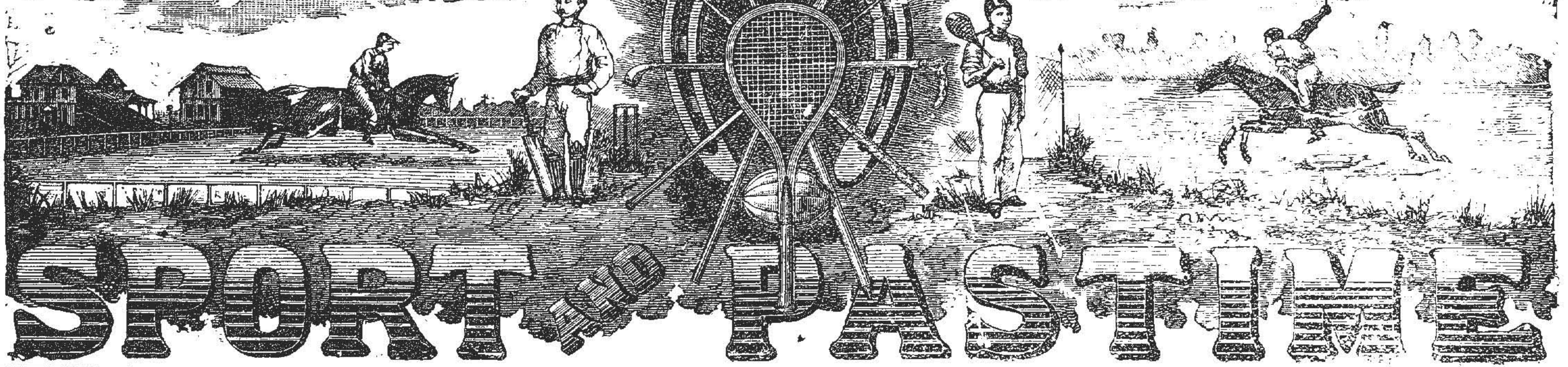


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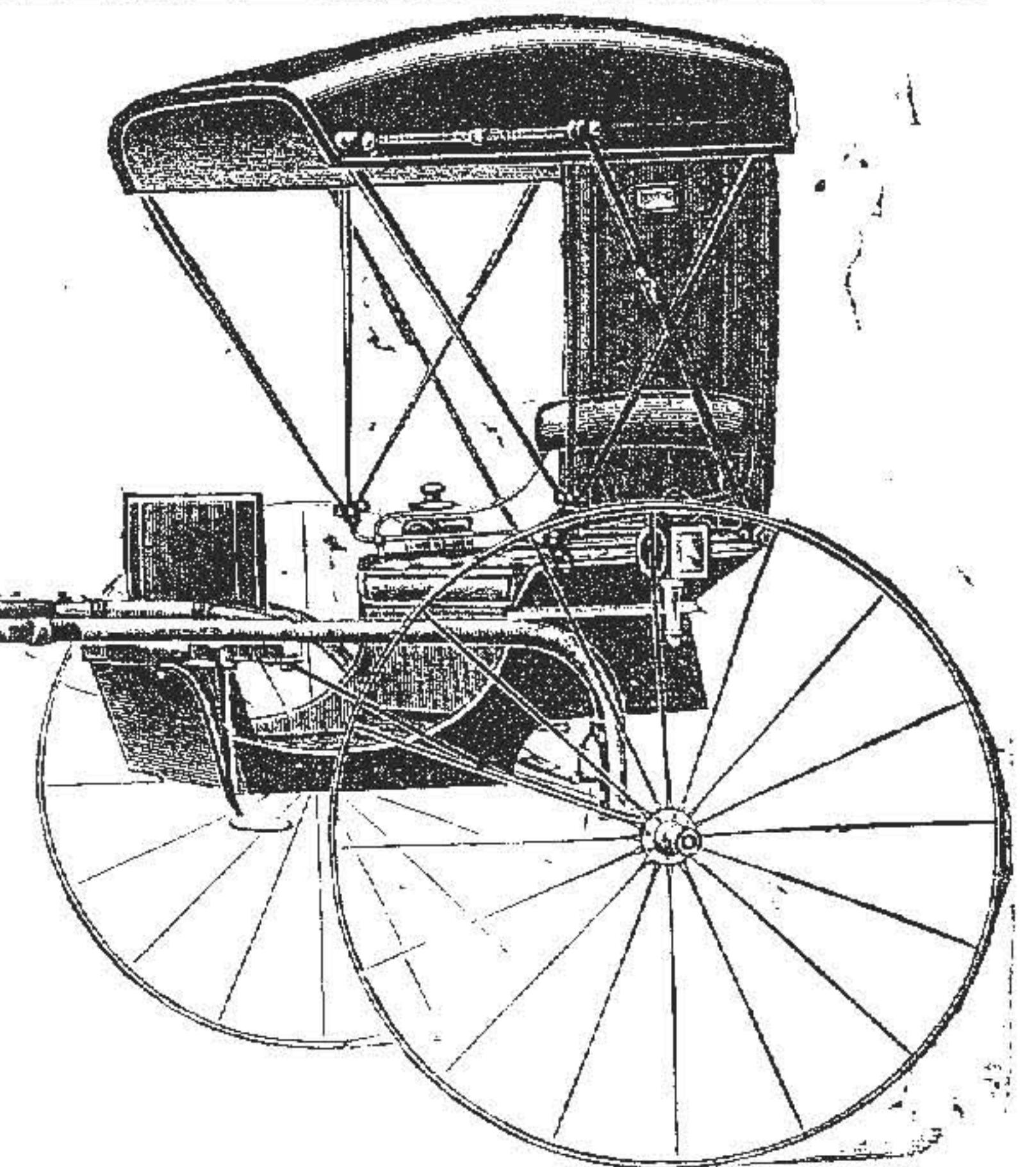
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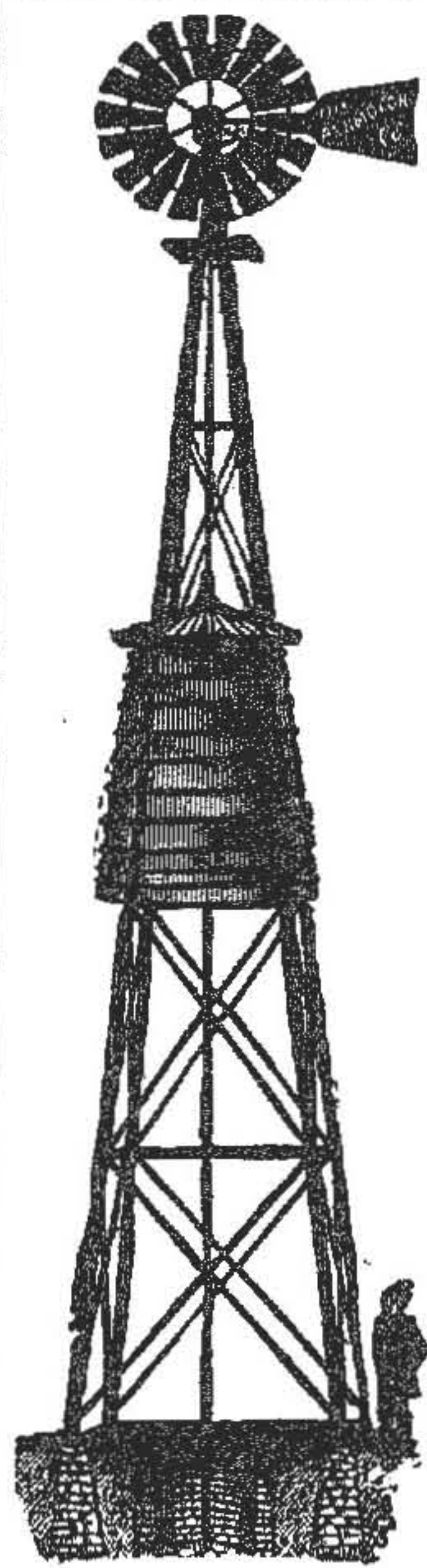
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LOMAS A.C. 2ND XI.

BATTING AND BOWLING AVERAGES—1896-97.

Below we give the averages of the Lomas 2nd XI. They played 13 matches during the season, of which 9 were won, 3 lost, and 1 drawn. The total runs scored for them were 1550 for 150 wickets, giving an average of 10.33 per batsman. The total runs scored against them were 1150 for 131 wickets, or an average of 8.78 per wicket. They defeated the Flores 2nd XI. in both their engagements, so that their season may be considered to have been a successful one.

BATTING AVERAGES.

	No. Times		Total Runs.	High Score.	Aver.
	inns.	out.			
A. J. McMorran	5	1	102	44	25.5
E. W. McGregor	5	1	82	53	20.5
A. A. Miller	10	0	195	46	19.5
W. R. Goodbody	7	0	128	73	18.29
J. Wright	8	1	103	49	14.71
W. Flint	6	0	83	34	13.83
H. Dobson	14	4	95	20	9.5
W. Stirling	7	2	45	14*	9
W. G. Cowes	4	0	36	11	9
D. Duncan	10	0	75	21	7.5
J. Tait	4	0	30	16	7.5
G. M. Comber	5	0	37	19	7.4
D. Gibson	11	0	77	21	7
C. P. Davis	13	1	68	16	5.67
C. Gibson	9	3	28	24*	4.67
A. A. G. Dobson	10	3	31	10	4.43
S. Gibson	14	3	32	9	2.91
R. R. Colson	4	0	8	6	2
H. O. Dodds	5	0	8	5	1.6

Also batted—

L. Jacobs	3	1	33	24	19
H. A. Hannay	2	0	35	21	17.5
Rev. E. G. Cocks	2	0	20	15	10
R. E. Draper	2	0	12	7	6
A. G. Craig	2	1	2	2	2
T. R. Griffin	1	0	15	15	—
H. G. Sketchley	1	0	7	7	—
C. F. Kennard	1	0	3	3	—
F. X. Carter	1	1	2	2*	—
A. A. Goodfellow	1	0	0	0	—

* Signifies not out.

BOWLING AVERAGES.

	O.	R.	M.	W.	Av.
W. R. Goodbody	53.2	96	11	18	5.33
G. M. Comber	35	73	7	12	6.03
A. J. McMorran	48.4	92	15	13	7.08
S. Gibson	100.3	241	23	31	7.77
R. E. Draper	23	52	8	6	8.67
R. R. Colson	21	48	5	5	9.6
W. Stirling	55.2	130	14	13	10
A. A. Miller	32	78	4	7	11.14
J. Wright	51.3	121	12	10	12.1
C. P. C. Comber	17	41	2	2	20.5
H. O. Dodds	14	30	3	1	30

Also bowled—

Rev. E. G. Cocks	6	13	1	0	—
C. P. Davis	3	22	0	0	—

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COLTS' MATCH.

It could not be claimed for this annual match, played on the Old Trent Bridge Ground at Nottingham, on Easter Monday and Tuesday, that it proved so attractive to the public as many of the trials which had preceded it. The principal drawback was unfavourable weather, especially on the first day. Rain, it is true, held off, but the clouds were extremely lowering, and there was a complete absence of sun throughout. Owing to heavy showers and other militant causes since April set in, few opportunities had been afforded either the Colts or the County eleven to engage in practice, and as a result the rival teams lacked condition. It was known, in fact, that several members of the County eleven had not appeared on a cricket pitch at all. A. O. Jones, Flowers, Attewell, and Shrewsbury were prominent absentees on the side of the Eleven, and two of the Colts, living in Yorkshire but qualified by birth to represent Nottinghamshire, failed to put in an appearance. Special attention had been bestowed upon the wickets, and, but for a heavy downpour of rain on the previous Saturday, they would have been in excellent condition. As it was, they were slow and adverse to fast scoring. The Colts were allowed to open the batting, the innings lasting three hours less ten minutes. Going in first wicket down, J. Gunn, a nephew of William Gunn, played most promising cricket. He stayed two hours for twenty. He bats and bowls left arm and is very smart in the field. Last season he was given a trial for Nottinghamshire against Gloucestershire at Bristol, and he now promises to make a thoroughly useful all-round player. On the side of the Eleven H. B. Da't and Bagguley batted patiently and well, and, when stumps were drawn on the first day, Bagguley was still in possession with Dixon, the score at the time standing at 113 for the loss of three wickets. The remaining six wickets (Shrewsbury being an absentee) produced an additional eighty-seven runs, so that the Colts, who had totalled 80, were 120 behind. It was not thought they would rub off the deficiency, and finally, after a second batting exhibition occupying three hours, they were defeated by an innings and twenty-four runs. Guttridge bowled with marked effect in both innings of the Colts, and the fielding of the Eleven generally was smart and clean. There were only five double figures made in the two innings of the Colts, the pick of whom, as batsmen,

are Gunn, Dench, Iremonger, Speight, and Scothern. In bowling they represented fair class, and it is something in their favour that of the sixteen tried none of the number delivered a wide ball.

The annual match between twenty-two colts of Derbyshire and eleven representatives of the County Club was played at Derby on April 19 and 20. Fine weather prevailed at the commencement, but the turf was greatly in favour of the bowlers, and poor scores were recorded by each side. The Colts batted first and were all disposed of in about three hours and a quarter for 86, F. Wright, of Ilkeston, being the principal contributor with nineteen, but it cannot be said that his display was of a very high order. Warren, a fast right hand bowler, took eight wickets for twenty-three runs, and Storer nine for forty-three. The Eleven lost four wickets for twenty-nine runs when stumps were drawn, and on the resumption of play on the following day only thirty-six more were obtained prior to the dismissal of the last batsman, which was perhaps owing to the unsatisfactory state of the wicket. On the Colts going in a second time it was decided to allow a few of the young bowlers to assist the Eleven, a course which is somewhat unusual, and when twelve batsmen had been disposed of for 62 the innings was declared closed. Bourne a fast left-handed bowler, was very successful, eight wickets falling to him for seven runs. Seven of the County batsmen were then accounted for at a cost of thirty-eight, and the match ended in a draw.

WEST INDIES.

MR PRIESTLEY'S TEAM.

Fifteenth Match, v. North Side.—At St. Ann's Bay, Jamaica, on March 24 and 25, Mr Priestley's twelve defeated the same number of North Side representatives by an innings and 125 runs. The visitors batted first and scored 221 (A. E. Stoddart 52, R. Leigh-Barratt 47, F. W. Bush 26), the North Side players were all disposed of for 60, and their second venture only produced 36, owing mainly to the excellent bowling of A. E. Stoddart, who took eleven wickets for 48 runs.

Sixteenth Match, v. All Jamaica.—The tour was brought to a close with a twelve a-side match against All Jamaica, which was played at Sabina Park, Kingston, on March 27 and 29. Mr Priestley's side opened the batting and compiled 237, the principal scorer being A. E. Stoddart, who contributed 143. All Jamaica replied with 143 (B. H. Drury 65, R. K. Herbert 39) and they were obliged to follow on, but the last wicket fell at 79, and Mr Priestley's team won by an innings and 15 runs. A. E. Stoddart dismissed ten of the home batsmen for 77, and W. Williams eight for 76. Of the sixteen matches played, the Englishmen won ten, lost five, and one was drawn.

GOLF.

BUENOS AIRES GOLF CLUB.

The second of the series of the Monthly Silver Medal competitions was played on Sunday last, the winner being W. Flint with a net 94, followed by J. Marjoribanks with 98, while D. Leighton with 101 secured the third place. There were, in all, twenty-nine entries. The following scores were handed in:

Name	1st round	2nd round	Total Gross	Handicap	Total net
W. Flint	52	47	99	5	94
J. Marjoribanks	50	52	102	4	98
D. Leighton	50	49	99	2	101
A. Goodfellow	56	52	108	6	102
H. Mohr Bell	58	57	115	12	103
C. C. Alexander	62	62	124	20	104
W. Higgins	56	51	107	1	106
C. J. Baumgartner	53	59	112	4	108
D. Gardom	54	59	113	4	109
B. W. Gardom	58	57	115	6	109
H. A. Livock	55	60	115	6	109
C. Alexander	59	59	118	6	112
G. Gonsalves	70	61	131	16	115
E. L. Wilson	63	62	125	8	117
J. Ballantyne	66	61	127	10	117
F. Bradbury	69	72	141	16	125
P. L. G. Bridger	86	68	154	18	136
P. Cowper	86	69	155	12	143

The following did not send in their cards: P. Smith, W. Cairns, F. J. Coombs, T. Dolts, H. Dodds, H. P. Wright.

