible.

Below we give the details, from which it will be seen that Oxford won the thirty-fourth sports by five events to four.

100 Yards.—F. L. Carter, Peterborough and Caius Cambridge, †; C. R. Thomas, Llanfowery and Jesus, Oxford, †; G. Jordan, Dulwich and University, Oxford, †; W. N. Pilkington, Clifton and Trinity, Cambridge, †. Jordan got well off the mark, and appeared to be in front when twenty yards had been covered, with Thomas second. At the half distance the lot took closer order, and a most exciting race ensued, the Oxford pair occupying the first two places. However, Carter came with a splendid burst in the last fifteen yards, and managed to make a dead heat with Thomas, Jordan being a few inches further in the rear, just in front of Pilkington. Time, 19 1/5 sec.

120 Yards Hurdle Race.—E. D. Garnier, Marlborough and Oriol, Oxford, †; W. H. Maundrell, Canterbury and Corpus, Cambridge, †; W. G. Paget Tomlinson, Aldenham and Trinity Hall, Cambridge, †; H. R. Parkes, Uppingham and Christ Church, Oxford, †. Garnier assumed the lead at the second hurdle, and went on clear of Maundrell and Paget-Tomlinson, Parkes early dropping behind. Maundrell soon went away from his partner, and spurred after Garnier; but the latter, clearing his obstacles in taking style, had the verdict in safe keeping, and won easily by two and a half yards; four yards between second and third. Time, 16 3/5 sec.

One Mile.—H. F. Howard, Aldenham and Trinity Hall, Cambridge, †; A. L. Danson, Rugby and Balliol, Oxford, †; H. E. Graham, Rossall and Jesus, Cambridge, †; C. S. Davison, Surton Valence and Sidney, Cambridge, †; H. P. Deakin, Repton and Oriol, Oxford, †; G. M. Hildyard, Eton and University, Oxford, †. Davison cut out the work at a good pace, but, having gone a third of a mile, dropped out, leaving Hildyard in front, with Howard, Graham, Danson, and Deakin following in the order written. Hildyard and Graham ran in close company for a short distance, but in the next straight they were passed by Howard, who started the last lap just in advance of Danson and Hildyard. The Cambridge blue appeared to be going leisurely at this point, and, although challenged vigorously by Danson 300 yards from home, Howard drew away again. He was a dozen yards to the good entering the stretch for home, and eventually won by that distance; fifteen yards between second and third. Only three men finished. The times were: First lap, 1min 21sec; second lap, 2min 55sec; mile, 4min 27 2/5 sec.

High Jump.—E. H. Cholmeley, St. Paul's and Jesus, Cambridge, 5ft 7 5/8 in, †; E. O. Kirlew, Westminster and Christ Church, Oxford, 5ft 7 5/8 in, †; H. S. Adair, St. Edward's School and Oriol, Oxford, 5ft 6 5/8 in, †; G. B. Wimbush, Harrow and Trinity, Cambridge, 5ft 3 5/8 in, †. A dead heat.

Putting the Weight (16lb.).—J. H. Bulloch, Harrow and Trinity, Cambridge, 37ft 6 1/2 in, †; A. O. Dowson, Rugby and New College, Oxford, 36ft 1 1/2 in, †; J. T. McGaw, Charterhouse and Trinity, Cambridge, 34ft 6 1/2 in, †; Hon. F. R. Henley, Harrow and Balliol, Oxford, 32ft 7 in, †. The winner afterwards made an exhibition put of 38ft 5 in.

Quarter Mile.—G. Jordan, Dulwich and University, Oxford, †; W. Fitz-Herbert, Charterhouse and Trinity

Hall, Cambridge, †; F. L. Carter, Peterborough and Caius, Cambridge, †; H. S. Badeley, Radley and Trinity, Oxford, †. A capital start was effected, the first to break the line being Fitz-Herbert, he being followed by Carter, with Jordan lying last. After rounding the first corner, Carter went to the front, but it was early apparent that Jordan was abiding his time, as he began to gain rapidly. He took the lead just before entering the straight for home, and sprinting in capital style, defeated Fitz-Herbert by eight yards, the latter having repassed Carter at the Royal stand. The latter lost second place by six yards; Badeley, who had never been prominent, brought up the rear a dozen yards behind. Time, 49 4/5 sec.

Long Jump.—G. C. Vassall, Charterhouse and Oriol, Oxford, 22ft 7 in, †; L. R. O. Bevan, Melbourne, Australia, and Trinity Hall, Cambridge, 21ft 8 1/4 in, †; E. Faunce de Laune, Eton and Jesus, Cambridge, 21ft 8 in, †; H. C. Gerdes, Bedford and Hertford, Oxford, 20ft 11 1/2 in, †.

Throwing the Hammer (16lb.).—J. A. Halliday, Harrow and Trinity Cambridge, 97ft 9 in, †; P. P. Crossley, Winchester and Trinity, Oxford, 95ft 10 1/2 in, †; A. O. Dowson, Rugby and New College, Oxford, 94ft 4 in, †; J. H. Bulloch, Harrow and Trinity, Cambridge, 91ft 4 in, †.

Three Miles.—J. M. Fremantle, Eton and Hertford, Oxford, †; W. V. Wood, Harrow and Clare, Cambridge, †; W. W. Gibberd, Leys School and Trinity, Cambridge, †; A. R. Wilberforce, Winchester and Christ Church, Oxford, †; H. A. Lowe, Shrewsbury and Trinity, Cambridge, †; C. H. Carlton, Trinity College, Toronto, and Brasenose, Oxford, †. Lowe led the field at a good pace, the first lap being completed in 1min 28sec, Carlton and Wood lying next, and the same order prevailed at the conclusion of the mile—time, 4min 57sec. Carlton took up the running directly afterwards, and maintained the advantage for nearly two laps; but then several changes occurred, Wood for a short distance being in the lead, Fremantle, however, soon passing him. Up to this point Fremantle's easy action had been much admired. At the end of the second mile—time, 10min 14sec—the order was Fremantle, Wood, Gibberd, Carlton, and Wilberforce. Lowe having retired, and during the next lap the two blues drew a long way in advance of the others. At two miles and a quarter Fremantle led Wood by three yards, and the latter was a considerable distance ahead of Gibberd, these positions remaining unaltered thence to the finish. Carlton retired, and, with half a mile still further to go, Fremantle's victory was assured, as Wood, his most dangerous opponents, was plodding along in very laboured style. Fremantle soon got a lead of twenty-five yards, and looking exceedingly fresh, he fairly sprinted round the last circuit and won by fifty yards from Wood, who walked past the winning post thirty yards in front of Gibberd, with Wilberforce about a similar distance behind the third man. The official timekeeper declared the time 14min 47 1/5 sec, but a deal of controversy followed, as three or four other watches, held by reliable men, made it 15min 7 3/5 sec and 15min 7 4/5 sec respectively. On the official timing, Fremantle would have completed the last one-third of a mile in 1min 19 1/5 sec, which is 8 3/5 sec faster than the opening lap, whilst he would have occupied 4min 33 1/5 sec for the last mile, or 23 3/5 sec quicker than the first.

INTER-VARSITY ATHLETICS.

In the last two years the popularity of athletics has increased beyond all precedent, especially at the Universities. Contests between separate colleges of Oxford and Cambridge have been commoner even than football matches. Between March 8th and 16th no less than ten meetings were held in connection with the Varsityes alone. The effect of this athletic keenness is already apparent. The average times have improved everywhere, for in no sport is the force of imitation so marked. One good runner always makes others. This fact was especially remarkable when the American Myers came over in '81 and ran his marvellous quarter-mile. Previously to his performance it was supposed impossible to run a quarter-mile under 50 sec., and many good races were won in over 52 secs. Since, not only has 50 sec., or level time been often surpassed, but very few open quarters have been won in slower time than 51 sec., even 49 secs. has been twice excelled.

The Inter-Varsity sports of last year reached a higher level than ever before, but it seems probable that even those records will be lowered in the near future. Though flattering to the present generation, the comparison of past and present involves some injustice. In the first place, running for "records" is, to some extent, a modern craze. The heroes of old were content to win their race, and cared not at all for the mere speed. Secondly, the conditions and facilities for training are vastly improved since "Mr Webster put on a spurt, opposite the grand stand," and drew away from the Oxford representative, a success which fell to the present Attorney-General in 1865, the second year of the Inter-Varsity sports. The programme at that famous meeting is a curious study. It contained a steeplechase, two hurdle races, the distance between the hurdles being not fixed, but dependent on the caprice of the ground-man, two jumps, and three flat races. The list reads oddly to us, but in many ways it compares favourably with that of to-day. Now there stand in place of the hurdle-race and steeplechase, the casting of two 16lb leaden shot, one with a handle to it, the other unqualified. No one cares to watch these events, scarcely any one to practise them; an entry of one, who occasionally finds a friend or two to "make a field," is the usual record in college sports. The origin of these two events is generally unknown. It happened that in 1865, the

year after the sports were started, there was living in London a famous Scotch professional, who with some trouble induced the authorities at Oxford and Cambridge to include the carting of the stone in the programme. The promoters of the championship meeting, which was held almost immediately after the Inter-Varsity, then introduced the same event solely from a desire to enlist as many University candidates in their meeting as possible. In the next year the hammer was further added, owing to the same persuasion, first in the Inter-Varsity sports, and afterwards in the championship. Latterly scarcely a year has passed without an attempt to discard one of these for the half-mile, but so far without any effect on the conservative spirit at Cambridge. Yet, confessedly, there is no race so good either to watch or to run as a half-mile.

With almost every distance is associated the name of a special hero, some of whom have won their reputations by series of performances, some rather by their continued interest in athletics. In early days Varsity athletes were chiefly famous for sprinting powers. From 1866 to 1883 the slowest Inter-Varsity record for the 100 yds. is 10 2/5 sec, and the Varsityes held almost a monopoly of the championships. J. G. Wilson, E. C. Treppin, and the all-round athlete M. Shearman account for seven years' victories, and are names to conjure with, though each just failed to reach the coveted 10sec. Latterly sprinting seems to have degenerated until this year, when level time is recorded from Oxford and 10 1/5 from Cambridge. Of old time quarter milers every one knows of Macaulay, the victor of '80 to '82, and how he expressed regret that his pipe had had time to go out while he was engaged in the race. But he is the only man, except perhaps Philpot, who can compare in respect of speed with Fitz Herbert and Jordan of to-day. Sir Richard Webster, who as chairman of athletic dinners has been cheered so often and with such good will, is undoubtedly the first in fame among distance runners. It is therefore for the moment quite a shock to find that he took as much as 4 min. 41 sec. to run his mile, but the surprise becomes admiration again on noticing that he won a two-mile race on the same day, and was a good forty yards to the front at each winning post. Besides, in the spirit of the heroes of old, he was not running for the sake of abstract celerity, but to defeat Lord Jersey, afterwards the popular president of the A.A.A. Since then both Cross and Lutyens have won each for four successive years for their respective Varsityes, Lutyens holding the record with 4 min. 19 4/5 sec. The three-mile was at one time farmed by Oxford, who have won the event 20 times out of 28, but the finest performer at the distance was Horan of Trinity Hall, the winner of three successive victories from '93 to '95, the last in the extraordinary time of 14 min. 41 sec., or more than 79 sec. better than the time at the Oxford sports this year. Varsity Hurdle racers are just now preeminent, and recall the time when the art was almost entirely confined to Oxford and Cambridge. It is eight years since anything worse than 16 4/5 sec. has resulted, and there is a likelihood that level time may be accomplished in this year's race. But the quality of the teams compared with each other and with previous holders of records will be best seen in a table.

Inter-varsity	3 mile	1 mile	1/4 mile	100 yds
Record	11-44 3/8	4-19 1/8	49 3/8	10sec.
Oxford	15-12	4-31 1/8	50sec.	10sec.
Cambridge	15-29 3/8	4-27	49 3/8	10 1/8

	Hrdl.	High Jump	Long Jump	Wght.	Hammer
Inter-varsity	120 yds.	ft. in.	ft. in.	ft. in.	ft. in.
Record	16sec.	6 2 1/2	23 5	39 1	138 3
Oxford	16 3/8 sec.	5 8 1/4	22 9 1/2	35 5 1/2	97 5
Cambridge	17sec.	5 8 1/2	20 11 1/2	39 0	106 4

According to actual performance Oxford should win five events, the three mile with Fremantle, the 100 yds. with Thomas, the hurdles with Garnier, and the high and broad jump with Adair and Vassall. Cambridge would be left with four; the weight and hammer with Bullock and Halliday, the 1/4 mile with FitzHerbert and Howard. But comparative times are fallacious. It is, for instance, highly probable that the three-mile will on present form go to Cambridge, while in the 1/4 mile Fitz-Herbert as yet shows no sign of repeating last's victory. —"Illustrated Sporting and Dramatic News."

