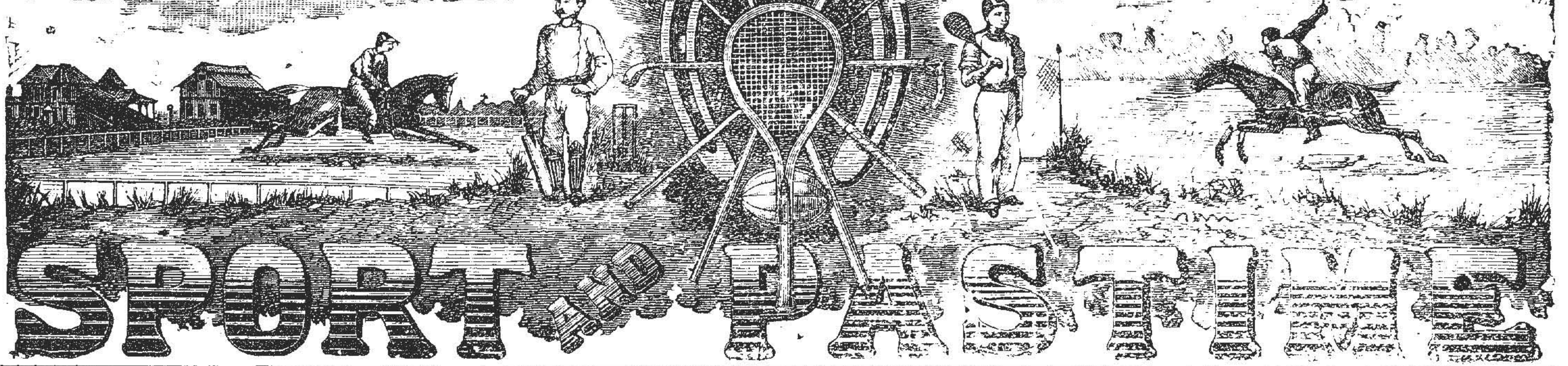


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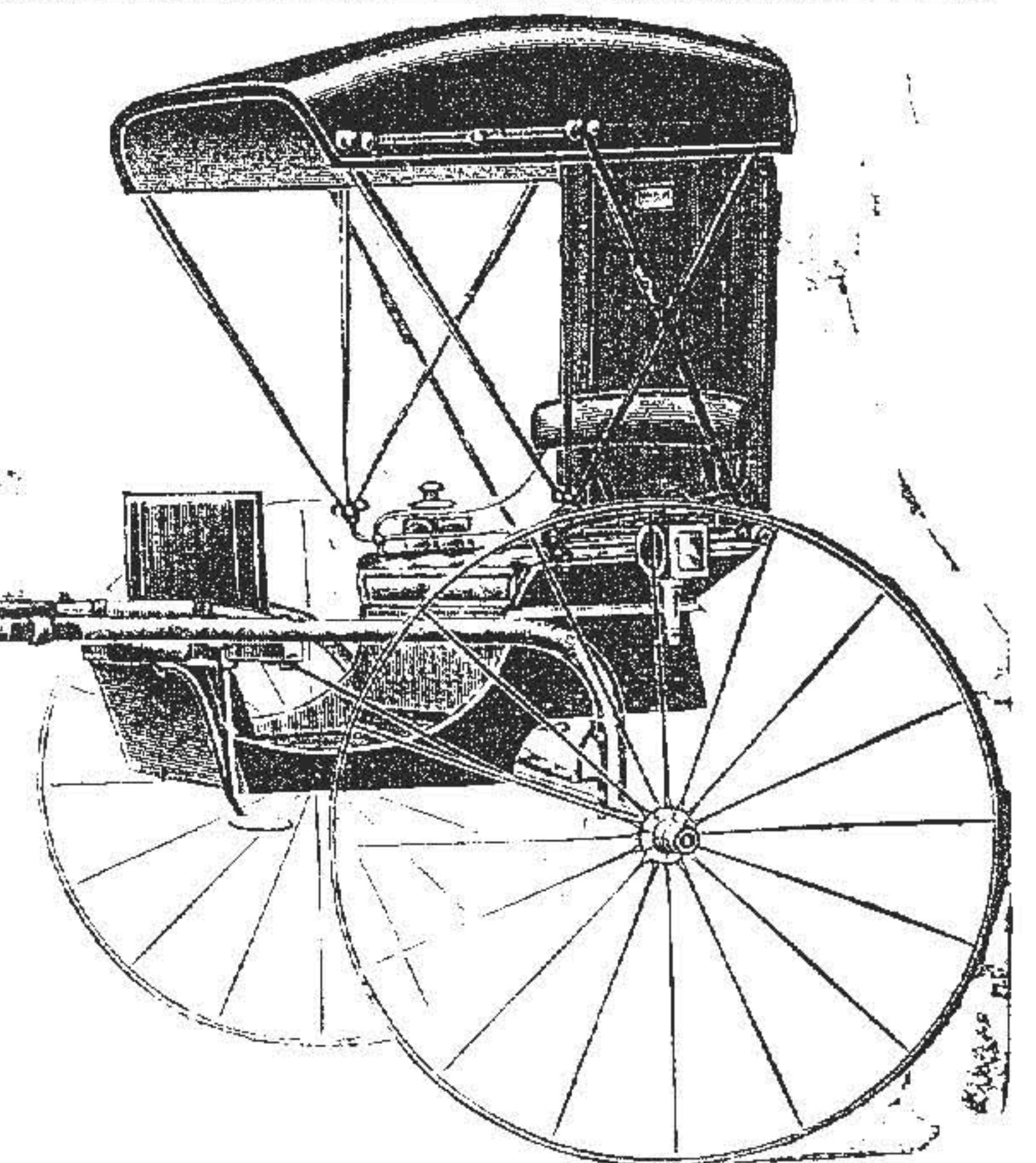
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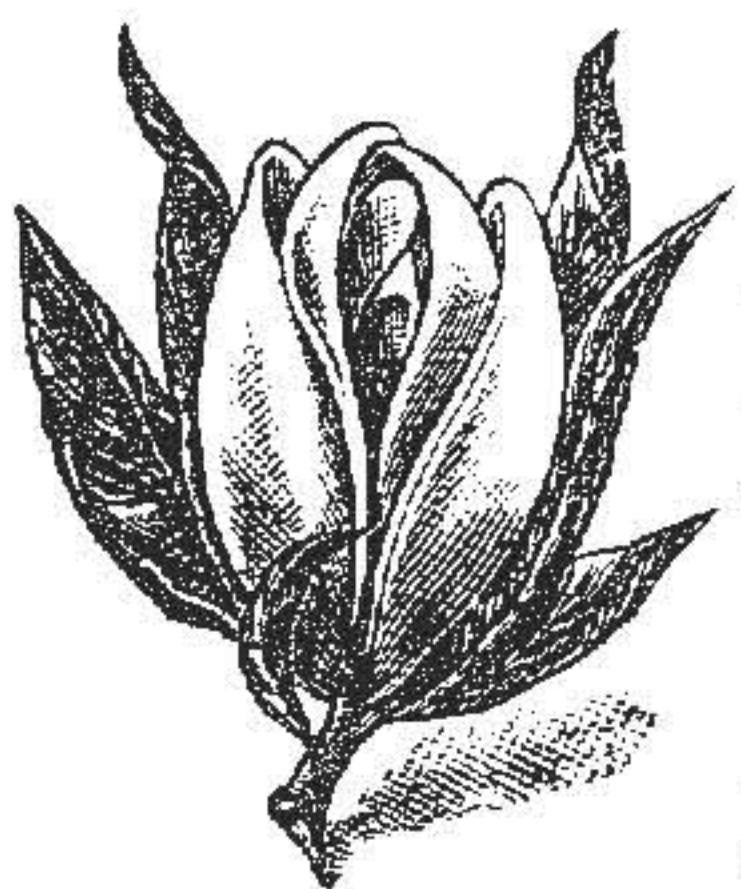
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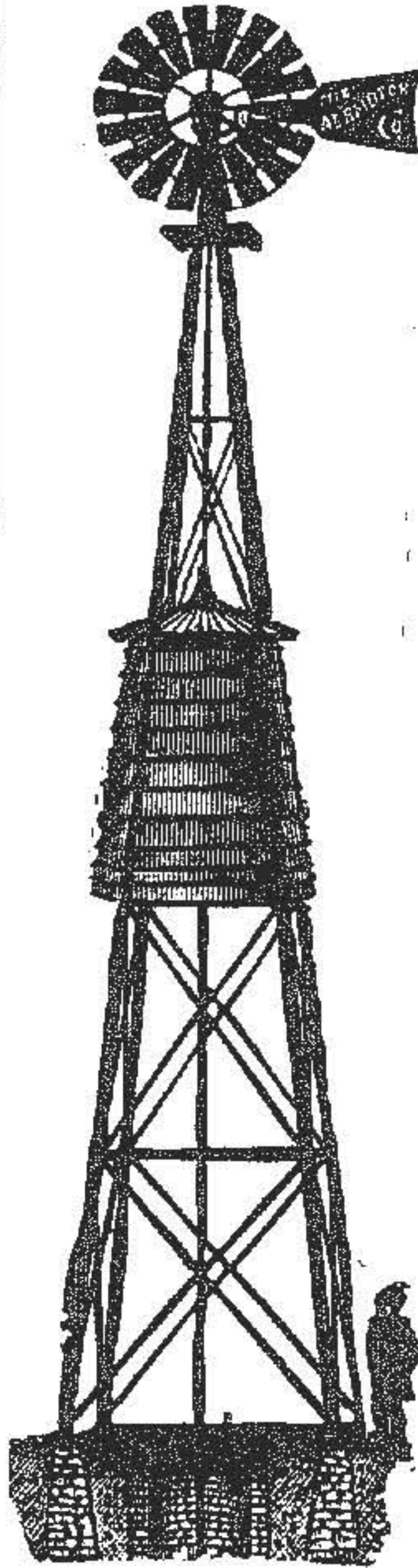
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RACING

PALERMO—MAY 2.

The Jockey Club had prepared a programme for last Sunday that thoroughly deserved the appreciative audience, and magnificent day it obtained. We have seldom seen a bigger crowd at Palermo and certainly they had come on the right day.

Big fields and close finishes were the order of the day, while in many instances the dividends were well worth winning, and it was also noticeable that the prizes had been increased in the most of the races, though whether the Club intend to persevere with this much needed improvement or not, I am as yet unable to say.

In my notes last week I said that I thought the winner of the Premio Otoño would be difficult to pick though personally I fancied the chances of Pitanga and Blue Boat. The result showed me to have been very nearly right, as the race was a more than usually good one, and my choice, Pitanga, was only beaten a head, after suffering several disappointments in getting through his horses. The winner, Alacran, was hardly expected to show the speed he did, at least until later in the season, and only a comparatively small number of people benefited by his victory. A field containing so much quality is not often seen here, and one had only to look over the list of starters to be sure that a treat was in store for the students of form as among the names were those of several of the best performers of last season. Talma, who was apparently started to assist the winner took them along at a good pace to the straight, where he gave way to Mariano, who was, however, not quite good enough to win although he finished close up to Alacran and Pitanga, who had only a head between them.

Proceedings commenced with the Premio Tiradentes, for which eight of the eleven entered came to the post. Daine was soon selected to carry the backers' money, but did not show prominently in the race, which was won by Flecha II., who had Diosma and Vengador for her immediate attendants.

A party of a dozen turned out for the two-year-old race, which formed the first half of a double for the Petite Ecurie, who won it with the well backed Doblete, whose first appearance it was in public. He was followed home by Plaisanterie and Sirena II. neither of whom were able to threaten much danger to the son of Royal Rose and Disoluta.

After the classic race had been run there was a long distance handicap called the Premio Rosemary set for decision, and in this case the public made no mistake in choosing the top-weight, Oriol, as their champion, as he had no difficulty in disposing of the rest of the field and winning by over a couple of lengths from Tiradentes, who occupied second place, Cartujo being third.

There were only two absentees from the fifteen nominated for the sprint handicap which was secured by the Stud Paris by the help of Fauvette, a lightly weighted five-year-old, whose chance was evidently fancied by her connections as she started favourite. Don Gonzalo and Voladora finished second and third respectively, but neither were at all formidable to the winner.

Palmar was made a very hot favourite for the Premio Malakoff, but had to put up with second place as Brick made all the running and won by half a length, Minerva was a good third, and the Petite Ecurie brought an excellent day's sport to a close by winning the Premio Pitanga with Lantaro.

The following are the details:—

PREMIO TIRADENTES, for three-year-olds, and upwards that have been at least a year in the country, and have run in at least two races, without having won more than one, three-year-olds 53 kilos, four-year-olds and upwards 55 kilos, winners to carry 3 kilos extra. \$1500 to the 1st, 150 to the 2nd, 1500 metres.

Stud Calchin's ch m Flecha II, by El Amigo— Fatma, 3 y, 54 k. M. Peñalosa 1 Stud America's Diosma, 3 y, 58 k. R. Garrido 2 Stud Vengador's Vengador, 3 y, 53 k. P. Aguirre 3 Ecurie Nautilus' Daine, 3 y, 57 k. P. de Armas 0 Stud Calchin's Orbe, 3 y, 56 k. J. Rivero 0 Stud Pobre's Aguila, 3 y, 54 k. S. Urrutia 0 Stud Girondino's Bristol, 3 y, 53 k. J. Guzman 8 Ecurie Provider's La Fornarina, 3 y, 51 k. N. Sosa 0

Taking the lead at once Flecha II. made all the running and won by a couple of lengths from Diosma, who beat Vengador a length for second place.

Tickets—Flecha II. and Orbe with 1273 win and 1300 place, Diosma 1369—1451, Vengador 291—236, Daine 1600—1325, Aguila 829—832, Bristol 156—126, La Fornarina 77—100. Totals 5595—5430.

Dividends—Flecha II. \$7.91 win and 3.64 place, Diosma 3.47 place.

PREMIO CARTUJO, for two-year-olds, colts 52 kilos, fillies 50 kilos, winners once to carry 3 kilos extra, twice or oftener 5 kilos extra, winners of classic races are excluded. \$1700 to the 1st, 150 to the 2nd, 1000 metres. La Petite Ecurie's br c Doblete, by Royal Rose—Disoluta, 52 k. R. Garrido 1 Stud Paris' Plaisanterie, 50 k. P. Aguilera 2 Ecurie Lucullus' Sirena II, 4 y, 59 k. I. Diaz 3 Ecurie 25 de Mayo's Efrain, 52 k. F. Olivera 0 Ecurie Semper Paratus' Pompeyo, 52 k. P. Lara 0 Stud La Redencion's Huapi, 52 k. H. Esteves 0 Ecurie Azur's Onagh, 50 k. C. Bustos 0 Stud Paris' Rose d'Or, 50 k. N. Sosa 0 Stud Argos' Rosarina, 50 k. J. Gomez 0 Stud Palmar's Marcelina, 50 k. J. Paez 0 Stud A. Lincoln's Sultana, 50 k. S. Gomez 0 Stud Pampa's India, 50 k. B. Pavon 0

The way was shown by Rose d'Or until well round the bend, when Doblete managed to work his way to the front, and shaking off the repeated challenges of Plaisanterie and Sirena II. won by half a length from the former, who was a length in front of Sirena II.

Tickets—Doblete with 1329 win and 1536 place, Plaisanterie and Rose d'Or 2565—2408, Sirena II, 431—595, Efrain 21—49, Pompeyo 36—65, Huapi 385—427, Onagh 491—557, Rosarina 57—53, Marcelina 147—237, Sultana 374—384, India 292—243. Totals 6128—6354.

Dividends—Doblete \$8.29 win 2.39 place, Plaisanterie 2.37 place, Sirena II. 3.52 place.

PREMIO OROSA, an open weight for age race, \$5000 to the 1st, 500 to the 2nd, 3rd saves his stake, 1600 metres.

Stud Los Cardos' br c Alacran, by Gay Hermit— Venusta, 3 y, 56 1/2 k. R. Garrido 1 Ecurie Montevideo's Pitanga, 3 y, 54 1/2 k. G. Palacios 2 Ecurie de las Cañitas' Mariano, 4 y, 60 1/2 k. I. Diaz 3 Sr. M. T. de Alvear's Blue Boat, 3 y, 56 1/2 k. P. Aguirre 0 Ecurie Argentino's Tanger, 3 y, 56 1/2 k. F. Olivero 0 Ecurie Pergamino's Pergamino, 3 y, 56 1/2 k. N. Sosa 0 Stud Los Cardos' Talma, 3 y, 56 1/2 k. R. Bastiani 0 Stud Pampa's Ranquel, 3 y, 56 1/2 k. T. Cardoso 0 Stud Paris' Ney, 5 y, 60 1/2 k. P. Aguilera 8 Ecurie Radames' Zig-Zag, 6 y, 58 1/2 k. S. Urrutia 0 Stud Solitario's Esfinge, 4 y, 58 1/2 k. H. Esteves 0

In the interest of his stable companion, Talma made running to the bend where Mariano went to the head of affairs, but had to give way to Pitanga, who was, however, unable to resist the rush of Alacran, who won by a head. Half a length away Mariano was third.

Tickets—Alacran and Talma with 2155 win and 2509 place, Pitanga 6342—3644, Mariano 871—867, Blue Boat 1000—965, Tanger 401—543, Pergamino 224—287, Ranquel 1365—1157, Ney 1606—1429, Zig Zag 2515—2837, Esfinge 150—186. Totals 16,629—14,424.

Dividends—Alacran \$13.88 win and 3.58 place, Pitanga 3.09 place, Mariano 6.58 place.

PREMIO ROSEMARY, an open handicap, \$2200 to the 1st, 200 to the 2nd, 2200 metres.

Stud Paris' ch h Oriol, by Orbit—Brunette, 5 y, 61 k. P. Aguilera 1 Ecurie Sans Façon's Tiradentes, 3 y, 43 k. C. Bustos 2 La Petite Ecurie's Cartujo, 4 y, 45 k. J. Telin 3 Sr. J. B. Zubiaurre's Ituzaingo, 7 y, 60 k. I. Diaz 0 Stud La Confianza's Reserva, 3 y, 56 k. S. Gomez 0 Stud La Confianza's Ataque, 3 y, 55 k. J. Guzman 0 Ecurie Juncal's Espoir, 4 y, 53 k. P. Aguirre 0

After Cartujo had led for a bit, Tiradentes passed him and remained in command till the straight was nearly reached, when Oriol drew away to win easily by two lengths from Tiradentes, who beat Cartujo a length for second money.

Tickets—Oriol with 4116 win and 3018 place, Tiradentes 1387—1045, Cartujo 1504—799, Ituzaingo 1144—719, Reserva and Ataque 3188—2855, Espoir 2896—1914. Totals 14,445—10,380.

Dividends—Oriol \$6.31 win and 3.74 place, Tiradentes 7.05 place.

PREMIO VIVAS, a handicap for horses that have not won over \$8000, \$1500 to the 1st, \$150 to the 2nd, 1200 metres.