ROSARIO

At the meeting of the new Alberdi Golf Club, held last week, Mr A. H. Unwin was elected president and Dr. C. Stetson vice-president, and a provisional committee was formed for the purpose of obtaining the necessary ground and otherwise putting the club into going order.

A good number of members of the Fisherton Club turned up at the links for practice on Sunday last, and several individual records were broken. A match has been arranged for the 27th inst., Town (Rosario) v. Combined Railways.

FIXTURES.

BUENOS AIRES GOLF CLUB.

May 27—Flores and Lomas v. Buenos Aires and Hurlingham, at Villa Catalinas.
June 6, July 4, August 1—Competition for Challenge Shield and Gold Medal (scratch).
June 17—Buenos Aires v. Flores, at Flores.

June 22—T. S. Boadle'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 Villa Catalinas.
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 25—Lomas v. Flores, at Lomas.
May 27—Flores and Lomas v. Buenos Aires and Hurlingham, at Villa Catalinas.
June 13, July 18—Silver Medal competition.
June 24, 25, 26, 27—Proposed matches with Rosario.
June 29—Buenos Aires v. Lomas, at Catalinas.
July 9—Bithell Gold Medal competition.
Aug. 13—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 Villa Catalinas.
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- 1—A. Crawford v. E. E. Corder.
- 2—G. R. Davenport v. W. Patterson.
- 3—T. Troughton v. A. J. Avery.
- 4—A. Lovett v. W. Cunningham.
- 5—W. D. Bailey v. T. B. Sinclair.
- 6—A. Menzies v. A. V. Garrington.
- 7—H. A. Ritchie, bye.

Second Round

- 8—H. A. Ritchie v. winner of No. 4.
- 9—Winner of No. 6 v. winner of No. 5.
- 10—Winner of No. 3 v. winner of No. 1.
- 11—Winner of No. 2, bye.

Semi-finals—

- 12—Winner of No. 9 v. winner of No. 11.
- 13—Winner of No. 8 v. winner of No. 10.

Finals—

- Winner of No. 12 v. winner of No. 13.

GENTLEMEN'S DOUBLES.

Preliminary Round—

- 1—Messrs Howson and Hooper (+ 15) v. Messrs Lovett and Garrington (scr).
- 2—Messrs Troughton and Sinclair (+ 30) v. Messrs Cobby and Mackill (+ 30).
- 3—Messrs Ritchie and Patterson (— 15) v. Messrs Corder and Crawford (— 1/2 30).

First Round—

- 4—Messrs Bailey and Menzies (— 15) v. Messrs Recknell and Pottinger (+ 1/2 30).
- 5—Winners of No. 3 v. Messrs Jordan and Cohen (+ 15).
- 6—Messrs Stevenson and Davenport (scr) v. Winners of No. 2.
- 7—Winners of No. 1 v. Messrs Marrs and Cunningham (— 1/2 15).

Semi-finals—

- 8—Winners of No. 7 v. winners of No. 5.
- 9—Winners of No. 4 v. winners of No. 6.

Finals—

- 10—Winners of No. 8 v. winners of No. 9.

MIXED DOUBLES.

Preliminary Round—

- 1—Mr and Mrs Davenport (+ 1/2 15) v. Mr and Mrs Patterson (+ 15).

First Round—

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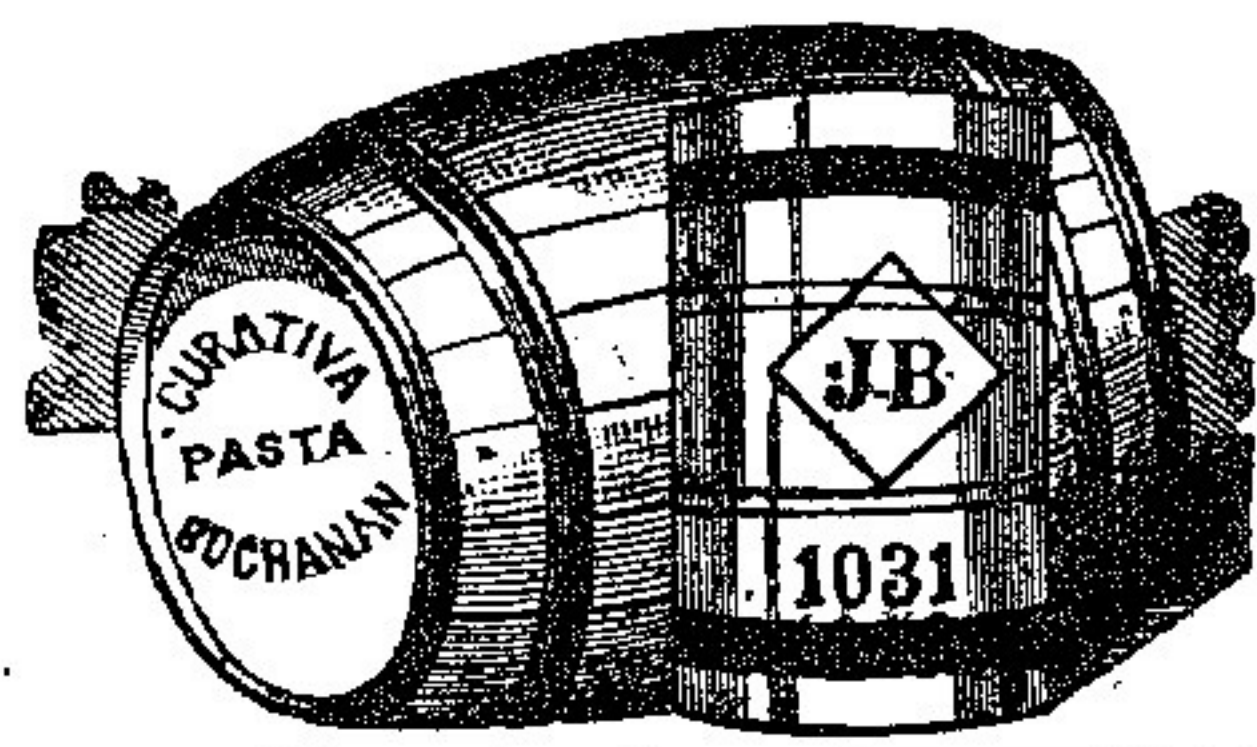
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Preliminary Round—

- A. G. Gumpert (+ 4-6 of 15) v. A. S. Willes (+ 15).
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 H. Tudor (— 1-6 of 15) v. A. Leslie (+ 15).
 T. V. M. Knox (— 15) v. R. A. Sunner (+ 3-6 of 15).
 T. A. H. Forde (+ 3-6 of 15) v. H. B. Burr (+ 2-6 of 15).

First Round—

- Rev. R. F. Hancock (— 4-6 of 15) v. B. G. Henderson (+ 4-6 of 15).
 T. W. Earle (+ 2-6 of 15) v. T. S. Boadle (+ 4-6 of 15).
 A. McMorran (— 1-6 of 15).
 S. J. Moore (+ 15.1) v. H. H. Woodgate (scr).
 C. W. Cumming (+ 15.1) v. A. Boyd (scr).

GENTLEMEN'S SINGLES (Handicap).—Class B.

First prize presented by C. R. Thursby, Esq.; second prize value \$50.

Preliminary Round—

- B. F. Alston (+ 15.3) v. H. M. Mills (+ 15.3).
 Baron von Bussche (scr) v. Baron de Mentzingen (scr).
 S. Mohr Bell (+ 3-6 of 15) v. F. S. Kinch (+ 15.3).
 J. C. Bell (+ 15.3) v. E. M. Pixton (+ 3-6 of 15).
 B. Goldsmid (+ 15.3) v. G. G. Williams (+ 15).
 H. T. Grigg (scr) v. S. Francis (+ 15).
 A. Lace (+ 15.3) v. Allan Brodie (+ 15).
 C. Clarke (+ 3-6 of 15) v. E. D. Drabble (+ 15).
 J. W. Taylor (+ 15.3) v. D. Gardom (+ 3-6 of 15).

First Round—

- E. B. Macadam (+ 3-6 of 15) v. J. K. Gibaud (+ 3-6 of 15).
 A. Floyd (+ 15).
 E. Burr (+ 15.2) v. W. Bell (+ 3-6 of 15).
 C. R. Thursby (+ 3-6 of 15) v. E. L. Rumbold (+ 2-6 of 15).

LADIES' SINGLES (Handicap).

First prize presented by T. S. Boadle, Esq.
 Second prize presented by F. H. C. Boutell, Esq.

Preliminary Round—

- Miss Hallowes (+ 3-6 of 15) v. Miss F. Thomson (+ 15).
 Miss Pennell (+ 3-6 of 15) v. Miss Gilling-Lax (+ 15).

First Round—

- Miss Huxtable (+ 15.3) v. Miss McClymont (+ 30).
 Mrs Mills (+ 30) v. Mrs Goldsmid (— 30).
 Miss Burr (+ 4-6 of 15) v. Mrs Boadle (+ 4-6 of 15).
 Miss Bell (+ 15.2).
 Miss Chawner (— 30).
 Miss V. Jacobs (+ 3-6 of 15) v. Mrs Thornton (+ 15.2).
 Miss M. Jacobs (scr) v. Mrs Woodgate (+ 30).
 Miss Boadle (+ 3-6 of 15) v. Miss D. Boadle (+ 15.3).

LADIES' DOUBLES (Handicap).

Two first prizes presented by A. Boyd, Esq., and C. Clarke, Esq.

Preliminary Round—

- Mrs Goldsmid and Miss Gilling-Lax (scr) v. Mrs Mills and Mrs Thornton (+ 15.3).

First Round—

- Mrs Woodgate and Miss Anderson (+ 30) v. Miss A. Bell and Miss Gardom (+ 15.4).
 Mrs Boadle and Miss D. Boadle (+ 15).
 Mrs Holland and Miss Foster (+ 3-6 of 15) v. Miss Pennell and Miss Boadle (scr).
 Mrs Boyd and Miss Agar (+ 30) v. Miss Burr and Miss Chawner (— 15).

GENTLEMEN'S DOUBLES (Handicap).

Two first prizes presented by the Committee.
 Two second prizes presented by R. Colville Jones, Esq., and a "Member."

Preliminary Round—

- A. S. Willes and C. R. Thursby (+ 3-6 of 15) v. W. Paton and J. K. Gibaud (+ 2-6 of 15).
 S. J. Moore and A. M. Barton (+ 2-6 of 15) v. F. M. Still and C. W. Cumming (scr).
 T. V. M. Knox and H. Tudor (— 30) v. Baron Mentzingen and Baron Bussche (+ 3-6 of 15).
 A. G. Gumpert and H. B. Burr (— 2-6 of 15) v. J. C. Bell and W. Bell (+ 15.3).
 Rev. R. F. F. Hancock and A. Boyd (— 30) v. A. Leslie and P. L. G. Bridger (+ 3-6 of 15).
 T. S. Boadle and H. H. Woodgate (— 2-6 of 15) v. L. G. Bentham and A. Withington (scr).
 E. H. Theobald and J. G. Dunn (+ 15.1) v. H. B. Knight and E. S. Knight (— 15.2).
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 B. W. Gardom and R. C. Jones (— 2-6 of 15) v. A. Lace and E. D. Drabble (+ 15.3).

First Round—

- A. H. Knight and H. M. Rattray (— 15.4) v. E. L. Rumbold and B. Goldsmid (+ 15.3).
 L. Corry-Smith and A. Mohr Bell (— 5-6 of 15).
 B. Verschoyle and C. Clarke (— 4-6 of 15) v. S. Francis and A. Floyd (+ 15.2).
 T. A. H. Forde and A. McMorran (— 5-6 of 15) v. J. Drysdale and H. Schwind (+ 15.1).

MIXED DOUBLES (Handicap).

Lady's first prize presented by George Crane, Esq.
 Lady's second prize presented by F. W. Barrow, Esq.
 Gentleman's first prize value \$50; second prize value \$30.

Preliminary Round—

- Miss Hallowes and A. S. Willes (+ 15) v. Miss M. Jacobs and H. M. Bell (— 2-6 of 15).
 Miss Chawner and H. H. Woodgate (— 15) v. Mrs Holland and T. S. Boadle (scr).
 Miss V. Jacobs and A. Mohr Bell (— 2-6 of 15) v. Mrs Withington and C. Clarke (+ 15).
 Miss Nelson and R. C. Jones (+ 2-6 of 15) v. Miss F. Thomson and B. Goldsmid (+ 30).
 Mrs Rattray and E. S. Knight (— 15.2) v. Mrs Clarke and A. Boyd (+ 4-6 of 15).
 Miss McClymont and S. Francis (+ 15.4) v. Miss Colson and A. H. Knight (— 15).
 Mrs Boadle and H. B. Burr (— 3-6 of 15) v. Miss Burr and B. Verschoyle (— 15.1).
 Miss Huxtable and H. B. Knight (— 3-6 of 15) v. Mrs Thornton and C. R. Thursby (+ 15.3).
 Mrs Mills and T. A. H. Forde (+ 15) v. Miss Bell and W. Bell (+ 15).

First Round—

- Mrs Boyd and A. Withington (+ 15.2) v. Miss Pennell and H. Schwind (scr).
 Mrs Goldsmid and A. G. Gumpert (— 15).
 Miss Boadle and T. V. M. Knox (— 15.4) v. Miss Agar and Rev. R. Hancock (— 3-6 of 15).
 Mrs Woodgate and Baron Mentzingen (+ 15.3) v. Mrs Heriot and F. M. Still (+ 3-6 of 15).

KENNEL.

My attention has been called to the fact that in our issue of the 15th inst. we made the mistake of saying that the litter of seventeen puppies by the Great Dane bitch Freya was a record, whereas some five years ago a Pointer bitch belonging to Mr John Forbes, now the property of Mr Frank Bradney, had for her first litter nineteen whelps.

The victory of a red Setter in the much-coveted "Derby" at the Kennel Club Field Trials has given much satisfaction in Irish redcoat circles. An Irish correspondent writes that the result has been received with much enthusiasm in the Emerald Isle where, naturally enough, the native breed is regarded as second to none as a sporting dog. Long may the popularity of the handsome and untiring, if somewhat intractable, Irish Redcoat continue!

The Irish "Redcoat" has never perhaps enjoyed so large a measure of popularity as he does at the present day. An admirer of the breed who has been to the trouble of going through the lists informs us that there were more Red Setters registered with the Kennel Club last year than there were of English and Gordon Setters combined.

The Irish Setter Sam Sullivan, which did such good work at Ipswich, and won the Derby, has been purchased by Mr Elias Bishop from Mr C. Austin.

The fancy of Manchester Terriers will receive a considerable accession of strength in Germany, where Mr Oscar Jencquel intends starting a kennel of that breed. He has lately bought for that purpose Midnight Spider, by Midnight—Albertina, and Nelly Bly, by Royal Darkie—Hollywell Nelly.

FINE HAMMERLESS GUN by Adams, cal. 12, left full choke, case and tools, quite new—Rook Rifle—Colt Revolver—Saddles by Parker, Bridge, and Jenkinson—Double Bridles—Spurs—Saddle Soap—Gladstone Bags—Dinner Service, 108 pieces—Knives, Spoons, Lamps and Clocks. All A. L. RIX, 338 O'Connell.

RACING

PALERMO—MAY 16.

For the second Sunday in succession the Jockey Club have had their arrangements upset by the inclemency of the weather. Sunday morning looked promising enough, but towards mid-day it began to cloud over, and by the time the first two races had taken place, the rain started to come down in veritable bucketfuls, and though the races came off, in spite of the downpour there was absolutely no enjoyment to be had, while as a matter of course the form was utterly unreliable, and winners kept turning up in all sorts of unexpected animals all day.