GOLF.

HURLINGHAM.

The opening day at Hurlingham on the 25th ult. brought out the biggest field we have ever seen here. The weather was perfect and the putting-greens were in good order, perhaps a little keen for most of the players, and to that account may be attributed the generally high scoring. Fifty-three started, and of these fifteen were non-members, who were only able to compete for the open medal presented by W. Samson, Esq.

On examining the cards it was found that Mr D. H. Dickinson (scr) with 45 - 52 = 97, and Mr G. T. Cripps (- 8) 54 - 51 = 97, had tied for the open medal. The scores were:

D. H. Dickinson	1st round	6 5 7 5 4 6 5 2 5	45
	2nd round	7 7 6 6 5 6 4 4 7	52
Total			97
G. T. Cripps	1st round	7 7 6 7 6 6 6 5 4	54
	2nd round	5 6 8 7 5 6 4 5 5	51
Total			105
			— 8
Total			97

Both these gentlemen are members of the Buenos Aires Golf Club.

The medal presented by T. S. Boadle, Esq, open to members of the Hurlingham Club only, was won by T. A. H. Forde (scr) with 51 + 48 = 99. His scores were...

Table with columns: Name, Handicap, 1st round, 2nd round, Gross Total, Nett Tot. Lists various players and their scores.

CHAMPIONSHIP OF HURLINGHAM CLUB.

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FISHERTON GOLF CLUB.

A general meeting of the above club was held in Rosario on Tuesday last, 27th ult., when the following officers were elected for the ensuing season: President—Malcolm Graham, Esq.

OXFORD v. CAMBRIDGE.

The result of the Oxford and Cambridge match came as a surprise to many golfers, Oxford being the favourites. The match was played at Sandwich and the condition of the course was magnificent.

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

PIGEON RACING

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On Sunday last the station-master at Baradero (149 kilometres) at 7 a.m. let loose 58 birds, in fine weather, with the wind north-west, The following was the result:

Table with columns: Name of Pigeon-House, Distance Kms., Arrival h. m. s., Metres per Minute. Lists winners like Trench, J. Trench and Connor, L. Connor.

The following pigeon-houses competed:

Table with columns: Pigeon-house name, Birds. Lists Reina Victoria, Aguila, Trench, General Sarmiento, Emilio, Connor.

FIXTURES.

May—2nd, race from San Pedro, 172 kilometres; 9th, from San Nicolás, 239 kilom.; 16th, from Rosario, 304 kilom.; 23rd, from Serodino, 352 kilom; 30th, from Irigoyen, 404 kilom.

CYCLING.

RACE FROM LUJAN TO BUENOS AIRES.

As we announced in our previous issue this race which had been suspended so many times on account of the bad weather, came off on Sunday, 25th ult.

KENNEL.

We have received the sad intelligence of the death of Mr MacSwiney, member of the committee of the French Kennel Club (Societe Centrale) and of the International Pointer and Setter Society.

Club's annual show in Paris could always count upon his genial aid whenever difficulties presented themselves, as they will do when the customs are strange and the language foreign.

An amusing story is going the rounds about Sir Henry Howarth, who published a history of the Mongols some years ago. A lady, who had heard of the history of the Mongols, was taken into dinner by Sir Henry one evening at the house of a friend.

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River Plate Sport and Pastime

SATURDAY, MAY 1, 1897.

SPORTING NOTES

To-morrow will be the opening day of the hunting season here. The Hurlingham hounds will meet on the lawn in front of the club, at 10.30 a.m., and breakfast will be provided at the club-house before starting. As the hounds are in first rate condition to begin the season, a really good gallop may be looked forward to.

A letter was shown me a day or two ago from Mr E. D. Miller, the well known polo player of Rugby, in which he states that he will probably pay a visit to the River Plate at the end of the home polo season, and also promises to do his best to bring a team with him should he be able to come. This is real good news, and I hope we may be able to arrange lots of games for all the visiting teams who may be able to come.

Several of our colleagues have stated in reference to the approaching visit of Col. Truman and his comrades, that they are coming here with a commission from the English Government to purchase a large number of horses for military use in Africa or elsewhere.

This may be so, but there was certainly no allusion to the subject in the communication from one of the team which was shown me, and to quote the words of a friend who had a lengthened

experience in finding army remounts before coming to S. A., "where are they going to find them, I can't breed suitable horses here, and I don't know anyone who can."

By the way, as the dates fixed for the Polo Championship Tournament are now drawing near, surely we should hear more of team practise from the various polo centres, as I think most polo men will agree with me when I say that any team, no matter how good, can have little chance if they will not take the trouble to practise together.

I am pleased to hear that we are nearly certain to have a Gualeguay team in the tournament this year, indeed it is said to be almost determined on already. This is good news and ought to brace other clubs up, to look to their laurels.

While on the subject of polo I may say that a ground for practising on is being prepared at Hurlingham, so as to relieve the pressure on the present ground, and preserve it fresh and nice for the tournament. This should prove a great boon to all, visiting teams as well as the home players.

Followers of the Hertfordshire hounds recently witnessed a singular accident. During a run in the neighbourhood of Lilley Hoo, near Hitchin, a fox was observed at the top of a tree. An effort was made to dislodge the fox, but without success. Eventually the hounds were taken some distance away, and reynard, on being forced from the tree, gave the hounds a long cross-country run, and then escaped.

Last Sunday saw the official opening of the Hurlingham golf links, and as will be seen in another part of the paper, the day was in every way a success. There were no fewer than sixty three entries for the two medals, and of that number fifty-two started. As is always the case some of the players were dissatisfied with the handicapping, but the result showed that the work had been done carefully, and by those with a thorough knowledge of the game.

When the cards had all been handed in, it was seen that Messrs Dickinson and Cripps had tied for the open medal given by Mr W. Samson, while Mr T. A. H. Forde had won Mr Boadle's medal, confined to members of Hurlingham only. I understand that Messrs Dickinson and Cripps will play off their tie to-morrow.

A special general meeting of the Lomas Athletic Club is announced for Saturday evening, the 15th inst. It has been called by the members with the object of discussing a new rule re dogs not being allowed on the club grounds. At the same meeting, the committee intend submitting a revised copy of all the rules for the members' approval.

From what I have heard lately I am very much afraid that East Sheen, the horse by Sheen-Queen that was imported to this country a short time ago by the Messrs Luro is quite wrong in his wind. If this is so, it is a very great pity as he was a horse of fair class at home, and his owners expected him to run some good races for them here.

Mignonnette's legs appear to have suffered severely by her runaway escapade, and subsequent race last week, and it is hardly likely that we shall see this grand mare many more times under silk, but if her racing career is nearly over, that as a stud matron has yet to commence, and I only hope she may give Mr Unzué several foals as good as herself.

Looking over the entries for to-morrow's classic race, gives me the impression that the winner will be more difficult to pick than that of any classic event up to now this season, though perhaps I may have overlooked the claims to consideration of some candidate that has a bit in his sleeve.

The chances that I like best in my humble way are those of Pitanga and Blue Boat, and though I hardly think the latter will be able to stay the distance right out to the end, he will most likely be the safest investment for a place in the race.

The Jockey Club, I am pleased to say, continue to exert their authority in the right direction, and have suspended the jockies J. Olmos and J. Rivas for the way in which they rode Independiente and Malvina in the Premios Lautaro and Malvina last Sunday. Rivas will now have the pleasure of looking on for a couple of meetings, and Olmos for ten.

A most interesting billiard match is now in course of progress between the Lomas and Belgrano clubs. Each club is represented by eight players, and of the sixteen games to be played, eight will be decided at the Lomas club, and eight at the Belgrano club, the matches at Lomas taking place on Mondays and those at Belgrano on Thursdays.

Up to Thursday last the Southern Suburb had won one game against their opponents' three, and on Thursday evening last Belgrano still further increased their lead by winning both games, making the scores five matches out of six in their favour. The feature of Thursday evening's play was a faultless break of 56, made by Mr P. C. Smith of Belgrano, which contained fourteen successive spot strokes.

A most enjoyable inter-club lawn tennis match took place on Sunday last at Quilmes between that club and Belgrano. The courts were in capital order and some close games were played. I should like to see these lawn tennis matches more frequent, and the various sub-committees of the different clubs might try and arrange fixtures, as is done in other branches of sport.

Should any of my readers be in want of a weight-carrying riding horse, or a high class pair for harness work, I cannot do better than recommend them to have a look at the lot that have been brought up from "El Rincon," Mr J. Bell's place, by Mr W. Whigham. They are standing at Messrs Bullrich's in Calle San Martin, and will be sold on Tuesday next.

This lot of young horses which make up in all seven pairs, were all, or nearly all, bred by the late Mr Nash, at "El Refango," and are all of that short-legged, flat-boned, powerful type for which Mr Nash's breed were always so celebrated, and though it would be invidious for me to particularise on the short hurried look which was all I was able to take, my fancy seemed to turn towards a black gelding, a roan gelding, and a bright bay mare.

FOOTBALL

LEAGUE FIXTURES.

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.

RUGBY FIXTURES.

MAY.

Sun. 9—Captain's XV. v. Secretary's XV., at Lomas.
 Sun. 16—B.A.F.C. XV. v. Next XXII., at Lomas.
 Sun. 23—B.A.F.C. v. Flores, at Flores.
 Sun. 30—M. F. Gilderdale's XV. v. Belgrano, at Belgrano.

JUNE.

Sun. 6—B.A.F.C. v. Lomas, at Lomas.
 Sun. 13—B.A.F.C. v. Hurlingham, at Hurlingham.
 Sun. 20—Lomas v. Flores, at Flores.
 Thurs. 24—England and Ireland v. Scotland and Wales, at Flores.
 Sun. 27—B.A.F.C. v. Rosario, at Rosario.

JULY.

Sun. 4—Lomas v. Belgrano, at Belgrano.
 Sun. 11—Lomas v. Flores, at Lomas.
 Sun. 18—B.A.F.C. v. Belgrano, at Belgrano.
 Sun. 25—B.A.F.C. v. Lomas, at Lomas.

AUGUST.

Sun. 1—Belgrano v. Flores, at Belgrano.
 Sun. 8—B.A.F.C. v. Flores, at Lomas.
 Sun. 15—B.A.F.C. v. Belgrano, at Lomas.
 Sun. 22—B.A.F.C. v. Rosario, at Lomas.

SEPTEMBER.

Sun. 5—B.A.F.C. v. Old Bedfordians, at Lomas.

PALERMO A.C. v. BELGRANO B.

A friendly match between the above clubs will take place at Belgrano to-morrow. Kick off at 2.30 p.m. Train leaves Central Station (F.C.R.) at 1.30 p.m.

Palermo.—

Goal—A. Campbell.
 Backs—A. J. Rugeroni, J. B. Campbell.
 Half backs—R. Campbell, J. C. Lee, D. Brett.
 Forwards—R. Levy, E. Curran, H. Cooper, C. Knaudt, H. Fraser.

Belgrano B.—

Goal—R. Barker.
 Backs—J. H. Boyd, J. R. Boyd.
 Half backs—G. Wood, H. Fraser, J. Davies.
 Forwards—G. Christian, R. McKinnon, A. Brodie, R. McFarlane, W. H. Fowler.

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

The above clubs will play a return match to-morrow at Lomas. Kick off at 2.30, train from Plaza Constitution at 1.45 p.m.

Lomas.—

Goal—P. L. G. Bridger.
 Backs—A. Anderson, J. Wright.
 Half backs—F. Spencer, H. P. Wright, L. Jacobs.
 Forwards—H. B. Anderson, G. M. Comber, C. Gibson, W. Stirling, J. O. Anderson.

Lanus.—

Goal—A. Coste.
 Backs—T. Bridge, W. Buchanan.
 Half backs—W. Dunn, A. A. Miller, J. Holmes.
 Forwards—L. Nobili, C. P. C. Comber, G. Brown, G. Brooking, D. Gibson.

FLORES A.C. v. BELGRANO A.C. (A TEAM).

The above clubs will play the first match in the Association League, to-morrow at Flores. Kick off at 2.30 p.m. The following are the teams:—

Flores A.C.—

Goal—W. Brown.
 Backs—J. E. Gordon, W. Goddard or F. Gahan.
 Half backs—S. Murphy, F. Barthmann, F. W. Fothergill.
 Forwards—W. Jordan, B. H. Syer, T. F. Allen (capt.), R. E. Hunt, E. R. Gifford.