Stud Paris' br m Fauvette, by Pellegrino— Fontenelle, 5 y, 51 k. P. Aguilera 1 Stud Don Gonzalo's Don Gonzalo, 3 y, 49 k. J. Gomez 2 La Petite Ecurie's Voladora, 3 y, 57 k. R. Garrido 3 Stud Gen. Zapiola's Gen. Las Heras, 3 y, 57 1/2 k. M. de Armas 0 Stud Solitario's Artois, 3 y, 57 1/2 k. H. Esteves 0 Stud Magna Domus' Oriente, 3 y, 55 k. B. Pavon 0 Stud Esperanza's Namuncura, 5 y, 54 k. N. Sosa 0 Ecurie Juncal's Gavroche, 5 y, 54 k. P. Aguirre 0 Ecurie Lucullus' Bab, 4 y, 53 k. E. Rodriguez 0 Stud Amianto's Avenir, 3 y, 51 k. J. Paez 0 Stud A. Lincoln's Cristiana, 3 y, 51 k. F. Weyer 0 Ecurie Azur's Grillon, 4 y, 47 k. C. Bustos 0 Stud Pobre's Chara, 4 y, 40 k. G. Moreno 0

Grillon showed the way to the paddock, where he was done with, and Fauvette getting the best of the final struggle won by two lengths, a length between second and third.

Tickets—Fauvette with 2328 win and 2342 place, Don Gonzalo 687—740, Voladora 1908—2046, Gen. Las Heras 130—164, Artois 189—204, Oriente 699—446, Namuncura 1429—1368, Gavroche 2036—1501, Bab 513—411, Avenir 1031—892, Cristiana 1280—1042, Grillon 849—1179, Chara 167—176. Totals 13,246—12511.

Dividends—Fauvette \$10.24 win and \$3.74 place, Don Gonzalo 7.52 place, Voladora 3.99 place.

PREMIO MALAKOFF, an open handicap, \$1700 to the 1st, \$150 to the 2nd, 1600 metres.

Ecurie Nautilus' ch h Brick, by El Amigo— Bryonia, 4 y, 59 k. P. de Armas 1 Stud Palmar's Palmar, 4 y, 56 k. I. Diaz 2

Stud Maria Carlota's Minerva, 3 y, 54 k. J. Guzman 3 Ecurie Indecis' Rayon d'Or, 4 y, 55 k. P. Aguirre 0 Stud Paris' Mundial, 5 y, 60 k. P. Aguilera 0 Stud Amianto's Electrica, 4 y, 53 k. J. Paez 0 Stud Floresta's Tulipan, 3 y, 53 k. P. Bagn 0 Stud A. Lincoln's Independiente, 3 y, 51 k. S. Gomez 0 Stud Las Piedras' Hipolito, 4 y, 47 k. C. Bustos 0 Ecurie Azur's E tra, 3 y, 46 k. G. Moreno 0 Stud Pobre's Aguila, 3 y, 40 k. G. Moreno 0 Stud La Redencion's Josefita, 3 y, 40 k. J. Telin 0

Brick made all the running, and shaking off a resolute challenge on the part of Palmar won by half a length Minerva was close up third.

Tickets—Brick with 1869 win and 1719 place, Palmar 4488—4014, Minerva 809—741, Rayon d'Or 558—668, Tulipan 124—127, Independiente 2220—1893, Hipolito 866—736, Extra 770—709, Aguila 581—687, Josefita 107—113. Totals 14,411—13,063.

Dividends—Brick \$13.87 win and \$4.04 place, Palmar 2.87 place, Minerva 6.75 place.

PREMIO PITANGA, an open handicap, \$1800 to the 1st, \$150 to the 2nd, 1800 metres.

La Petite Ecurie's ch c Lantaro, by Solomon— Lise Fleuron, 3 y, 51 k. R. Garrido 1 Ecurie Belgranc's Rose Royale, 4 y, 48 k. N. Sosa 2 Ecurie Indecis' Alcaide, 4 y, 58 k. P. Aguirre 3 Stud Paris' Cantiniere, 7 y, 58 1/2 k. P. Aguilera 0 Stud José Maria's Revancha, 6 y, 56 k. G. Palacios 0 Stud Gen. Zapiola's Scipion, 4 y, 46 k. G. Moreno 0 Stud Magna Domus' Lanterne, 3 y, 46 k. A. Ruiz 0

Alcaide, and Lanterne made alternate running to the bend where Lantaro became prominent, and getting the best of the finish won by a neck from Rose Royale who was a length in front of Alcaide.

Tickets—Lantaro with 4552 win and 3392 place, Rose Royale 2813—1953, Alcaide 1853—928, Cantiniere 2495—1348, Revancha 2356—1100, Scipion 238—155, Lanterne 2055—1193. Totals 16,392—10,069.

Dividends—Lantaro \$6.48 win and \$3.09 place, Rose Royale 3.90 place.

PALERMO—MAY 9.

Premio Brick—1200 metres.

Table with 3 columns: Name, Kilos, and another Kilos. Entries include Idiota, Hermit, Daine, Damara, Little Darling, Robespierre, Talma, Orbe, Beaujeau, Rosita de la Plata, La Fornarina, Sorpresa, Azucena, Waterwitch.

Premio Pillito—1100 metres.

Table with 3 columns: Name, Kilos, and another Kilos. Entries include Veneno, Canard, Abrojo, Odin, Maceo, Patentado, Nobleza, Rose d'Or, Plaisanterie, Hicina, Hylda II., Lanza Seca.

Premio Rivalidad—1200 metres.

Table with 3 columns: Name, Kilos, and another Kilos. Entries include Sultana, Catanga, Iliada, Estotita, Nobleza, Tula, Onagh, Mandarin, Fanciulla, Opulencia, Pepina, Amelia, Babiola, Leonor, Hero, Rosette, Espingarda, Filosofo, Citoyenno, Alcachofa, Tarantula, Chara II, Salima, Virena, Diadema, Santa Jacinta, Lanlunta, India, Amaranta, Flor del Pago, Tutora, Marcela, Justa, Gavotte, Victriz, Hilda, Casualidad.

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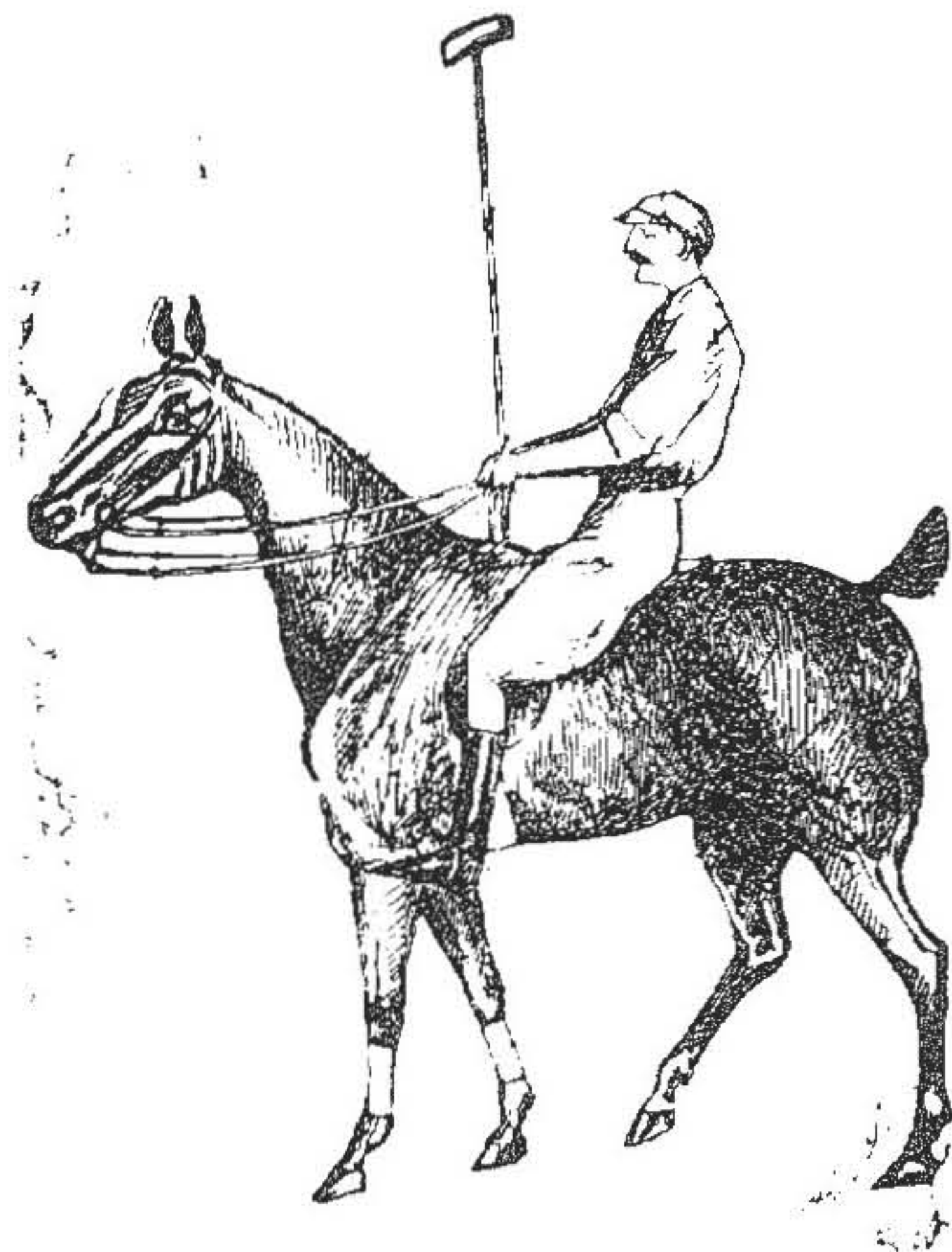
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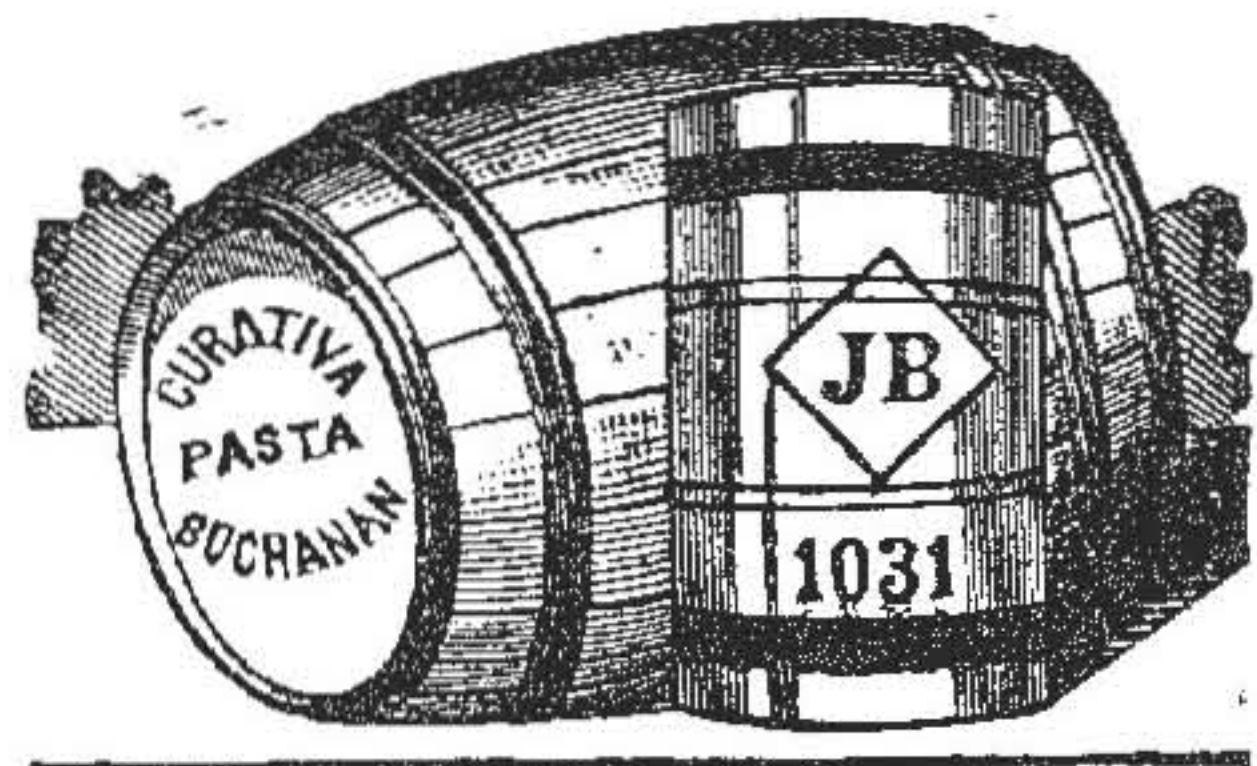
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The last mails from England bring details of quite the busiest week's racing of the season as far as it has gone, no fewer than eighteen meetings having taken place in various parts of the country.

The most important of these was the meeting at Derby where Clorane scored another good win for Robinson's stable in the Doveridge Handicap in which the son of Castlereagh and May Girl carried the welter burden of 9 at 10 lbs, and defeated several horses of acknowledged ability to go. That his connections had plenty of confidence in their champion was evident from the price at which he started, 2 to 1, and curiously enough both the subordinate places were filled by horses whose chances were considered as extremely remote. The fields in most of the races were hardly so big as one is accustomed to see at Derby, but the class of horses running was quite up to the average, and in many instances the racing was of very high quality.

At the Spring Meeting at Leicester, the principal event was the Leicestershire Handicap of £3080 which was won by Mr R. Crest's Mowbray from rather a moderate field, while at Warwick the tricky Son o' Mine placed the most valuable prize to the credit of Lord Durham, and as it was a welter race in which he could be ridden by a strong jockey, it may be that such a rider can force him to gallop when a weaker man would fail.

The biggest event in cross country circles was the Scottish Grand National, which took place, as usual, at Bogside, and resulted in a win for the five-year-old Modest Friar, who had some chasers of reputation among those that finished behind him. On the second day of the meeting the West of Scotland Steeplechase fell to Mr A. Coats' by the help of Athelfrith, who had to put his best leg foremost to get home in front of Red Cross.

There were also the gatherings of the Cavalry Brigade at Aldershot, and the Household Brigade at Hawthorn Hill, but with those exceptions nearly all the meetings were the annual hunt meetings of which so many take place at the close of the season.

Details of a few of the principal races of the week will be found beneath.

DERBY—APRIL 7.

Welbeck Handicap Stakes of 500 sovs; 5 furlongs, Mr W. Johnston's ch m Remember Me, by Bread Knife—Gipsy Anne, 5 y 7 st 12 lb... Allsopp 1
Mr D. Seymour's Suppliant, 4 y, 7 st 10 lb... Finlay 2
Mr T. Cannon's Deep Sea, 5 y, 9 st... M. Cannon 3
Mr G. E. Paget's Cardonald, 5 y, 8 st 1 lb (car. 8 st 2 lb)... Calder 0

Sir H. Farquhar's The Quack, 4 y, 8 st... C. Wood 0
Mr Dobell's Whiston, 5 y, 7 st 10 lb... Park 0
Duke of Portland's Lady Frivoles, 3 y, 7 st 10 lb... Toon 0

Mr W. J. Watson's Othry, 4 y, 7 st 9 lb... Madden 0
Mr G. Brewer's Privado, 3 y, 7 st 7 lb... N. Robinson 0
Mr Aldworth's Compton Miss, 5 y, 7 st... Preston 0
Mr W. Joel's Landmark, 4 y, 6 st 11 lb (car. 6 st 12 lb)... K. Cannon 0

Mr E. Sherwood's Holy Pilgrim, 3 y, 6 st 10 lb (car. 6 st 12 lb)... Fearnis 0
Betting—7 to 2 agst Suppliant, 5 to 1 each agst Cardonald and Landmark, 6 to 1 agst Remember Me, 8 to 1 agst Deep Sea, 10 to 1 agst Othry, 100 to 8 each agst The Quack and Whiston, and 400 to 6 agst any other.

Remember Me cut out the running, followed by Cardonald, Deep Sea, Suppliant, and Landmark, to the distance. Cardonald, having retired, the favourite took second place, but could not fairly get on to terms with Remember Me, who won by a neck, a length and a half dividing Suppliant and Deep Sea; Landmark was fourth, Othry fifth, Holy Pilgrim next, and Privado last.

Doveridge Handicap Stakes of 1000 sovs; Straight Mile—Mr A. F. Basset's ch h Clorane, by Castlereagh

May Girl, 6 y, 9 st 10 lb... M. Cannon 1
Lord Ellesmere's Villiers, 5 y, 6 st 13 lb (car. 7 st)... Chandley 2
Lord W. Beresford's Diakka, 4 y, 7 st 11 lb... C. Wood 3

Lord W. Nevill's Marton, 4 y, 6 st 11 lb... K. Cannon 0
Mr Vyner's Sardis, 5 y, 7 st 8 lb... S. Loates 0
Mr W. Joel's Conroy, 4 y, 7 st 8 lb... Finlay 0
Lord Cadogan's Court Ball, 6 y, 7 st 5 lb... Allsopp 0
Mr J. Bibby's Chin Chin, 6 y, 7 st 2 lb... Toon 0
Mr W. Chatterton's Anklebiter, 5 y, 7 st 2 lb (car. 7 st 4 lb)... Madden 0

Mr Theobald's Bucephalus, 4 y, 7 st 2 lb... Wall 0
Capt. Machell's Conquering Hero, 4 y, 6 st 12 lb... N. Robinson 0
Mr R. Crest's Lord Grosvenor, 4 y, 6 st 12 lb... W. Barlow 0

Betting—2 to 1 agst Clorane, 3 to 1 agst Conquering Hero, 5 to 1 agst Court Ball, 10 to 1 agst Sardis 100 to 8 agst Chin Chin, 100 to 6 each agst Diakka and Anklebiter, 20 to 1 each agst Bucephalus, Villiers, Lord Grosvenor and Marton, and 25 to 1 agst Conroy.

To a good start, Sardis cut out the running, with Marton, Conroy, Chin Chin, Conquering Hero, Diakka, Bucephalus, and Anklebiter as his immediate attendants. Anklebiter and Chin Chin soon dropped away, and the next change occurred when they had covered five furlongs, Sardis falling back third to Marton and Diakka, while Court Ball was next, and Clorane occupying a good position on the left. Just below the distance Diakka made a run to the front, pursued by Marton, Villiers, and Clorane. In a few strides, however, the favourite got his head, and, speedily overhauling the leader, he won by two lengths from Villiers, who beat Diakka by a head for second place; Marton was fourth, Sardis fifth, Bucephalus sixth, Court Ball next, and Lord Grosvenor and Anklebiter were beaten off.

DERBY—THURSDAY 8.

Derbyshire Stakes (High-weight Handicap) of 5 sovs each with 200 added; about a mile and a half.
Mr T. Cannon's b m Melancholia, by Melanion—Gruach, 5 yrs 8st... K. Cannon 1
Sir R. Waldie-Griffith's Hendersyde, 4 yrs, 8st 4lb... Rumbold 2
Mr C. H. Hannam's Auroscope, 5 yrs, 7st 10lb... Sanderson 3

Lord Derby's Dingle Bay, 5 yrs, 8st 7lb... Rickaby 0
Mr F. H. Jennings's Oleander, 5 yrs, 8st... W. Tilley 0
Mr D. Baird's Grain o' Sense, 4 yrs, 7st 13lb (car. 8st 1lb)... Calder 0

Mr G. Maclachlan's Queen's Jester, 5 yrs, 7st 7lb... S. Chandley 0
Betting: 9 to 4 agst Auroscope, 11 to 4 agst Dingle Bay, 6 to 1 agst Grain o' Sense, 10 to 1 each agst Hendersyde, Melancholia, and Queen's Jester, and 10 to 1 agst Oleander.

Dingle Bay jumped off with the lead, Queen's Jester and Auroscope being his immediate attendants, and then came Melancholia and Oleander, Grain o' Sense being last away. With very little change in the order named, Dingle Bay came on to the half mile post, when Oleander closed with him, but, running wide at the bend, Dingle Bay was again in command, which he held to the distance, when he was beaten. Melancholia then took the lead, and, shaking off Hendersyde in the run home, won by a length and a half, Auroscope being a bad third; Dingle Bay was fourth, Grain o' Sense fifth, and Oleander last.