Proceedings commenced with a selling race, the first that has taken place this season, and in the absence of the Stud A, Lincoln's candidate, Independiente, who appeared to have an excellent chance on his previous performances, the race fell to Grillon, who did not seem to have much in settling the pretensions of the remainder of the field, of whom Rigolo and Flecha II. were the most fancied. The winner returned his supporters the acceptable dividend of \$33.69.

A big field of youngsters went to the post for the Premio Doblete, which came next on the card, and a strong favourite was made of the colt the race was named after. The choice was, however, an unlucky one as he failed to even get a place, the winner proved to be the doubly penalised Alarife, who carried home his welter burden in rare good style, and again those who were lucky enough to back the winner, were rewarded with a substantial dividend. Abrojo and Pompeyo were the occupants of the minor places trouble in this race, but neither ever got near enough to the winner to appear dangerous.

The Premio Luro, which was the classic event of the day, secured an entry of no fewer than fifty-one, of whom nineteen elected to face the flag, and this time the public made no mistake when choosing their champion as Balcarce, who carried the weight of metal got well away, and never for a moment left the result in doubt. He was followed home by Pillito, but the verdict of a length might easily have been increased had Garrido cared to push his horse. The third place was filled by another son of Gay Hermit, Kean, but he does not show anything like the form of his half brother Balcarce.

The Petite Ecurie followed up their victory in the classic by winning the long distance handicap with Lautaro, on whom Garrido rode the patient race that the state of the going required. Yerua, who made the pace all the way to the paddock, finished a creditable second after a severe race, and Cantiniere was a good third.

The popularity of the handicap for horses that have not won more than a fixed sum, was pretty well shown in the Premio Fauvette which secured nineteen entries and had only two absentees when the numbers went up. Esfinge scored another triumph for the Montevidean Stud from Namuncurá, who fairly revelled in the mud, and was only beaten at the finish for lack of speed, Daine also seemed to like the heavy going and finished third.

Extra scored well for the Ecurie Azur in the Premio Minerva after rather a nice race with Hipolito and Electrica, and Lanterne brought a dismal day's sport to a conclusion by beating Don Gonzalo and three others in the Premio Flecha II.

The following are the details:—

PREMIO REMATE, for three-year-olds, and upwards, weight for age. The winner to be sold for \$2000, if entered to be sold for less will be allowed 3 kilos for each \$500 of reduction, \$1500 to the 1st, 100 to the 2nd, 1600 metres.

Ecurie Azur's br h Grillon, by Paul's Cray—
 La Cigale, 4 y, 54 1/2 k. V. Libonati 1
 La Petite Ecurie's Cartujo, 4 y, 54 1/2 k. R. Garrido 2
 Stud Calchin's Flecha II., 3 y, 51 1/2 k. J. Rodriguez 3
 Stud Paris' Rigolo, 4 y, 54 1/2 k. N. Sosa 0
 Stud La Redencion's Orleans, 3 y, 53 1/2 k. H. Esteves 0
 Stud Genl. San Martin's Rosita de la Plata, 4 y, 52 1/2 k. I. Diaz 0

Cartujo was at the head of affairs until the paddock was reached, he was then challenged by Grillon, who drew away to win easily by two lengths. Flecha II. was third a length behind Cartujo.

Tickets—Grillon with 233 win and 193 place, Cartujo 833—731, Flecha II. 1090—1171, Rigolo 1946—1297, Orleans 95—82, Rosita de la Plata 114—103. Totals 4361—3567.

Dividends—Grillon \$33.69 win and 13.84 place, Cartujo 5.12 place,

PREMIO DOBLETE, for two-year-olds, colts 52 kilos, fillies 50 kilos. A penalty of 3 kilos to be carried for every race won, winners of classic races are excluded. \$1800 to the 1st, 150 to the 2nd, 1000 metres.

Stud Santa Fé's br c Alarife, by Avril—Inter-vention, 55 k. G. Palacios 1
 Stud Los Cardos' Abrojo, 52 k. R. Bastiani 2

Craven Stakes of 500 sovs, added to a sweepstakes of 10 each, for three-year-olds; A. M. (1 mile 22 yards). Duke of Westminster's br c Guernsey, by Bend
Or—Jersey Lily, 8st 5lb.....M. Cannon 1
Capt. Laing's Kirkwall, 8st 5lb.....Bradford 2
Mr L. de Rothschild's Brigg, 9st 6lb.....Watts 3
Mr E. C. Clayton's All Moonshine, 8st 10lb.....Rickaby 0
Lord Ellesmere's Mackimmie, 8st 5lb.....Allsopp 0
Lord Rosebery's Trawler, 8st 5lb.....C. Wood 0
Betting—5 to 4 agst All Moonshine, 7 to 2 agst Trawler, 9 to 2 agst Guernsey, 7 to 1 agst Brigg, 100 to 12 agst Kirkwall, and 100 to 8 agst Mackimmie.

Kirkwall was followed by Trawler and Brigg, with Guernsey next, to the Red Post, where Guernsey joined Kirkwall, and, quickly getting the best of it won easily by a length and a half, three parts of a length dividing second and third; Mackimmie was fourth, and All Moonshine last.

CURRAGH APRIL MEETING—APRIL 20.

Madrid Plate (Handicap) of 120 sovs; 1 mile. Lord Fermoy's ch c Amberley, by Ambergate—
Minette, 6st 13lb.....M. Leahy 1
Capt. Hinde's Sitric, 6st 9lb.....J. Doyle, jun. 2
Mr J. H. Locke's Hampton Vine, 6st 11lb.....T. Fiely 3
Mr F. F. Cullen's Portland Chief, 7st 8lb.....Jos. Doyle 0
Capt. F. H. Fetherstonhaugh's Dabchick, 7st 6lb.....H. Toon 0

Mr M. J. Saurin's Not a Saint, 7st 6lb.....T. Almack 0
Mr P. J. Dunne's Atheling's Pride, 7st 5lb.....W. Clayton 0
Mr P. J. Byrne's Glenbryan, 7st 5lb.....J. Behan, jun. 0
Mr C. J. Blake's Rathduff, 7st.....W. Magee 0
Mr P. Gavin's Roseville, 6st 9lb.....H. Archer 0
Mr P. Macan's Wheat Duck, 6st 9lb.....T. Dillon 0
Betting—7 to 2 each agst Glenbryan and Sitric, 4 to 1 agst Portland Chief, 6 to 1 each agst Amberley, Dabchick, Atheling's Pride, and Wheat Duck, and 10 to 1 agst any other.

After a long delay at the post, Not a Saint was quickest to begin, and was followed by Glenbryan, Hampton Vine, and Wheat Duck.

Entering the chains, Glenbryan had forged his way to the front, but soon afterwards Amberley wrested the command from him and came on, followed by Hampton Vine and Sitric, and although the last-named challenged, Amberley won by two lengths, a neck separating second and third; Atheling's Pride was fourth.

April 22

Hopeful Plate of 100 sovs, for two-year-olds; 5 furlongs. Mr R. Riley's ch c Portacloary, by Portnellon—
Crecta, 7st 5lb.....J. Behan, jun. 1
Mr W. P. Cullen's g by Belgrave—Morella, 8st.....Almack 2
Mr S. E. Shirley's Peaceful, 7st 5lb.....E. Cook 3
Mr C. W. Bagge's Bill Murphy, 7st 10lb.....Jos. Doyle 0
Mrs Brophy's Fallen Star, 7st 7lb.....G. Manser 0
Mr J. Corbally's Rickenhore, 7st 10lb.....H. Toon 0
Mr R. C. Dawson's f by Enthusiast—The Glen 8st.....Clayton 0
Mr Delaney's The Hake, 7st 10lb.....J. Westlake 0
Lord Fermoy's Flutter Duck, 8st 7lb.....C. Whelan 0
Mr L. B. Johnson's Cholderton, 7st 10lb.....Clarke 0
Mr R. J. Love's Archra Machree, 8st 7lb.....Fiely 0
Mr T. Manley's Portentous, 7st 10lb carried 8st.....J. Doyle 0

Betting—3 to 1 agst Hake, 7 to 2 agst Portacloary 6 to 1 agst Fallen Star, and 100 to 12 agst any other. Entering the chains, the Glen filly drew to the front, and came along attended by the Morella gelding, with Rickenhore most prominent of the others. At the distance Peaceful began to improve his position, as did Portacloary, whilst the Glen filly beat a retreat. Opposite the centre of the stand Portacloary shot up, and won by two and a half lengths; a length divided the second and third; Achra Machree was fourth. The winner was bought in 125 sovs.

KEMPTON PARK EASTER MEETING

APRIL 19.

Queen's Prize of 1000 sovs; second received 50; 1 mile. Mr Calvert's ch c Bridegroom, by Sweetheart—
Goldsmith Maid, 4 yrs, 6st 9lb.....N. Robinson 1
Mr A. F. Basset's Clorane, 6 yrs, 10st 2lb (inc. 7lb extra).....J. Watts 2
Mr L. de Rothschild's Jaquemart, 3 yrs, 6st 12lb (inc. 7lb extra).....Sharples 3
Duke of Westminster's Regret, 4 yrs, 8st 2lb.....M. Cannon 0
Mr J. H. Houldsworth's Coylton, 4 yrs, 6st 11lb Toon 0
Mr L. Pilkington's Glencally, 3 yrs, 6st 8lb.....F. Leader 0
Betting—Evens on Bridegroom, 11 to 4 agst Clorane, 5 to 1 agst Regret, 100 to 9 agst Jaquemart, and 20 to 1 each agst Coylton and Glencally.

No delay occurred at the post, Coylton jumping off in advance of Glencally, Clorane, and Bridegroom, Regret bringing up the rear. At the bend for home Bridegroom took second place, Clorane and Glencally following in the order written, and Jaquemart also became prominent. Immediately Bridegroom was given his head the issue was never in doubt, as, despite the fact that he swerved very much in the last hundred yards, he won easily by five lengths. Clorane was a length and a half in front of Jaquemart, with Regret fourth, and Coylton fifth.

April 20.

Harewood Handicap of 500 sovs; 2 miles. Mr D. Baird's b c Grain of Sense, by Wisdom—
Maize, 4 y, 9 st 1 lb.....Rickaby 1
Mr A. Day's Fordington, 3 y, 7 st 7 lb.....Sharples 2
Sir J. B. Maple's Palmerston, 4 y, 8 st 13 lb.....Calder 3
Mr J. G. Mosenthal's, Harpoon, 3 y, 8 st 2 lb.....Madden 0
Mr L. J. Shirley's c, by Retreat, dam by Prism—
Braganza, 3 y, 7 st 7 lb.....F. Leader 0
Betting—7 to 4 each agst Grain of Sense and Harpoon, 5 to 1 agst Palmerston, and 6 to 1 agst Fordington,

Fordington took up the running from Palmerston and Grain of Sense, Harpoon bringing up the rear. The same order was maintained until reaching the side where Grain of Sense went into second place, Palmerston close up next, and the Retreat colt last. Fordington entered the straight next the rails with a clear lead of Grain of Sense, who challenged him at the distance; and a good race ended in favour of Grain of Sense by a short head; Palmerston six lengths away third; and Harpoon fourth. A protest entered against Grain of Sense for boring was over-ruled.

Rendlesham Two-year-old Plate of 500 sovs; 5 furlongs.

Sir B. Waldie-Griffith's br f St. Ia, by St. Serf—
Berangaria, 9 st 1 lb.....Rumbold 1
Mr L. de Rothschild's Allegro, 9 st.....J. Watts 2
Sir J. Blundell Maple's Hampton Brook, 8 st 10 lb.....Calder 3
Mr A. Marc's Vestalin, 9 st 1 lb.....Bradford 0
Mr R. Marsh's Countess Leonard, 8 st 11 lb.....Madden 0
Betting—2 to 1 on St. Ia, 9 to 2 agst Allegro, and 10 to 1 agst any other.

St. Ia showed in front of Hampton Brook, Vestalin, and Allegro. No chance was observed until they reached the distance where Allegro held a slight lead of the favourite. The latter, however, came again and won by a lead. Hampton Brook was two lengths away third and Vestalin a good fourth.

Sheen Plate (Handicap) of 106 sovs; 6 furlongs.

Mr A. Cockburn's b or br c Brave Himyar, by Himyar—
Bravoura, 3 y, 7 st 9 lb.....S. Loates 1
Mr A. Yates's Hornpool, 4 y, 8 st 1 lb.....Rumbold 2
Mr J. Cannon's Mogul, 5 y, 7 st 10 lb.....K. Cannon 3
Lord W. Beresford's Courante, 5 y, 8 st 12 lb.....Southall 0
Mr W. Sibary's Prince George II., aged, 8 st 5 lb.....O. Madden 0

Mr W. A. Jarvis's Lionne, 3 y, 7 st.....Fearis 0
Betting—13 to 8 agst Mogul, 3 to 1 agst Hornpool, 0 to 2 agst Brave Himyar, and 6 to 1 agst Lionne.

When they settled down Lionne, in the centre, had a slight lead of Hornpool, Prince George II., and Mogul. Lionne was displaced three furlongs from home by Hornpool, and Brave Himyar, and the latter drawing away further on, won by half a length; Mogul four lengths off, third, Lionne fourth, and Courante last. The winner was bought in for 280 guineas.

BIRMINGHAM EASTER MEETING—April 19.

Birmingham Spring Handicap Stakes of 500 sovs; 1 mile.
Mr A. Knowles's b h The Tinman, by Herald—
Noisette, aged, 8st 2lb.....Bate 1
Lord Kesteven's Doublet, 4 yrs, 7st 12lb.....A. White 2
Mr Dobell's False Step, 5 yrs, 8st 9lb.....J. Wall 3
Mr F. R. Hunt's Coastguard, 4 yrs, 7st 2lb.....C. Purkiss 0
Mr J. Tyler's Saint Noel, 4 yrs, 9st.....E. Hunt 0
Mr H. D. Cochrane's Beckhampton, 5 yrs, 8st 11lb.....Allsopp 0
Mr R. Botterill's Highland, aged, 8st 10lb.....Gough 0
Mr T. Cannon's Friedrichsdor, aged, 8st 9lb.....K. Cannon 0
Lord W. Nevill's Marton, 4 yrs, 8st 6lb.....Trundley 0
Mr J. Durwood's Daphnis, 4 yrs, 7st 5lb.....Luke 0
Lord Cowley's Kellaways, 3 yrs, 6st 12lb.....C. Leader 0
Betting—3 to 1 each agst Doublet and False Step, 4 to 1 agst Coastguard, 6 to 1 agst Friedrichsdor, 7 to 1 agst Beckhampton, 8 to 1 agst Marton, 10 to 1 each agst Saint Noel and The Tinman, and 100 to 8 each agst Highland, Daphnis, and Kellaways.

After Friedrichsdor had twice broken away, The Tinman, as soon as the flag fell, began to make play, attended by Doublet and Friedrichsdor, False Step and Saint Noel lying next, Beckhampton and Coastguard heading the others. They ran in pretty much the order named to the distance, when Friedrichsdor died away, and The Tinman, Doublet, and False Step making a fine race home, the first-named won by a head, with half a length separating second and third; Coastguard was fourth, Friedrichsdor fifth, Saint Noel next, and Marton last.

MANCHESTER EASTER STEEPLECHASES

APRIL 19.