Belgrano A team.—

Goal—T. Allen.
 Backs—H. W. Botting, T. Moore.
 Half backs—H. W. Roberts, H. Roy, C. C. Mackenzie.
 Forwards—W. H. Harvey, H. Rugeroni, T. Ibbetson, G. L. Macfarlane, J. Negron (capt.).

PALERMO A.C. (A TEAM) v. BANFIELD A.C.

The first friendly match between the above named clubs, took place at Banfield on Sunday last, the match, after a hard fight, resulting in a victory for Palermo by three goals to two.

Walter Stirling winning the spin for Palermo, decided

to defend the home end goal, leaving the homesters to start the game against a strong breeze. Goode set the ball in motion, but the visitors immediately took possession and carried it down to the posts, where W. Campbell scored their first point, within three minutes from the start. Banfield, immediately after the kick-off, took the leather down with a rush, but the Palermo "backs" were equal to the occasion, and repulsed them to mid-field, where play remained for some time. Following this the visitors obtained a corner, which, however, proved unproductive. The game now became very fast, and although the home team tried hard to equalise matters, they were unable to do so, and when half-time arrived the score sheet remained unaltered.

Soon after recommencing, Banfield made a determined attack, which resulted in Hoslop notching their first point. Palermo were not to be done so easily, and soon after the ball was put in motion, they obtained a corner. Rugeroni taking the kick delivered the ball a few yards in front of goal, where Levy was able to give them the lead once more. Play now ruled pretty even the leather travelling rapidly from one end of the field to the other, which finally resulted in Hunter scoring for Banfield right in front of the goal mouth, thus equalising matters for the second time. As the game progressed the play became very fast, and excitement ran high, and Watson's (Banfield goal-keeper) abilities were put to a severe test. He, however, performed well, and saved remarkably from shots by Curran and Levy. Once Knaudt beat him, but it was an off-side goal. However, the continual pressing of Palermo began to tell on their opponents, and within ten minutes from time, Levy again scored for them, amid loud cheering. Banfield tried all they knew to recover their last point, but to no avail, and when the whistle sounded, the home team had to retire from the field defeated by three goals to two.

For the losers, Goode, Stocks, Heslop, Hunter and Chamberlain, got through some capital work, whilst for the winners E. Curran, R. Levy, A. J. Rugeroni, J. Campbell, and Walter Stirling showed to great advantage, the first named pair being particularly noticeable for their neat passing on the right wing.

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

The above friendly match was played last Sunday at Lomas, before a fair number of spectators and in beautiful weather, though perhaps a little too warm for football.

The home captain won the toss and decided to play against the wind, and consequently to defend the Temperley goal. After the Lanus forwards had broken away the ball gradually returned to midfield, where H. B. Anderson obtained and passing out to his brother, the latter easily out-paced the backs and scored a goal, the goal-keeper failing to dash out in time to save.

Give and take play followed the Lomas backs being rather hard pressed at times, the wind being very strong and considerable difficulty was experienced in clearing. At this period G. Brown showed up well on the right wing and made one or two clever single-handed runs, but failed to turn them to good account. After one or two bursts by the Lomas forwards J. O. Anderson got possession on the outside left and getting clear away put in a good centre which C. Gibson headed through. A long shot from the Lomas left-wing, which hit the cross-bar was the next item of note, and when the whistle sounded for half-time the score remained unaltered, Lomas crossing over two goals to the good.

On resuming Lomas began a long and sustained attack, and though both T. Bridge and G. Brown defended brilliantly, but for great weakness in front of goal, the Lomas forwards should have scored several times. At length J. O. Anderson put in a good centre and F. H. Jacobs headed it through. After this the Lanus right wing got away a few times, but invariably kicked behind.

After each kick-out, however, the Lomas forwards got well away, only to lose opportunities of scoring. At length after a most determined effort to break through on the part of the home forwards, C. Gibson got possession and with a quick left foot shot found the net. This was the last point scored and Lomas left the field winners by four goals to nil.

On the day's form the better side undoubtedly won, but the score in the first half, is hardly a true index of the game, as but for very poor shooting Lanus must have scored. The shooting in fact all round was decidedly bad, but whereas the home forwards combined well, the visitors never got together, but tried single-handed runs, which generally ended in their being deprived of the ball. The backs played a fair game, though the ball too often found touch. Both goal-keepers kept well, and Coste had no chance of saving any of the goals scored. The teams were:—

Lomas.—

Goal—P. L. G. Bridger.
 Backs—A. Anderson, J. Wright.
 Half backs—L. Jacobs, F. H. Jacobs, H. P. Wright.
 Forwards—C. Gibson, G. M. Comber, H. B. Anderson, F. Spencer, J. O. Anderson.

Lanus.—

Goal—A. Coste.
 Backs—T. Bridge, Geo. Brown.
 Half backs—A. A. Miller, W. Dunn, W. Buchanan.
 Forwards—W. Cowes, C. D. Moffatt, G. Brooking, C. P. C. Comber, D. Gibson.
 Referee—H. Morgan.

MR T. F. ALLEN'S XI. v. MR J. NEGRON'S XI.

This return fixture took place at Belgrano on Sunday last, before a capital attendance of interested spectators. Allen won the toss and elected to play with the wind, which was blowing with considerable strength down the field from the railway end.

From the kick-off Negron's forwards obtained possession and were soon attacking strongly, but a corner only resulted, which proved unproductive. From the kick-out the home forwards again got to work and looked very like scoring when the ball burst, and another one was produced. The visiting forwards now had a turn, but found Negron's backs very safe, and even play followed. Shortly after this Fothergill took a big kick from about half way, and the ball, thanks to the wind, dropped into the goal, the goal-keeper being quite taken by surprise. No further scoring took place in the first half, though Negron's forwards missed one or two easy chances, and when they did shoot straight Brown proved quite equal to the occasion and kept his goal intact.

As the home team had more than held their own against the wind, their supporters expected to see them run up a good score in the second half.

The visitors, however, soon settled down and playing more together were, before long, again attacking. Negron's team were not to be out done, and after the backs had repulsed one or two combined attacks, the forwards got well away, but another easy chance was thrown away. Not to be denied the home forwards again worked the ball down the field and Negron getting a nice opening equalised matters.

From the kick-off the visiting forwards came away well and after a combined rush Jordan notched a second point. No further score took place, and the game resulted in a win for Allen's team by two goals to one. Below are the teams:—

Mr J. Negron's XI.—

Goal—T. Allen.
 Backs—T. Ibbetson, H. W. Botting.
 Half backs—H. W. Roberts, T. Roy, C. C. Mackenzie.
 Forwards—J. Negron, G. L. Macfarlane, R. Colson, W. H. Harvey, H. Rugeroni.

Mr T. F. Allen's XI.—

Goal—W. Brown.
 Backs—J. Royd, W. Fothergill.
 Half back—W. H. Goddard, J. Murphy, R. Barthmann.
 Forwards—T. F. Allen, W. A. Jordan, B. B. Syer, J. Baldock, G. Christian.
 Referee—R. MacKinnon.

ASSOCIATION.

England v. Wales.—The annual match between teams representing the English and Welsh Associations was played on March 29, on the United Ground, at Bramallane, Sheffield, and ended in a victory for the home eleven by four goals to none. The weather proved fine but cold, and the attendance fell considerably below expectations for an international match, the number of people present being estimated at about 5000. The ground was rather soft on the surface when Wales kicked off at twenty minutes to four against both sun and wind. The visitors were the first to attack, but Oakley soon checked the progress of their right wing, and play settled down in the Welsh half. Trainer, however, kept out several shots in good style, and twenty minutes elapsed before any scoring took place. Then Trainer only half cleared a fast shot from Crawshaw, and Needham, being in waiting, promptly steered the ball into the net. As half time was nearing Athersmith finished up a grand run on the right with a smart pass to Bloomer, who beat Trainer, and England led at the change of ends by two goals to none. A quarter of an hour after crossing over Smith, the English centre forward, had to retire in consequence of one of his eyes being injured by the ball, the home players for a time only managed to hold their own. Gradually, however, the Englishmen assumed the offensive, and after Trainer had saved from Crawshaw, Milward rushed up and scored the third goal. Directly afterwards a fine centre of Athersmith's resulted in Milward putting on a fourth point and a few minutes later Trainer was rather lucky in saving from Becton. Just before the close Milward passed over to Athersmith, who beat Trainer again, but off-side was claimed and allowed, and the game ended in a victory for England as already stated. The contest was somewhat tame and uninteresting, but the home men were undoubtedly superior, although at times Wales exhibited form which certainly deserved more than one goal.

England—W. Foulkes (Sheffield United, goal), W. J. Oakley, (Corinthians and Oxford University), H. Spencer (Aston Villa) (backs), J. Reynolds (Aston Villa), T. Crawshaw (Sheffield Wednesday), E. Needham (Sheffield United) (half backs), C. Athersmith (Aston Villa), S. Bloomer (Derby County), G. O. Smith (Old Carthusians), J. Becton (Liverpool), A. Milward (Everton) (forwards).

Wales—J. Trainer (Wrexham and Preston North End, goal), J. S. Matthias (Brynbo and Shrewsbury), J. Edwards (Oswestry) (backs), T. Chapman (Newton and Grimsby), J. L. Mates (Chirk), J. L. Jones (Chirk and Sheffield United) (half backs), J. Davies (Chirk and Millwall Athletic), W. Meredith (Chirk and Manchester City), A. G. Morris (Aberystwyth), W. Lewis (Bangor and Chester), H. Morris (Chirk and Grimsby) (forwards).

Referee, Mr S. Robertson (Scottish Football Association).

In spite of the stormy weather on March 27, a good crowd witnessed the international Association match between Ireland and Scotland. The venue was Ibrox Park, Glasgow, and the game was the fourteenth between the two countries. The ground was heavy, which did not conduce to a good exposition of football. The home team winning the toss, Ireland during the first half had to play against a strong breeze. The Irishmen opened in very unpromising style, and the Scottish for-

wards misjudging the wind shot badly at first, but at length working well together, McPherson scored with a long shot, which the visiting goalkeeper ought to have stopped. Ireland forced play to midfield, but the ball was soon taken back, McPherson again sending it into the net. The point was not allowed, as the offside rule was infringed. Ireland made a good effort and went right away, but the wind spoilt the shot at goal. During the first half hour the home representatives were continually on the aggressive but could not score, but for the remainder of the first half better luck favoured them, and three more goals were added. Gibson obtained the second, and McCall and King the third and fourth. Scotland had forced corner after corner. After the teams had crossed over the Irish were expected to do better, but their opponents still had the best of matters, and a fine shot by Lambie just failed to score. The Scottish left wing worked hard but without results, and then Milne was the means of transferring play to the Scottish goal, where Dickie saved twice brilliantly. The visitors at length got through, Stansfield kicking their only goal. From the kick-off Lambie dashed away screwing across to McPherson, who cleverly headed through the fifth goal for his side. Scotland thus won a one-sided game by five goals to one.

First Division League Fixtures.—The match between Derby County and Preston North End resulted in a two goals draw. Derby crossed over two goals to the bad, but this lead was soon reduced as a minute from the restart, Stevenson put the ball into the visitors' net. The home team kept up a continuous pressure, and about ten minutes from the end Bloomer made the scores level.

Before some 1000 spectators Bury beat the Blackburn Rovers by three goals to nothing.

By the narrow margin of a goal to nothing Sheffield United, playing at home, just managed to beat Stoke. The visitors, having the wind behind them, had rather the better of the opening exchanges. The second half was well contested, and it seemed as if a draw would take place, but a penalty kick awarded to the United gave Needham a chance, of which he took advantage.

Burnley paid a visit to Anfield, beating Liverpool by two goals to one, all scored in the first half. In the second half nothing resulted.

Aston Villa maintained their fine form by beating the Bolton Wanderers at Bolton by two goals to one.