Chaddesden Plate (High-weight Handicap) of 250 sovs; about 6 furlongs.

Lord Dunraven's ch c Kirschwasser, by Kirkham—Gold Wave 3 yrs, 7st (inc. 7lb ex)... Fearnis 0
Mr W. Weston's Knockdon, 4 yrs, 7st 9lb... S. Chandley 2

Mr H. E. Tidy's Wild Laddie, 3 yrs 7st 8lb... S. Loates 3
Mr A. Marc's Oronsay, 4 yrs, 8st 5lb... Allsopp 0
Sir J. Blundell Maple's Barndoor, 3 yrs, 7st 2lb... Toon 0
Capt. F. Forester's The Widow's Daughter, 3 yrs, 7st 5lb... Madden 0

Sir H. Farquhar's Asteria, 3 yrs, 6st 12lb... N. Robinson 0
Mr W. Brechin's Curable, 4 yrs, 8st 8lb... Weldon 0
Betting—4 to 1 agst The Widow's Daughter, 5 to 1 each agst Oronsay, Wild Laddie, and Kirschwasser, 11 to 2 agst Barndoor, 6 to 1 agst Curable, and 10 to 1 each agst Knockdon and Asteria.

Wild Laddie made play from Kirschwasser and Oronsay, The Widow's Daughter lying last to the distance, when the second named drew to the front, and finished a length and half ahead of Knockdon, Wild Laddie being a bad third, with Barndoor fourth, Oronsay fifth, Curable next, and the favourite last all the way.

April 9.

West of Scotland Steeplechase (Handicap) of 200 sovs; about 2½ miles.

Mr A. Coats's br g Athelfrith, by Atheling—Wynberg's dam, aged, 11 st 7 lb... E. Williams 1
Mr J. E. Rogerson's Red Cross, 6 y, 11 st 13 lb... M. Taylor 2

Mr J. Martin's Redhead, 5 y, 10 st 2 lb... Ferritt 3
Mr R. T. Bell's Little Joe, aged, 11 st 9 lb... A. Nightingall 0

Mr C. J. Cunningham's Kale, 5 y, 11 st 8 lb... Mr J. Ferguson 0
Mr Russell-Tress's Sailor King, aged, 11 st 5 lb... G. Keany 0
Mr J. E. Barnett's Carabas, 4 y, 11 st... Rafferty 0
Mr G. Paterson's Noiseless, aged, 10 st 12 lb... Mr J. M. Bell 0

Mr A. E. Aston's Faceby, 4 y, 10 st... Kebby 0
Betting—5 to 2 agst Little Joe, 4 to 1 agst Red Cross, 9 to 2 agst Redhead, 6 to 1 each agst Athelfrith and Kale, and 10 to 1 agst any other.

Little Joe made the most of the running from Athelfrith and Redhead, with Red Cross and Kale in close attendance, and Noiseless a long way last, until a mile from home, where the leader was beaten, and Red Cross went on in front of Athelfrith, who challenged successfully in the last run, and won by a length and a half; two lengths between second and third; Little Joe was fourth, and Faceby next a long way behind; while Noiseless, Kale, Carabas, and Sailor King were pulled up.

EGLINTON HUNT—APRIL 8.

Scottish Grand National Steeplechase Handicap of 300 sovs; 3 miles.

Mr Thurnbull's b g Modest Friar, by Friar—Rush—Modesty, 5 y, 10 st 8 lb... J. Walsh, jun. 1
Mr R. Stark's Newpark, 5 y, 11 st 5 lb... Torvit 2
Lord Cowley's Ardcarn, aged, 11 st 8 lb... A. Nightingall 3

Major Joicey's King Charles, aged, 12 st 6 lb... Mr J. Ferguson 0
Mr A. Coats's Bellinter, aged, 11 st 13 lb... Williams 0
Mr J. E. Barnett's Whitehead, aged, 11 st 12 lb... Rafferty 0

Mr G. R. Tress's Sailor King, aged, 11 st 5 lb... Kennedy 0
Mr N. B. Green's Seaforth, aged, 10 st 7 lb... W. Bambridge 0

Mr A. G. Kidston's Newfoundland, 6 y, 10 st 7 lb... Mr J. M. Bell 0
Mr D. Robertson-Aikman's Barid, 6 y, 10 st (car. 10 st 1 lb)... Mr Ruthven 0

Betting—2 to 1 agst Ardcarn, 5 to 2 agst Newpark, 6 to 1 agst Whitehead, 8 to 1 agst each agst Modest Friar and Bellinter, and 100 to 8 agst any other.

Whitehead cut out the work from Newpark. Bellinter, Modest Friar, and King Charles, with Barid and Newfoundland next, and Ardcarn last. At the town turn Newpark raced up to Whitehead and the pair came on

side by side from Bellinter, Modest Friar, Sailor King, and King Charles, with Newfoundland now in the rear; but, going down the far side, Sailor King and Bellinter fell, and King Charles, Barid, Newfoundland, and Seaforth were pulled up a mile from home. Modest Friar took third place in front of Ardcarn, and the four alone were left in the race. Entering the straight, Newpark took up the running from Modest Friar, but at the last fence the latter went to the front and won by three lengths; a bad third; Whitehead was fourth.

CRICKET.

BANFIELD A.C. 1st XI. MATCHES.

BATTING AND BOWLING AVERAGES—1896-97.

This club has played 20 matches (1st XI), of which they have won 9, lost 9, and 2 were drawn. The total runs scored for the club were 2282 for the loss of 191 wickets, being an average of 11.95 per wicket. The total runs scored against the club were 2392 for the loss of 168 wickets, the average being 14.24. The club obtained 346 extras from their opponents, whilst only 174 extras were scored against them, which implies that the wicket-keeping was better than that of their opponents. W. F. Burt made the highest score in one innings (73), and G. Bingham made the most runs (233). R. Chatterton, who the club unfortunately lost early in the season, heads the list with the best average, i.e., 31.20 made in five completed innings.

BATTING AVERAGES.

	Five innings and over—		High. Score.	Total Runs.	Aver.
	No. of inns.	Times not out.			
R. Chatterton	5	0	56	156	31.20
G. Bingham	18	7	35	233	21.18
T. Pollard	6	0	43	102	17
W. F. Burt	13	0	73	210	16.15
E. L. Wilson	12	0	43	193	16.08
A. Venn	12	2	38*	158	15.80
J. T. Prescott	10	0	26	103	10.30
J. J. Dowson	8	0	21	73	9.12
A. J. Goode	7	0	22	56	8
M. A. Halstead	8	0	25	58	7.25
F. J. Dawson	10	0	26	65	6.50
H. W. Griggs	17	7	16*	62	6.20
H. Nicholson	5	0	16	27	5.40
A. Brooke	9	0	7	24	2.66
D. Kingsland	13	1	6	30	2.50
A. H. Poulton	12	3	4*	17	1.90
A. M. Brown	6	2	3*	7	1.75
G. Barton	7	0	4	10	1.43
A. Harriman	5	0	3	6	1.20

Also batted—

J. O. Anderson	3	1	68*	104	52
R. E. H. Anderson	3	0	67	152	50.66
A. Anderson	2	1	38	40	40
B. C. Wilson	4	1	8*	13	4.33
S. R. Wilson	2	0	4	6	3
C. O. Kelly	4	0	8	11	2.75
J. Martin	2	0	3	4	2
J. Kingsland	3	1	2	3	1.50
R. Kingsland	4	0	3	5	1.25
W. Cheob	2	0	4	4	2
C. B. Graves	1	0	4	4	4

* Signifies not out.

BOWLING AVERAGES.

	Fifty overs and over—				
	O.	M.	R.	W.	Av
M. A. Halstead	145	45	232	41	5.66
A. Venn	158	34	341	35	9.83
W. F. Burt	145	23	406	33	12.80
G. Bingham	93	3	256	19	13.47
F. J. Dawson	58	10	148	10	14.80
J. S. Prescott	69	22	164	11	14.91

Also bowled—

A. Brooke	19	3	46	4	11.50
J. J. Dowson	11	1	36	3	12
J. O. Anderson	4	0	20	1	20
A. J. Goode	6	0	20	1	20
B. C. Wilson	17	3	62	2	31
S. R. Wilson	6	0	31	1	31
H. Nicholson	19	7	36	1	36
A. Harriman	6	1	40	1	40
H. W. Griggs	21	4	89	2	44.50
T. Pollard	16	4	45	1	45
D. Kingsland	16	2	73	1	73
C. Kelly	24	2	99	1	99
R. Kingsland	14	5	33	0	—
A. H. Poulton	5	0	30	0	—
E. L. Wilson	3	1	3	0	—
R. E. H. Anderson	2	0	5	0	—

WEST INDIES.

MR PRIESTLEY'S TEAM.

Twelfth Match v. All Jamaica.—This twelve a-side match was played at Kingston on March 13 and 15. The home team batted first, but only scored 58 runs, and the Englishmen replied with 129 (Dr Elliot not out 36), All Jamaica thus requiring 72 to win. Messrs Williams and Stoddart, however disposed of them for 68, and the visitors won by an innings and three runs. Mr W. Williams took eight wickets for twenty-six, Mr A. E. Stoddart seven for forty-nine, and Mr S. M. J. Woods five for twenty-three.

GOLF.

HURLINGHAM.

On the 2nd inst. twenty-three members started to play for the President's Cup (Championship) and the Subscription Cup (Handicap). The winner of both events proved to be Mr P. C. Smith, with the fine score of 90 + 6 made up as follows.

5	5	5	6	3	4	4	4	7	43
7	5	5	6	4	6	4	5	5	47

90 + 6 = 96

Mr Sumner being 2nd with 53 and 54 107 — 10 = 97.

The scoring, as will be seen by the list below, was high all round, and an examination of the cards shows that many found their way into the new ditches at the first and last holes. The putting-greens were in good order and very keen. Various foursomes were played in the afternoon, but we have no returns.

Name	Handicap	1st round	2nd round	Gross Total	Nett Tot.
P. C. Smith	6	43	47	90	96
R. A. Sumner	10	53	54	107	97
V. G. G. Scroggie	scr	51	48	99	99
F. M. Nicholson	scr	50	49	99	99
E. L. Wilson	10	59	52	111	101
C. S. Clarke	5	59	51	110	105
M. Tulloch	15	58	63	121	106
A. G. Gumpert	10	59	58	117	107
G. Dalton	10	57	64	121	111
J. Green	15	65	62	127	112
W. D. Campbell	18	61	66	130	112
W. Higgins	scr	56	57	113	113
M. G. Fortune	3	62	52	114	117
T. A. H. Forde	3	59	56	115	118
F. J. Combs	59	59	68	127	118
C. Smith	3	55	61	116	119
T. S. Boadie	9	66	62	128	119
F. D. Robertson	9	66	70	136	127
J. T. Darch	15	67	76	143	128
B. Goldsmidt	20	80	76	156	136

The tie for the Samson Medal, between Messrs Dickinson and Cripps, was played in the forenoon, when Mr Dickinson sailed in an easy winner with a score of 51 and 56 107, Mr Cripps, who was suffering from toothache, resigning before the finish.

LOMAS GOLF LINKS.

The second Silver Medal Competition will take place on Sunday, 16th inst. Entries will be received until 5 p.m. on Friday, the 14th, by Charles Alexander, Maipu 135, H. A. Livock, 25 de Mayo 130, and J. Marjeribanks, Temperley.

FIXTURES.

BIENOS AIRES GOLF CLUB.

May 9, June 6, July 4, August 1—Competition for Challenge Shield and Gold Medal (scratch).
 May 27—Flores and Lomas v. Buenos Aires and Hurlingham, at Hurlingham.
 June 17—Buenos Aires v. Flores, at Flores.
 June 22—T. S. Boadie's special prize.
 June 24, 25, 26, 27—Proposed matches with Rosario.
 June 29—Buenos Aires v. Lomas, at Catalinas.
 Aug. 29, 30—Championship of the River Plate and other competitions.
 September (date not fixed)—Final for the Rigby Challenge Trophy and Medal (scratch).

HURLINGHAM.

May 27—Flores and Lomas v. Buenos Aires and Hurlingham, at Hurlingham.
 May 30, June 27, July 25, August 22—Competition for President's Cup (Championship) and Handicap Cup.
 June 24, 25, 26, 27—Proposed matches with Rosario.
 Aug. 29, 30—Championship of the River Plate and other competitions.
 Sept. 5—Finals for President's Cup and Handicap Cup.

LOMAS.

May 16, June 13, July 18—Silver Medal competition.
 May 25—Lomas v. Flores, at Lomas.
 May 27—Flores and Lomas v. Buenos Aires and Hurlingham, at Hurlingham.
 June 24, 25, 26, 27—Proposed matches with Rosario.
 June 29—Buenos Aires v. Lomas, at Catalinas.
 July 9—Bithell Gold Medal competition.
 Aug. 18—Final in Medal Competition (Gold Medal).
 Aug. 29, 30—Championship of the River Plate and other competitions.
 Sept. 8—Lomas v. Flores, at Flores.

FLORES.

May 23, June 20, July 11, Aug. 8—Monthly competitions. Finals (September) to be competed for by the four winners and runners up of the competitions. First prize, Cup presented by C. R. Miller, Esq; second prize presented by the Club. Monthly competitions when fixed for Sundays can be played off by any competitor on the Saturday previous.
 May 25—Flores v. Lomas, at Lomas.
 May 27—Flores and Lomas v. Buenos Aires and Hurlingham, at Hurlingham.
 June 17—Flores v. Buenos Aires, at Flores.
 June 25—Flores v. Rosario, at Flores.
 Aug. 29, 30—Championship of the River Plate and other competitions.
 Sept. 8—Flores v. Lomas, at Flores.
 Handicap Competitions, on the American system, gentlemen's singles and mixed doubles. To be played under Match Rules during the season. Entries, \$2 each player, to be sent in to the secretary, 135 Maipu, by the 15th May. Ladies' day, every Tuesday.

PIGEON RACING

SOCIEDAD COLOMBOFILA.

On Sunday last the station-master at San Pedro (172 kilometres) at 8.15 a.m. let loose 60 birds, in fine weather, but unfortunately a south wind was blowing which was dead against the birds. The following was the result:

Name of Pigeon-House.	Distance	Hour of Arrival.	Metres per Minute
First Prize—	Kms.	h. m. s.	
Trench, J. Trench	157.288	11 17 26	860
Second Prize—			
Trench, J. Trench	157.288	11 17 29	859
Third Prize—			
G. Sarmiento, E. Moreau	161.540	11 24 57	855

The following pigeon-houses competed:

	Birds.
Aguila	14
Trench	13
Reina Victoria	10
General Sarmiento	10
Emilio	7
Olimpo	6

FIXTURES.

May—9th, race from San Nicolás, 239 kilom.; 15th, from Rosario, 304 kilom.; 23rd, from Serodino, 352 kilom.; 30th, from Irigoyen, 404 kilom.
 June—6th, race from Santa Clara, 453 kilometres; 13th, from Rafaela, 511 kilom. (Premio de Honor); 27th, from Monigotes, 597 kilom.
 July 11th, race from Ceres, 672 kilometres.
 August—1st, race from Pinto, 778 kilometres; 22nd, from No Tengo or Lugones, 896 kilom.
 September 12th, race from La Banda, 1000 kilometres (Gran Premio de Honor).

KENNEL.

We are informed that owing to pressure of private business Mr Southall has resigned his post of hon. sec. to the Buenos Aires Canine Association. The committee deeply regret his loss, and at their last meeting passed a unanimous vote of thanks to him for his valuable services. The duties attached to the office will in future be performed by the hon. treasurer.

The annual general meeting of the River Plate Kennel Club was held at the offices of the "River Plate Sport and Pastime," on Thursday afternoon last. The chairman, Mr Mallison, presented the report and accounts. The former giving a detailed account of the difficulties which have attended the club during the last twelve months, but which have been satisfactorily overcome by the late committee. The accounts show a small balance in hand after paying all liabilities, and still a considerable number of subscriptions to come in for the current year.

The club therefore starts free from all liabilities, and with a complete stock of show benches, etc. in hand. The new committee elected for the coming year consist of Messrs Balfour, Power, Slack, Mallison, Duvinage, Goldsmid, Meyer Pellegrini, Lainez and Fortune. The Show is to be held as soon as possible. The report and accounts are being printed for circulation. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks proposed by Mr Hyde and seconded by Mr Young, to the outgoing committee for having steered the club through so many and great difficulties.

It may be interesting to note that in the open class for Airedale Terriers at Manchester Champion Chomondely Briar was first, a son of his was second, and a grandson third! There was no great-grandson in the class, or he might have been certain to win the reserve.

We are sorry to hear of the deaths of Seth and Dusky Terror, the first and second prize foxterrier dog puppies at Cruft's late show. They were both sons of Donington out of different bitches, and both promising youngsters with a certain future. There is a curious incident in connection with this brace of puppies; both were sold the week following the show at a hundred guineas each, both died after purchase, and we believe from the same deadly complaint, pneumonia. We regret the loss of these two youngsters, who, from their breeding and merit, were calculated to have made their mark as stud dogs. We understand in each case the purchaser had his cheque returned to him.

POLO.

POLO CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT.

The forthcoming Polo Tournament promises fair to dissolve itself into a match between the Hurlingham teams and Rangers. Whether it is the want of money or the lack of interest and keenness we are unable to say, but a combination of both seems to prevail not only in Buenos Aires but also amongst the camp teams. Never in the history of the River Plate Polo Association has less interest been shown in the annual championship. Hurlingham is the only club which will be fully re-

presented. The Casuals have decided not to send a team. The former club will be strengthened by the services of Messrs Holt and Moncrieff, while the vacant places will be filled by Messrs Finlayson and Furber.

The Hurlingham B and C teams will be made up from the following gentlemen: Messrs S. Furber, Drabble, Williamson, Glyn Williams, Ott, Bedford, Challinor and Clunie. We are very sorry that the services of the Messrs Robson will not be available, owing to their absence from Buenos Aires on that date. The Rangers ought to render a good account of themselves with such players as Messrs Murray, Mullaly, Bethell and Rose to pick from, and we congratulate them on having once more got the club on to its legs and in good working order.

From Santa Fé polo news is scarce and we can give our readers no definite news, but we hear on good authority that at least one team will put in an appearance. Another matter of regret is the fact that Gualeguay have just sent in to say that they are unable to turn up. The absence, also, of the Petaccas team robs the meeting of a great deal of interest, the appearance of the natives always being looked forward to with great enthusiasm.

We trust that the arrival of our English visitors, who are due to arrive to-day, may yet influence some of the camp clubs to send down teams to compete, and also to try their strength against the new arrivals, to whom we give our heartiest welcome, trusting their stay in this country may be as pleasant as our team found it last year in the old country.

The tournament commences on the 25th, and the races will take place on the 27th.

GAULEGUAY.

On Sunday last a rattling fast game was played on the new ground at San Guillermo, Gualeguay, between the following teams:

No. 1	No. 2
F. Preston	Nicholl
Lezama	Barkey
Caballero	G. C. O'Dwyer
J. O'Dwyer	Paredes

which was won, after a well-contested game, by No. 1 team, by three goals to one.

A game will be played to-morrow at Las Colas, Gualeguay, between Mr A. Raikes' team and Mr J. O'Dwyer's.

CYCLING.