Lancashire Handicap Steeplechase of 2000 sovs, the second received 150, and third 100 sovs; 3 1/2 miles. Mr F. B. Atkinson's b h Knight of Rhodes, by Bon Frère—
Herbertine, aged, 12st 4lb.....Escott 1
Mr J. S. Forbes's Prince Albert, aged, 10st 10lb.....Mr G. S. Davies 2
Mr B. Bletsoe's Grudon, aged, 11st 9lb (inc. 4lb extra).....Mr M. B. Bletsoe 3
Mr H. M. Dyas's Manifesto, aged, 12st 7lb.....T. Kavanagh 0
Mr R. Ward's Cathal, aged, 12st.....Owner 0
Major J. A. Orr-Ewing's Swanshot, aged, 11st 3lb.....W. Hoysted 0
Mr C. R. Dawson's Castle Warden, 6 yrs, 10st 12lb.....W. Horton 0
Mr M. A. Mahers's Aline, aged, 10st 10lb.....R. Chaloner 0
Lord Shrewsbury's Willington, 5 yrs, 10st 10lb.....G. Williamson 0
Mr R. W. Brown's Timon 6 yrs, 10st 7lb.....Turvitt 0
Mr A. Jollan's Clawson, aged, 10st 5lb (car. 10st 6lb).....Mr W. Bissell 0
Mr O. Prialux's Grimpo, aged, 10st 3lb.....Morrell 0
Capt. A. E. Whitaker's Barcalwhey, aged, 10st.....C. Hogan 0
Mr C. D. Rose's Greenhill, 6 yrs, 9st 10lb.....E. Matthews 0
Mr J. E. Rogerson's Red Cross, 6 yrs, 9st 10lb.....H. Taylor 0
Mr R. Wright's Electric Spark, 6 yrs, 9st 9lb.....W. Taylor 0
Capt. Ethelston's Lotus Lily, aged, 9st 7lb.....Latham 0
Gen Beresford's Victor, aged, 9st 7lb.....G. Morgan 0

Betting—3 to 1 each agst Knight of Rhodes and Manifesto, 5 to 1 agst Greenhill, 8 to 1 agst Timon, 10 to 1 each agst Grudon, Swanshot, and Barcalwhey, 100 to 8 each agst Cathal and Castle Warden, 100 to 6 each agst Prince Albert and Red Cross, and 20 to 1 agst any other.

After a couple of breaks-away the flag was dropped to an excellent start. Settling down Knight of Rhodes and Clawson raced together well in advance of Prince Albert, Barcalwhey, Swanshot, and Lotus Lily in front of Manifesto and Greenhill. Nearing the water jump, Clawson drew clear, followed by Red Cross, Barcalwhey, Lotus Lily, Prince Albert, and Knight of Rhodes. On the far side Knight of Rhodes raced into second place, Barcalwhey, Timon, Red Cross, Lotus Lily, Prince Albert, Manifesto, Grudon, and Greenhill, all showing prominently. Approaching the water the second time Barcalwhey took command, and was followed over it by Knight of Rhodes, Clawson, Prince Albert, and Manifesto. A mile from home Cathal was pulled up dead beaten, whilst Knight of Rhodes was once more at the head of affairs, pursued by Prince Albert, Aline, Greenhill, Manifesto, Grudon, Clawson, and Swanshot. Before reaching the straight Greenhill fell, and Aline soon after was in trouble. When in the line for home Manifesto joined Knight of Rhodes, but fell at the second last fence, and Red Cross also came down. Knight of Rhodes was headed 100 yards from home by Prince Albert, but only momentarily, in consequence of tipping the bar of the last fence; but, when safely over, he set down to his work again, and, after a fine race, won by a head; two lengths between second and third; Aline, close up, was fourth, Grimpo fifth, Lotus Lily next, and Willington last all way from the fall of the flag.

POLO.

The following is the draw for the forthcoming polo tournament:

Santa Fé	v.	Hurlingham B.
F. Kinchant		S. Furber
A. Dickinson		P. Talbot
Hon. F. White		Glyn Williams
J. Hill		A. Challinor
Rangers	v.	Hurlingham C.
T. Murray		E. D. Drabble
A. Yeomans		A. Ott
J. Mullaity		B. Bedford
R. W. Anderson		T. Jefferies

Hurlingham A, a bye

H. S. Robson

F. Holt

F. Furber

M. Finlayson

The first match, Santa Fé v. Hurlingham B, will take place on Tuesday, at 11 o'clock sharp. The Rangers will play Hurlingham C at 2 o'clock.

The semi-final between Hurlingham A and the winners of the Rangers and Hurlingham C match will be played on Wednesday afternoon at 2.30.

The final will be played on Friday afternoon at 2.30.

PIGEON RACING

SOCIEDAD COLOMBOFILA.

On account of the bad weather last Sunday it was found impossible to hold the race from Rosario. This is the second time in succession that the races have been interfered with. The fixture for to-morrow is a race from Serodino, a distance of 352 kilometres.

FIXTURES.

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

FIXTURES

RACING.

Sunday, May 23—Hipódromo Argentino, Palermo.
Thursday, May 27—Meeting at Hurlingham (Polo Association Cup).

FOOTBALL

ASSOCIATION.

Sunday, May 23—Banfield A.C. v. Palermo A.C., at Banfield.
Sunday, May 23—A Banfield XI. v. a Lomas XI, at Lomas.
Tuesday, May 25—Lomas v. Belgrano A, at Belgrano.
Tuesday, May 25—Lanus v. Banfield, at Banfield.
Thursday, May 27—Lomas v. Flores, at Lomas.
Thursday, May 27—Belgrano A v. Belgrano B, at Belgrano.

RUGBY.

Sunday, May 23—B.A.F.C. v. Flores, at Flores.

POLO

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

LAWN TENNIS

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River Plate Sport and Pastime

SATURDAY, MAY 22, 1897.

SPORTING NOTES

I am requested to remind my readers that owing to the large number of entries for the Buenos Aires Lawn Tennis Tournament all the preliminary and first rounds must be played off to-day or to-morrow.

The tournament this year is creating an enormous amount of interest, and the preliminary ties in the various events are being rapidly played through. The courts are in excellent condition, and the club grounds of the B.A.L.T.C. are sure to be visited by large numbers during the days that the tournament is in progress.

There are no fewer than seventeen entries for the championship, although only five of these have really any chance of holding the trophy. I do not notice any new aspirants, although I am glad to see the name of Mr F. M. Still again figuring among the entries. It is a remarkable fact, as I have already observed, that with the large number of people constantly coming between this and the old country, that for many years no lawn tennis players of any class have appeared on our courts.

I think I am correct in saying that two of our players, Messrs T. V. M. Knox and F. M. Still, have held the front rank of lawn tennis in this country for some eight years, and bearing in mind the thousands of Englishmen who have visited us

during that period, it does seem extraordinary that we have not seen other aspirants to championship honours.

I am told on all sides that golf is rapidly thinning the ranks of lawn tennis enthusiasts, but although golf has certainly increased in popularity here, in a marked manner of late, as evidenced by the large entry for the prize recently given by the Hurlingham Club, I do not think, with the large number of entries for next week's tournament before us, that lawn tennis in this country can be said to have been interfered with.

The second of the series of Monthly Silver Medal competitions of the Lomas Athletic Club was played last Sunday. Twenty-four members competed, and as may be seen by reference to the list under "Golf," the scoring throughout was high, and six competitors failed to hand in their cards. It was a matter of regret that the heavy rain which fell during the afternoon should have put a stop to some interesting foursomes which were in progress.

Next week will be a busy one for all sportsmen. The week opens with the Buenos Aires Lawn Tennis Club's annual tournament for which a record number of entries have been received. Football players have the first Rugby match of the season to-morrow and important League fixtures are to be decided on Tuesday and Thursday. Golfers are also to be busy on these two days as on Tuesday an inter-club match between Lomas and Flores, will be played at Lomas on Thursday, these two clubs combined will try conclusions with a team composed of Hurlingham and Buenos Aires men at Villa Catalinas, where lunch will be provided.

The championship polo tournament will take place at Hurlingham on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, while the intervening day will be filled up with pony and hurdle racing, the entries and weights for which will be found in another column.

Either the interest taken in polo here is on the wane, or the camp clubs are suffering from the effects of a bad season among their members, as only five teams have been entered for the championship tournament, and three of those play for Hurlingham though they are largely made up of camp members whose local club has not sent a team.

Surely this is not right? I hear of lots of individual players who are not only ready but keen to play, and as most of them are well provided with ponies it would not have taken a great deal of trouble to get them together for occasional practice and a few days in town.

The dates on which the tournament is to be played have surely been public long enough, therefore how is it that we find not only one, but two well known clubs fixing on those days, or ones immediately preceding them for their club races and sports? It would have been simple enough I should think to find dates which would have allowed the members of those clubs to take part in both.

The good luck with which the Petite Ecurie commenced the racing season seems to last, as they again won a couple of races on Sunday, and as their two-year-olds appear to be a pretty useful lot in all likelihood plenty more races will be won by them before the end of the season.

From the appearance of the weather at present it seems quite likely that racing to-morrow will again have to be postponed. I hope this will not be the case, as these numerous postponements must entail a serious loss to the Jockey Club, and to the studs that would, of course, benefit by the meetings.

At a committee meeting of the Rosario Athletic Club, held on Monday last, the 17th inst., the following officers were elected for the ensuing

year:—President, Mr J. J. C. Daniel; Vice President, Mr Malcolm Graham; Hon. Treasurer, Mr J. Herbert Greene; and Hon. Secretary, Mr Diego O. Le Bas.

I have received a communication from the Willesden Paper, and Canvas Works Co., calling my attention to their patent Paper goal posts. These posts seem to possess a good many advantages over the ordinary posts, but the principal ones consist in their lightness and the immunity from injury which they afford to men or ponies that run into them. It will probably be a long time, however, before we see them in use in South America.

The Argentine International Shooting Competition which begins to-day and which is to be continued to the end of this month, is causing general interest. Among the prize-givers are Her Majesty the Queen, the Emperor of Germany, the King of Italy, and the Presidents of Argentina, Chile, Paraguay, Brazil, Uruguay, France, and Switzerland. It is to be hoped that among the British community here, some will be found to uphold the honour of the old country.

FOOTBALL

LEAGUE FIXTURES.

MAY.

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. 23—B.A.F.C. v. Flores, at Flores.
Sun. 30—M. F. Gilderdale's XV. v. Belgrano, at Belgrano

JUNE.

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

JULY.

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

AUGUST.

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

SEPTEMBER.

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

ARGENTINE ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL LEAGUE

The following is the position of the League Clubs up to date:

Club	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	GOALS		Points
					For	Agst.	
Lomas A.C.	2	2	0	0	16	0	4
Belgrano "A"	2	2	0	0	7	5	4
Flores A.C.	3	2	1	0	22	4	4
Lanus A.C.	1	0	1	0	2	3	0
Banfield A.C.	1	0	1	0	0	6	0
Palermo A.C.	1	0	1	0	0	11	0
Belgrano "B"	2	0	2	0	0	18	0

ASSOCIATION.

BANFIELD A.C. v. PALERMO A.C.

This return friendly match will be played to-morrow at Banfield. Play will commence on the arrival of the 1.15 p.m. train from Plaza Constitucion.

The following are the teams:—

Banfield—
Goal—J. D. Watson.
Backs—A. H. Man, S. R. Wilson.
Half backs—F. R. Wilson, A. J. Goode, A. N. Other.
Forwards—A. Stocks, C. T. Moffatt, C. Heslop, J. Hunter, E. Morgan.

Palermo—
Goal—A. P. Campbell.
Backs—J. B. Campbell, A. J. Rugeroni.
Half back—J. C. Lea, J. McCulloch, T. Mullaly.
Forwards—W. Stirling, R. Levy, E. Potter, E. Curran, R. Campbell.

BELGRANO A v. LOMAS A.C.

The above League match will be played on Tuesday 25th inst. at Belgrano. Train leaves Central at 1.25 p.m. Kick off at 2.30 p.m.

The following are the teams:—

Lomas—
Goal—J. B. Hall.
Backs—W. Leshe, J. Wright.
Half backs—L. Jacobs, F. H. Jacobs, A. Anderson.
Forwards—G. M. Comber, H. B. Anderson, J. O. Anderson, W. Stirling, G. E. Leslie.

Belgrano A—
Goal—J. Mckechnie.
Backs—T. Moore, H. W. Botting.
Half backs—H. W. Roberts, H. Roy, E. Buchanan.
Forwards—W. H. Harvey, H. Rugeroni, T. Cripps, H. Colson, J. Negron.
Referee—C. W. Reynolds, Esq.

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

This League fixture will be played on Tuesday next, the 25th inst., at Banfield. Play will commence on the arrival of the 1.45 train from Plaza Constitucion.

The following are the teams:—

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

Banfield—
Goal—J. D. Watson.
Backs—A. H. Man, S. R. Wilson.
Half backs—F. R. Wilson, A. J. Goode, A. N. Other.
Forwards—A. Stocks, C. T. Moffatt, C. Heslop, J. Hunter, E. Morgan.
Reserves—M. Dunn, A. Woodwell.

BELGRANO A v. BELGRANO B.

This League fixture will be decided at Belgrano on Thursday next, when the following will represent the "B" team:—

Goal—J. Barker.
Backs—J. R. Boyd, W. Fowler.
Half backs—E. Newbery, G. Wood, H. Fraser.
Forwards—A. Brodie, J. H. Boyd, J. Todd, R. Macfarlane, E. Christian.
The Belgrano "A" team has not yet been selected.

LOMAS A.C. v. FLORES A.C.

This League fixture will be played on Thursday next, 27th inst., at Lomas. As neither team has been definitely decided upon yet, we are unable to publish them.

Players are requested to catch the 1.45 p.m. train from Plaza Constitucion, and the kick off will be at 2.45 p.m.

R. W. Rudd, Esq. will act as referee.

RUGBY.

B.A.F.C. v. FLORES A.C.

This match will be played to-morrow at Flores. Train leaves Once at 1.37. Kick off at 2.30.

The following are the teams:—

B.A.F.C.—
Back—H. P. Wright.
Three-quarters—F. H. Jacobs, J. O. Anderson, A. Anderson.
Half backs—H. Mohr Bell, A. Brodie.
Forwards—J. C. Bellamy (capt.), E. Liversedge, L. Jacobs, J. Hardman, H. M. Edye, R. Blagden, G. Blagden, L. Mohr Bell, S. Mohr Bell.

Flores A.C.—
Backs—H. Colson.
Three-quarters—G. F. Elliot (capt.), Leslie Wilson, Hugh Wilson.
Half backs—W. H. Goddard, C. Romer.
Forwards—M. F. Gilderdale, G. B. Faran, D. R. Henderson, M. Mackintosh, A. Mackintosh, B. B. Syer, D. Runciman, H. Webster, C. Edye.
Referee—H. B. Anderson, Esq.

ASSOCIATION.

LOMAS A.C. v. BELGRANO B.

This League fixture was decided at Lomas on Sunday last, before a very fair attendance, but in unpleasant weather, a high wind being prevalent, while in the second half rain fell steadily. The visiting team were unable to bring their full strength, the captain being a noticeable absentee, ill-health keeping him out of the field of play. The home club were well represented, and appeared for the first time in their new colours. The Lomas captain won the toss and by electing to defend the Banfield goal took advantage of the wind. From the kick off Lomas obtained possession and burst away, immediately forcing a corner. Nothing resulted from this and after a few exchanges J. O. Anderson got possession on the outside left, and after running the ball down the wing put in a good centre, which his brother H. B. took well and headed into the net thus opening the score for Lomas. For the following 15 minutes Lomas were constantly round their opponents' goal, but many excellent chances were thrown away. Eight corners, mostly well placed, resulted in nothing, but from the ninth a general scrimmage in front of goal resulted in the ball finding the net for the second time. From the kick-off the Belgrano left wing got away, but utter lack of combination prevented them becoming dangerous, and the ball was sent out to the Lomas left wing, and a wonderful goal was scored by W. Stirling, who took a hard pass from J. O. Anderson and made an excellent screw shot with his head, thus putting on the third goal. Shortly before the whistle sounded for half-time, C. Gibson was enabled to beat the goal-keeper a fourth time from a neat pass by H. B. Anderson, the teams thus crossed over with the score 4-0 in favour of Lomas.