Much interest was felt in the result of the final tie for the Amateur Cup, which was played off at Tufnell Park on March 27. The Old Carthusians had as opponents Stockton—a team which have played consistently well in cup matches. The Old Boys were strongly represented, and were expected to give a good account of themselves. Soon after the advertised time Addison started the ball for Stockton against a strong wind. The opening exchanges were of an even character, but the play was of a very indifferent kind. The Old Carthusians got in front of goal, but a kick of Buzzard went behind. Two free kicks to Stockton looked dangerous, but Bray at length cleared, and soon afterwards Wilson and Buzzard put in a good run. An attack by Stockton caused Wilkinson to handle, but he got the ball away and then both ends were visited. At length a free kick to Stockton, which was taken by Shaw, enabled the visitors to London, to score after twenty-seven minutes play. The Old Boys worked for all they were worth, but bad shooting, lost them several chances. They forced a couple of corners which proved fruitless. A brief attack by Stockton was followed by the interval. From the restart the visitors rushed away and Murray sent in a good shot. For a short time the Old Boys pressed, but their rivals were soon on the aggressive again. Buzzard got clear away, but ran too far. Hewitt and Stanbrough also ran well, the former shooting over the bar. Stockton forced the play and Wilkinson had to save on several occasions. Some fifteen minutes from time a free kick was awarded to the Carthusians, and Darvell taking it, passed to G. O. Smith, who equalised amid loud and enthusiastic cheering. Ten minutes from the end Stockton lost the services of one of their players, who was injured, but in spite of this they kept their goal intact, and the game ended in a one-goal draw. The Old Carthusians, as in their games with Marlow, did not play up to their great reputation.

Sheffield Wednesday brought their Southern tour to a close on March 27, when they defeated a scratch team of amateurs, at the Crystal Palace, by four goals to none. Unfortunately several prominent amateurs had to stand out at the last moment, but the game was interesting all through and not nearly so one-sided as the score implies.

On March 29 the Old Westminster, for whom the Old International Sandilands was in brilliant form, defeated the Old Felstedians by three goals to one.

RUGBY

On March 27, the Blackheath team journeyed up to Scotland to meet the West of Scotland. The match is always looked forward to with great interest, and the present occasion was no exception to the rule, and there was a large attendance at Partrick to witness the game. The West placed a strong fifteen in the field, but

although Blackheath had nothing like their full strength, they proved successful by eight points to three. Perhaps, as play went, they were lucky to win, but their game was much steadier than the West's and they profited accordingly.

Dublin University v. Old Wesley.—The Irish Rugby season was wound up on March 27, and the meeting of Dublin University (the holders) and Old Wesley in the final tie of the Leicester Challenge Cup formed a pretty climax to what has been on the whole a successful campaign in the Metropolis. The interest taken in the encounter was shown by the extremely numerous gathering that graced the Lansdowne-road, inclosure on the occasion, and the company, which was very fashionable, was about the largest seen at any club match in Dublin for years. It was generally expected that Old Wesley would make a bold bid to wrest the trophy from the 'Varsity, who have held it for two successive seasons, and anticipations were borne out, for though the Weseleyans were beaten by a single score, it was only after a great struggle they struck their colours, the final score being one goal to nothing in favour of the University.

North of Ireland v. Queen's College (Belfast). The final stage in the struggle for possession of the Ulster Senior Challenge Cup was reached on March 27, when North of Ireland, the holders of the trophy, met Queen's College. The ground at Ballynafiegh, Belfast, was well lined with spectators, most of whom came to see North gain a very easy victory; but though they did manage to retain possession of the cup, they had to fight hard for the honour and as the play went were decidedly lucky to win at all. The students performed much above their usual form, but the fates were against them, and they retired defeated by three tries to one try.

Bristol v. Bath.—This return match, which was played at the Recreation Grounds, Bath, on March 31, produced a fast and exciting game which ended in a draw of one goal and one try each. The home team had secured the services of Selwyn Biggs, the Welsh International half, and were in other respects fully represented, but Bristol had to call upon four of their second team players.

Hartlepool Rovers v. West Hartlepool.—Great excitement prevailed in Hartlepool on March 27, owing to the meeting of the rival local teams, who had not previously faced each other for two years. The match was one of the semi-final ties of the Durham Cup, and each team entered the lists after worthy progress. West having the better record, inasmuch as they had defeated Durham City and Tudhoe away from home. As an instance of the popularity of the Rugby game in this district, it may be mentioned that for once the capacious ground on the headland of Hartlepool was amply filled, for close up on 10,000 spectators were there. Strong and representative fifteens entered the field, and Oakes at once kicked off for the Rovers. West, by virtue of vigorous forward play, made the running at the start, and twice the ball was kicked past the home goal-posts with no effect. The game this first half, when the Rovers were playing against the wind, was most desperately fought, being rather too fierce to allow of much skilful work. The teams crossed over without a score having been effected—a fact which speaks strongly in praise of the defensive power shown by the Rovers' back division. On the resumption it was at once seen that the Rovers were in winning form, for Oakes, by a sturdy effort, broke through the opposing forwards, and, as a result, a try was scored and improved amid every demonstration of approval. This success placed the Rovers safely ahead, and, aided by Poole's long kicking, they made repeated onslaughts on the West line. In a few minutes the total was increased by another goal, dropped by Thompson in one of the Rovers' attacks. This was followed by a run over by Irvin, but the try was not allowed, and West gained great relief when Thomas ran grandly up to the home quarter line. Here the battle raged for some time, but the clever West backs were unable to break through the defence, and the strong wind spoiled several good attempts at goal. No abatement in the pace took place, but nothing further was scored, and at the finish the Rovers had won a hard game by two goals (nine points) to nothing.

Leicester v. Old Edwardians.—For the first time during the present season, Leicester suffered a defeat on their own ground, on March 27, and the unexpected reverse was the more serious as it dismissed the club from the Midland Counties Cup Competition. Only a week previously the same Leicester fifteen vanquished Coventry, and, being drawn against the Old Edwardians, their entry into the final tie was considered very safe; hence their defeat at Welford now caused quite a sensation amongst the 8000 or 9000 spectators who saw it. The Old Boys, who were represented by their full strength, were decidedly fortunate in winning the toss, as they had the advantage of a strong wind behind them, but even this did not account for the poor form shown by the Leicester men, who eventually retired defeated by a try to nothing.

On March 27, Newport and Penarth met on the Newport ground. The home club placed a strong fifteen in the field including A. J. Gould, and it was hoped that they would avenge the previous defeat. This hope was fulfilled, as Newport won by three goals and one try to nothing.

The meeting between Croydon and Rosslyn Park produced a good and exciting game, but the latter team exhibiting the better combination won by two goals (one dropped) to a try.

Neath v. Llanelly.—The former team were very keen on trying to administer defeat to their visitors on March 27 at Neath, as the Llanelly combination have so far this season not lost a single match. There was a strong breeze blowing from end to end of the ground, and Neath, starting with their backs to it, kept up a high pressure for the first half. Time after time they looked certain to score, but found the defence just too good, and ends were changed without an advantage to either side. Then, however, Llanelly assumed the aggressive, and, before long, scored an unconverted try. Although they more than once looked dangerous after this, Llanelly could not score again, and retired victorious by a try to nothing.

CRICKET.

LOMAS ATHLETIC CLUB.

BATTING AND BOWLING AVERAGES—1896-97.

Below we publish the batting and bowling averages of the Lomas Club for the past season. Altogether the club played 15 matches, of which they won 8, lost 4, and 3 were drawn. The total runs scored against the club in these fifteen matches were 2047, for the loss of 179 wickets, or an average per wicket of 11.44. The total runs scored for the club were 2838 for the loss of 142 wickets, giving the excellent average of 20.34 per wicket.

A. Anderson heads the batting list with the splendid average of 55.62 for thirteen completed innings, while in the bowling P. M. Rath, M. A. Halstead, and H. B. Anderson have all done excellent service for their club.

BATTING AVERAGES.

	No. Times		Total	High.	Aver.
	inns.	not out.			
A. Anderson	17	4	723	106*	55.62
P. M. Rath	11	2	256	64	28.44
J. O. Anderson	17	0	426	85	25.06
A. A. Miller	5	2	69	24	19.67
E. H. Jacobs	15	1	247	54	17.64
H. B. Anderson	14	0	217	55	15.50
G. Gonsalves	4	0	53	25	13.25
R. L. Halstead	11	0	142	33	12.91
P. L. G. Bridger	13	2	140	53	12.73
G. M. Comber	7	1	69	24*	11.50
W. R. Goodbody	8	0	81	44	10.12
D. Gibson	11	4	70	16*	10
R. E. Draper	4	0	16	11	4
M. A. Halstead	4	1	5	3	1.67

Also batted—

W. Stirling	3	0	20	18	6.67
G. L. Wilson	3	0	19	15	6.33
C. R. Tupholme	2	1	14	7*	14
E. G. Cocks	2	1	9	7*	9
R. W. Rudd	2	0	8	6	4
J. McC. Reid	2	0	5	4	2.50
G. S. Anderson	1	1	34	34*	34
W. Flint	1	0	12	12	12
W. Higgins	1	0	7	7	7
T. R. Griffin	1	0	6	6	6
M. G. Fortune	1	1	5	5*	5
R. R. Colson	1	0	4	4	4
J. Wright	1	0	4	4	4
H. Dobson	1	0	2	2	2

* Signifies not out.

BOWLING AVERAGES.

20 overs and over—

	O.	R.	M.	W.	Av
P. M. Rath	29	55	10	13	4.23
M. A. Halstead	58.2	117	21	20	5.85
H. B. Anderson	78.4	197	78	31	6.35
J. O. Anderson	59.3	176	12	13	13.54
P. L. G. Bridger	44	160	6	10	16

Also bowled—

S. Gibson	4.2	6	2	1	6
W. R. Goodbody	17.3	55	4	8	6.87
W. Stirling	9	23	2	2	11.50
R. L. Halstead	6	17	2	1	17
R. E. Draper	10	22	2	0	—
G. M. Comber	3	4	1	0	—

April 28, 1897,

To the Editor *River Plate Sport and Pastime*,

Dear Sir,—

I was much pleased with the views expressed in your "Pavilion Gossip" of Saturday last re a Club Championship, which would, in my opinion, entirely change the aspect of the game in this country. For the last three years I have brought this subject up at the yearly meeting of Secretaries, but always with the same result, viz., We have not sufficient players to make it a success. Now, surely with clubs possessing a list of members such as Buenos Aires, Hurlingham, Lomas, Flores, and Belgrano this excuse cannot be urged.

We have seen this year a great falling off in the interest shown in England's great national game, and I think to a great extent the reason for this is the fact that, taking the five clubs already cited, although no less than fifty-five men might represent their clubs, when the teams appear in the paper, the same five or six names recur monotonously, one Sunday for and the next Sunday against any given club, A playing to-day for Buenos Aires v. Hurlingham, to-morrow represents Hurlingham v. Flores, and very possibly later in the season he may

play for Hurlingham v. Buenos Aires. Now this in my opinion is absurd, and could easily be changed by having, as suggested, a Club Championship, each club entering, to play home and home matches with every other club; no rules would be necessary except the all-important one of "one man one club." I would be exceedingly sorry to see a competition started on the lines of the Football League. I hope the day is far distant when we shall see cricket elevens struggling for medals or cups.

I come now to a very important point. It was urged at the last year's meeting of Secretaries that there could be only two clubs with a chance of being top of the list at the end of the current season. This is an exceedingly childish excuse for not entering, as if for one reason the outlook is black who knows what Dame Fortune may have up her sleeve for next year. Undoubtedly such a competition would train on the youngsters who at present wish to play for their clubs; but as they have only the remotest chance of getting beyond the second eleven they take to some other game where they have more chance.

In conclusion, I hope to see a club competition on the lines suggested in your last issue an accomplished fact in the coming season, and that when the time comes for picking the team for our all-important fixture, North v. South, we shall have instead of fifteen at least fifty names to consider.—Thanking you in anticipation for inserting this, I remain, yours very truly,

P. L. G. BRIDGER.

Buenos Aires, 29th April, 1897.

To the Editor *River Plate Sport and Pastime*.

Dear Sir,—

Referring to the excellent suggestion contained in your "Pavilion Gossip" of last week, I am writing in the interests of a Cricket Championship Competition next season, and also to say that on many occasions during the past summer I have heard players, not only of my club but also of others, state their opinion that such a competition in which a player could only play for one club, would foster the true spirit in which the game should be played, and further the interest of River Plate cricket.

I have heard it suggested that could we have a competition of this kind, games would be fought out in friendly rivalry with a keenness that now is sometimes lacking, and that both bowling and fielding would receive greater attention than at present, but above all, it seems to me, that the stimulus to practise would be greatly increased, and if for the latter reason only, I think in the true interests of cricket this Championship Competition should be formed.

Whilst referring to the subject of competitions, it is worth while noting the extraordinary amount of interest that is being now taken, in most of the suburbs, in Association Football, which I cannot help thinking is large by due to the League system more especially as Rugby Football does not seem to greatly gain in favour.

Permit me to add in conclusion, that nearly, if not all, our members are in favour of, and would heartily support a Cricket Championship Competition, which, if given a trial, would I believe, prove a great success.

Apologising for encroaching on your valuable space, I remain, dear sir, yours faithfully,

HORACE WM. BOTTING,
Belgrano A.C.