The bicycle races organized by the Veloz Club Español on Sunday last were run at Palermo. Very early in the morning numerous cyclists went to the Park and at the time the races commenced, we never remember to have seen the Avenus so full of spectators and cyclists.

Through some inconveniences at the last moment (we dont know if caused by the gentlemen in charge of the organization of the races or through the competitors turning up late) the events commenced long after the time advertised on the programme. Most of the spectators left at about 10 o'clock without having seen all the events figuring on the programme.

We would suggest the desirability, to any other Club likely to organize races at Palermo Park, of commencing earlier in the morning so that the spectators could have a little "paseo" round the Park after the races, and arrive back in town in time for breakfast.

The Tandem Club have arranged for a meet at Palermo to-morrow (Sunday) and we hope that they will adopt our little suggestion respecting the commencement of the races which would give as much benefit to the civilists themselves as well as to the public.

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HOME NOTES.

By the time this reaches you both the Grand National and Boat Race of 1897 will be stale news. The National last week was a particularly pretty race, as indeed it always is, and for a wonder for this season the weather was all right. I suppose a winner of the great steeplechase has never before started such a hot favourite immediately before the race, as did Manifesto last Friday.

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It is reported and is evidently true, that Mr Days and his party took back with them to Ireland over sixty thousand pounds as their share of the winnings, so the bookies must have had a pretty hard smack in the face. You will have read how the heavily backed Cathal fell dead beat at the last fence, how last years winner, the Soarer, got knocked over by a loose horse, how fast Tinon made the pace, and how easily Manifesto won.

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Writing of book-makers reminds me that racing men are rather curious as to how betting is to be carried on in the future after the decision in the Hawke v. Dunn case, in which you will have seen the Anti-Gambling Society gained a verdict in their favour which practically makes all race course betting in ready money illegal. The Anti-Gambling Society have made themselves so very unpopular of late that feeling against them is now very strong everywhere.

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You in Buenos Aires know better even than we do at home what it is to suffer at the hands of of busy bodies who are against everyone whose ways are different to their own, so you can sympathise with the victims of the Anti-Gambling League. There is no doubt then within the next few months a suitable bill to legalise race course betting, properly conducted, of course, will be laid before Parliament, and as the majority in both Houses are sportsmen born and bred, it will be sure to pass.

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I went to our local pack's point-to-point races the other day and was struck with the small size of the fences, which hardly required any jumping at all. The master in a speech delivered after the presentation of the prizes, whilst deploring the paucity of entries, remarked that a "little thing of 14.3 had jumped the course safely." I thought when I heard this of several little things of only 13.3, that are perhaps now following your only pack of hounds, that could have jumped the course equally safely and well.

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As a matter of fact fences on regular steeplechase courses seem to be becoming the least thing easier now-a-days. It is certain that the pace is much faster to-day in all jump races than it was some years ago, and horses are much better schooled than they were, whilst the class now running under the Grand National Hunt Rules is really very little behind that of average flat racers. This latter improvement has no doubt been brought about by the big prizes which are now given for many of the principal cross country events.

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The boat race proved even more uninteresting than it promised to be, and except at the start the race could never seriously be described as such. Cambridge have now had a long series of defeats, and I must say, though a dark blue myself, I should like for the sake of sport to see them win next year. You will have noticed no doubt that with the exception of one man in the Oxford boat, Balfour, who was educated in Edinburgh, that the dark blue crew were all Old Etonians. This is a fact worth recording.

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I have no polo news yet. Our old friend Mr Ravenscroft has arrived safely and both he and Mr Balfour hope to begin practice seriously next week at Rugby, where the only decent polo is to be got as yet. At the new suburban clubs such as Chislehurst the players are principally made up of beginners on new ponies so you may imagine their form is hardly first class or likely to improve our men's game. The cold weather we have had lately has brought on the winter coats of the Argentine ponies just landed and they now look like so many little bears.

To hark back to the boat race you may be interested in the following table which shows the aspect of the race as taken from right-angle views. The principal times were taken from a flag:--

Distance.	Description of Race.	Ox.	Cam.	h.	m.
START	Oxford gained 1/2 stroke	37	38	2	24
Star and Garter	Cambridge led by canvas	36	38	0	0
Duke's Head.	Cambridge led 1-3 length	35	37	0	0
Alexander's..	Cambridge led over 1/2 length	35	37	m.	s.
London R.C.	Cambridge led by 6ft.	35	37	0	50
Leander B.C.	Cambridge between 5ft. and 6ft.	35	36	0	0
Thompson's..	Camb. led by 1/4 length	35	36	0	0
Vesta B.C. ..	Camb. led by 3ft ..	34	35	1	6
Thames R.C.	Boats level..	33	34	0	0
Thames Flag	Oxford led by a foot	33	34	0	0
Festing-road	Oxford led between 1ft. and 2ft. ..	33	34	0	0
Asb-road (1/2 mile)..	Boats level..	33	34	2	3
Beverley Brook	Oxford led a foot ..	33	34	0	0
Craven Steps.	Oxford led 1/4 length	32	34	2	23
Barn Elms ..	Oxford led 1/2 length	32	34	0	0
Mile ..	Oxford 1/2 length ..	32	34	4	6
Crab Tree ..	Oxford led 1-3 length	32	36	0	0
Harrods lower	Oxford led 1-2 length	32	33	0	0
Harrod's Flag	Oxford led 1-3 length	32	36	6	16
Harrod's upper	Oxford led 1-4 length	34	36	7	24
Saccharine Works..	Oxford led 1-2 length	34	35	0	0
Gwynn's ..	Oxford led 2-3 length	34	35	0	0
Hammersmith B. ..	Oxford led 3-4 length	34	36	0	0
Rutland Hotel	Oxford led a length	34	36	0	0
Biffen's Ratt.	Oxford led over 7-8 length ..	33	35	0	0
Doves ..	Oxford led almost a length ..	33	34	8	25
Ravenscourt-road	Oxford just clear, alternating ..	34	35	0	0
Old Ship ..	Oxford drew clear..	34	35	0	0
Timber Stacks	Oxford 1 1/2 lengths.	33	34	0	0
Bot Eyot ..	Oxford 1 1/2 lengths.	33	34	0	0
Chiswick Church	Oxford 2 lengths..	33	35	11	35
Lonsdale-road	Oxford 2 1/2 lengths	31	34	0	0
Bull's Head..	Oxford 2 1/2 lengths	31	34	0	0
Barnes Bd. ..	Oxford 2 1/2 lengths	32	35	15	58
White Hart ..	Oxford 2 1/2 lengths	33	36	16	41
Queen's Head.	Oxford led by 2 1/2 lengths ..	32	35	0	0
Mortlake ..	Oxford won 2 1-3 lengths ..	33	33	19	12

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I hope you will excuse my writing a paragraph about that good old subject the weather, but it really deserves notice this time. At the point-to-point I mentioned in a previous note, it snowed on and off all day, and the wind was cold enough for December. Every day for the last fortnight has been bitterly cold, rainy and miserable, at least to one who a short time ago was doing his best to keep cool with the thermometer somewhere about 95 in the shade. To-day, however, is really spring like, and I hope that warm weather is at last coming to cheer us all up, as winter sports are long since over.

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I wrote just now that the owner of Manifesto and his party won over sixty thousand on the Grand National. Probably most of this money was got at a much better price than sixties—but even suppose it meant an outlay of five thousand, does this not seem an enormous sum to risk on such a well filled race as the National? A horse has the chance of falling at over thirty fences, and how many chances he has of being knocked over by others and carried out by loose horses it is impossible to estimate. My idea is that the National is a beautiful race to watch, but a real bad one to have a bet on.

Boots.

THE SOUTHDOWN OUTLOOK.

(From Report of Secretary John G. Springer at Meeting of the American Southdown Association).—"Breeder's Gazette," Nov. 25, 1896.

While the sheep industry continues in a "bad way" yet there are thousands of flock-owners who do not let discouragement get the upper hand. If the sheep they have been raising—wool-producing ones—is not a paying business they are willing to change their flocks into the sort that the times demand. The large number of sheep that have been forced upon the market in the last few years made mutton prices lower than beef or pork, hence caused its use by many who have never been consumers of this sort of meat. While the class of mutton that has been thus sold, has not always been such as to make its continued use desirable, yet, as a rule, the excellence of this meat has made a very much greater demand for it, especially if the right sort.

As in the case of beef and pork, the old, over fatted, heavy carcase does not find a ready sale; top market

prices are only paid for young fast-grown and light weight animals. The type of mutton now in demand and that always finds ready sale at the highest price must be a lamb ten or twelve months old that has been kept in rapid growth from birth, and weighing from 90 to 100 lbs., and has the lean well marbled with the fat.

To fill these requirements the Southdown is unquestionably the best; in fact it is the only breed, purely bred or scrub, that within its own blood "fills the bill" for mutton that is now in greatest demand and demands the highest price; it is the standard breed with which all comparisons as to mutton are made. Another breed may be larger, and it may be sometimes claimed the mutton of other breeds is equal to it, but it is never heard that any mutton is the superior of the Southdown. It can be safely said that well-bred and well-fed yearling Southdowns, if properly dressed, will produce meat more pleasing to the palate, more easy of digestion, and more nutritious than the meat from any other animal, not even excepting venison and wild fowl, with all their reputed richness in gamey, spicy flavour.

It is not practicable to supply pure-bred Southdown in filling all the demand for superior mutton, nor is it required. The first cross with a pure-bred Southdown will do wonders in the way of improving the quality of mutton in any breed, and the more of this blood that is introduced the better will be the production. The lack of Southdown mutton and the inferiority of that from other breeds has caused a call for cross-bred mutton. A leading breeder and feeder who is using Dorset rams on Shropshire ewes writes: "Cross-bred lambs are the sort for feeding every time." If it be so that the cross of two breeds inferior as to mutton qualities will improve the sale of meat, it is certain that the crossing of the Southdown, superior in all of the qualities desired, with either of these or any breed will produce a greater improvement.

In times past our flocks have been largely wool producing, mainly Merino or Merino crossed; it now being necessary that these flocks be changed in the quality of the mutton, the character of the wool must be expected to be also changed, because the breed that excels in both these productions has not yet been found. The Southdown compared with the Merino, being next in quality of wool and their equals in hardiness and ability to care for themselves, and with less liability to disease, will more quickly and effectually make superior mutton sheep of the great flocks of our country without detriment to health and hardiness and less loss as to wool qualities than any other breed, and yet have in these flocks animals that may be naturally and easily returned to the wool-bearing kind when this sort is again in demand. Except in some cases as to the quality of wool, the introduction of Southdown blood into any breed, pure or scrub, will be beneficial.

As the situation now is, the Southdown being at the head of all breeds of sheep for filling the requirements of the market and the best for muttonizing the wool-bearing flocks with less detriment to their health, hardiness, and wool producing qualities, there can be no doubt, but that the Southdown breeders will during the coming season find ready sale at reasonable prices for all the surplus breeding animals they have. The opportunities thus afforded are such as are seldom presented for pushing the introduction of any breed of domestic live stock. The sun shines for Southdown breeders: they only need to push the advantages thus afforded them by only selling animals pure bred, and guaranteed, in order that the reputation of these sheep shall be increased and demand for them increased.

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River Plate Sport and Pastime

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SPORTING NOTES

I have been requested to remind my readers that all entries for the forthcoming Lawn Tennis Tournament to be held on the 25th, 26th, and 27th of this month must be sent in before mid-day on Monday next, the 10th inst. From what I can gather, the tournament promises to be even a greater success than usual.

The athletic sports which were to have been held at Montevideo on the 25th inst. have been postponed to some future date, owing to the wretched state of affairs all over the country. As soon as things are more settled, a date for an athletic meeting will be decided upon.

The first competition for the President's Cup, which carries with it the golf championship of the club was played for at Hurlingham on Sunday, where a large number of members played. Mr P. C. Smith earned for himself the title of "first golf champion of Hurlingham" by doing the two rounds in 90, which with his handicap of -46 made the winning score 96.

On Sunday last Messrs Dickinson, and Cripps played off their tie for the medal given by Mr Samson, at Hurlingham, and it was curious to note the difference in the play of both men as compared with the previous Sunday. Both were completely out of form, and that Mr Dickinson won somewhat easily, was (as I am sure he would be the first to say) certainly not owing to the brilliancy of his play.

The Hurlingham drag hounds had their opening meet of the season last Sunday, and as it was a lovely day a goodly party of sportsmen and ladies assembled on the lawn in front of the Club House at half past ten. Though the hardness of the ground unfortunately made jumping rather severe on the horses, a very pleasant gallop was enjoyed by those who went the line.

The entries for the Hurdle Race for gentlemen riders, at Palermo to-morrow are more numerous than most people expected, and a good race may be looked for if only competent amateur jockies can be got to ride. This is where I am informed that most owners, and trainers are having difficulty, but surely it is a difficulty that will soon right itself.

I hear the well known race horses Bay Rum and Antropofago have been purchased by Mr D. Kingsland, who, I understand, intends sending them to England, where I hope they will prove as great a success as those he previously sent. For the present I am told they will join the string under Taylor's care at Hurlingham.

Although undoubtedly wrong in his wind, East Sheen is making such improvement under Fraser's care, that his owners may yet have good cause to be very well satisfied with their purchase. His action which, since his arrival in this country, has been very bad is rapidly coming back to him, and he shows such speed in his work, as will in all probability, make him a very dangerous horse in short races.

I am glad to see the Jockey Club are persevering in their efforts to bring wrong-doers to book and for their behaviour last Sunday have suspended J. Guzman and J. Gomez for two meetings, and have also fined R. Bastiani \$20 and S. Gomez \$10. This discipline was much needed and will, I think, have a very good effect, as when the jockies learn that they cannot misbehave with impunity, they will, as a matter of course become more careful.

Several polo ponies in good hard condition, have already been bought for the gentlemen who are on their way out from England, so they will have mounts ready for them to begin playing on immediately on their arrival. This is, of course, the right way to go to work, as if they had to look about for ponies after arriving, half their time would be lost.

I have just received from Messrs Thomas and Sons, of 32 Brook Street, New Bond Street, London, W., a sample of their new material for polo breeches, which seems to me likely to before long take the place of the cloth at present used, as it is beautifully soft and pliable, and should be eminently comfortable. It is also claimed for it that it will not split, being entirely made of wool.

I hear of great improvements in the links at Catalinas where the putting greens are being put into excellent condition and several artificial hazards are being made, so that competitors may expect a good day's golf on Sunday. The first of the challenge shield competitions will then be played off and the winner will also receive a prize as well as being one of the four to play in the final for the shield.

The billiard match between the Lomas and Belgrano clubs is still creating plenty of interest, though the Belgrano club is obtaining a substantial lead. Up to date Lomas have won three out of the ten games played, while Belgrano have scored 1735 points to the 1519 of their opponents. Belgrano therefore lead by four games and two hundred and sixteen points.

Other things besides misfortunes apparently do not come singly, and in the past week I have had no fewer than four requests from friends to find them sporting dogs. Naturally I haven't got them, but if any of my readers should have a

good working pointer to dispose of, I would be glad to hear of it, and might be able to help them, while helping my friends.

A meeting of the Amateur Athletic Association of the River Plate was held on Wednesday, when it was decided that in view of a refusal of the Union Velocipédica Argentina, to modify their rules in accordance with the wishes of the A.A.A.R.P. regarding professionalism no members of clubs affiliated to the Association be allowed to take part in race meetings held under the auspices of U.V.A. Any infringement of this resolution entails disqualification. The following new clubs were also affiliated: Bahia Blanca, North Western Railway A.A., and the Club Ciclista del Rosario.

An unusual and, in some respects, amusing scene was witnessed one afternoon lately in the East-end of London. In a side street is a stable-yard with large wooden gates, which have cut through them a small aperture to allow stablemen to enter and leave while the heavier portals remain closed. A horse suddenly took fright at something, and dashed for the minor opening. Its head and fore-legs got outside all right, but the hole was too small for the body to follow, and in its struggles the animal lifted the entire gateway from the hinges and galloped along the road with its strange burden. In about a hundred yards it was stopped, but it was so frightened and restive that stablemen could not lead it back, and were obliged to send for a joiner and a saw to relieve it of its load. Two ostlers held the head while the workmen sawed away the gate from the horse and ultimately liberated it.

FOOTBALL

LEAGUE FIXTURES.

MAY.
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.

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Sun. 25—B.A.F.C. v. Lomas, at Lomas.

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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.

FLORES A.C. v. BELGRANO B.

The above match will be played at Belgrano to-morrow, when the following players will take part:—

Flores A.C.—
Goal—W. Brown.
Backs—J. E. Gordon, F. Gahan.
Half backs—S. Murphy, W. Goddard, F. W. Fothergill.
Forwards—W. Jordan, B. B. Syer, T. F. Allen, R. E. Hunt, E. R. Gifford.

Belgrano B.—
Goal—E. Barker.
Backs—W. Fowler, J. H. Boyd.
Half backs—H. Fraser, J. R. Boyd, G. L. S. Wood.
Forwards—G. A. Christian, Todd, A. Brodie, G. Macfarlane, A. N. Other.

LOMAS A.C. v. BANFIELD A.C.

The above League fixture will take place to-morrow at Banfield. Trains from Plaza Constitution at 1.45, and Lomas at 2.36 p.m. The following are the teams:—

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, W. Stirling, F. J. C. Boutell.

Banfield.—
Goal—J. D. Watson.
Backs—A. Harriman, S. R. Wilson.
Half backs—C. Heslop, E. Rugeroni, J. Chamberlain.
Forwards—F. R. Wilson, A. Stocks, C. D. Moffatt, A. J. Goode, J. Hunter.
Referee—R. W. Rudd, Esq.

BELGRANO A.C. v. LOBOS A.C.

The above match will be played at Lobos to-morrow. Train leaves Plaza Constitution at 7 a.m. The following will represent Belgrano A.C.:—

Messrs J. Allen, J. W. Baldock, H. Rugeroni, C. G. Mackenzie, G. L. Macfarlane, J. Roy, J. Williams, H. Mackern, C. S. Edye, H. M. Edye, J. Negron.

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

There will be a practice game of Association football to-morrow at Lanus, when as many members as possible are requested to turn up.

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

On Sunday last, at Lomas, the above clubs met in friendly rivalry for the second time this season. On the previous Sunday the Lomas team won comfortably by four goals to nothing, but on this occasion, with a weaker team in the field they suffered a reverse by the narrow margin of one goal to nothing. The Lomas captain won the toss and elected to defend the Temperley goal. From the kick-off the visiting forwards went right away the ball eventually going behind. The kicking of the home backs was somewhat wild and but little combination was noticeable. Lanus continued to have most of the game. Brooking being very conspicuous on the outside right, nicely fed by Brown. The Lomas right wing got well away more than once, but the chance was always lost, the ball either being kicked behind, or the players delaying too long before placing the ball in the centre. The home forwards showed no combination, while the pacing of the backs left much to be desired. The Lanus forwards, on the contrary, made some very nice combined runs and with both outrides "middling" well the home goal-keeper was called upon frequently. Eventually Nobili got a splendid opening and with a fast cross shot beat the goal-keeper. Lomas tried hard to equalise, but up to half-time had failed to do so, the teams crossing over with the score at 1-0 in favour of Lanus.

On resuming, play ruled very fast, and each set of forwards made a good attempt at scoring, but both goal-keepers answered the calls made upon them. The Lomas left wing now got away and a good centre was headed over the bar by Stirling—a good try. The Lomasites still continued to press and but for lamentable weakness in front of goal, must have scored several times. Each forward in turn had a shot at the visitors' goal, but failed to reach it. Meanwhile, Lanus were not idle, and with their half-backs playing a good strong game, the visiting forwards broke away several times, but except for two scrimmages in front of goal, their attacks seldom became dangerous. When at last, the whistle sounded for "no side" the ball was in neutral territory and the score remained unchanged, the visitors winning as already stated. Lanus undoubtedly deserved their win, as they certainly showed more combination, but it must be remembered the Lomas team were quite upset through their eleven undergoing alterations at the last moment.