The visitors were expected to do better now with the wind behind them, but from the kick-off it was only too clear that they were quite out-classed. Play at once ensued round the visitors' goal, but some ten minutes had elapsed before J. O. Anderson scored the fifth goal with a cross shot. Immediately afterwards the same player just missed the mark twice, while a little later H. B. Anderson headed a pass from his brother in front of Stirling, who banged through the sixth goal. After this some time elapsed before the score was increased, great weakness being displayed in front of goal. Eventually Stirling added the seventh goal with perhaps the most brilliant piece of play during the match. He put in a fine left-foot shot from about 20 yards from goal, which the goal-keeper, with considerable difficulty, just kept out, and Stirling following up his shot with great dash, put in an irresistible right-foot shot. The eighth goal was obtained by H. Anderson, who headed through a well-placed corner. W. Stirling and C. Gibson in quick succession rushed through the ninth and tenth goals after which the whistle sounded for no side. Bridger, the home goal-keeper handed the ball twice each half, which fact speaks for itself. On one of these occasions in the second half he had to use his hands to some purpose as Macfarlane volleyed a hard pass with wonderful accuracy and thoroughly deserved a score. Mr R. W. Rudd acted as referee to the entire satisfaction of all the players.

The following were the teams:—

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

Belgrano B—
Goal—R. Mackinnon.
Backs—W. H. Fowler, J. H. Boyd.
Half backs—G. Wood, E. Davies, H. J. Fraser.
Forwards—E. G. Christian, G. A. Christian, A. Brodie, J. H. Davies, R. MacFarlane.

PALERMO A.C. v. FLORES A.C.

The above League match was played last Sunday at Flores, in anything but agreeable weather, and as was generally predicted, it resulted in a very easy win for the home team, by eleven goals to nil. The weather was very bad and the ground, in consequence, suffered considerably, and the Palermo goal-keeper had naturally a very trying time, and many of the goals which appeared "soft" ones were in reality very difficult owing to the goal-keeper's inability to cover the ground. Flores winning the toss decided to kick towards the Flores goal, thus having the wind behind them. For the first fifteen minutes the play was of a give and take nature, but at last Allen obtained possession, and gave a neat pass to Syer, who dodged the backs and opened the scoring. After the kick off a good effort by Stirling and Levy on the right wing was spoilt by the centre kicking over the bar, thus losing the only real chance they had during the match. From the goal-kick Allen got possession, and after getting through the half-back line, put in a good shot which proved successful. Shortly afterwards, Palermo forced a corner from which Murphy received the ball and racing away down the field added the third goal for Flores, while a little later the same player put on the fourth point from a general scrim-

mage. At this point the visiting backs showed up very well and tried hard to break up the attack, but their efforts were useless, the Flores forwards keeping up a continual pressure and finally Syer scored a good left-foot shot from a pass of Jordan's. This seemed to dishearten the Palermo men and before the whistle sounded for half-time two more goals were added to the Flores score, bringing the score to 7-0 in favour of the home team.

As the rain continued steadily it was deemed advisable to take no interval and the game was at once continued. Palermo with the wind behind them hoped to keep the score down, but from the kick-off, a pretty piece of combined play between Jordan, Allen and Syer, at once threatened danger and the ball was put through the visitors' goal for the eighth time. After this reverse the Palermo half-backs played up with great dash and kept the ball from their lines for some time, after which Campbell in saving conceded a corner, from which Syer scored the ninth goal. Allen soon after scored the tenth goal, the ball going through the visiting custodian's legs, and after a little play in mid-field Syer put through the eleventh and last goal, the ball slipping through the goal-keeper's hands. The Flores forwards at times combined very well, and it was to their combination that the large score was attributable. The Palermo team naturally was out-classed and out-played, and was on the defensive from the start. They played up pluckily, however, all through and deserved a better fate. It is only with great difficulty that they are able to place a team of any kind in the field and it is to be hoped that better luck is in store for them. Mr J. Murphy acted as referee.

The following were the teams:—

Palermo—
Goal—A. P. Campbell.
Backs—A. J. Rugeroni, J. B. Campbell.
Half backs—F. Mullaly, D. Brett, J. McCulloch.
Forwards—Walter Stirling (cap.), J. C. Lea, E. Potter, C. Knaut, R. Levy.

Flores A.C.—
Goal—W. Brown.
Backs—F. Gahan, J. Holtum.
Half backs—S. Murphy, W. H. Goddard, F. W. Fothergill.
Forwards—W. Jordan, B. B. Syer, T. F. Allen, H. Wilson, D. Barthmann.

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

This League match, which had been looked forward to with great interest by the partisans of both clubs, was played on Sunday last at Belgrano before a fair number of spectators, the weather evidently keeping many away from the scene of action. Lanus having won the toss elected to play with the wind and rain at their backs, and punctually to time Mr W. McEwen gave the signal to commence hostilities. Scarcely five minutes had elapsed, before Harvey was enabled to score for the home team, with a fast low shot, a piece of play which aroused the enthusiasm of the home supporters. Belgrano, however, were not destined to retain their lead long, as after some fast play, followed by some good passing amongst the Lanus forwards, Minturn equalised with a shot which the Belgrano custodian could not get to. Almost immediately after the ball had again been set in motion, Negron, after a pretty piece of combination scored the second goal for Belgrano. From this point to the interval the exchanges were very even, and both goals were attacked in turn, and Lanus on one occasion had hard lines in not finding the net. No further score took place before the whistle sounded for half time, and Belgrano crossed over leading by two goals to one.

After a couple of minutes interval both teams set to work in earnest, and from a scrimmage in front of the visitors goal Negron was enabled to bring the Belgrano score to 3-1. Very even play followed and the play never became slow, but it was not till twenty minutes before time that Minturn scored the second goal for the visitors, and from then to the end of the match Lanus displayed the better combination, but the fine goal-keeping of Allen, and the defence of Moore prevented any further goals being scored and Belgrano left the field victors by three goals to two. As the match was commenced and played nearly altogether in the rain, with a greasy ball and slippery ground, a fair estimate of the respective teams can scarcely be gauged. For the visitors the backs, during the second half, were very good, and the half backs displayed great pertinacity. The forwards combined well and were unselfish. For Belgrano, Allen in goal played a really fine game. Botting was somewhat off-colour the first half, but improved as the game progressed. Moore played a very sound game, his kicking being clean and powerful. The half backs, with the exception of Mackenzie, did not show up so well as usual doubtless owing to the state of the ground, and the forwards scarcely combined so much as they might have, one or two being rather inclined to be selfish. Mr W. McEwen acted as referee most efficiently.

The following were the teams:—

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, J. Boldock, G. L. Macfarlane, J. Negron (capt.)

Lanus—
Goal—A. Coste.
Backs—T. Bridge (capt.), W. Buchanan.
Half backs—A. A. Miller, W. Dunn, J. Holmes.
Forwards—G. Minturn, C. P. C. Comber, G. Brown, G. Brooking, L. Nobili.
Messrs Potter and Mackern acted as linesmen.

BANFIELD A.C. v. MALDONADO A.C.

The Banfield reserve team tried conclusions on Sunday last with a team representing Maldonado, which was strengthened by the inclusion of one or two of the Banfield first eleven, the visitors having turned up short. Soon after the kick-off the visitors opened the scoring. A. J. Goode, one of the substitutes, beating the home custodian. After this even play followed, neither side having any material advantage, until Scharenberg obtained possession and placing it nicely to Brown on the outside right, the last named player brought the score level with a good shot. No further score took place until just before half time, when after a good piece of combination Hirst put the home team ahead, and when the whistle sounded for half time the score was 2-1 in favour of Banfield.

As soon as the game was resumed, the rain, which had been threatening for some time, came down in earnest and considerably spoilt the play. The game, however, was well-contested, and the only further point made was by Scharenberg, soon after the resumption. The visitors tried hard to reduce their opponents' lead, but all their efforts were frustrated and the match ended in favour of Banfield by three goals to one.

The following were the teams:—

Banfield A.C.—

Messrs M. Dunn, A. M. Brown, H. Scharenberg, T. C. Enright, J. Campbell, A. Harriman, D. Watson, Hirst, McGough, A. H. Poulton.

Maldonado A.C.—

Messrs Inglis, F. Hore, E. Bounecarrer, Maclean, A. J. Goode, F. Wilson, J. Watson. H. and O. Michaelson, Roberts, Morgan.

ROSARIO ATHLETIC CLUB.

The first practice game of the season was played on Sunday last, but owing to the very unfavourable weather only about a dozen players turned out. At the conclusion of the practice the following officers were elected for the football season:—Captain, Mr F. Usher; vice-captain, Mr F. Martin; sub-committee, Messrs W. S. Penman, E. Clarke, and H. Dorning.

A meeting has been convened for Friday evening, the 21st inst., for the purpose of forming a League on the same principles as last year. It is expected that at least four clubs will enter and there now appears every prospect of an interesting season.

CORDOBA AND ROSARIO RY. FOOTBALL CLUB.

The above Club opened the season on Saturday last on their own ground with a match, Contaduria v. Alberdi and Almacenes, the teams being captained by Messrs F. M. Martin and T. F. Williams respectively, and some very fair individual play was shown. Owing to the late arrival of some of the players, hostilities did not commence until 3.15. From the kick-off R. Dorning obtained possession and after taking the ball a short distance, passed to Carman, who raced up the wing, and centred well to Dorning, the latter scoring a goal within five minutes of the start. Play ruled fairly even for a time when Carman again secured, and with a long shot put the ball between the posts, but being ruled "off side" the point was not allowed. After some give and take play at both ends of the ground R. Dorning again scored, the whistle being blown immediately afterwards for half time with the score 2-0, in favour of the Contaduria.

The second half of the game was very evenly contested and although H. Dorning on the part of Alberdi and Almacenes made two or three determined rushes, nothing tangible resulted and the game ended in favour of the Contaduria by two goals to nil. For the losers Williams, H. Dorning and Halsall showed prominently whilst R. Dorning, Carman, Parte, Picabea and Lynch did good service for the winners. R. Dorning at centre playing rather a tricky game. Mr W. S. Penman acted as referee to the entire satisfaction of both sides.

The teams were composed of the following:—

Contaduria—

Goal—Beal.

Backs—J. H. Lynch, E. Henderson.

Half backs—D. Molina, D. Bolger, F. M. Martin (capt.).

Forwards—H. Parte, L. Milandoli, R. Dorning, C. Picabea, B. Carman.

Alberdi and Almacenes—

Goal—F. Crowder.

Backs—R. Sparks Owens, C. Sword.

Forwards—H. Dorning, T. F. Williams (capt.), F. Crowder, T. Hughes, C. Love.

RUGBY.

CAPTAIN'S XV. v. SECRETARY'S XV.

The Rugby season was opened on Sunday last at Lomas by a rough and tumble pick-up was played by two teams captained respectively by Bellamy and Gilderdale, the Captain and Secretary of the B.A.F.C. A good scientific exhibition was out of the question, rain falling in sheets, which made it almost impossible to obtain a firm footing, while the ball at once became very greasy and slippery. In spite of this the play was fairly open and some fair passing was indulged in by both sets of outsiders. The first half was evenly contested and the interval arrived with the score sheet blank.

In the second half Gilderdale's team were soon pressing and by letting the ball out cleanly and quickly enabled their outside to score three times, but no goal resulted. Towards the finish Bellamy's team pressed and were within an ace of scoring, A. Anderson just falling on the ball before Bellamy, who had dribbled the ball over. The game which lasted altogether some 35 minutes thus ended in a victory for Gilderdale's team by three tries (nine points) to nil.

ASSOCIATION.

Most of the important clubs had fixtures on Good Friday, Saturday and Easter Monday, and at all matches of interest the gates were very large. This seems rather strange considering that the winter pastime season is almost at an end, and that with the exception of the League test games the results mattered very little one way or the other. On Good Friday there were a couple of first division matches, and the one which attracted the largest attendance was that between Derby County and Everton, at Goodison Park. The home team played dashing football, and in the first half kept up a continuous pressure. Robinson's goal-keeping for the visitors was brilliant in extreme, but he was beaten twice before the interval. On resuming, Everton put on three more goals, while Archie Goodall put the ball through twice for Derby County, who finally were beaten by five goals to two. The other game, between Bury and Sunderland, ended in a one goal draw.

In friendly games Tottenham Hotspur and Notts Forest played a one goal draw, Preston North End and West Bromwich drew with no score, and Millwall Athletic beat Battlefield by four goals to nothing.

The winning of the Amateur Cup by the Old Carthusians was very popular. The final was played on April 17, at Darlington, before some 10,000 spectators, who witnessed a capital display. It will be remembered that Stockton and the Old Carthusians had contested the final tie at Tufnell Park on March 27, when a draw was the result, and this made the second meeting all the more interesting. The Old Boys opened with some admirable play, and only seven minutes elapsed before Hewitt put the ball into the net. Stockton showed plenty of pluck, but found their opponents' defence too strong to break through, and half-time arrived with the Charterhouse Old Boys leading by a goal to nothing. After changing ends the Northerners attacked with great spirit, and after some twenty minutes Shaw equalised amid considerable enthusiasm. From this point the Old Boys asserted their superiority, and at the final whistle they had won by four goals to one. Stanbrough beat Hamilton with a shot which he had no chance of stopping. Smith scored a third point, and Stanbrough the last. The winners were undoubtedly the better team in every way, and it is satisfactory that the cup should go to such good sportsmen as the Old Carthusians. Mr Wood-tall, of Blackburn, presented the cup and medals.

Everton's narrow loss of the English Cup by a goal has apparently encouraged the Goodison Park team to great efforts in League matches. On April 17, they beat West Bromwich Albion by six goals to three. Sheffield Wednesday, at home, beat Bury by two goals to one, the score giving a very fair idea of the game. The Aston Villa new ground was opened with the League fixture with the Blackburn Rovers. The Villa had the advantage of a good breeze, and scored twice in the opening half, their opponents crossing over pointless. The home team had the best of matters to the finish, when they had won by three goals to nothing.

The initial test match between Notts County and Sunderland was decided at Nottingham, the fixture drawing some 7000 spectators. The home team won by a goal to nothing, a result which does not look very hopeful for the Wearsiders keeping their place in the first League.

On April 17 the Glasgow League Championship was won by Queen's Park, who beat Celtic by two goals to one; while the final tie for the Edinburgh Cup resulted in a win for Heart of Midlothian, who beat St. Bernard's by three goals to nothing.

A friendly game at the Queen's Club between the Corinthians and Derby County produced some good play. Each team scored four goals. Loyton beat the Second Grenadier Guards by six goals to nothing. In a United League match Tottenham Hotspur and Kettering drew—one goal each.

RUGBY

Newport v. Barbarians.—Nothing could have been more miserable than the conditions prevailing at Newport on April 17, when this match was played. The Barbarians were not as strong as usual, although there were six internationals in their team. A. J. Gould was absent, his place being taken by P. W. Oscoft. After the kick off, play settled down in the visitors' territory, and although the Barbarians dribbled well, the good kicking of the Newport backs into touch proved more than useful. The home team opened the score after which Alderson was prominent for fine kicking, and Fookes strove hard to bring relief, but the visiting forwards could not hold their own against the Newport pack, thus the Barbarians were continually defending. In spite of the muddy state of the ground the Newport backs ran and passed well, and Dauncey and Pearson each added a try before the interval. On resuming the Barbarians took up the attack, but play was chiefly confined to the forwards. Davis made a fine dribble, but was robbed of a score by Alderson kicking into touch. The Newport forwards indulged in a good combined dribble, which ended in another try. With Jenkins next scoring Newport were left winners by two goals and three tries to nothing. The home team were all round the smarter lot on the day's play.

Leicester v. Portsmouth.—The southern club continued their tour in the Midlands on April 16, when they met a fairly representative team of the Leicester club at Welford-road. Prior to Saturday last Portsmouth had not tasted defeat this season, but at Northampton they were beaten by the St. James' by the narrow margin of one try to nothing. They fared much worse at Leicester and retired defeated by nine points.

Leicester v. Penycraig.—The Leicester club brought a most successful season to a close with this return match on April 20, when delightful weather prevailed, and quite 4000 spectators assembled. Although without their International, Evans, and A. Jones, the Welshmen were well represented; but five regular players were absent from the Leicester side, which, nevertheless, was fairly strong behind the pack. The ground was in capital order, and the seventy minutes' play was fast and pretty open, during which the home team had most of the play and eventually won by a dropped goal and one try (7 points) to nothing.