Buenos Aires, 30th April, 1897.

To the Editor *River Plate Sport and Pastime*.

Dear Sir,—

Your remarks on cricket under "Pavilion Gossip," in last week's issue raise a question which may well be thrashed out during the off season, so that the wish of the general body of club cricketers may be arrived at and their committees talk over the matter before the next meeting of Hon. Secretaries.

At the beginning of last season the formation of a Cricket League or Championship Competition, call it what you will, was much mooted; action, however, was delayed too long, and not until the meeting of secretaries was the question given a chance. Naturally as these gentlemen had not come from their committees with power to act, no step could be taken.

A great impetus, however, was given to second eleven matches, it doubtless being considered that this step would act as well as a League in the bringing out of more men; to a certain extent they have fulfilled their object, inasmuch as a great deal more cricket was played last season than in the preceding one, but they have not struck at the evil for which a League is certainly a cure, viz., the playing by the same man for various clubs; I am not sure, too, that they have not raised grievances of their own, for whilst the first eleven matches were conducted precisely as in former years, second elevens invariably included men who played for their first or some other club's senior eleven! and the farce reached its climax when a second eleven meeting, a neighbouring one, found that a backbone of its own first was advertised to play against it.

I see only two objectors to any scheme which may tend to bring about "one man, one club"; the player whose skill is beyond question and who can thus secure a place on all the teams if he so chooses, and the spectator who likes on all occasions to see in contest the best possible combinations. Without any injustice we may ride over the first, but the second will enlist everyone's sympathy. To sustain clubs, however, cricket cannot begin and end in this, and some sort of inter-club competition, with "one man, one club" for its ruling would be welcomed by all but, perhaps, our very best performers.

Our second elevens, too, would thus be placed beyond reproach, as a man with any sense of the fitness of

things could hardly play in them if he had once appeared in his club's senior team.

That such a competition would create greater interest and necessitate more players is beyond argument, although, the desirability of a competition, purely as such, may be open to question.

I enclose my card and beg to subscribe myself your most sincere,

LANUS.

WEST INDIES.

MR PRIESTLEY'S TEAM.

Seventh Match v. United Services, Barbados.—At Bridgetown, on February 6 and 8, Mr Priestley's Eleven defeated the United Services of Barbados by an innings and eleven runs. In the first innings the home players were dismissed for 135 (Lieut. P. H. B. Campain 39, Lieut. J. de Robeck 22), and the visitors responded with 252 (Mr C. A. Beldam 98, Mr A. E. Stoddart 59, Mr H. T. Stanley 27). Only moderate form was shown in the second innings by the United Services, for 106. Mr W. Williams took five wickets for 39 runs, and Mr A. E. Stoddart five for 32.

Eighth Match v. Queen's Park.—Played at Port of Spain on February 12 and 13, and resulted in a draw. Scores: Queen's Park, 222 (Mr H. Hutton 44, Mr L. S. D'Adé 40, C. Gittens 30, Mr H. M. Smith 25, Mr A. E. Harragin 21); Mr Priestley's Team, 191 for one wicket (Mr A. E. Stoddart not out 108, Mr H. T. Stanley not out 63.)

Ninth Match v. Combined West Indies. This, the most important match arranged by Mr Priestley, was played at Port of Spain on February 15, 16, and 18. The Englishmen batted first, and scored 179 (Mr R. C. N. Palairot 45, Mr A. E. Stoddart 38, Mr J. Leigh 26), the combined eleven following with 215 (Mr H. B. Austin not out 75, Mr L. Constantine 38, Mr A. Warden 21). The second venture of the visitors yielded 176 (Mr R. C. N. Palairot 46, Mr R. Leigh Barret 33, Mr M. S. J. Woods 26). West Indies thus required 141 to win, and these were obtained for the loss of seven wickets (Mr A. B. Clarke 35, Mr S. W. Spotson 24).

Tenth Match v. Trinidad.—The representatives of Trinidad met and defeated Mr Priestley's eleven, at Port of Spain, on Feb. 19, 20, and 22, by ten wickets. In the first innings 174 runs (Mr L. Constantine 46, Mr M. Smith 42, Mr A. M. Lowe 22) were placed to the credit of Trinidad, but the Englishmen only scored 33 (Mr Cumberhatch six wickets for 11, and Mr J. Woods three for 14, being responsible for the collapse). Following on they made 141 (Mr H. T. Stanley 38, Mr C. A. Beldam 24, Mr R. C. N. Palairot 21), and the home team won as already stated.

Eleventh Match, v. Trinidad.—This return match was played at Port of Spain on Feb. 25, 26, and ended in favour of Trinidad by eight wickets. Scores: Trinidad 284 (Mr L. S. d'Adé not out 140, Mr S. Rodder 53, Mr A. E. Harrigan 24) and 94 for two wickets (Mr H. Hutton not out 32, Mr E. Harrigan 23). Mr Priestley's team 162 (Mr R. C. N. Palairot 65, Mr R. Leigh Barret 22, Mr F. W. Bush 22), and 212 (Mr F. W. Bush not out 45, Mr W. Williams 40, Mr R. C. N. Palairot 34, Mr S. M. J. Woods 24).

LORD HAWKE'S TEAM.

Ninth Match v. Antigua.—The English team of cricketers followed up their victory over Barbados, by easily defeating Antigua on March 11 and 12. Barring first the visitors scored 206 (Mr A. E. Leatham not out 52, Mr R. W. Wickham 44, Mr H. D. G. Leveson-Gower 26, Mr G. R. Bardswell 25), and Antigua replied with 98 (Mr E. Samuel 30). In the second innings Lord Hawke's registered 241 for five wickets (Mr P. F. Warner 110, Mr C. Heselme not out 26), the home team thus requiring 358 runs to win. They, however, only put together 90 (Mr B. Read 25), and were beaten by 259 runs. Mr Leatham took five wickets for 21 runs, and Mr Wickham four for 24.

Tenth Match v. St. Kitts.—This match was played at Basseterre, St. Kitts, on March 15 and 16. Lord Hawke's team batted well in their first innings for 284 (Mr P. F. Warner 81, Mr H. D. G. Leveson-Gower 76, Mr R. W. Wickham 36, Mr R. Berens 28, Lord Hawke 20), and they disposed of the St. Kitts representatives for 74 (Mr W. Wigley 36), so that the latter were obliged to follow on. Better form was displayed in the second innings, but the last wicket fell at 135, leaving the Englishmen victorious by an innings and 75 runs.

POLO.

THE RANGERS POLO CLUB.

A general meeting of the Rangers (Quilmes) Polo Club was held at Mr T. Murray's office at 158 Reconquista on Tuesday evening last, when we are pleased to report it was resolved to make every effort to carry on the club, and an efficient committee was elected to carry out this object. The hon. treasurer reported to the meeting that the club was in a most satisfactory financial condition, so that we have every hope of seeing this club put a strong team in for the coming tournament.

FIXTURES

RACING.

Sunday, May 2—Hipódromo Argentino, Palermo.

Thursday, May 27—Meeting at Hurlingham (Polo Association Cup).

FOOTBALL

ASSOCIATION.

Sunday, May 2—Flores v. Belgrano A, at Flores.)

ROWING

THE OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE BOAT RACE.

April 3 was a dull day, with a nasty south-easterly wind, which, however, was not strong enough to make the water rough. Cambridge won the toss and chose the Middlesex station. At 2.20 p.m. the boats were in position and at 2.24 exactly Mr. Willan fired his pistol. Fernie, who in practice had shown himself remarkably quick in starting, jumped off with the lead, rowing 37½ in the first minute to the 36 of Oxford. At the Star and Garter Cambridge led by a quarter of a length, but as they passed Alexander's Oxford were gradually creeping up, till at the old half-mile tree the two boats were exactly level.

At Craven Steps Oxford, led by a few feet, and then increased their lead to nearly half-a-length, but Fernie, without quickening, reduced the lead to a quarter of a length the mile post. At Harrod's the lead was again at half a length, Oxford rowing 32 to the 34 of Cambridge, and, shooting Hammersmith Bridge, which was reached in 7 min. 20 sec., the Cambridge bow only just overlapped the Oxford rudder. The time is identical with the record made by the Oxford crew in 1893.

After passing the bridge Fernie quickened to 35, but Gold rowed a steady 32 with plenty of leg work, and drew slowly away, being nearly two lengths to the good at the two mile mark, his crew rowing well within themselves. With the long bend against them Cambridge dropped still further behind and were three lengths to the bad at the Eyot, and nearly four lengths at Chiswick Church. In passing Thorneycroft's the water was rather rough, and in Corney Reach Cambridge began to go up to the leaders, who still kept on at their steady 32, so that Oxford shot Barnes Bridge only three lengths in advance.

Ferne then showed how plucky a stroke he is by making a number of brilliant spurts, quickening up to 37, with a desperate effort to save the race. His men answered gallantly but their rowing was short, though, considering that Oxford had not been within hail since Hammersmith Bridge, they deserve every credit for the attempt. Gold quickened to 34 for a short distance, but soon dropped to 32, and Fernie and his crew, putting in all they could in the last 200 yards, increased the rate to 38, and managed to reduce the lead of the victors to two lengths and a third.

The time of the race was officially given at 19 min. 11.45sec., the second best ever rowed in the race, the record being 18min. 40sec. by the Oxford crew of 1893, when Pilkington was stroke of a magnificent crew. The time proves how good both eights were, for the flood, though fair, was not particularly fast. Cambridge would certainly have won this race in four years out of five, but they were unfortunate in being pitted against such a splendid crew as this year's Oxford eight, which is decidedly one of the very fastest that has ever represented the University.

Although the record for the full course was not beaten, that for the mile was cut by 11sec., the time being 3min. 55sec., and that for Chiswick Church was beaten by 2sec., the new record being 11min. 31sec. Hammersmith Bridge was shot in 7min. 20sec., exactly the time of the record 1893, and Barnes Bridge was reached in 16min. by the leaders, Cambridge being 11sec. behind. The race has only been rowed in less than 20min. on four occasions: in 1873 by Cambridge, and in 1892, 1893, and 1897 by Oxford.

INTER-UNIVERSITY SCULLING RACE.

On April 2 the two spare men of the Oxford and Cambridge crews met for a sculling match from Putney Bridge to Hammersmith Bridge, under rather trying conditions, as a strong north wind meeting the flood made the water very rough, and much troubled the competitors. Very great interest was taken in the contest, which was followed by most of the members of the rival crews on their launches, some, however, running along the towpath. Bullard has been trained by J. Phelps, jun., while Pitman has had his old fellow-collegian, A. F. G. Everitt, L.R.C., to coach him. There were several tugs and barges in the way at Putney Bridge, where two skiffs were anchored, but after some little delay Mr H. Ellington, R.L.C., who started and umpired, sent them away on level terms, the choice of stations having fallen to the Catna.

Surrey Station.—G. T. Bullard, Trinity Hall, Cambridge, 12st 1
Middlesex Station.—R. O. Pitman, New College, Oxford, 10st 12lb 0

Pitman was rather the smartest at starting, and at once took the lead, gaining so fast that at the London Club flagstaff he was a length and half ahead. The water was of the worst description here, but he continued to increase his advantage, and at Craven Steps was three lengths in front, the time to that point being 3min. 58sec. Both soon made for the Surrey side of the river after passing the Point, and in the strong head wind the greater weight of Bullard told, so that he began to draw up, and Pitman being in trouble, he gained so fast that he drew level at Walden's Wharf, and was three parts of a length ahead at the mile-post. Time, 6min. 31sec. Above this mark Pitman almost upset in the rough water, but, recovering himself well, he kept on after the leader, crossing behind him above the Crab Tree. Bullard, however, was three lengths ahead, so there was no danger of a collision. At Harrod's Wharf Bullard was five lengths in front, but, stopping for a stroke, and Pitman spurring well in smoother water just beyond it, the latter gained somewhat. The spurt soon died out, however, and Bullard, going away fast, won by ten lengths, in 11min. 18sec., both men finishing under the Surrey arch of Hammersmith Bridge.

EN PASSANT.

The British steamer *Flamingo* is reported as a total loss off Pará.

From to-day the winter time tables of all the railways come into force.

The Paraguayan Congress has voted \$10,000 as a subsidy to an opera company.

Eleven fires took place in this city during the month of March, causing a loss of \$105,450.

The Secretary of the South African Republic, Dr. Leyds, arrived in London on April 28.

The Government of Paraguay is preparing to put new emissions of paper money on the market.

General Mansilla is a strong advocate of Dr. José Galvez as a candidate for governor of Santa Fé.

A fishing-boat has picked up a torpedo in the roads. It is supposed to belong to the U.S.S. Lancaster.