The following were the teams:

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

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

This, the first of the League fixtures, was played on the Flores ground, on Sunday last; both clubs put practically their best teams in the field, and the result, after a close game, was a win for Belgrano by four goals to three. Flores losing the toss kicked off from the pavilion end at 2.40 p.m. The home forwards immediately got together and the game was not more than three minutes old, when after a pretty piece of combined play on the part of the forwards, Goddard gave a nice pass to Syer, who scored first blood for Flores. This seemed to rouse Belgrano, who from now till the end played a hard game, and after some give and take play, Rugeroni equalised matters. Belgrano still pressed, and after a nice run and pass by Negron, Ibbitson shot a good goal, the game from now till half time was fairly even, and no further score was added, so that Belgrano crossed over with a lead of 2-1.

After the kick-off Flores looked as if they intended to force the game; time after time they ran the ball down, but the play of Moore and Botting was very sure, and they repulsed the attacks for a long time, but, at last, from a pretty pass by Hunt, Allen scored and so once again equalised matters 2-2. On restarting, Belgrano went off with a rush and pressing hard Negron scored. Both sides then played up hard, and Belgrano further increased their score by the aid of Ibbitson (4-2). Flores now played up and a combined run by their right wing and centre, ended in Jordan giving Allen a very neat pass, of which the last-named took full advantage, and the whistle sounding immediately afterwards, Belgrano were left victors by four goals to three. Taking the visitors' team first, they undoubtedly deserved their win, having had on the whole the best of the game, they were quick on the ball, and what practically won them the match was that they were in good training and were thus able to keep the pressure up right through. Their shooting at times, was weak, and a tendency to selfishness on the part of one or two was noticeable, but this can easily be remedied. The home team lacked organization, their halves rarely giving proper help to the forwards, this being especially noticeable in front of their opponent's goal. The forwards seemed to lack dash, but with practice they should make a useful set. The game was remarkable for the amount of "fouls" indulged in, not intentional but "fouls," nevertheless. Both teams were greatly to blame for this and care should be taken to prevent a repetition of this. For Belgrano Moore and Botting defended very well, while it would not be fair to single out the forwards, all playing well. For Flores, Brown was very good in goal, among the backs Gordon played best, the forwards were at times good, and Hunt and Syer perhaps calls for special mention. Mr C. W. Reynolds acted as referee to the satisfaction of all, and Messrs Gahan and Mackinnon as linesmen. A special word of thanks should be offered to Mrs R. O. Watson and the ladies with her, who kindly dispensed tea, and made the match quite a social meeting.

The following were the teams:—

Flores A.C.—
Goal—W. Brown.
Backs—J. E. Gordon, F. W. Fothergill.
Half backs—S. Murphy, F. Barthmann, W. Goddard.
Forwards—W. Jordan, B. B. Syer, T. F. Allen, 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. Ibbitson, G. L. Macfarlane, J. Negron.

PALERMO A.C. v. BELGRANO A.C. (B TEAM)

The ground of the Belgrano Club was the scene of the above fixture on Sunday last, the game attracting a moderate number of spectators. Palermo won the toss and had the advantage of a slight breeze during the earlier half, but this availed them little. The Belgrano played with no little dash, and for a time their rivals were pressed, a free-kick, however, for a foul against Brodie, brought relief, and the next minute Palermo obtained a corner, which, however, came to nothing. Following this, play ruled very even, until two corners were given in favour of the visitors, both of which proved fruitless, one being sent behind the posts, while the other was listed out by the goal-keeper. The game now became exceedingly fast, both elevens striving hard to gain the advantage. Palermo broke away more than once, but their forwards on the left proved weak as they invariably delayed in passing when there was a chance of scoring. The ball now travelling rapidly from one end of the field to the other, resulted in Belgrano having to concede a corner, which, however, proved abortive. Belgrano threatened on several occasions to be mischievous, and had distinctly worst of the play, though the intermediate period arrived with the score sheet blank.

On resuming Palermo immediately commenced an attack, and had they only shot at goal in as smart a manner as they approached it, they must have scored on several occasions. Belgrano now made some desperate attempts to score, but on each occasion found their opponents' backs unpassable, and had to retire to their own territory, where the play remained nearly all the game. The home team broke away once and would probably have scored, had not Brodie again fouled A. Rugeroni in front of the posts when seemingly on the point of saving the goal. Palermo were quickly down in their opponents' citadel again, where some hot shots were put in, but Barker in goal saved in grand style, and it is to him that the Belgrano have to look for saving them from certain defeat. But little time now remained, during which the game was all round the Belgrano posts, but owing to the delay of the Palermo forwards to shoot they failed to get through, and when the whistle sounded neither side had scored, the match after ninety minutes play, resulting in a drawn game. For the home team, the brothers Boyd, Wood, W. Fowler, and Barker in goal, distinguished themselves, while for Palermo J. B. Campbell, A. J. Rugeroni, E. Curran, R. Levy, J. C. Lea, and D. Brett got through some capital plays.

The following were the teams:—

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

Belgrano B.—
Goal—R. Barker.
Backs—F. R. Boyd, J. H. Boyd.
Half backs—G. Wood, S. Edye, H. Fraser.
Forwards—G. Macfarlane, W. Fowler, A. Brodie, A. McKinnon, G. Christian.

ASSOCIATION.

ENGLAND v. SCOTLAND.

From the dimensions of the crowd which flocked to the Crystal Palace on April 3, compared with that which attended the International match at Richmond four years ago, on the last occasion of its being played in the Metropolitan district, it would appear that the taste for football as a spectacle has been steadily growing among Londoners in the interval. But it may well be said that the increase is due in some measure to the excellent accommodation provided for spectators about the spacious ground at the Palace. In spite of the match taking place on the same afternoon as the Inter-University Boat Race, the stands and raised banks about the arena were closely, though not uncomfortably, packed with onlookers to the number of 30,000 or more, who, it is gratifying to record, proved themselves an orderly and easily managed, though most enthusiastic, concourse. As the turf was smooth and firm, and the weather dry, the conditions may be said to have been perfectly favourable for good football, and the game turned out to be one of the most interesting of recent years. Following the precedent of 1896, the Scottish Football Association had determined to recognise the aspirations of professionals of Scottish birth resident in England and employed by clubs belonging to the Football League. They were in this manner able once more to place a team in the field able to compete successfully with the selected English eleven, and, though it is possible to argue that the contest was thus deprived of some of the interest which would attach to a comparison of two distinct national types of play, nothing seemed to be lost in the direction of combination between the players.

The team included four English League professionals, and a fifth—Doig, the Sunderland goalkeeper—had been chosen, but was unable to obtain leave from his employers. It was seen, on the teams entering the arena, that the Scotchmen possessed an advantage over their antagonists in height and weight, and this they were able to turn to good use, especially in the second half of the game. On the English side, Reynolds played at half back as a substitute for his clubmate Crabtree.

The ground was inclined to be heavy, but this did not prevent both teams from giving a remarkably good display. The visitors started the ball, and for a few minutes pressed determinedly, till Oakley relieved with a long kick, and G. O. Smith, getting possession, ran well down, but finally passed too hard. At the other end Lambie put in a long shot, which was of no use to his side. The home country got nicely away, and some really admirable play by Reynolds enabled Athersmith to centre right across the goal mouth, and Bloomer, who is generally where he is wanted, kicked the ball past Patrick into the net. This success was naturally pleasing to most of the spectators, but the Scottish sympathisers were soon on good terms with themselves, as from the kick-off the visiting forwards made a fine combined attack, which ended in Hyslop equalising the score by heading through. Very fast exchanges followed, and Scotland continued to have a good share of the play. Bell put in a brilliant run, and the English goal-keeper slipped, but the ball went just outside. England next showed to a little advantage by forcing a corner, but Lambie got away, only to be pulled up by the referee for being off-side. Lambie was again prominent, shooting cleverly from a pass by Bell. Robinson listed out in smart style, and a run was instituted by Bloomer and Smith, who were stopped by Doyle. Bell and Miller gave Oakley a good deal of work, but he played with his usual dash and was always in time. Milward and Chadwick pressed, but were well robbed by Smith (Scotland). The Scottish team then raced down almost irresistibly, Bell all but scoring when stopped by Oakley, who made a fine effort. The English forwards had a turn at the other end, but

Lambie broke away, only to meet Reynolds, who stopped his progress. Then half-time arrived with the game in a most interesting and exciting condition. Both sides had combined well, while the defence was equally worthy of praise.

After crossing over a free kick was given against England, and then Chadwick running with the ball a well managed attack was made on the Scottish goal. Some strong pressing finally ended in the ball going out off Bloomer's head. Then Chadwick shot finely, Patrick just saving. After a brief visit to England's goal, where Lambie nearly scored, the home representatives forced their way back, and a clever shot by Reynolds was only just fisted out by Patrick. Doyle in trying to clear gave a corner of which nothing came, and soon afterwards Reynolds had another attempt at goal. The Scottish changed the venue of the play, and Hyslop with Lambie showed to capital advantage. Both players put in difficult shots. A good free kick against Doyle looked like giving England a good chance, but Cowan relieved, and Allan tried to score with a long shot. Scotland were at this point attacking in grand style. Brilliant efforts to score were made by Lambie, Bell, and Wilson, the second named showing wonderful resource. Hyslop ran vigorously, ending by putting in a very stiff shot which Rabinson saved, falling down in the attempt, Miller who was at hand banged the ball into the net, and Scotland led by a goal. The English forwards were not dismayed by this reverse, and made many spirited attacks but were unable to break through the Scottish defence. So with even and fast exchanges the game came to an end, and Scotland won the Association International against England for the thirteenth time.

England—Robinson (Derby County, goal), W. J. Oakley (Corinthians), Spencer (Aston Villa) (backs), Reynolds (Aston Villa), Crawshaw (Sheffield Wednesday), Needham (Sheffield United) (half backs), Athersmith (Aston Villa), Bloomer (Derby County) (right wing), G. O. Smith (Corinthians, centre), Chadwick, Milward (Everton) (left wing) (forwards).

Scotland—J. Patrick (St. Mirren, goal), N. Smith (Glasgow Rangers), D. Doyle (Celtic) (backs), Gibson (Glasgow Rangers), Cowan (Aston Villa), Wilson (Sunderland) (half backs), Bell (Everton), Miller (Glasgow Rangers) (right wing), Allan (Liverpool, centre), Hyslop (Glasgow Rangers), W. Lambie (Queen's Park) (left wing) (forwards). Referee, Mr R. T. Gough (Welsh P. A.); linesmen, Messrs G. S. Sherrington and Walter Crichton.

Four League matches were down for decision on April 3, and one ended in a win for the visiting club. This game took place at Stoke, who suffered defeat from Sunderland by a goal to nothing. Doig, who could not be spared to play against England at the Crystal Palace, did much to save the Wearsiders from defeat. He stopped many shots in brilliant style, but his club mates were not showing to much advantage. In the second half Gillespie seized a capital opportunity and scored a good goal for his side.

Everton, who were without the services of three of their usual eleven, paid a visit to Deepdale, where Preston North End won somewhat easily by four goals to one. The loss of the three brilliant forwards meant the loss of the game for Everton.

A moderate team of Derby County played a one goal draw with Sheffield United.

A much better game was that at Liverpool between the locals and Sheffield Wednesday. The visitors were the first to attack, and nearly scored. Continuing to have a little the best of matters, the Sheffield team scored through Brady before the interval. In the second half the visitors scored once and the home team twice, the game ending in a two goals' draw.

Norfolk v. Middlesex.—The representatives of these counties met on the Lakenham ground, Norwich, on April 8, in fine weather and before a numerous assemblage. Neither side was as strong as could have been wished, but the game proved very interesting, and resulted in a win for Norfolk by three goals to two.

On April 8 the Old Carthusians and Brentford met in the semi-final of the London Senior Cup. The Old Boys were the first to score four minutes from the kick-off. They continued to more than hold their own throughout the match and eventually won by five goals to one.

Middlesex Senior Cup.—Final Tie.—Ealing v. 3rd Grenadier Guards.—The final tie in the above competition was played at the Caledonian Park, Holloway, on April 3, before a numerous and enthusiastic assemblage. Each club was strongly represented, but owing to the fact that the Grenadier Guards had defeated Uxbridge, last year's winners, their victory was generally anticipated. Ealing, however, have rarely been seen to such advantage and they succeeded in carrying off the cup by two goals to one.

Queen's Park v. Clyde.—The return match between these clubs in the Glasgow League competition was played at Hampden Park on April 3, before some 3000 spectators, and resulted in a win for the premier club by three goals to one, in spite of the fact that they were scarcely up to full strength.

Suffolk v. London.—Only a moderate team represented London at the Portman-road Ground, Ipswich, against Suffolk, on April 7, but the visitors, nevertheless, gained a victory by four goals to three.

Leicester Fosse v. Notts Forest.—Teams representing the full strength of these clubs met at Leicester on April 3, to contest the right of entering the final tie for Lord Burford's cup, and, despite the bitterly cold weather, the spectators numbered fully 3000. It was an interesting match, by winning which the Fosse achieved their best performance this season, and now have to meet Notts County in the final. Directly after the start, pressure round the Forest goal caused a couple of corners, from the second of which Freebairn centred finely for McDonald to score. Just before the change of ends, a Notts player headed a free kick, taken by Swift, through his own goal, so that the home club crossed over in possession of a most useful lead. Prior to the interval, however, the visiting side sustained a serious loss, the prominent forward, McInnes, having to retire with a sprained ankle. This undoubtedly had some effect upon the game, for afterwards the Forest movements degenerated into the loose, rushing style which seldom meets with success. Nothing was accomplished in the shape of scoring in the second stage until nearing the finish, when Darrel beat the Forest goalkeeper with a fast shot, and Leicester Fosse won by three goals to none.

RUGBY

The final tie for the Midland Counties Challenge Cup was played on April 3, between Moseley and the Old Edwardians. Profiting by the painful experience of last season, when the match between Coventry and Moseley was altogether spoiled by the utterly inadequate arrangements for the crowd, the committee of the Midland Counties Union this season decided on playing the final tie on a properly enclosed football ground. The venue selected was the head-quarters of the Aston Villa F.C. at Perry Barr, where the arrangements were found to be all that could be desired. A large crowd assembled to witness the game, the opening stages of which were not very attractive, and it was not until a short time before the interval that owing to some unselfish play by the Moseley three-quarter line G. Birtles was enabled to score by the corner flag, and Moseley crossed over with a lead of three points.

Commencing the second half with great resolution, Gray secured the ball from a line out, and, passing unselfishly, the Byrnes' again gave G. Birtles a fine opening, and a second try resulted. A good attempt was made by J. F. Byrne to place a goal, but it failed. This had a demoralising effect on the Old Boys for a time, and their full back, Caldicott, played very weakly, indeed, for the next quarter of an hour. Entirely due to his nervousness was a third try, for neglecting to clear his lines from a long kick from Gray the Moseley man got up to him, and the ball was knocked into touch. A bit of scrambling play close to the Old Boys' goal line let in one of the Moseley forwards, but again Byrne failed to place a goal. After this, Walford became very prominent indeed for the Edwardians, his running, kicking, and tackling being exceptionally good, with the game going so badly for his side. After beating back a few strenuous attempts to reach their line, the Moseley players again showed up strongly, and from a long punt across the ground by J. F. Byrne, G. Birtles dashed up at a rare pace, and outstripping "Brown" in the race for possession, the Moseley man gathered the ball very cleanly whilst travelling at top speed, and finished up a fine afternoon's work by scoring his third try. Byrne had very bad luck with this place kick, but with twelve points up the result appeared assured. With ten minutes only to play, a sudden change came over the game, for the slackening on the part of the Moseley men was promptly taken advantage of by their opponents, and the closing stages were certainly the most exciting of the game. Time after time Nicol got the ball from the scrummage most cleanly, and passing with an accuracy they had not before shown, the Edwardians threatened at every point. At length a few quick passes between the backs, the ball going backwards and forwards from hand to hand in bewildering fashion, gave "Brown" a beautiful opening, and dodging nicely, he gained a capital try, from which Adams kicked a very good goal. This brought the game to a close, after one of the best contests ever witnessed in a final for this trophy. Superior as the Moseley men undoubtedly were for the greater part of the game, the Old Edwardians kept going with such spirit and determination that they might have pulled the game out of the fire at any moment. Result: Moseley, four tries (12 points); Old Edwardians, one goal (5 points).

On April 3, those old rivals, Swansea and Cardiff, met for the fourth and last time this season at Cardiff. The visitors were most unfortunate in having to play without several of their regular team, while the home team were strongly represented. The Cardiff backs soon asserted their superiority and with their forwards generally getting possession of the ball in the scrummages they were kept well-fed, and although the Swansea backs tackled well and with judgment they could not prevent Cardiff running out victors by three goals (one dropped) and two tries to one goal and one try.

Blackheath v. Newport.—The meeting of these teams on the Rectory Field, Blackheath, is looked forward to each year with more than ordinary interest, and a large assemblage is usually assured. On April 3, the fixture clashed with the University Boat Race and the International at the Crystal Palace, which was greatly to be regretted, seeing that the match brought the Blackheath season to a close. Notwithstanding these drawbacks, however, the number of spectators (about 6000) must be considered highly satisfactory. The visiting team was an exceptionally strong one, and although it would

have been difficult to improve the Blackheath side, no surprise was evidenced at the easy victory of Newport. Their success was largely due to the efforts of A. J. Gould, who throughout was the most prominent player on the field, and rarely failed to take every advantage of his opportunities. Oseroff and Pearson also rendered the Newport captain valuable assistance on the three-quarter line, while little or no fault could be found with the forwards and halves. The best form on the Blackheath side was undoubtedly shown by Fookes, whose clever tackling prevented the visitors from scoring several times, but none of the others call for special mention. The weather was fine, and we have rarely seen the ground in better condition. The home team kicked off against a high wind, the ball being smartly returned by Pearson to mid-field, where Fegan was forced into touch. For some few minutes the play was of an even character, but eventually the Newport forwards broke away, and got to within half a dozen yards of the goal line. Potter relieved by a fast run, only to see the visitors return; and after Gould had failed to drop a goal, Oseroff passed to Pearson, who in turn handed over to Gould, and the latter promptly grounded the ball between the posts. Boucher experienced no difficulty in converting, and Newport maintained the pressure. Blackheath offered a stout resistance, but it was all to no purpose, and Sawtell, ably supported by Davies and Hannen, further increased the score. On this occasion, however, Boucher kicked wide of the mark, and the home forwards replied with a vigorous rush, Fookes concluding by an unsuccessful effort to drop a goal. Half time then arrived with the score standing at eight points to nothing in favour of Newport. On resuming, the home fifteen were obliged to act upon the defensive, but Wallis quickly transferred the play, only to find the tackling abilities of Newport too good, and the latter worked their way to the Blackheath twenty-five line, where a scrummage was formed. Hannen took possession and passed to Oseroff, who in turn gave way to Pearson, and another try was thus placed to the credit of Newport, the kick at goal, by Boucher, proving futile. The home team now attacked in force, and made strenuous efforts to break through, but in vain; and Newport ultimately won by one goal and two tries (eleven points) to nothing.