Cardiff v. Barbarians.—This match was played at Cardiff on Easter Monday. Nicholls was the only absentee on the home side, but his place was ably filled by Norman Biggs. From the commencement the Barbarians relied on their forward play, which was often very brilliant, Cardiff, on the other hand, trusted to the cleverness of their backs. It was not long before Cardiff scored a try after some good passing, and Jones, running well, added another try. The Barbarians' three-quarters then started passing, but Norman Biggs intercepted, and passed to Huzzey, who again scored, an example soon followed by one of the forwards. After the interval, the visitors were seen to better advantage, their forwards especially doing well, and eventually their efforts were rewarded by Hendry scoring a try, which was converted. For some time the game was fought out in the centre, and although Cardiff tried hard to break through, the defence proved too good. Towards the end, however, Cardiff had much the best of the play, and W. Jones scored. Just before no side, Cardiff were awarded a penalty, and Huzzey dropped a goal. The final score was, Cardiff five goals (one penalty) to Barbarians one goal.

Northampton v. Portsmouth.—This match, the proceeds of which were set aside as a benefit for the Northampton County Cricket Club, was decided at Northampton on April 17. This being the first visit of the Portsmouth club, an organisation with an unbeaten record for the present season, not a little interest was centred in the match. Unfortunately, rain fell during the whole of the afternoon, and as a result there was only a small company of onlookers. Portsmouth were the first to attack, but H. E. Kingston soon got away and made a fine opening for Smith before passing, but that player knocked on. Give and take play in which the forwards had matters very much to themselves continued for 20 minutes, when Mellow making a mistake, H. E. Kingston picked up, and after a short run handed over to West, who scored. H. E. Kingston's kick dropped just under the bar. On changing over, the visiting forwards had quite as much of the game as the home set, whilst the halves were useful and the three-quarters speedy. Mellow, for Portsmouth, played a really praiseworthy full back game. He fielded splendidly and kicked with good judgment. The result of a closely contested game was therefore a win for Northampton by the narrow margin of a try to nothing.

The annual match between Newport and Rockcliff attracted a large crowd on Easter Monday. A. J. Gould opened the scoring with a clever dropped goal, after which Newport continued to hold the upper hand and finally ran out winners by one dropped goal and three tries to a penalty goal.

Bristol met Penarth in their return encounter on April 17. The game was played in a regular quagmire and in drenching rain which rendered football out of the question. The final score was Bristol, three tries, Penarth, nothing.

SOCIAL FIXTURES.

DANCES.

Wednesday, June 16, August 18, Sept. 22—Cinderella Subscription Dances, at Prince George's Hall.
Wednesday, June 23, July 21, August 25—Cinderella Subscription Dances, at the Italian Hall, Belgrano.
Thursday, June 24—Children's Ball, at Prince George's Hall.

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HOME NOTES.

April 20.

At last I have some polo news for you, though not much yet as no matches have been played. On Wednesday, 14th April, we were at Leamington, when nineteen players were on the ground. On the following day at Rugby I counted no less than twenty-six players, who all had their names on the board. To arrange matters when so many turn up to play, is no joke, yet most of those who wish to can get at least forty minutes play even if they arrive late.

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As you arrive on the ground a man takes your name and puts it on the board after that of the last comer before you. The teams are then made up out of each set of eight names, and blue waistcoats are given to one side to distinguish them from the other. The teams thus made up have two periods of ten minutes each to play, after which they have to give way to the next on the list. There may be a wait of an hour and a half before one's turn comes round again, but the interval is well spent in watching some of the best players and ponies in England.

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I was surprised to see so many Argentine ponies at Rugby, and it is quite evident that they are now as popular as they were unpopular a few years ago. I see the pick of those our team took over last year and hardly knew them so much improved are they. Langosta, Seagull, Orsino, Baron, and a pony now called Recovery that hailed from Baron Peers were all looking blooming and playing as well as the best of them, whilst the ponies only sent over this year seemed to hold their own particularly well.

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There is no doubt that polo is a more popular game than ever, and this season promises to eclipse all others. With so many new players, there can be no wonder at new clubs springing up all round London as Ranelagh and Hurlingham cannot possibly accommodate half the London players. A new club near Harrow is the very latest, but is unfortunate in not having a member who is an old hand at the game. The ground is very small, only 250 yards long by 125 wide, so I cannot imagine much fast play ever being seen on it at its present size.

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All the best players seem to be getting their hands in at Rugby and Leamington, and I noticed Lords Shrewsbury and Southampton, Captains Rawlinson and Renton, Messrs Dryburgh, E. D. and Geo. Miller, Duval, Count de la Madre, and many others, whilst Mr Bedford was playing at Leamington and Messrs Ravenscroft and Balfour at Rugby. The ground at the latter club is an exceedingly good one and in the hands of Mr Miller the Rugby P.C. has become the third club in England. The club's team for the champion cup this year will be Messrs Geo. and E. D. Miller, Capt. Renton and Mr J. Dryburgh.

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Ranelagh and Hurlingham both open on May the 1st when all, or most of those now playing at Rugby, will come to town. In fact in previous years the club ground has not been used at all during the London season, but this year there will be an attempt to keep polo at Rugby going all through the summer. It does seem a pity that a polo club possessing such a ground as that at Springhill should only be used at the beginning and end of the season, especially when it is situated in the middle of one of the most sporting districts in England.

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The other day I had the opportunity of going over the Messrs Miller's stables, at Springhill, where most of the best ponies in the world have at one time or another had a home. The stables themselves, riding school and the Messrs Miller's system of training polo ponies really require a proper description, so I will leave saying more about them till a better opportunity. We saw some beautiful ponies including Sir Humphrey de Trafford's famous stud of six weight carriers, not one of which could be replaced under three or four hundred guineas, if indeed it could be replaced at all. Five Argentines formed part of the Messrs Miller's own stud, but more of these anon.

April 24.

Since writing my last notes I have had full opportunities of seeing the very best players and their ponies in polo matches at Rugby where scratch matches have been played on every available day during the past week or so. The best match was one between E. D., Geo., and Chas. Miller with Mr Jones, against Messrs Dryburgh, Bellville, Rawlinson, and Capt. Renton. It was a capital game and ended in a draw, each side scoring a couple of goals, the last of which was hit by Mr Rawlinson after as brilliant a run as one could wish to see.

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Of the Argentine ponies playing the most noticeable were Langosta, who has improved wonderfully since last year, Recovery, and two bays just brought over by Mr Balfour, which in spite of their want of condition carried Mr Geo. Miller splendidly. In a straight run against good English ponies the Argentines cannot hold their own, but there is no doubt that in most points of the game they are very bad to beat, and, when fit, quite fast enough to play in the very best of company.

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Of course, I am alluding only to the really good and carefully selected Argentines. Some very bad ponies have at times been sent over, and these have "crabbed" the others somewhat, but so many first class ponies have now made a name for themselves on English grounds that the prejudice against Argentines is gradually dying out. However, it only requires a few consignments of inferior ponies to turn the tide against them, and for this reason I sincerely hope that only very carefully picked ponies will be shipped in future.

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The grounds here have been wonderfully soft for this time of year as the season has been one of the wettest on record. This, however, does not seem to trouble the Argentine ponies much as those lately landed have been playing as well as ever they did on the hard going in the land of their birth. Both Mr J. Ravenscroft and Mr F. J. Balfour have been playing regularly at Rugby during the past week or more, getting into condition and practice for the regular season which commences at Hurlingham and Ranelagh next Saturday, 1st of May.

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I have lately been travelling a good deal by rail in the cream of England's grass countries, Warwickshire and Leicestershire, and like most men, I suppose, who ride to hounds when opportunity occurs, pick a place in every fence passed in the train. Doing this now-a-days is no easy matter even when riding in imagination only, as the terrible wire is everywhere. Wire in Leicestershire sounds odds, but there it is, and wherever an oxer to be repaired it seems now a strand of wire is invariably put in instead of a rail. How on earth hunting is to be carried on a few years hence unless something be done to do away with wire is a problem that has to be solved very soon.

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You will have seen that Lord Lonsdale has consented to keep on the Quorn for another season. His resignation would indeed have been a great blow to hunting in the Shires had it been allowed to stand. Never have a pack of hounds been so magnificently kept up as have the Quorn since his lordship's mastership, and he has set a line it will be very very difficult for a successor to follow when he does give the country up. The Quorn horses are all thoroughbreds without exception, undocked by the way. Lord Lonsdale is most considerate to his farmers, he stopped the hounds this season for a few days on account of the wet state of the ground which is more than most M. F. H.'s would have done, I fancy.

Boots.

CYCLING.

The races organized by the "Tandem Club," which came off at Palermo on Sunday last, proved an entire success. Notwithstanding the threatening aspect of the weather, the gathering of Cyclists at the Argentine Hyde Park was very large, and those who were fortunate enough to be present, were treated to some extremely good and exciting races.

The first one was a sprint of 3000 metres, and resulted in E. Hayton winning easily; the second event, however proved a spectators race. The course was over 1000 metres, and a Championship event, the competitors coming in at the finish all in a bunch, E. Hayton again winning, this time by the narrow margin of about half a wheel.

The third event was a race of 5000 metres, open to all Clubs affiliated to the "Union Velocipédica Argentina," 8 competitors turning out, and another splendid finish was witnessed, M. Esili coming in first. We were pleased to see that M. Esili was successful in lowering the colours of Pedrós, the Spanish professional, whom some enthusiastic Spaniards have entitled "the invincible Pedrós," although it was quite apparent he was running at his best.

The event of the day, however, was the 25,000 metres Championship of the Tandem Club, which immediately followed, and although only 5 turned out, it proved a very exciting race. Montigaud started off making the pace, and kept it up until half the distance was covered, when he had a bad fall; he was up again like a shot, however, and although he had lost about 500 metres, started off again very pluckily, eventually catching the other men up, and coming in a winner by about three lengths. His triumph was very popular, and he was loudly applauded. We ourselves were very pleased to see him come in first, as he rode splendidly all through the race, and thoroughly deserved to win.

The two following events of 4000 and 5000 metres respectively, were both well contested, and resulted in wins for Cervera and Esili respectively by very narrow margins.

We were pleased to see that the suggestion contained in our previous issue regarding the time for starting the races had been taken up, the events coming to a finish about 10 o'clock a.m., thus giving both spectators and competitors plenty of time to reach Town for breakfast.

The "paseos" organized by the different Clubs for last Sunday afternoon had to be postponed again owing to the inclemency of the weather.

We wish them better luck next time.

We understand that the two races held over by the V. C. E. from their meeting of the 11th instant, are to come off at Palermo on the 25th, at 7 o'clock a.m., when we expect to see some good performances.

The new star in the French cycling firmament, Albert Champion, who has now been dubbed the "French Michael," is a youth who has found a very fast turn of speed in a short time. The young French flyer stands 5 feet 7½ inches, weighs 8 st., 10 lbs., and is built on similar lines to Michael. As the story goes, Champion was out riding in Paris one afternoon, and was noticed by the great "Choppy," who, thinking his style rather effective, at once found out where the lad worked, went and saw him in the workshop, and made arrangements there and then to take him in hand.

Cycling has proved almost the death-blow to gymnastics. The reason for this is not difficult to understand. The gymnastics of the modern gymnasium are a marked contrast to the athletic exercises of the Greeks with whom the striving for physical perfection amounted to a passion. Their exercises were running, wrestling, boxing, fencing, and throwing the discus, taken in the open air, without apparatus, and exercising the body throughout, and especially in the fundamental associated movements of the trunks and limbs.

The defects of ordinary gymnastics have been felt by those interested in physical culture, and have been partly obviated by the introduction of free movements, such as running, jumping, and wrestling, and partly by the use of resistance machines, as levers, pulleys and weights, designed to exercise special groups of muscles, as in the Sargent system of apparatus. These, however, are devoid of the beneficial general effects of cycling, and appear to the student of the gymnasium to lack the elements of a coherent system.

The old gymnastic idea, in the endeavour to accomplish certain feats and to pile up large masses of muscle, ignored the intimate cooperation between muscle and nerve, and the delicate balance between co-operating and modifying muscular groups necessary to build up a clear sighted, well-balanced mind, in perfect and harmonious but unconscious mastery of the bodily movements.

The wise teacher and physician of to-day have small interest in gymnastic feats, but direct muscular activity into those channels which like cycling are best suited to promote harmonious mental and bodily development and adjustment.

Considerable interest attended the sale of a fine specimen of a Great Auk's egg at the auction rooms of Messrs J. C. Stevens, King-street, Covent Garden, on April 12. There was a very large attendance, and after a spirited competition, the bidding, starting at a hundred guineas: quickly rose by five and ten guinea bids until 280 guineas was reached, at which price the much sought for specimen was knocked down to Mr T. G. Middlebrook, of the Edinburgh Castle Free Museum, Mornington-road, N.W. The price is the second highest amount paid in this country under the hammer for an egg of this extinct bird; the record price, 300 guineas, was paid in 1894 for a very fine specimen. There are in all sixty-eight examples of this egg, all, with the exception of two in America, being in Europe. It is interesting to recall the fact that forty-one years ago the specimen from the collection of Mr Yarrell, the author of "The History of British Birds," sold for twenty guineas, at that time regarded as a very high price. The appearance of this egg in the market almost invariably leads to the manufacture of a number of exceedingly plausible facsimiles.

EN PASSANT.

Lieut-General Nicolás Lavalle has been named Minister of War.

Fifty-eight new lawyers will receive their diplomas on the 8th of July.

Heavy snowstorms have taken place in the Cordilleras during the past week.

The Governor of Corrientes, Sr. Valentin Virasoro, is at present in Buenos Aires.

Something like 35,000 tailors went out on strike in New York during the past week.

Telegrams from Jamaica report the capture of the steamer Bermuda by a British war vessel.

There is a proposal to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee by the total abolition of the stove-pipe hat.

A new cruiser for Chile—the O'Higgins—was successfully launched on Monday last at Newcastle-on-Tyne.

A supposed infernal machine has been sent to President Borda. The box arrived through Villalonga's express.

Severe storms, accompanied by torrential rains, have caused immense damage to property in and around Valparaiso.

Several merchant vessels have applied to the Finance Minister for permission to enter the dry docks recently completed.

The Tiro Federal will be the centre of interest during the coming week. The shooting competitions last from the 22nd to the 30th.

In spite of the downpour of rain last Sunday 8000 people assembled to witness the inauguration of the monument to Falucho.

A Liverpool towing company is sending out ten tugs, drawing more or less eleven feet of water, to be put on the service of the port and river.

The traffic receipts of the Anglo-Argentine Tramway, from Jan. 1 to March 18, were £44,569, an increase of £3,597 for corresponding period of 1896.

A project is before the Uruguayan Congress to impose a tax of 3 per cent. on the value of all passage-tickets sold either by maritime or other agents.

Telegrams dated the 17th state that a plot had been discovered at Athens to assassinate the King of Greece and that numerous arrests had been made.

The Governor of Tucuman, Dr. Córdoba, has only spent fifteen days in the capital of the province during the eighteen months he has been in power.

Rumours are current in Rio Janeiro that the government forces have suffered another defeat from the band of fanatics who follow Antonio Conselheiro.

The amounts collected for import and export dues by the Custom-house of this city, from January 1 to May 20, are \$23,491,281.36 paper and \$3,983,439.03 gold.

The Municipality are in favour of granite paving in the Paseo de Julio, considering it cheaper, more hygienic, and of longer duration for heavy traffic, than that of wood.

In spite of the bad weather of last Sunday there were 112,000 tickets sold for win and place on the racecourse at Palermo. The Jockey Club's percentage realised \$22,400.

Far-off Jujuy has got the electric light. Temporary installations will be made so that the principal plaza of the city will be illuminated on the nights of the 24th and 25th inst.

The municipal stables and yards in Calles Las Heras and Centro America are to be removed to lands situated near the river. It is proposed to form a public plaza on the ground.

A concert, for the benefit of the St. Andrew's Society of the River Plate, will be given in Prince George's Hall on Saturday, 29th inst. Scotch music figures principally on the programme.

An analysis has been ordered to be made of the water in the dock of La Plata, with the object of ascertaining whether it is fit to be given to the animals on board during the voyage.