Dr. Daniel J. Donovan is named as the probable successor of Minister Villanueva in the War Department.

Three British lines of steamers which trade between Peru and Liverpool have reduced their freight rates to 25s per ton.

Three batteries of mountain artillery have been ordered to be got in readiness to be shipped from England to South Africa.

Mexico has had fifty-five rulers since 1821. Four of these were executed, one poisoned, four murdered, and seven killed in battle.

The Municipality has been authorised to buy 380 iron columns for gas lamps from the Bolgrano Gas Co., at the price of \$26 each.

There are two governors in San Luis, and two legislatures, which means to say that public order is at a discount in that province.

The Pacific Railway has bought from Dr. Carlos S. Bollini 16,347 metres of land, in Palermo, for the sum of \$95,000, or \$5.81 the square metre.

Two sugar mills in Tucuman—La Reduccion and San Felipe—are to be put up for sale. It is said that six mills will remain closed this season.

By a stamp tax of the value of 10 per cent. of the price of a seat and entrance to a theatre the Municipality will try to add to the revenue of the city.

The inactivity of the Blanco generals, and the dissensions in the revolutionary committee, point to a prompt ending of the revolution in Uruguay.

The Argentine Minister in Rio, Dr. Portela, will arrive here in the R.M.S. Danube. Towards the end of May he will return to his diplomatic duties.

From Bolivia we learn that the assassin of the Chilean Minister Matta, José Cuéllar, has been condemned to six years imprisonment and after that to banishment.

The Minister of the Interior has authorised the Department of Engineers to spend \$25,000 monthly in dredging the channel and the port of the Riachuelo.

The channel to the port of La Plata is filling up with sandbanks, and the minimum depth of 21 feet will soon be a thing of the past if dredges are not put to work.

Internal troubles will keep Greece busy for some time. It is to be hoped that she will be spared a repetition of the scenes which France witnessed after the war of 1870.

President Fernandez Alonso of Bolivia will present a prize to the Tiro Federal Argentino, and desires Minister Ichazo to represent Bolivia in the international competition.

President Kruger has so far relented in his opinion of Britain as to order a steam plough from a well-known firm in that country, who have a great reputation in this line.

Peru and Brazil have agreed about a new marking of their frontier lines. The Bolivian press recommends its government to keep a watch on the doings of the two countries.

While the export of live stock from the port of Buenos Aires has increased by some 40,000 head during the first quarter of this year the exports from La Plata have decreased enormously.

In connection with the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in Valparaiso, on the evening of April 20 the amount subscribed for the Endowment Fund was \$11,000, and for the Sports Fund \$2000.

Mr Carlos Lix Klett left yesterday in the Magdalena to represent the Union Industrial Argentina and Museo de Productos Nacionales at the International Congress to be held in Philadelphia.

Dr. Alberto Nin, Uruguayan Minister to Great Britain, but at present in Montevideo, will proceed to London to assist at the Diamond Jubilee festivals, after which he will present his letters of recall.

A proposed Industrial Exhibition, to be opened on the 9th of July, 1898, is to be built on the reclaimed ground of the port, in front of the Government House. It will cover some 150,000 metres of ground.

The Bank of England announces the existence in circulation of a large number of counterfeit notes of that bank of £20 stg. The counterfeits are all dated 15th January, 1896, and bear the letter-number M 8.

The amounts collected for import and export dues by the Custom-house of this city, from January 1 to April 29, are \$24,580,520.56 paper and \$3,530,127.51 gold, an increase of \$262,837.53 gold over the corresponding period of 1896.

Turkey, at least, considers the war with Greece as a thing of the past, for the Sultan is already drawing up the conditions of peace. The evacuation of Crete, frontiers as in 1881, and a war indemnity in cash, are among the terms offered.

On Tuesday last the fire brigade proved that its life-saving machinery will reach the highest buildings of the city. The ladders and other appliances were put to the test on the large block of buildings situated Rivadavia and 25 de Mayo, and the different trials proved very successful.

A vocal and instrumental concert will be held this evening, commencing at 8.30, in the Hall of the Scotch Church, in aid of the Piano Fund. A very good programme has been prepared.

The new Hotchkiss gun is capable of discharging 1000 shots in 2 min. 3 sec., and on the necessary occasion of a brief sharp attack can fire eleven shots a second. There is no water-jacket required to keep the barrel cool.

President Borda calculates the expenses of the revolution as \$3,640,873.27 gold, made up as follows: Decrease in Customs dues, \$1,411,050; decrease in direct taxes, \$160,000; armament, etc., \$1,187,459.68; expenses of mobilisation, \$881,833.59.

The Merchants' Locust Investigation Committee received a cablegram on Tuesday last stating that Professor Lawrence Bruner (the United States Entomologist) had that day sailed from New York, by Messrs Lamport and Holt's steamer *Buffon*.

The ironclad *San Martin*, which the Italian builders should have delivered on the 25th of this month will not be handed over till September, due it is said to alterations made by the Argentine Government in the armament as far back as July, 1896.

The Brazilian authorities on the Uruguayan frontier have arrested Messrs Nuñez, Marquez and Chaves, chiefs of the Blanco party. The arms and ammunition that they were endeavouring to pass across the frontier are now in the hands of the government.

On Wednesday, 5th inst., Messrs Bullrich will sell by auction sections I. and IV. of the reclaimed lands in the port. The base is \$50 per square metre and the terms cash. On Sunday the 9th Messrs Funes and Lagos will put up for sale a square of these lands.

Our newsy colleague "The Uruguay News" scissored some pars. from our "Estancia and Colony" columns, and no doubt forgot to acknowledge them; and then the "Standard," who is always on the lookout for good things, reproduced them, but gave the credit to the "News."

The commercial houses of Valparaiso asked the Comandancia de Marina to arbitrate in the question between them and the owners of the lighters now on strike. The way the arbitration has been carried out is by the withdrawal of the matriculation papers of those who do not at once set to work.

The bakers of the city want to get rid of the tax for having stables on their premises. In their petition they say that they must keep horses and vans for the delivery of bread to their customers, and that they should not be put on a par with persons who keep horses and carriages for their private use.

The income for 1896 of the British and American Benevolent Society reached \$8582.29 paper and \$50 gold, but owing to the numerous calls it had to attend to, a debt of \$1800 paper and \$78 gold was contracted. Subscriptions are earnestly solicited, and gifts of wearing apparel are always acceptable.

Count Canivaro, the Italian admiral commanding the combined squadrons at Crete, was once a figure in London Society, having been naval attaché to the Italian embassy over here. He and his wife speak English perfectly, and when at home in their residence at Venice they keep open house to the English colony.

The Federal Judge, Dr Granel, has given judgment in the action brought by Messrs Mackinnon and Cohells against the Custom-house. In the sentence it is stated that through the negligence of the authorities an invoice of tobacco was injured by water in the deposits, and the sum of \$2700 gold has been awarded as indemnity.

Frank Brown's Circus still continues to draw. The first part of the programme is amusing and varied, but the second part is altogether too monotonous, and we think it would be far better to leave it out and give people who have to leave before midnight a chance of seeing the water pantomime, which is really very good.

Mr Ronald Bridgett, the British Consul, has informed the maritime authorities of the Boca that they exceed their duty in summoning captains of British vessels to give particulars of accidents or deaths that may have occurred during the voyage here, maintaining that he is the only official authority that corresponds to make these investigations when such events happen on the high seas.

Mr H. M. Stanley has now entered into his fifty-seventh year. The famous explorer, who was born near Donbigh, and whose original name was James Rowlands, was placed, at the age of three, in the St. Asaph Workhouse, and was kept there for 10 years, after which he tried teaching. At the age of 15 he sailed as cabin-boy to New Orleans, where he was adopted by a merchant named Stanley, whose name he took.

A sum of £8000 has been awarded by the British Admiralty Court to the owners, masters, and crew of the steamship *Wennington Hall* for salvage services rendered to the steamship *Langton Grange*, belonging to Messrs Houlder Brothers and Co. The *Langton Grange* was picked up in a disabled condition off Cape Horn and towed by the *Wennington Hall* a distance of 1605 miles to near Montevideo. The award is apportioned £6600 to the owners, £500 to the master, and £900 to the crew.

The "Standard" to-day enters on its thirty-seventh year, and although the oldest member of the Argentine press, our colleague still keeps to the fore, age only improving its general bearing. Numerous entries have been made into the journalistic race since the year 1862.

Argentine, French, German, Spanish, Italian, and British—but the "Standard" has always held its own, if not first it has managed to be well placed. While the two big Argentine dailies are to-day wrangling over correspondents and telegrams, so far back as the Paraguayan War the "Standard" was the only paper in Argentina, Uruguay or Brazil who had a correspondent at the seat of war—the truthful "Sinbad." We unite with the other passengers in the Editorial Bus in hoping that our veteran Whip may long continue to fill the box-seat.

Cambridge have now lost the great race eight years running, their spell of ill-luck having begun in 1890.

A Spanish Torreador has introduced a novelty into the bull ring by engaging to fight a bull on a bicycle. The bull also introduced a novelty, for it nearly knocked the stuffing out of the torreador, who is now laid up for repairs. The bicycle was past repairs.

The Prince of Wales has promised to lend his large and splendid collection of cups which he has won at yacht racing to the Yachting and Fisheries Exhibition, which, at his Royal Highness's suggestion, will be held this year at the Imperial Institute. It is the desire of the Prince of Wales that there should be a collection of as many as possible of the cups raced for during the last 60 years; and the committee managing the arrangements have already collected over 400 such trophies, independent of the Royal set.

Greater New York, under the charter passed by the New York State Legislature, uniting the three cities of New York, Brooklyn, and Long Island City, and Staten Island, has a population of three millions. It embraces an area of 360 square miles; its street mileage is 3000, its street tramways extend to 1200 miles, and its wharves to 550 miles. The dwellings in Greater New York number 130,000, and the churches 1100. Greater New York will be divided into five boroughs—viz., Manhattan, King's, Queen's, Richmond, and Bronx.

On Thursday evening the Lomas Choral Society held their fifth concert at the M. E. Church Lecture Hall, in Lomas. Professor Galvani, as usual, charmed the audience with two violin selections, while among the soloists who assisted were Madame de Franc, Mrs Bennett, Mrs A. Sands, Rev. E. G. Cocks, Rev. R. F. Rice, and Messrs J. W. Colquhoun, J. H. Wall and R. W. Cassels. The concert was extremely well patronised, and the hall was crowded, while several were unable to obtain seats.

The concert in aid of the Luckman Memorial will take place on Monday, 3rd inst., at Prince George's Hall. The Buenos Aires Choral Union have done all in their power so as to make the concert successful, and the programme will be a very good one, the solos being entrusted to Mrs Russell Gregg, Miss E. Brown, Mr E. Leslie Wilson, and Mr F. Chaussard. The music, which will be performed by amateurs, will be in charge of the following: Miss Hartz (piano), Miss Maclean (harp), Mr Niebahr (viola), Mr Cattelan (violin), and Mr Marechal (cello).

The "Rio News" of April 13 gives the following as samples of how the Central Railway is managed by the Brazilians: Some days ago, a resident of one of the suburbs noticed that the connecting bar on one of the locomotive wheels had lost the steel pin which holds it in place and a wooden pin had been substituted, and the engine was being used in that condition. Again, on the evening of April 7, a cargo train went up the track with an open fire on the platform of the engine in front, in place of a head light. The fire was made of waste, saturated with kerosene and held in place by an iron bar.

A very distinct and important declaration of the policy of Great Britain towards South Africa was made by Mr Chamberlain at a dinner given in London to Sir Alfred Milner, the Governor designate of Cape Colony, and the High Commissioner for South Africa. Mr Chamberlain said that the situation in South Africa at present was not free from anxiety and even danger. But he mistook very much the mind of his countrymen if they were not at this moment determined to support the present Government, or any Government which might be in its place, in maintaining in their integrity the rights which we have under the London Convention, and our position as the paramount Power in South Africa. A federation of South African States under Dutch influence was absolutely incompatible with British interests, and with the position of the Cape itself, which was as necessary to us as a great Eastern Power.

That some of the Free State Boers are helping to contribute to the unfortunate disquietude and irritation in South Africa is evidenced by a recent incident, which has greatly exasperated many Englishmen. At a review of burghers at Twistdam, one of the country districts, two dummies—one dressed in British military uniform, representing Mr Rhodes, and the other in the Chartered Company's uniform, representing Dr Jameson—were posted as targets at a distance of 300 yards. The burghers then operated on them with the Mauser rifle, with which they are mostly armed, and when several hundred bullets had penetrated the hapless effigies of Rhodes and Jameson, the latter were placed on a common cart, amid insulting execrations. After being paraded in the cart, the figures were again posted up, and a number of Boer girls, many of whom shoot well, blazed away until the dummies were in shreds and patches.