Gloucester v. Llanelly.—After retaining their unbroken record so far into the season, it must have been galling to the celebrated Llanelly fifteen to have their colours lowered by Gloucester on April 3, they were not of full strength, but they were expected to more than hold their own against Gloucester. There was a very large crowd of spectators to witness the game, and fine weather prevailed during the progress of the match. With a strong breeze behind them, Llanelly set the ball in motion, but play was generally in neutral territory, the sound defence on either side preventing any strong advantage being gained. The Gloucester forwards worked well together, and after about a quarter of an hour's play they took the ball at their feet in a loose rush, and it rolled over the Llanelly line. A sprint after it resulted in Hall scoring a try, which P. W. Stout managed to convert; but thence up to half time the Welshmen had all the best of the play. Eventually Morris evaded the Gloucester back division, and scored in the corner, but J. Davies failed to improve the try, and the latter player was no more successful with a penalty kick. The teams crossed over with Gloucester leading by two points, and Llanelly quickly set to work in the endeavour to improve their position. They were frequently dangerous, but just when a score appeared probable, it was each time prevented, and at no side Gloucester were the winners by a goal (five points) to one try (three points).—

Leicester v. Llanelly.—After suffering defeat for the first time this season at the hands of Gloucester, on April 3, the Welsh Champions went on to Leicester to play the return match with the Midland Club on April 5, and a really interesting game was witnessed by a numerous assemblage. The visitors were at full strength, but Leicester were without A. O. Jones, their full-back, and one of their forwards. So well, however, did the home team play that when the whistle sounded for "no side," nothing had been scored and the game therefore resulted in a pointless draw.

Hartlepool Rovers v. Sunderland.—The final tie in the Durham Cup was decided on April 3, on the Hollow Drift Ground, Durham, before about 10,000 people. The event, as usual, excited great enthusiasm, the match being regarded as the culminating point in Durham football. This year the rise of Sunderland, and the failure of clubs with such consistently good records as Tudhoe and West Hartlepool, have added fresh interest to the encounter, and it is noticeable that the Wearsiders are now showing signs of renewed vitality after a long period of depression. They won the Durham Cup as far back as 1881, but have not been able to repeat that performance since. However, their cup tie prowess this year would seem to point to a higher place in northern amateur football for the future. On Saturday the Rovers were in excellent form, and by virtue of their skill behind the scrummage were able to make use of every opportunity, and to win by two goals and one try to nothing after a grand game.

GUNS by Scott, Webly and Hancock—Revolvers by Colt, S. and W., and Scott—Saddles by Jenkinson, Parker and Bridge—Gladstone and Kit Bags—Cabin Trunks—Gold Keyless English Lever Watch—Cartridge loading machine by Erskine, for 100—Clocks—Lamps—Spoons. All A. I. RIX, 538 Cangallo.

ESTANCIA AND COLONY.

A sale is reported of 10,000 mules for South Africa at the price of \$27 per head, already 5000 of these have gone forward.

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The French Government has ordered that all frozen mutton proceeding from foreign parts must be so labelled in order to prevent such being sold as fresh killed.

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Sheep breeding in the Western States of North America is becoming of some importance. It being calculated that in the State of Nebraska alone there are some half a million head.

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The following sales of stock are reported:—2300 bullocks from Rojas at \$35 per head, bought by Messrs Raffo and Trillo for fattening during the winter, and 1000 novillos from Olavarria at \$37.50 for Messrs Rocca, Terrarosa and Co.'s saladero.

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Owing to the dryness of the camps, there is a good demand for bullocks in good condition and from 650 kilos weight upwards, prices offered from \$30 to \$34 gold.

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Messrs Salazar, Bros. have bought 10,000 crossed Lincoln sheep from the Pampa Central at a reserved price.

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Various lots of camp in the sixth section, between the rivers Negro and Colorado, have been sold at prices from \$8,000 to \$12,000 the league.

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Chacras in the town of General Alvear have been sold at the rate of \$37 the hectare, half payment in one year and the other half cash.

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We congratulate the Rural Society of Entre Rios on the publication of the first number of the "Anales" of the society. It is replete with interesting information regarding agriculture and the breeding of live stock, and reflects credit on the editor, Sr. Francisco Pillardo.

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The movement in the Deptford markets has been very brisk during the week. Great demand for Argentine bullocks and sheep, the first-named bringing from 38d to 42d and the latter 4s the stone.

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Farmers in the Esperanza Colony are still waiting the seed promised them by the Santa Fé Government. They say that if the delivery of the seed be much further delayed they will not be able to sow this year, and all their work of ploughing will be lost.

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Complaints are still reaching us of robberies of stock from the Southern camps, a little while ago the thieves were content with ten or a dozen sheep, but owing to the lenience shown to them by the authorities when captured, they now go in for lifting whole flocks. In some cases when the police have arrested thieves red-handed they have been immediately released by the Justices of the Peace.

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On Monday last two lots of fiscal land in Ayacucho were rented to the highest bidders. One lot, composed of 5300 hectares, was rented to Sr. Luis Bausson at \$3.30 per hectare, and the other of 2360 hectares, to Sr. Francisco Posso, at \$6.30. The term is for three years.

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A North American paper says that owing to the diminution of wheat exported from the Argentine Republic, farmers in the States are finding things very favourable. In the first seven weeks of this year only 586,000 bushels were sent to Europe from the Argentine Republic as against 4,112,000 bushels in a corresponding time last year. The paper adds that the United States Minister, Mr Buchanan, calculated that at the beginning of this year there would be ready for export to Europe from here some 8,670,000 bushels.

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Messrs Bullrich and Co.'s yard was very well attended last Tuesday when several horses from Mr Thomas Bell's estancia El Rincon, in Pereira, were brought to the hammer, the horses were very well got up for sale and brought the following prices:

- Lot 1—Pair of carriage horses, one horse and a mare, \$725 each. Buyer, Mr E. Cortes.
 - Lot 2—Two carriage mares, \$650 each. Buyer, Mr J. Oyuela.
 - Lot 3—Two carriage mares, \$650 each. Buyer, Mr J. M. Blaguier.
 - Lot 4—One carriage horse, \$700. Buyer, Mr B. Cabral.
 - Lot 5—Two carriage mares, \$570 each. Buyer, Mr P. Mendez.
 - Lot 6—One saddle horse, \$330. Buyer, Mr J. Cassell.
 - Lot 7—Two carriage mares, \$350 each. Buyer, Mr J. Ocampo.
 - Lot 8—Two carriage horses, one horse and a mare, \$500 each. Buyer, Mr J. Pietranera.
- The total amount of sales being \$7890,

For the first four months of this year 1,063,200 head of cattle have been slaughtered in the saladeros of Buenos Aires, Entre Rios, Uruguay, Montevideo and Rio Grande for jerked beef, and 126,500 head for beef extract. For the corresponding period of 1896, 954,200 head were slaughtered for jerked beef and 196,900 head for beef extract.

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The "Mark Lane Express" of April 5, says:—
"American advices state that the demand for first-class sheep is very large and the likelihood of larger importations being made this year are brighter than has been the case since 1892. The Argentine demand, from a letter recently received from a large Estancia owner, is stated to be as strong as ever, although, from the effort recently made by the Shropshire breeders to obtain a large share of the demand for their sheep in that country, it may be somewhat less for Lincolns, it will certainly in the aggregate be as large, if not larger, than last year. Facts and indications such as noted above certainly give us every ground to predict a successful year for our sheep men."

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A correspondent writes from Paris that potato culture is likely to receive a new impetus since the plan of selling them peeled, sliced, dried, like certain fruits, seems to be the taste of the export market. The drying of the potatoes can follow the period of the dessication of fruits. The method obviates decay and germination of the tuber, and occupying a less volume, transport will be cheaper and less difficult. The potatoes are peeled by machinery; next, carefully washed, sliced in rounds, and left for twenty minutes in a strong solution of kitchen salt. The brine produces firmness in the slices and prevents their changing colour—thus securing what sulphur does for fruits. Later the cuttings are left to drain, placed in the drying apparatus on hurdle shelves, and submitted to a temperature varying from 194 degrees Fahrenheit. They must remain longer in this hot bath than fruit. Before using, the slices have to be steeped from twelve to fifteen hours in water, when they will become as fresh and as flavoured as new potatoes.

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Mr V. Casares sent up a very nice little lot of horses from his estancia San Martin in Cañuelas to Funes and Lagos' yard, which were brought to the hammer on Thursday. The sale was well attended and prices were fairly good. The following is the result:

2 geldings, J. Musini	\$2200
2 mares, J. M. Alvarez	2400
2 mares, J. Fernandez	1400
2 mares, J. Fernandez	2000
2 mares, A. Madarriaga	2000
2 geldings, E. Pellet	1300
2 mares, E. N. Casares	1100
2 mares, J. Aldao	2400
2 mares, F. M. de Ibarra	700
1 stallion, J. N. Fernandez	800
1 gelding, J. N. Fernandez	400
2 geldings, F. Villatti	900
Total of sale, \$17,500.	

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The Show Committee of the Rural Society met on Wednesday last to discuss affairs for the September show. It was resolved to use the central pavilion, which is now under repair, for the exhibition of machinery, industrial implements, etc., and if any entries for dairy machinery be made, there will be three special prizes offered for the best exhibits. As in past years there will be horse shows for members of the society, Jockey Club, Hurlingham, etc., and also for soldiers, for horses broken into saddle, of any kind, sex and age. The prizes will be a silver medal and diploma, and a bronze medal and diploma.

The jumping competition is for any breed of horse, sex or age, providing the height passes 14.2½ hands, and also one for ponies not passing 14 hands. In both cases the prizes will be a silver cup, a silver and a bronze medal. There will be a special class for horses of any breed, sex or age, ridden by soldiers, the prizes being a sword and diploma, and silver and bronze medals together with diploma.

There will also be prizes offered for the best turn out of single carriage horses, pairs, tandem, and four-in-hand.

The catalogue of rules, etc., are already in the printer's hands and will be ready in ten days.

HORSES and PONIES of all classes BOUGHT and SOLD on commission by H. H. EWEN, CALLE PIEDAD 559.

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HENRY CLARK
HURLINGHAM, F. C. P.

Receives Horses, Bulls, and Rams FOR SALE OR PASTOREO AT MODERATE CHARGES.

PRICES

Price of gold on the Bolsa from May 1st to May 7th, inclusive—

Saturday	294.00 %	Wednesday	289.50 %
Monday	291.00 "	Thursday	292.30 "
Tuesday	291.00 "	Friday	292.00 "

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

Bullocks, \$45—60.
Novillos for Export \$ 70— 85 |

Fat cattle for consumption—novillos .. 30— 60 |

" " " " " " " " " " " " —cows... 25— 50 |

Calves—large, \$17-23; small, \$8.00-18.00

Wool—Fine 5.00— 7.15 |

" " " " " " " " " " " " —Cross Lincoln... 6.20— 8.20 |

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 | 5.00— 8.00 |

" " " " " " " " " " " " —Rambouillet | 3.00— 6.00 |

Ewes 3.50— 5.50 |

Wheat (barleta), 100 ks \$10.60—11.00 |

" " " " " " " " " " " " (French), 100 kilos | 7.00—10.50 |

" " " " " " " " " " " " (Candeal) | 8.00—12.00 |

Barley 6.00—12.00 |

Maize (morocho), 100 kilos (now) .. 2.80— 4.50 |

" " " " " " " " " " " " (amarillo), 100 kilos (now) .. | 2.50— 3.80 |

Hay, 1000 kilos 16.00—34.00 |

SOCIAL FIXTURES.

DANCES.

Wednesday, May 13, June 16, August 13, 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

QUE TENDRÁN LUGAR EN

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.

EN PASSANT.

The Skating Rink has opened for the winter season. Five anarchists were executed in Barcelona on Tuesday last.

During the month of April 75,000 tons of coal arrived here from British ports.

A commercial treaty between Chile and Brazil was signed in Rio on the 4th.

The six playing-card makers in this city produced 308,166 packs during 1896.

A new silver mine, said to be very rich, has been discovered near Potosi, Bolivia.

Turkey is proving a harder nut to crack than some of the military powers in Europe thought.

The continued repulses suffered by the Greek troops point to a speedy termination of the war.

The Civil Registry returns for this city for April give 2600 births, 495 marriages, and 994 deaths.

Typhus fever has been declared among the government troops in Rio Negro, Banda Oriental.

The annual turn out of the eight match factories in the country is put down at 183,902,810 boxes.

A statue to the memory of Dr. Velez Sarsfield will be inaugurated in Cordoba in the coming month of July.

To-night Frank Brown gives a benefit performance in aid of the "Caja de Ahorros" of the policemen and fire brigade of this city.

The death is announced at Vienna of the celebrated musical composer Johannes Brahms. He was born on May 7, 1833, at Hamburg.

During the past year 26,154,427 litres of alcohol were distilled in the republic, and the sum of \$52,236 was paid as duties on imported alcohol.

The port authorities of La Plata advise the lowering of the port charges on vessels arriving for repairs and also on those loading live stock.

The Casino music hall has received orders to remove from the cellar of the building all the electrical plant that is used to light up the place.

President Kruger has asked the Volksraad to declare the 22nd of June a public holiday, in honour of the diamond jubilee of Queen Victoria.

The torpedo-catcher Santa Fe will receive temporary repairs at the Platense yard so as to enable her to be towed to the naval yard in the Tigre.

In future the Bavarian Army is to wear the German cockade, besides the Bavarian one, and the other Federal Governments will make the same regulation.

A proposed international chess match, between the British House of Commons and the United States House of Representatives, is one of the things talked of.

The import and export dues collected by the Custom-house of this city, from January 1 to May 6, amount to \$21,410,805.76 paper and \$3,730,730.96 gold.

The inauguration of the monument to Falucho, the Argentine hero of Callao during the War of Independence, will take place to-morrow in the Plaza San Martin.

Telegrams from London, dated the 5th, say that the Powers are exchanging notes with the object of bringing about a cessation of hostilities between Greece and Turkey.

The Mayor of Rio Janeiro, Américo Albuquerque, in a speech during the festivals, eulogised the late President Balmaceda a little too much to be agreeable to the Chilean sailors.

Dr. Ernesto Bosch has been named national interventor in the Province of San Luis, with the object of guaranteeing to the local legislators the exercise of their constitutional duties.

The Public Prosecutor asks that Echeagaray, the murderer of Mr J. B. Wanklyn, be condemned to 15 years' imprisonment. He tries to prove that the crime was not premeditated.

From October last year to the end of April this year, the Custom-house dues of the Banda Oriental show a decrease of \$1,567,645 compared with the same seven months of 1895-96.

A severe earthquake shock was felt at Lima, Callao, Ica, and other towns on May 1. The alarm was great, but happily the only damage caused was the falling of a few houses and walls.

The Jewish residents are subscribing funds to build a synagogue in this city. The ground has already been bought, at 785 Calle Libertad, and the foundation-stone will probably be laid this month.

At a meeting of the National Deputies on Monday last Dr. Marcos Avellaneda was elected President of the House. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays are the days named for sessions to be held.

The internal taxes produced during 1896 the sum of \$13,775,287, an increase of \$4,300,000 over 1895. During the past year the tax on alcohol realised \$5,525,564, on tobacco \$4,634,794, and on matches \$1,628,959.

The Paris "Figaro" says that Mr. Howard Gould, one of the sons of Jay Gould, has just given his intended bride a fan which cost a hundred thousand dollars. It is mounted in ivory, on which are painted eight miniatures copied from famous masters. The mounting is adorned with diamonds, and the fan taken all in all, is the costliest in the world.

Messrs Juan J. Molina and Co. give as the cause of their going into liquidation the fact that the sum of \$325,715.93 is owing to them from firms who have been declared bankrupt or have applied for moratorias.

From all parts of the republic the complaints are loud and deep about the ragged and next to naked state in which the twenty-year-old national guards arrived at their various destinations from their sixty days' drill.

The Rural Tramway has been condemned to pay \$15,000 for causing the death of a daughter of Sr. Salvador Posse, in an accident which occurred in November, 1893, also for the destruction of a carriage and two horses.

During the three years that Governor Virasoro of Corrientes has been in power no debts have been contracted by the province, on the contrary he has withdrawn from circulation all the treasury bills that were issued by his predecessor in office.

In the United States Senate, on May 5, 43 senators voted in favour of the arbitration treaty with Great Britain, and 27 against, 19 members not voting. The treaty has thus been thrown out, as it required for approbation two-thirds of the total votes of the Senate.

The governor of the colony of Natal has called out the military reserves. In a few months time some 65,000 British troops will be in South Africa. The Boers have published notices saying the republic is not in need of money, but men, and call upon all "Afrikanders" for their help.

The industrial exhibition that is to be opened in July next year will probably be erected on the Paseo de Julio back to the sea wall, from Calle Cangallo to Tucuman, embracing the gardens that are already laid out there. This will be a great saving to the commission of both time and money.

The postponement of the departure of the Argentine Minister, Mr E. Portela, from Rio Janeiro, so as to attend the demonstrations by Brazil in honour of the Chilean sailors, has caused general satisfaction. This will put a stop to the talk of want of cordiality that some newspapers were harping on.

Several officials of the Inland Revenue and Somerset House thought seriously of taking proceedings against the House of Commons in regard to the sale of liquor without a licence: but the scheme had to be abandoned, as no one could determine on whom a summons could safely or reasonably be served.

One of the greatest calamities that has happened to France took place on Tuesday, 4th inst., by the burning of a building in Paris where a bazaar, in the cause of charity, was being held. The number of deaths exceed 150, and among the victims are many of the most aristocratic and charitable ladies of France.

It is reported that the Austro-Hungarian manoeuvres next autumn at Totis, in Hungary, will be attended by the Emperors of Austria and Germany, and the Kings of Saxony, Roumania, and Servia. After the manoeuvres, the two Emperors will proceed to Buda-Pesth, which city the Emperor William will then see for the first time.

Some of the effects of the revolution in the Banda Oriental may be summarised as follows, comparing the month of March this year with that of 1896: 24 less arrivals and 15 less departures of ocean-going vessels in 1897; 3438 less Custom-house despatches issued; a decrease of \$403,150 in Custom-house dues; 2721 people left the country, and a fall in national stocks of 15 per cent. more or less.

The Plaza Mayo, for the 24th and 25th inst., will outshine all past efforts in illumination. Some 20,000 coloured lamps will be used, and the director of public parks, Sr. Theys, has got up new designs for arcades, etc. Displays of fireworks will take place in Plazas Constitucion, Once, Corrales, Villa Catalinas, Belgrano, Boca, Flores and Floresta. The Municipality has voted \$25,000 for expenses.

For the first four months of this year 359 ocean-going steamers, of 893,760 tons register, entered the port of Buenos Aires, of which totals 221 vessels, of 559,171 tons, belonged to the British flag. For the first four months of 1896 the arrivals were 420 vessels, of 1,029,098 tons; for 1895, 319 vessels, 785,127 tons; for 1894, 279 vessels, 671,567 tons; for 1893, 290 vessels, 647,977 tons; for 1892, 205 vessels, 487,523 tons.

In view of the contemplated visit of President Faure to Russia this summer there is a movement on foot at Moscow in favour of restoring to France the gun carriages and cannon balls taken from that country in 1812 and placed since then in the Kremlin. This, it is urged, would be a graceful return for France's courtesy in returning trophies of the Crimean War, notably the banners taken from the Church of Eupatoria.

The Falls of Niagara have been turned to practical account, and engineers are now turning their attention to the sacred Nile. They are to "examine" the cataracts, with the view of getting electric power out of them, but for what exact purpose is not stated. The locomotive now snorts into Jerusalem, and we may soon hear of a cogged railway up one of the sloping sides of the great pyramid, and a telephone station being established in the head of the Sphinx.