The Cuban revolutionary committee in Washington say that four vessels fully armed are ready to hoist the Cuban flag the day that the United States declares the belligerency of the revolutionists.

Lieut. B. Meroño, who was in command of the torpedo catcher Santa Fé when she ran on the rocks in front of Colonia last March, has been condemned by the court-martial to six months' imprisonment.

In fifty-six camp towns in the Province of Buenos Aires the salaries of the school-masters have not been paid since January last. The only place where the masters have been paid to date is La Plata.

Dr. Furquim Werneck, who has arrived from Rio de Janeiro on a diplomatic mission and to attend the international shooting competition, will be the guest of the Municipal Council during his stay with us.

The torchlight procession along the Avenida de Mayo, numerous bands of music, and the new and beautiful illuminations in the Plaza Mayo are the principal factors in the celebration of the 25 de Mayo this year.

The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Fund in Valparaiso, now amounts to \$4,000 for sports, and to \$17,000 for the Permanent Endowment Fund. It is almost certain that the Permanent Endowment Fund will take the form of a fund for a British Hospital.

The Centro Militar de Velocipedistas will hold a meeting on the 28th for the purpose of electing a new committee. This association is in a very prosperous state, owning bicycles, etc., of the value of \$5000.

The United States Congress has voted a credit of \$50,000 to aid the thousands of North American citizens in Cuba who are without means of earning a livelihood, owing to the present state of affairs in that island.

An Australian physician claims to have invented an artificial larynx, which will restore the voice to a man who has lost it. The mechanism can be regulated to give a person a bass, tenor, contralto, or treble voice at will.

The Mexican Senate has passed a resolution ratifying the treaty with Great Britain regarding the boundary between the Republic of Mexico and the Colony of British Honduras. A long standing question has thus been definitely settled.

The Brazilian War Minister wants the government to order the building of a new ironclad, two cruisers of the class of the Buenos Aires in our navy, and eight torpedo boats, three of a speed of 25 miles and five of a speed of 23 miles. The cost he estimates at ten million gold dollars.

The Banco de la República (Banda Oriental) has received seventeen cases of paper money—and there is more to come—that have been printed to order in Leipzig. There are 10,000,000 notes, and the cost is \$92,571 including the value of the plates. They are to be put in circulation at once.

Belgrano is to have three Cinderella dances during this season. They will be held in the Italian Hall on June 23 (Jubilee Dance), July 21, and August 25. The committee is composed of the following gentlemen: Messrs Botting, Dunn, Farran, Moss, Simpson, Still, Wallis, and Wibberley.

The loss of the battle of Domoko by the Greeks has brought about a much wished for armistice between the two combatants. The foreign legions suffered greatly in the battle. From the declaration of war on April 21 the Greek army has suffered severe reverses, though the men fought bravely.

By 41 votes against 14 the United States Senate approved on Thursday last a motion made by Mr John T. Morgan, of Alabama, acknowledging the revolutionists in Cuba the rights of a belligerent power. To become law the motion must be passed by the House of Representatives and be approved by the President.

During the first quarter of this year this country imported gold to the value of \$131,113, while for the corresponding period of 1896 the imports were \$4,570,002, a difference of \$4,438,889 in favour of last year. The exportation of gold for the first quarter of 1897 was \$149,122, and for the same time in 1896 \$57,855.

Shades of Gutenberg and Caxton! On the plea of economy the Municipal Intendente intends to establish a printing office in the insane asylum, to be worked by the inmates confined there. The printing done will be confined exclusively to that of the municipal departments. Will the printer's devil be the same instructor?

That last battle in the Banda Oriental is a puzzle. Both sides claim victory. Government dispatches say that Lamas is beaten and retreating on Rivera, some 25 leagues distant from Cerros Blancos the site of the battlefield; while the revolutionists say that Saravia is hotly pressing the panic stricken soldiers of General Villar.

While the Governor of Tucuman can pay the sum of \$70,000 for hotel and other expenses during his residence for some months in Buenos Aires, and the local legislature can vote its members \$400 per month, which is punctually paid, as the governor and the legislators are good friends, a loan of \$20,000 had to be raised, and that at the high rate of 2 per cent. per month, to pay the salaries of government employees for the past months of February and March.

Among the gentlemen who took part in a discussion on the lecture on "The British in South America," read by Sir Howard Vincent at a meeting of the Scottish Geographical Society in Edinburgh last March, were Rev. Lyall Wilson and Mr Hope Gibson. The latter gentleman said it was too late to speak at large on Argentina. There was only one remark in the lecture that he desired to comment on, and that was, that many of the millions advanced to the Argentine Republic would never be repaid to the lenders. Speaking as an Argentine, he affirmed most emphatically that these debts would never be repudiated. The Republic had been in financial difficulties before, and had honestly faced their liabilities; and, though there might be some loss of interest, the present debts would be faithfully discharged.

The Medical Officer of Health at Greenwich has issued the following circular to captains of vessels trading to the River Plate: "I have to call your attention to the dangerous character of the water of the River Plate as a supply for drinking and cooking purposes. Although this varies considerably in different parts, it is not possible to decide where and when it may safely be used. It has been my experience of the large number of vessels sailing from ports on this river, that many cases of sickness have occurred where the water has been taken from the source named, and that these, moreover, cases which might fairly be attributed to such; that is, they were diseases which are usually connected with a polluted watersupply, while, on the other hand, those vessels which have not been in the habit of taking water from this source, but have relied on condensed, or water obtained from other sources, have been immune. I have, therefore, to recommend you to not use River Plate water on your vessels."

The national transport Santa Cruz, which arrived here on Wednesday last, brought the shipwrecked crew of the German barque Esmaralda, which was lost on April 10 on the east coast of Cape San Antonio while on a voyage from Antwerp to Talcahuano.

The following gentlemen have been named as the committee to arrange the different festivals in honour of Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee: Hon. W. A. C. Barrington, chairman; Rev. J. W. Fleming, hon. sec.; Messrs T. S. Boadle, F. W. Barrow, A. E. Bowen, R. Bridgett, F. Carlisle, J. Dann, Juan Drysdale, P. Ham, A. Mackintosh, H. M. Mills, W. F. Mulhall, J. F. Roberts, J. Russell, R. Inglis Runciman, H. C. Thompson, R. O. Watson, W. Warden, J. Zimmermann.

At a general meeting of the Cámara de Comercio Francesa of this city, held on Tuesday last, the following were some of the reasons given for the decline of French trade with this country: A false security held for a long time that French goods could not be supplanted; the great progress made by other nations, notably Italy and Germany; the manufacturing of goods in this country which were formerly supplied by French firms; the almost prohibitive Custom-house duties on imported articles, and heavy rates of freight.

The Cindereila on Wednesday evening last was a complete success. The decorations were very pretty and the new position of the orchestra, upstairs at the end of the gallery, was generally voted a great improvement. The platform where the orchestra used to be was transformed into a charming bower, with palms and plants and a fountain in the middle, and numerous seats scattered here and there. The floor was sticky at the commencement, owing to the excessive dampness of the evening, but improved vastly as the evening wore on, while owing to the elastic cups being loosened it contained far more spring than usual. The music was excellent, Furlotti being at his best. The supper arrangements, in the able hands of the Albion Club, were as usual all that could be desired. Unfortunately, owing to some misunderstanding, the police did not give out the numbers to the carriages, and this caused great confusion when the time of departure arrived, and it was only through the strenuous efforts of some of the committee that the guests were at last got off, amidst pouring rain.

An electric tramcar carrying its motive power in the shape of a battery of accumulators was tried last month at the depot in the London, Deptford, and Greenwich Tramway Company. Accumulators of a special pattern are stowed underneath the seats, and supply motive power and the means of illuminating the car. The invention comes from Germany (where it has already undergone satisfactory trials), and it is that of Herr Paul Ribbe, of Berlin, its peculiarity consisting in the nature of the electrodes, and their combination to form an accumulator battery. The system is based on the use of carrying-plates of celluloid enclosing the lead plates, and provided with a number of openings, the edges of which form the supports for the active material in the form of a special paste. A tramway battery constructed on this system consist of 140 cells, of a total weight of some 2½ tons. This supplies an equivalent of 40 h.-p., and is available for a twenty-hours' run without recharging. Great durability is claimed for accumulators of this make, and it is contended that their form of construction enables the plates to stand the great variations of load unavoidable in tramway working. The trials were made with a tramcar brought over from Germany already fitted, but not quite suited to the line on which it was tested. Nevertheless, the trials were considered quite satisfactory.

Mrs Malcolm and her daughters, Miss Norah and Miss Molly Malcolm, inaugurated a most enjoyable and successful concert, or more correctly, entertainment, in the Hall XX. de Setiembre on the 18th inst., at Cañada de Gomez. The venture, in the present state of Cañada, where English people, who once "ruled the roast," are now "minor quantities," was rather a risky one, but the excellence of the programme, and the well-known abilities of those who gave their services, sufficed to bring together a large audience, which were so thoroughly pleased that it has almost been determined to hold some such functions throughout the winter months. The programme, which is appended, was an exceedingly good one for a first attempt. Mrs McLaren, and her sister Miss Knight, both great favourites in Cañada and further afield, were very successful, as were the Misses Malcolm. The gentlemen were all so good that it would be invidious to particularise, though mention should be made of the dancing of Mr C. E. Baines, and the bandurria and pianoforte duets of Messrs Alan Wood and Goecoechea, which were far above Cañada form. The English National Anthem brought a most enjoyable evening to a close.

PART I.

1. Duet, Pianoforte, "Qui vive" Mrs McLaren and Miss Knight.
2. Solo, "Hans and Liessel" Mr A. Schnack.
3. Duet, Bandurria and Piano, "Pot pourri" Messrs Goecoechea and Wood.
4. Solo, Pianoforte. Miss Malcolm.
5. Solo, "Some day" Mr A. McLachlan.

PART II.

6. Overture, Bandurria and Piano, Messrs Wood and Goecoechea.
7. Duet, Pianoforte, "Parantilla" Misses Malcolm.
8. Solo, "Freihert" Mr A. Schnack.
9. Song and Dance. Mr C. E. Baines.
10. Solo, Pianoforte. Miss Knight.
11. Solo, "I have but 18 pence" Mr A. McLachlan.
12. Solo, Concertina. Mr C. Watts.
13. Duet, Bandurria and Piano. Messrs Wood and Goecoechea, God Save the Queen.

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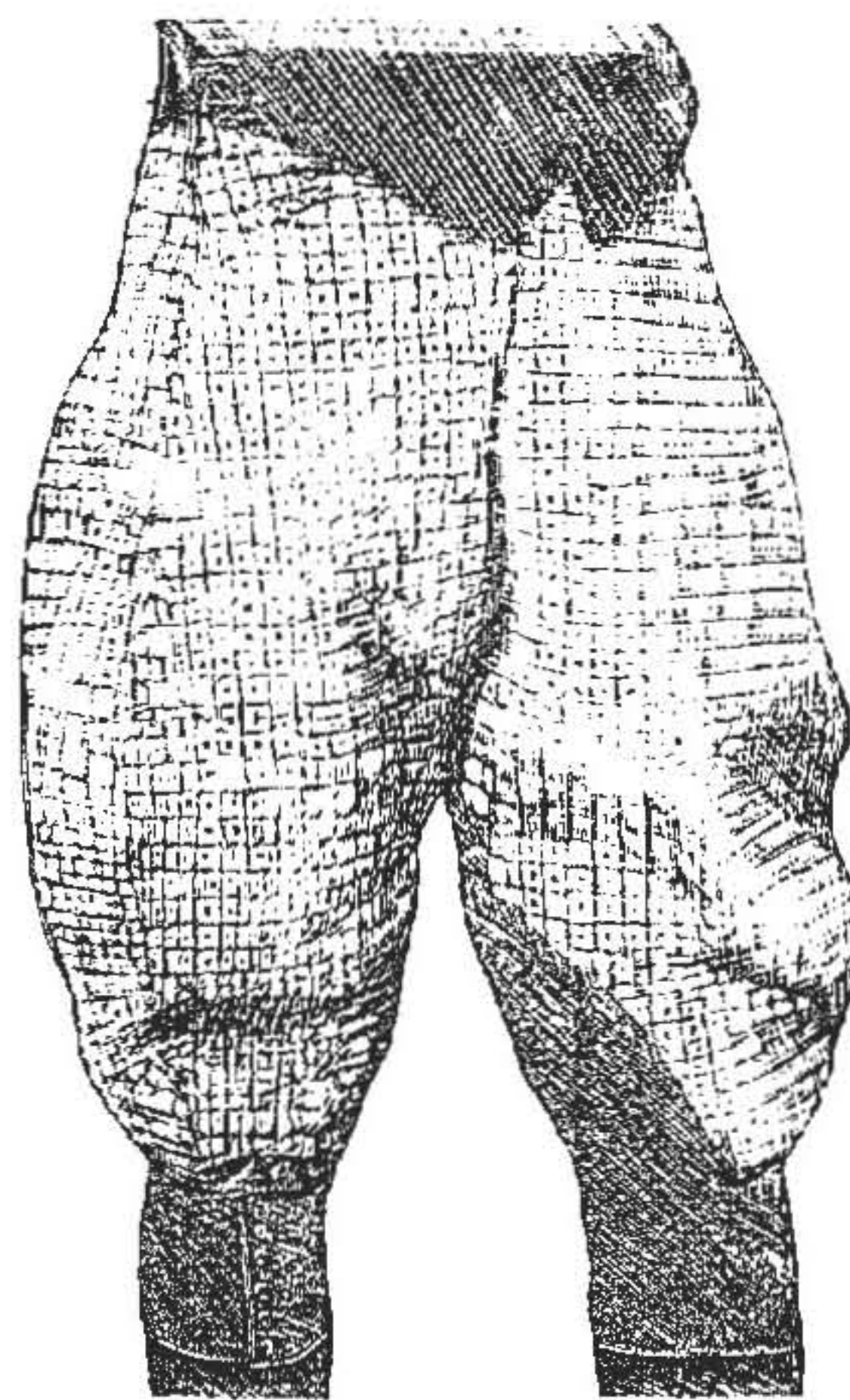
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At the last committee meeting of the Shorthorn Society, in England, a letter was read from a similar institution in France, requesting that English breeders of shorthorns should enforce buyers to inoculate against tuberculosis all animals bought. The committee answered that in view of the varying results given after inoculation that it would be impossible to accede to the request.

The German Government has put into force a quarantine of ten days on all cattle arriving from Denmark and also insist upon inoculation, and any animal showing symptoms of illness, however slight, after five days of arrival, to be immediately slaughtered.

Recently in Germany it was proved that out of 678 head of imported cattle that were slaughtered on account of being thought attacked with tuberculosis, 57 were in perfect health and 602 were sold for public consumption as they were very slightly attacked with the disease and the remaining 19, which had the disease very badly were cremated.

The Aberdeen-Angus bull "Black Marquis," which Mr W. R. Grant brought to this country eleven years ago and which he lost a short time back, was bred by Mr Farquharson, of Haughton, and was by Landseer. He was fourth at the Highland Society's Show at Aberdeen in 1885, when in the possession of Col. Ferguson, of Pitfour, from whom he was purchased by Mr Grant, Advie Mains, to the order of Mr W. R. Grant.

The "Live Stock Journal" for April 23, contains the following interesting remarks on the sheep of this country:—

"That there is a great future still in Argentina for English sheep we have but little doubt. Hitherto it has been mainly the Lincolns, but during the season there were sent hence consignments of Hampshire Downs, Southdowns, Shropshires, Oxford Downs, Kents or Romney Marsh, and Devon Longwools. It will be interesting to watch the result of the cross of some of these breeds.

"The cross of the Romney Marsh sheep on native ewes is admitted to be a valuable one, and this was only what was to be expected from the experience gained in New Zealand, where this breed has become very popular. Doubtless with the half-bred Lincoln ewes that must now exist in considerable numbers in Argentina the black-face Down breeds will nick well, be they Hampshire Down, or Shropshire Down, or Oxfordshire Down, and would, with size, give additional quality to the carcase, while it is perfectly certain that in these or in almost any ewe the Southdown would perhaps more largely improve the value of the carcase than any other breed, though it may be at the expense of size and loss of quantity of wool.