At a large and thoroughly representative gathering of British residents in Montevideo, called by H.M. Minister Mr Baring, and held at the Legation on April 20, to finally consider the best means of disposing of the funds to be collected for properly commemorating the Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty's most happy and glorious reign, the following proposition was carried: "That all funds arising from the collection of subscriptions for the commemoration of Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee, and from any entertainment organised for that purpose, after payment of all expenses of the temporary celebration of that event, shall form the nucleus of a special fund to be called the Victoria Hall Fund. That the object of this fund, assisted if necessary by the issue of shares or debentures, shall be eventually to build a hall for the use of the English-speaking community in Montevideo, to be called the Victoria Hall, in commemoration of the exceptional and glorious reign of Her Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria. That the said fund shall be added to from time to time by the proceeds of donations, subscriptions, collections, special entertainments, or such other means as opportunity may offer."

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 FISHERTON—J. Beaumont.
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 CANADA DE GOMEZ—*Red and Yellow*—Hon. F. White, C. de Gomez, F.C.C.A.
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 HURLINGHAM—*Blue, Red and Yellow*—F. J. Balfour, 559 Piedad, Buenos Aires.
 JUJUY—*Black*—H. Wright Poore, c/o. Leach Huos. y Ca. Salta, Argentina.
 LABOULAYE—*Green and White*—W. J. Grant, Laboulaye, F.C.P.
 LA CARLOTA—John C. Todd, Estacion Villa Nueva, F.C. Villa Maria a Rufino.
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 LA VICTORIA—*Brown and Yellow*—Magnus Fea, Estacion El Trebol, F. C. Central Argentino.
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 Tuyú—H. Gibson, Los Ingleses, Ajó, F.C.S.
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 ROSARIO—*Dark Red and White*—E. A. Joseph, 88 San Martin, Rosario.
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PAVILION GOSSIP.

The first League match of the year takes place to-morrow, the rival teams being those representing Flores and Belgrano A. These elevens though not representative, have already met twice this season in friendly matches, and each claim a win. At Lomas the home club and Lanus meet for a return match and a good game should result as both clubs are putting strong elevens into the field. On May 9 the League matches begin in real earnest, while the last ones will be played on August 30.

Rugby football will be started on the 9th inst., and although the interest in the Association League matches seems keener than ever, the Rugby players also appear to be in for a good season, and a capital list of fixtures have already been arranged, though it cannot be considered complete. I hear of several new members joining the Rugby ranks, among whom one club boasts of a recent reserve Scotch International.

Some of my readers may remember McLeod, the old Scotch International Association football player. He was extremely bald and to conceal this he used to wear a cap and wig, which caused him to be always known as "Wiggy" McLeod. In one match, one of his opposing forwards put in a very hot shot at goal, and McLeod got his head in the way of the ball with the result that the cap and wig were promptly knocked off. When the "shooter" saw the result of his shot he seemed thunderstruck for a moment, and then exclaimed: "Guid heavens! I've scalped the mon!"

The Barker Memorial School are to be heartily congratulated on obtaining the valuable services of Mr R. W. Rudd, as a member of their staff.

Mr Rudd is well-known in our sporting circles as a thorough all round sportsman, and during his connection with the English High School, he has turned out some capital cricketers and football players, which bears ample testimony to the trouble and pains he has taken to instil into the youth committed to his charges a liking for healthy English athletics. I beg to join his numerous friends in wishing him equal success with his future pupils.

It is reported that J. E. Shilton, the Warwickshire professional, who went out to the Cape for the benefit of his health, was, on December 28, sentenced to twelve months' imprisonment for having obtained goods by false pretences at Cape Town. I sincerely hope the rumour is false and that the popular Warwickshire bowler is improving his health in more comfortable quarters than a gaol.

The Marylebone C.C. played 178 matches last season, no fewer than 100 being won, whilst only 39 were lost and the remaining 39 drawn. A. E. Frott made more runs than anyone for the club, viz., 1350, at an average of 29.16. He returned to England from Australia last month, and before leaving was married, and his bride has gone with him. The M.C.C. sent out £70 to pay for a first class passage for him.

The general complaint in cricket circles for the last few seasons has been the scarcity of good amateur bowling. The South Australia Cricket Association has set a splendid example, in starting, last month, a bowling competition, with the object of discovering new bowling talent, a plan which might well be adopted by our counties at home. As it is, perhaps one match is played for the colts benefit, while season after season sees the same old bowlers trundling away for their county.

The conditions of the above competition were that the judges be the six best exponents of the game in the colony, three to bat against each bowler over three separate wickets, and the other three to act as umpires, one at each wicket. The pair of judges at each wicket to decide on the relative value of each bowler by points, limited to ten, on the style of delivery, pitch, command of ball and pace, work on the ball. Each pair of judges to be, and act, independent of the others, and points given not to be divulged until the contest is completed. The bowler obtaining the highest number of points from the combined judges to be the winner. Each bowler to bowl a certain number of balls at each batsman, and to have a rest before bowling at the next wicket.

F. A. Iradale, whose magnificent fielding I have already referred to in these notes, holds two records in century-getting against English bowling. He is the only Australian who has made four centuries with one team in England, and he is also the only one who has ever got two centuries against the same English team in Australia. The particular scores referred to are:—

In England, 1896.—171, v. The Players; 111, v. Yorkshire; 108, v. England; 105, v. Hampshire.

In Australia.—148, Australia v. Stoddart's team; 133, N.S.W., v. Stoddart's team.

A society pastime which has lately arisen is bicycle paper-chasing. It is not likely to attain much popularity, as it seems impossible to move about with much freedom under the circumstances. In a recent game, the hare took one hour and a quarter to ride thirteen and a half miles, and escaped capture.

BOXING.

A glove contest which had been looked forward to with a tremendous amount of interest amongst the parties concerned took place at the National Sporting Club, London, on March 29 between Morgan Crowther (Newport, Mon.), and Dave Wallace (Holloway.) Some time ago the pair signed articles to box the best of twenty rounds at 8 st 12 lb for £150 a side, and a purse of £250. Of the two Crowther is the better known boxer. The Welshman stands 5 feet 5½ inches high, and Wallace 2 inches more. Crowther was slow in his leads, and was a target all through for the left of his opponent. In the seventeenth round Wallace all but had his man beaten, but Crowther revived wonderfully during the minute's rest, and during the remaining rounds tried hard for a knockout. This he was unable to attain, and was easily beaten on points at the finish.

SOCIAL FIXTURES.

CONCERTS.

Saturday, May 1—Vocal and Instrumental, in Hall of Scotch Church, 352 Peru, at 8.30 p.m.

Monday, May 3—In aid of Luckman Memorial, at Prince George's Hall.

DANCES.

Wednesday, May 19, June 16, August 18, Sept. 22—Cinderella Subscription Dances, at Prince George's Hall.

Thursday, June 24—Children's Ball, at Prince George's Hall.

Programa de las Carreras

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HURLINGHAM

El Juéves 27 de Mayo de 1897

THE POLO ASSOCIATION CUP, y además las entradas de \$20 cada una, para petizos de polo de propiedad de y montados por socios que jueguen con regularidad al polo y sean miembros de algun club afiliado al polo, peso por pulgadas, petizos de 58 pulgadas llevarán 78 kilos, petizos montados por sus dueños se le permitirán 2 kilos. Distancia 1500 metros. La copa debe ser ganada tres veces seguidas por el mismo dueño y por el mismo petizo, ó cuatro veces en todas por el mismo dueño. Para ser petizos calificados deberán llenar las condiciones de la definición de petizos de polo, como así lo espresan los reglamentos de la asociación del polo, estos reglamentos serán facilitados por el secretario á aquellos que así lo deseen.

MAY HURDLE RACE (Carrera de Vallas), entrada \$30, premio \$250 y más las entradas, el segundo salvará su entrada, para todo caballo, peso por edad, 6 años y más 80 kilos, 5 años 77 kilos, 4 años 75 kilos, 3 años 67 kilos. Distancia 2500 metros, 8 vallas.

GALLOWAY HURDLE RACE (Carrera de Vallas), entrada \$25, premio \$150 y más las entradas, para petizos de 58 pulgadas ó menos, peso por pulgadas, petizos de 58 pulgadas llevarán 80 kilos, distancia 2000 metros, 7 vallas.

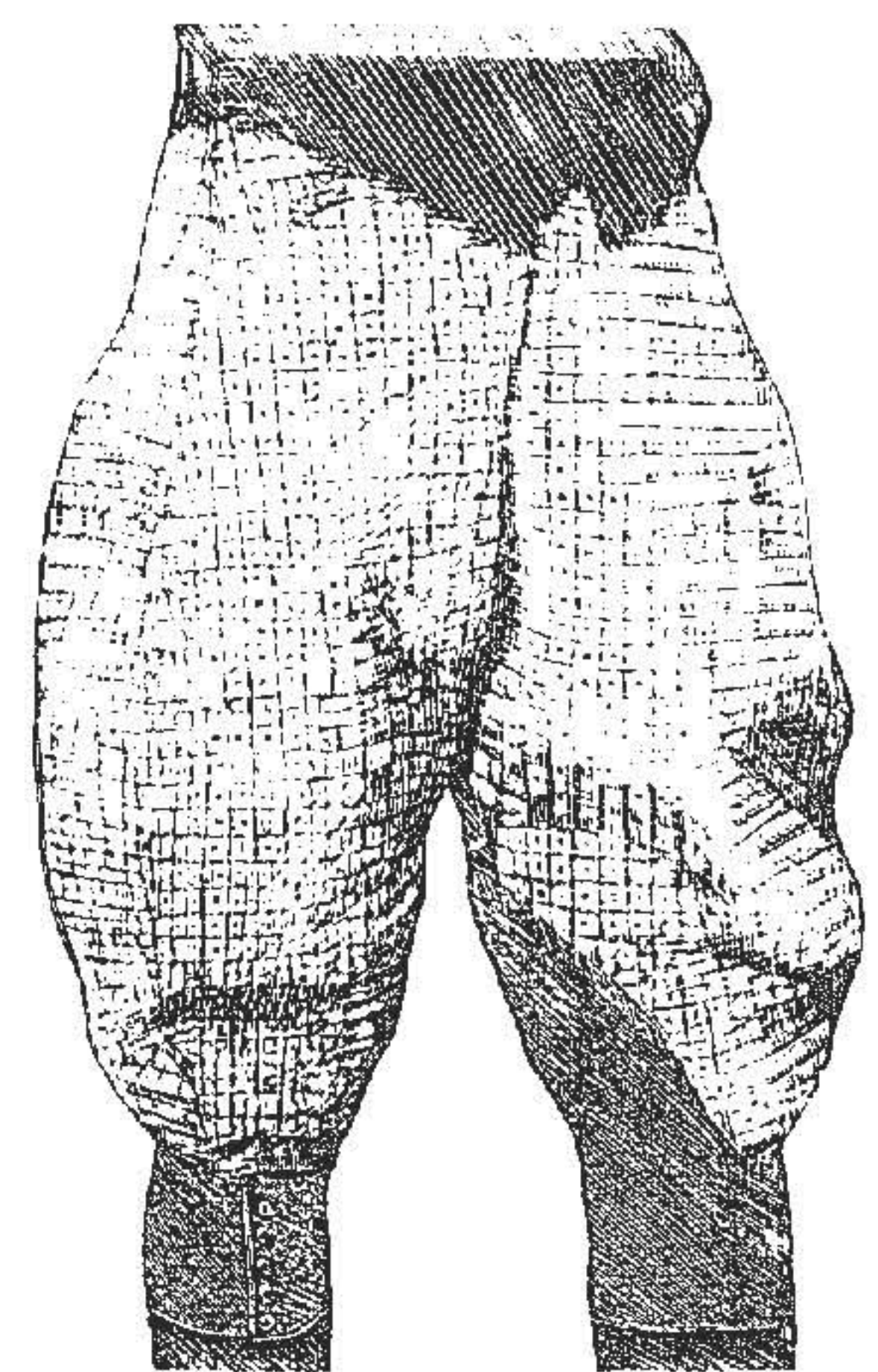
MAIDEN STAKES, entrada \$15, premio \$100 y más las entradas, para petizos de 58 pulgadas ó menos peso por pulgadas, petizos de 58 pulgadas llevarán 78 kilos. Distancia 700 metros.

FLYING HANDICAP, entrada \$10, premio \$75 y más las entradas Handicap para petizos de 56 pulgadas ó menos. Distancia 600 metros.