The pearl fishery industry of the lower part of the Red Sea, both on the African and Arabian coast, has been falling off very considerably of late. The decrease within the last year is estimated to be one half what it was a few years ago. The chief market for these pearls is at Bombay. They are, for the most part, small stones, chiefly employed by manufacturing jewellers, and, if there is no appreciation in the products, it is not unlikely that small articles in which pearls appear will go up in price.

Mr H. Wilde, President of the Manchester Literary and Philosophical Society, has presented to the French Académie de Science the sum of £5500 to be invested in French Rentes. The interest, amounting to about 4000f., is to be awarded annually as a prize to the author of the work on astronomy, physics, chemistry, mineralogy, geology, or mechanics which may be regarded by the Académie as the most deserving. Mr Wilde makes this donation in recognition of the advantages he has derived from French science.

FIXTURES

RACING.

Sunday, May 9—Hipódromo Argentino, Palermo.
Thursday, May 27—Meeting at Hurlingham (Polo Association Cup).

FOOTBALL

ASSOCIATION.

Sunday, May 9—Lomas v. Banfield, at Banfield.
Sunday, May 9—Flores v. Bolgrano B, at Belgrano.
RUGBY.
Sunday, May 9—Captain's XV. v. Secretary's XV., at Lomas.

POLO

May 25, 26, 28—Championship Polo Tournament, at Hurlingham.

Buenos Aires Lawn Tennis Club.

OPEN TOURNAMENT and CHAMPIONSHIP

OF THE RIVER PLATE.

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

TUESDAY, MAY 25,

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26,

THURSDAY, MAY 27.

Play to commence each day at 9 a.m.

EVENTS:

Championship of the River Plate.

GENTLEMEN'S SINGLES.

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

LADIES' SINGLES, HANDICAP.

Entrance fee \$5.

GENTLEMEN'S SINGLES, HANDICAP.

Entrance fee \$5.

LADIES' AND GENTLEMEN'S DOUBLES, HANDICAP

Entrance fee \$5 each player.

GENTLEMEN'S DOUBLES, HANDICAP.

Entrance fee \$5 each player.

LADIES' DOUBLES, HANDICAP.

Entrance fee \$5 each player.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Visitors' tickets, available for the three days of the Tournament, may be obtained from the Hon. Secretary in exchange for visiting card signed by a competitor or a member of the Buenos Aires Lawn Tennis Club.

H. H. WOODGATE, Hon. Sec.

List of Clubs with their Secretaries

ATHLETIC CLUBS

AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION OF THE RIVER PLATE—*Blue and White*—E. Danvers, 475 Piedad.
 BANFIELD—A. H. Poulton, Piedad 399, Buenos Aires.
 BARKER MEMORIAL SCHOOL, LOMAS—*Blue and Gold*—Charles Young, Barker Memorial School, Lomas, F.C.S.
 BELGRANO—J. G. Dunn, Bolsa, No. 6, Buenos Aires.
 CAMPANA—A. H. King, Campana.
 CENTRAL ARGENTINE RAILWAY—*Red and White*—R. H. Chamberlin, Almacenes, F.C.C.A., Rosario.
 CORDOBA—J. C. Bowden, Gerencia, F.C.C.C., Córdoba.
 ENGLISH HIGH SCHOOL—*Red and White*—A. Coste, 3590 Santa Fé.
 FLORES—*Light Blue, Yellow, and Dark Blue with narrow White Stripes*—B. Henderson, Flores, F.C.O.
 HURLINGHAM—*Blue, Red and Yellow*—F. J. Balfour, 559 Piedad, Buenos Aires.
 JUNIN—D. A. Aird, Junin, F. C. Pacifico.
 LANUS (F.C.S.)—*Dark Blue*—E. Luck, Lanus.
 LOBOS—*Blue and Red*—James F. McKeon, Lobos, F.C.S.
 LOMAS—*Lincoln Green, Scarlet and Gold*—T. R. Griffin, Casilla de Correo 1491.
 MERCEDES—*Green and Gold*—G. Carey.
 MONTEVIDEO—O. Scoones, Zabala 104, Montevideo.
 PALERMO—*White with Red Rosette*—A. J. Rugeroni, 274 Reconquista.
 PORTENO—*Dark Blue and White*—T. Mullaly, Piedras 335.
 ROLDAN—T. H. Wilson, Talleres, F.C.C.A., Rosario.
 ROSARIO—*Claret and Light Blue*—F. W. Brooker, La Administracion, F.C.C.A., Rosario.
 ROVERS—
 SAN MARTIN—*Light Blue*—J. Y. Caldwell, San Martin, F.C.R.
 TUCUMAN—James F. Barnes, F.C.N.O.A., Tucuman.
 WANDERERS—*White, Light Blue Band*—H. Macgregor, 1045 Australia, Barracas al Norte.

BUENOS AIRES CANINE ASSOCIATION.
 W. L. Southall, 25 de Mayo 175.

BICYCLE CLUBS

UNION VELOCIPEDICA ARGENTINA—J. A. Tenorio, Avenida de Mayo 644.
 CLUB DE VELOCIPEDISTAS—M. R. Linares, Avenida de Mayo 644.
 SOUTHERN CROSS—G. T. Harris, Temperley, F.C.S.
 TANDEM CLUB—J. C. Achard, Calle Aroma 75.
 VELOZ CLUB ESPAÑOL—T. Brea, Lima 175.
 CLUB CICLISTA ARGENTINA—D. Repetto, Alsina 627.
 Centro Militar de Velocipedistas, Rivadavia 1872.

CHORAL UNION

R. Mackern, Piedad 513 (Office No. 27)

CRICKET CLUBS

BOHEMIANS—*Rifle Green and Crimson*—C. M. Belton, 2051 Calle Bustamante.
 BUENOS AIRES—*Crimson and Black*—R. W. Anderson, 479 Calle Piedad.
 CASUALS—W. G. Fitzgerald, F.C.C.A., Retiro.
 CENTRAL URUGUAY—*Black and Orange*—P. G. Sedgfield, Talleres, F.C.C.U., Montevideo.
 FISHERTON—J. Beaumont.
 HURLINGHAM—*Blue, Red and Yellow*—F. J. Balfour, 559 Piedad, Buenos Aires.
 LONDON BANK—J. Stuart, Banco de Londres.
 MONTEVIDEO—*Dark Blue and Orange*—A. D. Dunbar, Club Inglés, Montevideo.
 WESTERN RAILWAY—*Dark Crimson*—W. Schoppe, Tolosa

DRAMATIC CLUB

H. M. Mills, Piedad 513 (Office No. 27)

FOOTBALL CLUBS

ALBION—*Dark Blue and Red*—H. C. Lichtenberger, Barraca Inglesa, Montevideo.
 Argentine Association League—J. O. Anderson, 559 Piedad.
 BUENOS AIRES (Rugby)—*Blue and White*—M. F. Gilderdale, 148 Maipú.
 HURLINGHAM—*Blue, Red and Yellow*—F. J. Balfour, 559 Piedad, Buenos Aires.
 ROSARIO ASSOCIATION LEAGUE—W. S. Penman, F.C.C.A., Rosario.

GOLF CLUBS.

BUENOS AIRES—
 FISHERTON—Lawford Huxtable.
 LOMAS—Charles Alexander, Maipú 135.
 MONTEVIDEO—A. M. Frederick, Contaduria, F.C.C. del U., Montevideo.

HUNT CLUBS

Ceibos—5½ couples, Foxhounds—Master, T. W. Jefferies.
 Hurlingham—10½ couples, Harriers (drag)—Master, F. J. Balfour; Secretary, F. W. Clunie; Treasurer, F. Furber.

KENNEL CLUB

Mr Chapman, Reconquista 290.

LAWN TENNIS CLUBS

BUENOS AIRES—*Light and Dark Blue and Yellow*—H. H. Woodgate, 25 de Mayo 130, Buenos Aires.
 PAYSANDÚ—*Maroon and White*—S. W. Roberts, Banco de Londres, Paysandú.
 QUILMES—H. A. Ritchie, Quinta de Younger, Quilmes.
 ROSARIO—James Neil.
 VILLA DEVOTO—Frank Reeves.

POLO CLUBS

ASSOCIATION OF THE RIVER PLATE—A. L. Williamson, 559 Piedad.
 BAHIA BLANCA—John Hampson, Loma Amarilla, Bajo Hondo, Bahia Blanca, F.C.S.
 BELGRANO—*Black and Gold*—F. M. Still, Piedad 370.
 BELLACO—*Red and Blue*—T. Murray Lees, Banco de Londres, Paysandú, B.O.
 CAMP OF URUGUAY—*Pale Blue*—L. Edwards, Barrancas Coloradas, Colonia.
 CAÑADA DE GOMEZ—*Red and Yellow*—Hon. F. White, C. de Gomez, F.C.C.A.
 CASUALS—*Crimson and White*—C. J. Tetley, La Langosta, Venado Tuerto.
 GUALEGUAY—*Crimson and French Grey*—H. J. Newbury, Gualaguay, Entre Rios.
 HURLINGHAM—*Blue, Red and Yellow*—F. J. Balfour, 559 Piedad, Buenos Aires.
 JUJUY—*Black*—H. Wright Poore, c/o. Loach 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 á Rufino.
 LA COLINA—*Dark Green and White*—Glynn Williams, Estancia San Anselmo, La Colina, F.C.S.
 LA VICTORIA—*Brown and Yellow*—Magnus Fea, Estacion El Trebol, F. C. Central Argentino.
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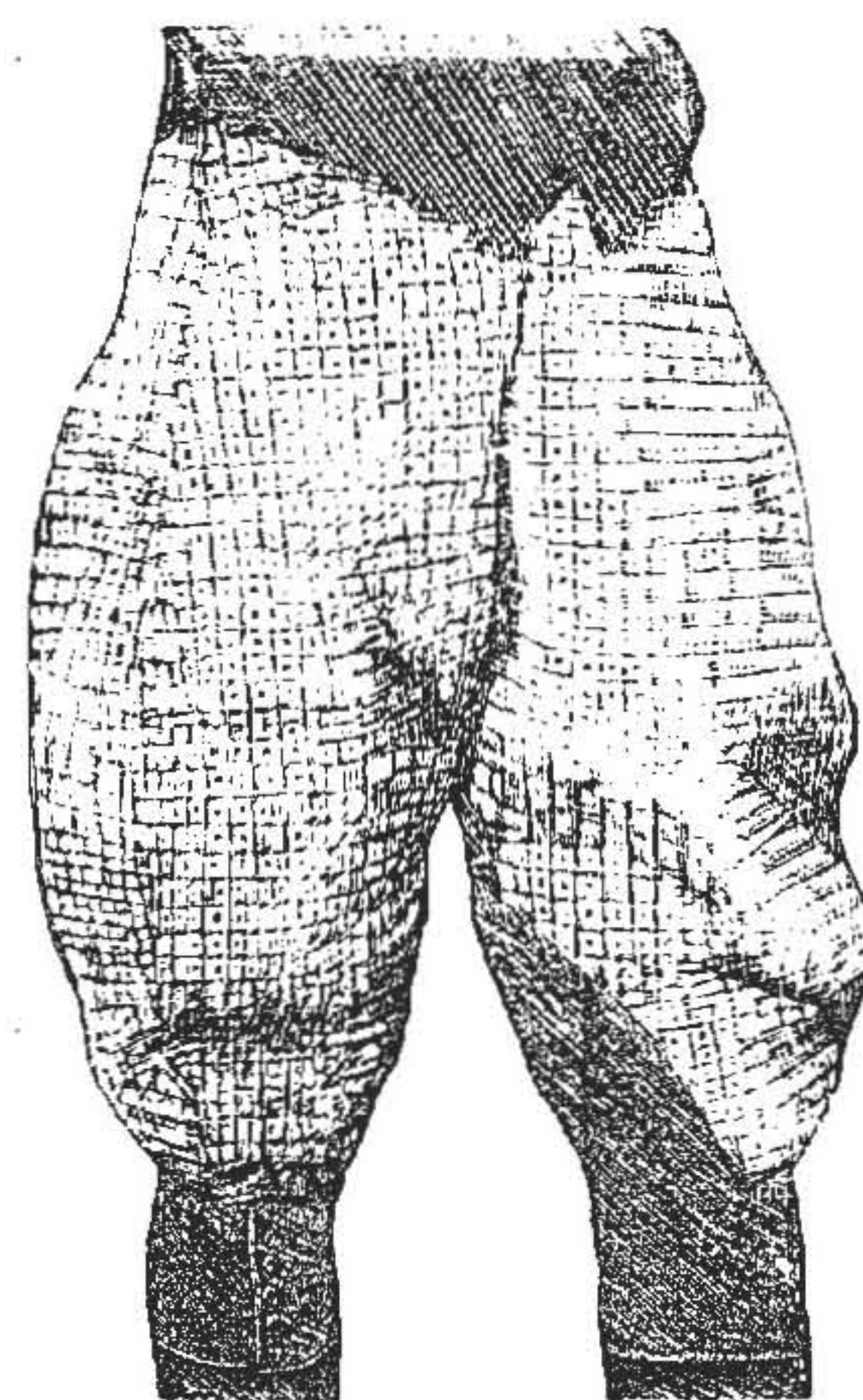
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PAVILION GOSSIP.

The first League match of the season was played on Sunday last at Flores, and the result came as a great surprise to many footballers who hardly expected to see Flores go down before Belgrano. However, the latter team played up splendidly, and kept up a decidedly warm pace throughout and their condition and to the weakness of the Flores backs they owe their victory. The home forwards led off well and made some very nice combined runs, and with a stronger back division would probably have given a different account of themselves.

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Lomas and Lanus again tried conclusions at Lomas, and this time the visitors returned victorious by one goal to nothing, scored in the first half. Lomas were poorly represented, but should have scored several times, their shooting being very bad indeed. To-morrow Lomas and Banfield and Flores and Belgrano B meet in League encounters, and the two older clubs should come out of the ordeal safely. To-morrow also sees the Rugby season started, and all Rugby football players caring for a game should journey out to Lomas where a practice game is to be played.

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Since writing the above I hear that the B. A. F. C. Secretary is experiencing the greatest difficulty in raising two teams for to-morrow's game. If this is the case it is a very great pity, as without practice the game becomes a farce. I sincerely hope our Rugby football players are not going to allow that splendid game to drop out of existence here, simply because Association is steadily on the increase. A capital list of matches has been arranged, and there is no reason why a real good season should not result.

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Football is steadily increasing in popularity in Montevideo, and the number of spectators who have witnessed the last five matches average twelve hundred each match! So enthusiastic and numerous have the spectators become that it has been necessary to rope in the field of play, as the natives grow so excited they encroach on the ground and hinder the players. On Sunday last a still further sign of the popularity football has attained there, was shown by the fact that, for the first time, second elevens took the field and a very fair match resulted in a draw of one goal each.

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So the great Association match ended in a victory for Scotland. Since the institution of the International away back in 1872, England and Scotland have done battle no fewer than 26 times. Of these matches 6 have been drawn, 7 won by England, and 13 by Scotland. The goals have been 53 for England, and 63 for Scotland. Thus it will be seen that while Scotland has gained a lead of six matches, yet she can only boast of a majority of ten goals.

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An incident in the England and Scotland match reminds me of a little point I would like to warn our referees about. Often when an appeal for a foul is made and allowed, the kick is taken from anywhere within five or six yards of the supposed spot where the infringement took place. This is not as it should be, the referee should carefully mark the spot and see that the kick is taken from there, or better still he should place the ball himself.

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The incident above referred to in the International match was a little bye-play between Doyle, one of the Scotch full-backs, and the referee. The referee allowed a free-kick and placed the ball, but Doyle did not like the way the ball was placed and just rolled it over. After he had kicked it, the ball was ordered back, and the kick had to be taken over again. A little firmness of this description among our referees would do much good.

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The University boat race of this year must be regarded as a very tame one when compared with the magnificent struggle of 1896. As is always the case many and varied are the excuses brought forward for the Cantabs defeat, though apparently there was but little doubt as to which was the superior crew. The fact that the Dark Blue crew, with one exception, was composed of Old Etonians is the reason given by most critics for the marked superiority of the Oxonians.

Undoubtedly the fact of seven old school fellows being together in one crew, must make a great difference. Besides, for many years past, Eton men have been coached at school by old Blues and few college eights can now hold their own against a good Grand Challenge crew from Eton. It is obvious that an oarsman who has been properly coached as a boy has a great advantage over a man who never learned to row in a racing eight until he went up to the University. The muscles of the boy get trained to rowing in a boat, he becomes almost instinctively a good waterman, and he goes up to college a finished oar, whereas a man who begins at the University usually has a lot of bad habits to unlearn, and by the time he goes down is only just beginning to be a valuable man.

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An extraordinary occurrence took place at the recent Inter-Varsity sports. The official time for the three mile was given out as 14 min. 47 sec., which time was 20 sec. faster than that recorded by several unofficial watches. If the official time was correct, the winner ran the last lap some seconds faster than the first, which sounds rather absurd. The fact is, it is not right to altogether rely on one time-keeper, and the regulations suggest there should be three and that in case of a difference the mean time should be adopted.

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Another occurrence at these sports which suggests the need of altered arrangements in the future was the judging of the 100 yards. One judge was certain that the Oxonian had won, while the other was equally confident that the Cantab was first, and the referee was altogether unable to separate them. In the last six years, at these sports, there have been as many as three dead-heats in the 100 yards, and it is high time some invention was used to aid the judges in their difficult task.

THE CONFESSION OF A CHEAT.

About the middle of August there arose a rumour of a new star in the billiard world. This was a young Russian, who was said to have reaped the highest honours in St. Petersburg, and have beaten every opponent who had ventured to meet him. As usual, the most exaggerated reports were circulated regarding him, and he must have been a magician, working his enchantments, if half that was said were true. It was inevitable that I should be pitted against him. Everybody talked of this consummation, and was eager to bring it about. Crannel did not start any objection; and my admirers making up a considerable purse, the affair was decided on. The match was to come off in the Palais Royal by daylight, on the Sunday. I had never seen my opponent up to the hour of our meeting, and when, with Crannel, who had betted liberally on my side, I repaired to the spot, what was my astonishment in recognising in the renowned Russian my once shirtless antagonist, Pat Meagher, whom, as a lad, I had defeated at Bath. It is true he looked the Russian well in a pair of dark whiskers and a Cossack moustache; and he talked Russ most glibly with a friend who accompanied him. Still there was the unmistakable Irish face, and the undeniable brogue flavoured his Slavonic speech. I was glad to see that he did not recognise me; but I was determined to seek him out and have a private conference if possible. In stripping for the match after we had shaken hands he dropped a card from his vest-pocket, and in a moment I had secreted it unobserved, and the contest began. But for my previous knowledge of Meagher's play, and the points in which his strength lay, I might possibly have been beaten, and that summarily. As it was, the contest was a succession of wary sparrings, in which nothing brilliant was either done or attempted. Had a drawn match been possible in billiards, this would have been drawn. It ended in my winning, through the failure of an almost impossible stroke which, at the last crisis, my adversary was compelled to attempt, and which left the game in my hands. I was immensely pleased with this victory, on more accounts than one. I had not only gained reputation, but I had convinced myself that the quasi-Russian was incapable, in the long run, of holding his own against me.