"Whether this loss would be net or not depends upon the prices made here of the gross production, i.e. the carcase and fleece. However, enough has been said to show that there is in Argentina a tendency to somewhat alter their cross or breed, and to go in more for mutton qualities, and so to produce carcasses of higher market value than at present time."

In answer to the circular letter sent by the Argentine Rural Society to breeders of horses asking them to tender prices to be submitted to the commission from England who are out here to buy remounts for the British troops in South Africa, several answers have been received offering some 1800 for sale at prices ranging from \$60 to 90.

Mr A. Amoretti sold by auction in the Rural Fair in Brandzen, which took place last Sunday and Monday, the following stock:—Bullocks at \$30 to 61, criolla cows at \$24.50 to 30, wethers at \$5.00 to 6, ewes at \$1, mestizo colts at \$34 to 80, and some Lincoln yearling ewes at \$70. The total amount of sales reaching some \$50,000.

We take from a Canadian paper the following, which is of great interest to estancieros here:—

"It is worthy of note the value that Argentine live stock is bringing in England. A short while ago bullocks from there were sold in the Deptford market at £19 5s per head. It was a lot of 156 head which had been dis-horned a short time before shipment. They behaved themselves very well and were managed without any risk during the voyage. Buyers in Deptford were able to handle and examine them freely and for that reason such good prices were realised. Up to date the practice was for buyers to examine bullocks from South America at a safe distance as if the beasts were wild, which in reality the Argentine bullocks are being apparently anxi-

ous to draw the butchers' blood. The fact of such good prices being realised will undoubtedly induce Argentine estancieros to tame their cattle before shipment to such an extent that buyers can judge of the quality and condition of the animals by touching and punching them, and otherwise examining by handling. This new department will undoubtedly be the beginning of a strong competition between Canada and the Argentine."

Some recent sales of cattle have just been effected in the United States, 38 head of Aberdeen Angus fetching an average of \$207 gold. The average price for bulls was \$297, and for cows and calves \$160 gold. The highest price was paid for a young bull of three years named Gay Lad, by Gay Blackbird. Another two were sold at \$500 and 600 respectively. A heifer named Etta Estill, the second, brought \$500 gold, and another Heroine of Estill \$350. A sale of shorthorns also took place, the bulls sold at an average of \$126 gold, and the cows and calves at \$168 gold.

Messrs Funes, Lagos and Co. sold last Monday the following stock from La Eloisita Estancia:—250 bullocks at \$25.10 each, and 400 cows at \$18, bought by Messrs Molina and Ibarucia. Six Durham bulls imported by the Fabricantes Ingleses at an average of \$1575. The day's sale realized \$23,525.

Messrs Bullrich and Co. sold in public auction during the week a point of 1800 sheep from Mr James Brown's estancia La Elisa, in Campana, for a total sum of \$27,000, or \$15 per head, they were bought by Mr R. Roca.

Mr Daniel Kingsland, the well-known live stock exporter, will leave next week by the R.M.S. Thames, for a thoroughly well-earned holiday. Owing to his determination and hard work during the last two years, he has pulled the live stock trade out of a crisis and placed it on a firm and profitable basis.

The steamer Coringa, which arrived at Gravesend on April 21, from Buenos Aires, reported the loss of 109 bullocks and sheep on the voyage.

Dr W. A. Soga and Mr H. Percy Browne have recently made some very important tests of the value of a certain fungus for destroying locusts by infecting them with it. The fungus is prepared by Dr Edington, of the Bacteriological Institute, Grahamstown, and, judging from the experiments described in the Cape "Agricultural Journal," great benefits may be expected to be derived by using it to infect locust swarms. A few locusts are caught and treated with the fungus; they are then set free, and inoculate other members of the swarm, with the result that in a few days the locusts die in large numbers.

The s.s. Cuban was expected in Liverpool at the end of last month from Galveston, Texas, with nearly 400 head of cattle. This is the first direct shipment, and is looked upon, if successful, as the beginning of a new phase of the American cattle trade to England. The Cuban left Galveston about the beginning of the month, and was expected to complete the voyage in about twenty-one days.

Several members of the Royal Commission on Tuberculosis have left England for Brussels, Cologne, Berlin, and Leipsic, in order to investigate the methods adopted on the Continent for dealing with tuberculous meat. The Belgian and German Governments have made arrangements to aid the Commissioners in their investigations.

Mr Cipriano Newton sold during the week 1000 Lincoln wethers for export, from his estancia in Chascomus. These sheep were of 60 kilos weight and upwards and brought \$9.50 a head.

The President of the Argentine Rural Society, Dr. Julio Pueyrredon, has presented his resignation, owing to his shortly leaving for Europe.

Messrs Bullrich and Co. sold all the stock from the estancia La Republica, belonging to Messrs Armengaud Bros; last Wednesday. The sales realised the large sum of a quarter of a million dollars.

The hackneys from Mr Agustin de Elia's estancia Yamahuida, in Maipu, which have been standing in Messrs Bullrich's yard, and attracted much attention, were brought to the hammer yesterday, bringing the following prices:

1 pair, J. E. Anchorena	\$2000
1 pair, R. L. Lectabe	2400
1 pair, R. Lezica	1700
1 pair, R. Perez	1400
1 horse, C. D. Veloz	400
1 horse, A. Malariaga	550
1 horse, J. Ocampo	550
1 horse, E. D'Alkaine	600
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	\$10600

A rural fair will be held in Gualaguaychú to-morrow and following days.

The following report was read at a meeting of the Argentine Land and Investment Co., Limited, held in London lately:

The share capital stands at £650,000, and the liability on the ordinary shares has been reduced from £3 10s to 10s per share. The gross income for the 1896 was £14,020, against £16,426 in 1895, being a decrease of £2,406. On the other hand the expenditure shows a slight increase of £158, the totals being £6,888 against £6,729 in 1895. Adding to balance at credit of profit and loss, viz., £7,132, and amount carried forward, £10,122, there remained at disposal £17,255. After providing for interest on debenture stock and payment of dividend on preference shares, there was a balance of £3,730. The balances due from colonists for land purchase, rent, and interest, which stood last year at £36,889, were on the 31st December last £33,024, a reduction of £3,865. The payments by colonists during the year were £2,031 for lands, and £1,552 for interest less than those for the previous year, whilst rents show an increase of £204, and town sales are £91 less than in 1895.

"The gross value of land sales during the year amounts to £8,200 11s 10d, being for—

Camp lands, 6,375 acres	£6,903 11 9
Town lots	1,297 0 1
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	£8,200 11 10
Returned to capital during the year	£5,032 11 1
Profit on the year's sales	3,168 0 9
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	£8,200 11 10

"Unfortunately, a succession of bad years has made it impossible in some cases for the colonists to comply with their purchase contracts, and, in consequence, during the year agreements have been cancelled to the amount of £9,609 7s 11d. The largest cancellments were made in leagues 85 and 87, and I am pleased to say that this land will eventually be resold at a much higher figure than that at which it has been received back by the company. The amount of land sold and under sale contract at December 31st, 1896, deducting cancelled sales of old and new accounts, was 555,478 acres. Of the original concessions there remain unsold—

	Acres.
In the Province of Santa Fé	15,477
In the Province of Cordoba	244,128
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Total of farm lands and forests	259,605

"The actual receipts from colonists compare as under:

	1896.	1895.	Increase or decrease.
Land	£6,515 2 2	£8,546 4 5	—£2,031 2 3
Rent	387 9 0	183 16 1+	203 12 11
Interest	1,836 1 5	3,387 17 8	—1,551 16 3
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	£8,738 12 7	£12,117 18 2	
Town sales	1,039 18 7	1,130 14 1	—90 15 6
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	£9,778 11 2	£13,248 12 3	—£3,470 1 1

"Again I have to record a most disastrous year in colony interests. Firstly, our principal colony, El Trebol, has only given the following results:—

	Wheat.	Linseed.
Sown	7,077 squares	529 squares
Harvested	31,346 qqs.	3,221 qqs.
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" " " " —cows.... 22— 50
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" —Cross Lincoln..... 6.20— 8.20
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" —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 4.00— 6.00
Ewes 3.00— 5.00

Wheat (barleta), 100 ks \$10.60—11.00
" (French), 100 kilos..... 7.00—11.00
" (Candeal) 8.00—12.00
Barley 6.00—12.00
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PAVILION GOSSIP.

Sunday last was a busy day for our football community. In Association circles the event of the day was the League match between Belgrano A and Lanus, at Belgrano. It was well known that there was very little to choose between the two teams, and most of our capable judges considered there would not be more than a goal difference between them, and such proved to be the case, for after a fine and keen struggle the home team pulled through by the narrow margin of three goals to two.

The result must have been most pleasing to the Belgrano supporters, who are taking such an intense interest in the welfare of their team, whose performances this season have quite come up to the expectations I formed of them last year. At the commencement of the season Lanus were considered as very likely winners of this year's League, though as usual, both Lomas and Flores were looked upon as dangerous. Belgrano have now defeated two of these clubs and it remains to be seen if they can continue their victorious career on the 25th against the Lomas Athletic Club.

As I predicted in my notes last week both Lomas and Flores had very little trouble in obtaining their necessary points. Flores notching eleven and Lomas ten goals, while their opponents were unable to score. Flores are getting well together now and another fine match between them and their old rivals, the Lomas team, may be looked forward to on the 27th inst. at Lomas.

High as the scoring was in the two matches above referred to, in one match at all events the goal-keeper saved very well. This sounds strange, but I think all goal-keepers may take heart after the following account of Charles Bunyan, who this season kept goal for the Walsall club. Bunyan, who is a Chesterfield man, was goal-keeper for the Hyde club when the Preston North End—then in the zenith of their fame—created a record in an English Cup-tie by beating Hyde by twenty-six goals to none. This, says the account referred to, would appear highly damaging to an aspiring goal-keeper, but a report of that celebrated encounter states that Bunyan "stopped 76 shots, was three times winded, and was carried shoulder high from the field at the end of the game."

The Rugby season has been opened at last, and I was glad to see several new faces among the players, taking part in the pick-up game at Lomas last Sunday. The rain, of course, spoiled the game considerably, but plenty of spirit was shown, and while the game lasted it was fast and open. To-morrow the first match takes place when the B.A.F.C. will meet Flores, at Flores.

Four League fixtures are down for decision next week. Lomas have two hard matches, on Tuesday they meet the victorious Belgrano "A" team and on Thursday they meet their old rivals, Flores, at Lomas. If the weather only holds up, both matches should be well worth seeing. Lanus play Banfield at Banfield on Tuesday, and on Thursday the Belgrano Club will be divided against itself the "A" and "B" teams playing off their League fixture.

So Wales has recklessly and obstinately flouted the International Board, and, after all, the testimonial has been presented, the services of Mr A. J. Gould having been recognized by the presentation of the house he and his family are dwelling in. It seems to me a very great pity that Mr Gould did not insist on the testimonial taking such form as would have been acceptable to the International Board, and so have avoided this unfortunate state of affairs.

One fact is perfectly clear, this regrettable dispute between the International Board and Wales will leave England the poorer. The English exponents have learnt much from Welsh football, and it must not be forgotten that the Welshmen originated the four three-quarter system, which method, at all events, from a spectator's point of view, has wonderfully improved the game. Some of the South-Western and Midland organisations

are bound to experience a want of fixtures if the English Union forbid inter-club matches, as no doubt they will, if the ruling of the International Board is carried to a logical conclusion.

But what of Wales itself? With no International championship, and without rivals in club contests the variety of Welsh football will not be of a very exhilarating description. Already professionalism is not entirely unknown in certain parts, and one or two bad cases have been exposed from time to time. But now the paid player will become a necessity, and Wales will become the home of Rugby professionalism, and their clubs will pay visits to English districts where the "broken timer" is already flourishing. This is a very gloomy forecast, but if the existing strained relationship continues, I can see no other result than the above.

The prospects of the Universities' cricket season, as far as I can judge at present, are very bright for the Light Blues, but their rivals are not going to be so fortunate in their number of old choices. G. R. Bardswell will captain the Oxonians and will only have three of the victorious eleven of 1896 to assist him, he has, however, a splendid list of seniors and freshmen to fall back upon. N. F. Druce, the Cambridge captain, is far more fortunate, as all the eleven are available with the exception of W. M. Hemingway, in addition to which there is a strong list of freshmen and one of two old hands who will probably be useful.



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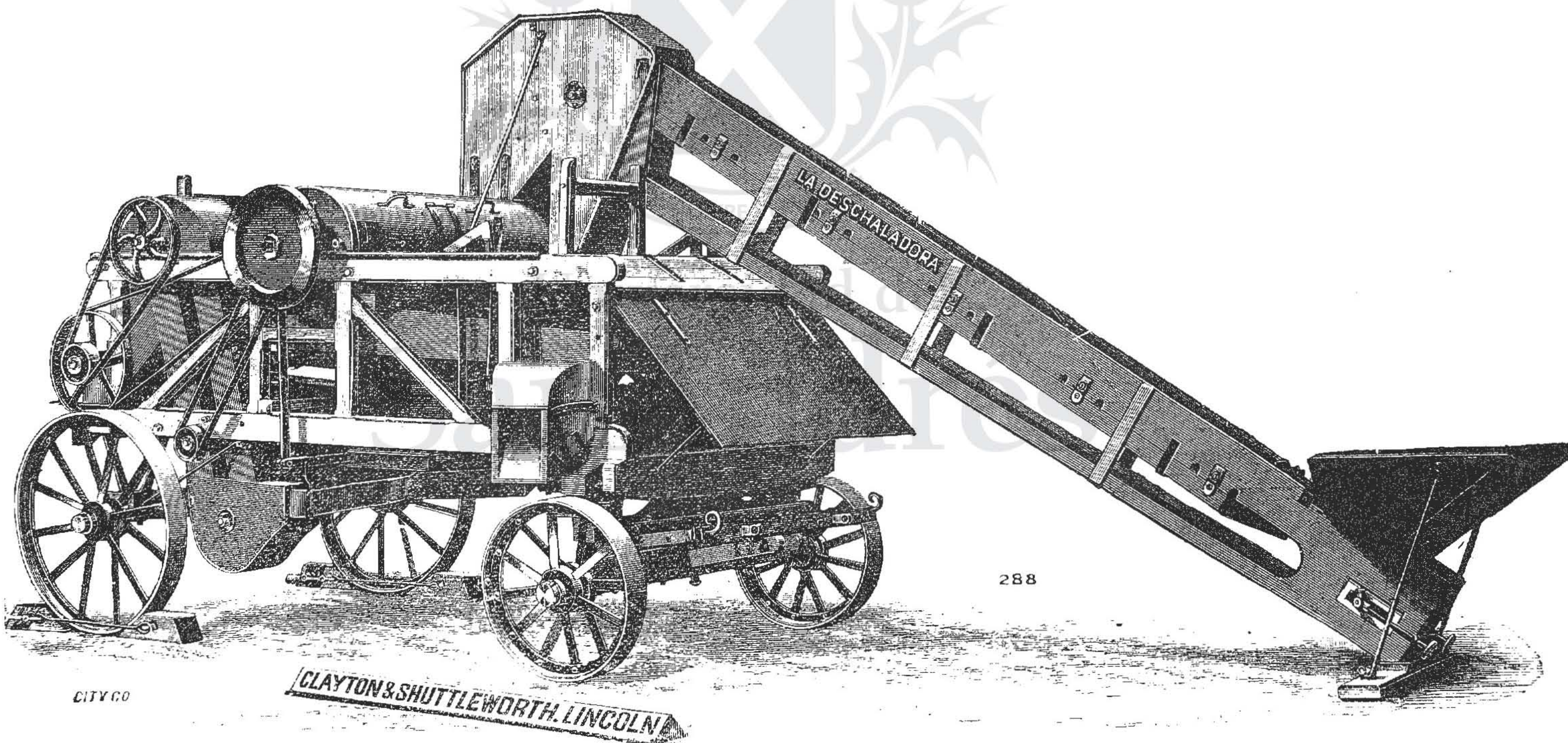
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