VISITORS' STAKES, entrada \$10, premio \$75 y más las entradas, para petizos de 56 pulgadas ó menos. Distancia 1000 metros.

TOURNAMENT STAKES, entrada \$15, premio \$100 y más las entradas, para petizos que hayan tomado parte en el torneo del polo, peso por pulgadas, los de 58 pulgadas llevarán 78 kilos. Distancia 800 metros.

NOTA.—La Comision se reserva el derecho de alterar este programa si lo cree necesario. Las entradas deben dirigirse al Secretario, PIEDAD 559, el Miércoles 19 de Mayo antes de las 5.30 p.m.



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ESTANCIA AND COLONY.

The "Live Stock Journal," for April 2, contains the following interesting remarks on the growth of the live stock trade:

"In the report by the Superintendent of the Foreign Cattle Market at Deptford presented to the Corporation figures are given in reference to the growth of the foreign cattle and sheep trade. The returns for last year shown an increased import of 59,588 beasts and 44,930 sheep as compared with the figures of the previous year. There was an increase of 39,046 beasts from the United States, while from Canada there were 1601 beasts and 29,878 sheep in excess of last year. From the Argentine Republic there was an increase of 20,730 beasts and 32,981 sheep as compared with last year's figures. During the twelve months 673 steamers discharged cattle at Deptford Market, the gross total of tonnage being 1,650,000 tons.

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"The growth of the trade is also indicated in the following facts:—In 1872 there were landed from the United States 28,653 beasts and 8964 sheep, while last year the beasts numbered 139,538 and the sheep 18,992. The cattle trade between London and the Argentine Republic began in 1833, when only 19 beasts were brought over; last year they numbered 46,258. In 1890 only 3075 sheep were landed from that country, but last year no fewer than 226,724 were received and slaughtered at Deptford. The animals received at the market during the last three years numbered 237,645, 391,934, and 496,470 respectively.

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Messrs Funes, Lagos and Co. sold last Sunday the following stock on Mr E. Guerrero's estancia:—

82 bullocks for export at \$64, 231 bullocks at \$57, 101 at \$39, a point of 218 head of cattle at \$26, 201 of the same at \$16.50, and several points at \$26, 25 and 20, 40 decoy bullocks at \$51, various points of Polled Angus at \$26.50 and 53, three Polled Angus bulls at \$151 each, a point of sheep at \$1.40, two Lincoln rams at \$125, and various lots of horses. The sales reaching the total sum of \$80,779.

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Funes, Lagos and Co.'s auction yard was very crowded on Tuesday last when the horses from Mr Ramos Mejia's estancia Miraflores were brought to the hammer, the sales were as follows:—7 pairs of carriage horses averaging \$1391.28 per pair, and 11 horses with an average of \$543.60, and a pair of heavy draught horses for \$780, the total of the sales being \$16,520. Amongst the buyers we noticed Messrs Peralta, Bunge, Dunn, Ocampo, Kingsland, Watline, Luro and Bessani.

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The arrival of sheep into England so far this year has greatly decreased, in January and February only 75,731 head being imported as against 123,915 in the corresponding term of last year. The decrease is more notably in arrivals from the United States 36,455 head being sent from there as against 70,857 in 1896, and 106,977 in 1895, 37,007 sheep were sent from the Argentine Republic against 49,172 in the first two months of 1896. On the other hand shipments from Canada have increased in 1895 not one sheep was sent from there to England. In February, 1896, 996 were sent forward and in last February this amount was increased up to 2056.

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Messrs Trillo and Raffo have bought from Messrs Imaz and Rivero, in Olavarría, 2000 bullocks at the price of \$44 per head, for fattening during the winter season on their estancia in San Vicente.

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The Rural Society in Bahía Blanca held its annual meeting last Saturday, when a very satisfactory report was put before the meeting. The Society has some \$8000 in hand and no outstanding debts.

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A meeting was held last Monday in the rooms of the Buenos Aires Rural Society to discuss and arrange matters for the year's exhibition. It was decided to open the show on the 24th of next September and keep open for ten days, and also allow entries for sale or exhibition, for animals of all kind and fowls, prizes will be given in both classes. We also hear that the usual jumping competition for hackneys and polo ponies as well as jumping competition for cadets will be held. Mr Julian Frers, the Secretary of the Society, was elected president of the committee of management for the show, and Mr Leonard Pereira Iraola, secretary. Entry forms may be obtained on and after the 24th of this month on application to the Secretary.

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We are pleased to state that the article in our last week's issue, entitled "Our Live Stock Export Trade," has met with much appreciation from those interested in the export of stock, and we are led to believe that the steps proposed for the better shipment of animals will be enforced by the Government.

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The veterinary surgeon, Dr. Casab, who has been making a study on the lung-worm in sheep, writes to "La Prensa," from which we take the following:—
"This verminous disease shews itself in two forms,

intestinal and bronchial, the symptoms of both these forms are so well known by camp men that I will limit myself to the treatment that should be followed.

"Intestinal form—Put all sheep attacked in paddocks on high and dry camps, place water troughs filled with well water taking care that the animals do not drink water from lakes or pools. In the morning, or in fact any hour of the day, give each sheep a cup of salt water and several hours afterwards half a cup of 'cuasia masa' water, this water is prepared from the bark of the 'cuasia masa' plant and is made in proportion of one bark to every hundred litres of water, leaving the mixture to stand for four days before using.

"Bronchial form—In this we have two kinds of worm, one that attacks the bronchia and the other the lobules of the lungs, the first shews the signs of bronchitis and the second of pneumonia, both being dangerous, but the latter more so. The more common of the two amongst our flocks being the bronchial.

"Remedy—As in the first case, place all sheep on high dry camp, etc., and in the afternoon, before putting them in the corrals, shut them in a galpon or in any closed place, and then burn tar and eucalyptus leaves, fumigating the animals for ten minutes, if the weather be cold they should be put into galpones. It often happens that the two forms appear together, the remedy is the same especially the fumigation. The remains of the animals that die from this disease must be burnt and not buried. Continue the treatment until a notable improvement appears."

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The largest sheep-owner in the world is a Mr S. MacCaughay of New South Wales, he has 3,000,000 acres of land and last season sheared 1,000,000 sheep.

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

Bullocks, \$40-60.
Novillos for Export \$ 70 - 85
Fat cattle for consumption—novillos . 30 - 60
 —cows.... 20 - 40
Calves—large, \$15-25; small, \$6.00-15.00

Wool—Fine 5.40 - 6.40
 —Cross Lincoln..... 5.30 - 6.80
Hides—Bullock \$14.00 - 15.00
 —Novillo 10.00 - 11.50
 —Cow 8.50 - 10.20
Sheepskins, consumo, per kilo.... 0.31 - 0.60
Lambskins, per dozen 2.00 - 2.50

Sheep—Lincolns \$ 9.00 - 10.00
 —Mestizo-Lincolns 5.50 - 8.00
 —Rambouillet 3.00 - 6.00
Ewes 3.00 - 4.50

Wheat (barlota), 100 ks \$10.60 - 11.00
 (French), 100 kilos 7.00 - 10.50
 (Candeal) 8.00 - 12.00
Barley 6.00 - 9.00
Maize (morochon), 100 kilos (new), 2.80 - 4.50
 (amarillo), 100 kilos (now), 2.50 - 3.80
Hay, 1000 kilos 16.00 - 38.00

NATURAL HISTORY.

A somewhat curious incident recently occurred in the neighbourhood of Jadburch. While one of the foresters in the employment of the Marquis of Lothian was returning from work he observed a wild duck fly from a large larch tree. On a close examination (says the "Scotsman") he observed a common brown owl looking down from what appeared to be a nest in a cleft of the tree about thirty feet from the ground, and apparently at the place from which the duck had just flown. Curiosity prompted him to climb to the place, which he did with some difficulty. The owl, on his approach, flew off, and to his surprise he found in the nest two eggs—an owl's and a wild duck's. It is not uncommon for both owls and wild ducks to build their nests high up on trees, but it is decidedly uncommon for one nest to be appropriated by both birds.

Some interesting observations, made by a M. Fatio, on the surgical treatment of wounds by birds, were recently brought before the Physical Society of Geneva. In these it was established that the snipe had often been observed in repairing damages. With its beak and feathers it makes a very creditable dressing, and has even been known to secure a broken limb by means of a stout ligature. On one occasion M. Fatio killed a snipe which had on its chest a large dressing composed of down from other parts of the body, and securely fixed to the body by coagulated blood. Twice he had found snipe with interwoven feathers strapped on to the site of a fracture of one or other limb. The most interesting example was that of a snipe both of whose legs he had unfortunately broken by a misdirected shot. He only recovered it on the following day, when he found that the wounded bird had contrived to apply dressing and a sort of splint to both limbs. In carrying out this operation some feathers had become entangled round the beak, and, being unable to use its claws to get rid of them, the poor creature was almost dead from hunger when found.

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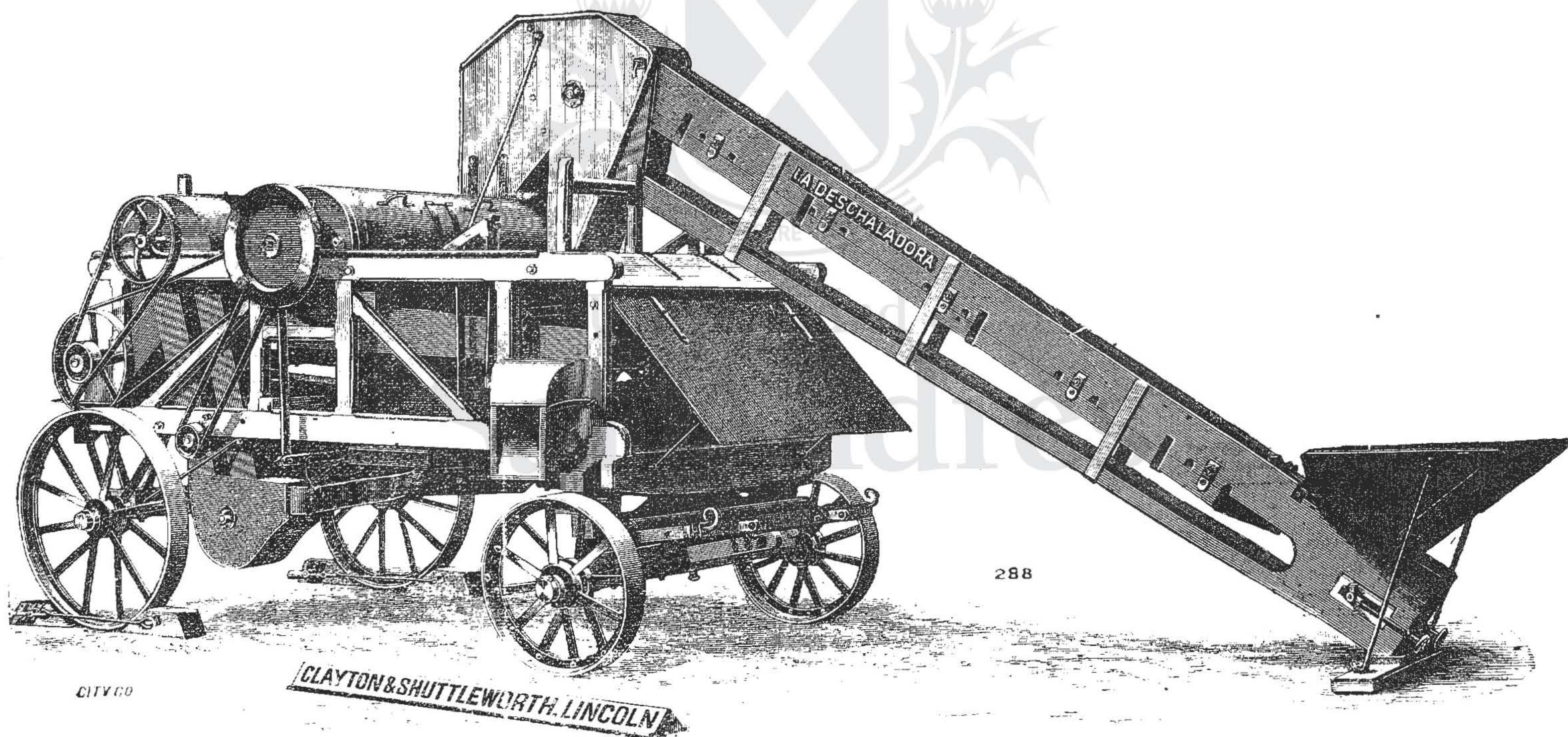
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