One night Meagher's patron, Mortier, who came to the cafe where we played with the scowl of a fiend on his brow, and in a state of furious excitement—as was always the case when he drank freely—began to vociferate violently and to bet heavily on his protégé. M. Florian, who was present, immediately indicated that I was to win, and accepted all Mortier's proffered bets in addition to those he had already made. It chanced that he had scarcely accepted these pledges, when one of those accidents, which are always contingent on the board of green cloth, and which the most experienced players cannot always guard against, gave Meagher such a decided advantage in the game as should, and would under ordinary circumstances, have secured his winning it. Mortier now redoubled, his clamour, and offered very heavy odds, challenging the whole room to accept them. Florian instantly did so, and they were accepted by Crannel also to a very unusually large amount. The game went on, and I recovered my lost ground so far that, as it drew towards the close, I had scored as many points as my opponent and two points more scored by either of us would win the game. It was Meagher's turn to play, and his ball being under the cushion, he gave a miss, which, while it was the right play, was also good policy for us, since, had any accident sent one of the balls into the pocket, all would have been over. It was now my turn, and there was a winning hazard on the balls, which at any other time I could have made with ease and certainty. Up to this moment of my life I had never known what it was to be nervous; but now a panic fit seized me—the cue trembled in my hand. If I did not win I knew that Florian would lose more than all three of us could pay. I essayed to make the stroke but there were two hundred thousand francs depending on it. I felt the eye of Crannel upon me, and every sinew of my frame vibrated. Calling for a glass of iced water, I drank it off, and then, endeavouring to think of something else, hastily struck the stroke. The red ball, instead of dropping into the pocket, struck the small angle of the cushion, rebounded, and kissed my own, the two then stopping, one on each side of the pocket, with a space between them barely wide enough for a ball to pass through. There were a hundred eyes looking on but not a lip moved, only a suppressed groan arose for an instant among my partisans.

It was now Meagher's turn to play, and it was almost impossible for him to strike either ball without winning the game, in which case we were ruined. He did not seem at all disturbed, but lowered his cue to play. I thought he would take the only course open to him, and make a foul stroke; instead of that, he drove his ball sheer between the other two without touching either of them, and ran a "coo" in the pocket, thus losing the game. Affecting the utmost horror at what he had done, he dashed down his cue and began tearing his hair and blaspheming. I, of course, knew that he had done it in purpose, but the thing was so difficult, so apparently impossible, that the spectators did not suspect foul play—none of them, with the exception of Mortier, who, having already his suspicions aroused, was now convinced of the justice of them as well as enraged to madness at the heavy losses he had incurred. With a countenance livid with fury, he rushed towards Meagher, and, yelling a desperate oath, dealt him a savage blow on the face. A horrid scene ensued. The Irishman flew at his aggressor's throat, and would have strangled him on the spot but for the interference of a

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dozen strong arms, which tore him away. Frenzied beyond all control of himself, he burst out with a torrent of invective abuse and rabid curses, and, leaping on the table, called heaven and earth to witness that he would not move thence alive without the heart's blood of the villain who had struck him. Mortier at first responded only by a sarcastic sneer and turned his back upon him. But the Irish blood was not to be so appeased. Branding his patron as coward, and heaping on him the foulest charges Meagher continued to denounce him as robber, assassin, traitor, and *forget*, and called on the company to listen while he gave them the veritable history of the monster.

Mortier, who had started at the word *forget*, again winced, and, turning sharply round, "Let us have weapons," he said, "the fool shall have his way." Springing on the table, he folded his arms, and awaited the issue with a suppressed eagerness which showed how deep should be his revenge. Rapiers were brought; it was notified to both that if either of them quitted the table he would be instantly disarmed, held to be defeated, and incapable of resuming the strife. Then M. Florian drew a chalk line across the centre of the cloth, the weapons were delivered to each, and the duel began. Meagher, to whom the delay had afforded a moment for reflection, which he wasted in fuming and stamping, advanced boldly to the encounter. Mortier, who was the shorter by nearly a head, instead of opposing him in the usual attitude, stood bent forward in a half circle, with his rapier-point quivering above his head. Some rapid passes took place, and Mortier was seen to be bleeding from two slight wounds; but he was cool and wary in proportion to the peril parried the deadly lunges of his tall foe with unvarying certainty, and at length, springing forward within his guard, instantly shortened his weapon, and thrust it sheer through the breast of the poor Irishman, who leaped with a wild cry into the air, and fell on the table a corpse.

Poverty, the ultimate lot of nearly all gamblers, has been mine for many a weary year. With mature age came dyspepsia and nervousness, and then all reliance on my skill as a billiard-player vanished. Of all accomplishments, this is one that requires the most perfect condition of the physical faculties, and no man who is conscious that he possesses either nervous system or ventral organs need expect to excel in it. My confession may well end here.

LIKE DIAN'S KISS.

In a snug corner of Bohemia two hardworking women had made their home. Many things had tended towards this painfully-attained independence: a domestic tyranny that roused the resentment of the awakening souls; the shameful pinch of cloaked poverty that made pleasure a tantalising dream; an end-of-the-century yearning to achieve and become known—all helped them through the drudgery of teaching that enabled them to pay the fees of the Art School, where they breathed the bracing atmosphere of ambition and success. The pinching and scraping of those years were dreadful to look back upon; they had never had enough of anything—even of necessary food, air, and relaxation; at home, endless quarrels and recriminations, their father's pompous anger, their mother's fretful complaining; abroad, the wearisome attention and dull monotony of instilling the lessons they had outgrown. Only the brief, interesting hours of the Art School to look forward to, where sometimes rare words of encouragement and praise fell like dew on their parched and suffering hearts, stifling for a glorious space the haunting consciousness of shabby frocks and misshapen boots. They had worked with a desperate energy that roused, first, the interest, then the envy of their fellow-students, and, succeeding beyond all hopes in the cultivation of those precious glimpses of genius that tided them through the long and difficult training, had bidden farewell to the old life with light hearts, beginning the new one confidently, for they were prepared to be thankful for the smallest mercies, seeing only what they had gained.

But, though they had not had time to realise it, they had sacrificed to those weary years the nameless attraction, the beauty and softness, of youth that is irretrievable; and their capacity as bread-winners made them abrupt, business-like, and wide awake in worldly affairs to the detriment of the delicate, undefinable fascinations which fate had left them no time to cultivate.

They were characterised by a Bohemian impatience of conventionalities, yet no breath of slander sullied their frank and busy lives; and, holding an equally high position in the world of black and white, they never quarrelled, not only because past struggles had knit the sisterly tie too firmly for the subtlest misunderstanding to sever.

One afternoon the artist laid down her brush with a discontented air. She felt the doubt that assails one with the attempt to achieve perfection.

It was her task to illustrate the story of a young author whose possible success or failure had become a matter of moment to her—whose confidence and praise seemed sweeter than anything fame had brought, and in her anxiety to do justice to this labour of love, she grew nervous and uncertain.

As she leant back sighing, her sister entered, bonneted and cloaked. She came forward, and bent a critical eye on the sketch, then looked up, laughing.

"Why, it's the best thing you've done, you hypercritical woman."

"The other put out a detaining hand."

"Do you really think it carries out his idea?" she said, with an eagerness that betrayed both doubt and desire.

"Of course it does. He will be delighted. He always says no one understands him as you do."

The artist looked downward, toying with the brush; her heart began to throb tumultuously, and it was not till long after her sister had left her musing in silence, that she began to paint again, working on steadily till a light knock at the door and the sound of a well-known voice sent the colour in her cheeks.

"May I come in?" said the author, entering with a query.

Her face glowed a warm welcome.

"Come and see if this will do."

He came close to her, looking over her shoulder with the freedom their friendship warranted.

"It's splendid," he said, after a long, admiring gaze.

She drank in the sweet, approving words, her eyes fixed hungrily on his bright face, whose every shade she knew and noted. The mere sound of his voice meant happiness, and the reward of her morning's toil. And as he leant back contentedly in the window seat, she laid away her brushes, and settled herself for the long interchange of views and impressions she anticipated. They both held decided opinions, often opposed, and then detented with mutual obstinacy. To-day the conversation turned on the eternal question of the equality—or inequality—of the sexes, and their sympathies flowed together. She spoke warmly, rejoicing in her own untrammelled existence, and prophesying the future advancement of women. He answered in the same strain, his mind biased by the image in his heart of another woman, whose mental and mundane superiority made her seem too difficult to claim, to whom his best work and his best thoughts tended, leaving him still doubtful of her love, though her grace and kindness kept him ever hovering on the brink of the momentous question to which her wealth was the greatest obstacle.

They talked on, smoothing away man's privilege with reflections on the progress of the century, and the possibility of the fight for franchise.

"But," mused the artist, following a circuitous train of thought, "it is to be hoped the coming advantages may not alter those that already exist, and are too valuable to lose." She laughed and paused.

"Name the one in your mind," he urged, smiling.

"Speak out; we understand each other, you and I."

Again the bright dash of colour in her cheek.

"I mean the right of saying yes or no."

"Then, is the right of asking no privilege?"

"Not if the answer be uncertain—and yet—" She looked up suddenly. "Oh, yes, it is. A woman must love, and doubt, and wait, in silence, when one question may bring happiness—or resignation."

"And a man must risk the cruellest of wounds—one that will smart in secret when no scar may be seen. No—no; you need not wish for it; it is better to have the doubts and the heartache, and of saying yes or no."

"Then, you think on this point, at least, inequality is desirable?"

"Speaking unselfishly—yes. In my heart of hearts I wish it could be otherwise."

He spoke earnestly, almost bitterly. It seemed such an easy solution of the problem that entangled his life. Ah! if the question might come from his unattainable beloved, if the risk of ending the precious friendship could be avoided! She could hint it so gently, so sweetly, showing him how she sounded the depth of a devotion tempered by no mercenary thought. And even if, possessing this power, she did not use it, he would be spared the pain of her refusal, the snapping of the ties that drew them near in the crush and turmoil of the gay and selfish world they frequented. The idea of this reversal of accepted facts intoxicated him, he dwelt on it long, unconscious of the artist's keen scrutiny, blind to the tender light in her eyes. She broke the silence at last, her heart fluttering wildly:—

"You speak seriously. I wonder what difference it could make to you?"

He hesitated, tempted to tell his story, and conscious of a brotherly craving for the kind and sensible advice he had learnt to expect, yet feeling unaccountably reluctant to part with the secret so long nurtured in silence.

"Supposing," he began, ambiguously, "a man loves a woman whom he deems far above him, as men in love should do—not knowing whether she cares for him, fearing that a hasty avowal may sever a friendship he values—having all to gain and little to offer—he stopped, biting his lips."

The artist bent forward, her eyes shining, her face aglow with strange excitement. No doubt troubled her inexperienced heart—it must of themselves he spoke. She longed to tell him that she understood—that she read him like an open book, but she was loth to lose this sweet and modest revelation of suffering. Oh! the glorious power of love how blind, how humble he must be to doubt her answer!

"Go on," she said, breathlessly.

"Well, if she might come to him fearlessly and say, 'I have chosen you, do you love me?'—ending his suspense and hers—he drew a deep breath—'ah! how I envy the privilege of that answer!'"

The artist laid a trembling hand on his knee.

"He is too timid," she said, softly. "If he love her so dearly, he must risk the answer."

The author shook his head.

"He is a coward, and could not bear the pain of her refusal."

"But if she spoke, he would think her unwomanly."

"Not that woman,"

He had risen and stood at the window, striving to still the storm that stirred in his breast at the baffling visions he had conjured. She drew near him, ready to bestow the gift of gifts, her eyes glad with the confession that was so difficult to utter. Modesty, pride, the prejudice of centuries held it back; the overwhelming force of this pent passion that filled her life with its intensity, a blind belief in the requital that only awaited her avowal, an irresistible mad impulse that left no time

for thought urged it on. She faced him, faint from the struggle, choking with emotion, but taking courage at the sight of his downcast face. Tenderly, resolutely, she repeated his own words:—

"I have chosen you. Do you love me?"

For a moment the author stood aghast, scarcely realising what had happened. But his look of wonder deepened to pain, as, in a flash, it came to him—the result of their advanced reasoning, the putting into practice of the crude and foolish theory he had selfishly advocated. Desperately he sought some word that might undeceive, without wounding, her, but it was too late—the brief look of dismay had told her everything, and, shrinking from him, she buried her face in her hands, and broke into a passion of tears.

"I understand—don't speak to me. Go—go; I cannot bear it: the humiliation is too great."

She flung herself into a chair, weeping hysterically.

"Forget what I said; I must have been mad. Please—please go."

"You were joking, of course," he began, awkwardly, half hoping to reassure her by a pretence of misunderstanding. "One always does about Woman's Rights and that sort of thing."

She was too crushed to answer in the same strain.

"I shall never forgive myself. The memory of it will hurt me as long as I live."

The author laid his hand gently on her shoulder.

"My dear, you are too strong and sensible to dwell on this. We will forget it, and only remember our perfect good-fellowship."

She lifted a haggard, tear-stained face.

"No—it can never be the same. This must be good-bye."

A final protest died on the author's lips, for he knew in his inmost heart that she was right. He longed to comfort her—to find some expression for the sympathy and sorrow he felt, yet he was conscious that an explanation could only cause fresh pain.

Suddenly snatches of song, and the sound of ascending footsteps broke the sad silence. Nearer and nearer they came, and now a quivering ray of light lit the staircase and shone dimly across the studio.

"Good-bye," she repeated, tremulously, and put out her hand. He took it, then stooping hastily, pressed on her forehead a first and last kiss.

"God bless you, dear—good-bye."

NATURAL HISTORY.

White mustard has been tried as a forage for cattle in Tunisia, and found to do well. It is relished by cattle, and contains a good deal of nourishment (88.2 per cent. of water, 2.6 of proteic matter, 0.11 fatty matter, 2.4 matter soluble in alcohol, 1.7 of starch, and 2.4 of cellulose, with mineral matters).

Camels are coming into quite extensive use as beasts of burden in West Australia, over five hundred animals having been carried to that colony in one vessel from India a few weeks ago, with the loss of only three on the passage. The camels are described as of the Khorasan variety, and as purchased in Beloochistan.

The beautiful iridescence of the Brazilian diamond beetle (*Eotimus imperialis*) has been shown by Dr. Garbasso (Memoirs of the Academy of Sciences, Turin) to arise solely from interference of the rays of light, as in the soap-bubble, or very thin films and plates. The scales of the beetle are, in fact, composed of two thin layers, separated by a space.

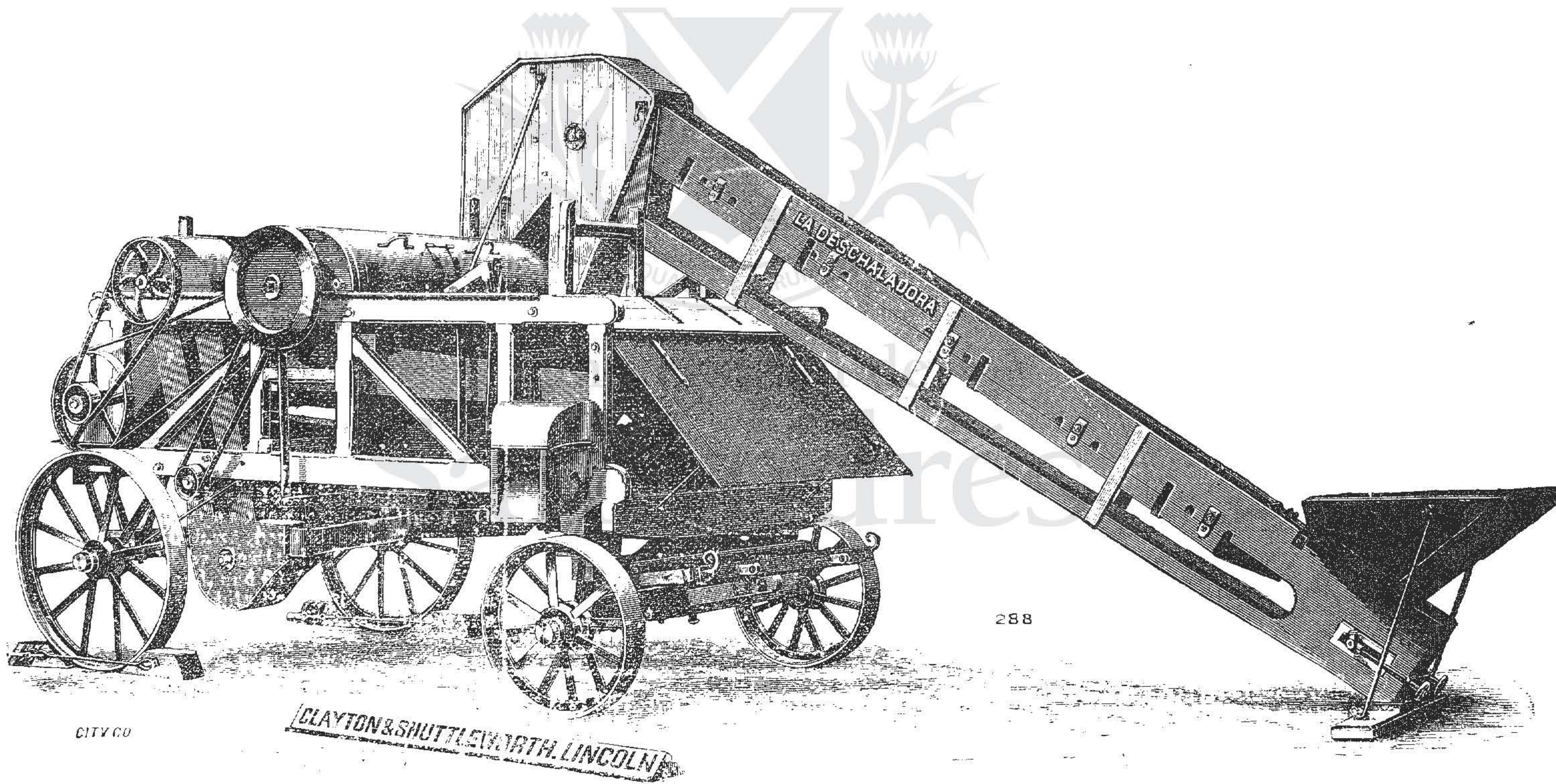
Much attention has lately been drawn to Crater Lake, a remarkable body of deep water in the Cascade mountains of Oregon, occupying immense crater of an extinct volcano. It has been suggested that this mountain was once one of the loftiest in America, but that ages ago its summit fell in. The heart of the mountain is now occupied by a lake of exquisitely blue water, whose greatest depth is 200ft. The lake is six miles long by about four and a-half miles in width, and is completely encircled by precipitous walls varying in height from 1000ft. to 2000ft. above the water. The greatest elevation of the crater rim above sea level is 8200ft. Crater Lake is now ranked among the wonders of natural scenery in the world.

Some further particulars are to hand concerning the enormous octopus which was washed ashore on the coast of Florida. The body, as it lies somewhat embedded in the sand, is eighteen feet long, and about seven wide, while it rises three-and-a-half feet above the sand. This indicates that when living its diameter must have been at least five-and-a-half feet. The weight of the body and head would have been at least four or five tons. If the eight arms held the proportions usually seen in smaller species of the octopus they would have been at least seventy-five to one hundred feet in length, and about eighteen inches in diameter at the base. Dr. Webb, of St. Augustine, who personally examined the creature the next day after it had been cast ashore states that a subsequent examination of the sand disclosed a portion of one of the arms thirty-six feet in length and ten inches in diameter at its broken extremity. Probably this was less than one-half of the arm, for they taper gradually to a point. The photographs taken from four different points of view show that the body is flattened, pearshaped, and largest near the back end, which is broadly rounded, and without fins. This form of the body and its proportions show that it is an eight-armed cuttlefish, or octopus, and not a gigantic ten-armed squid like the devil-fishes of other regions.

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