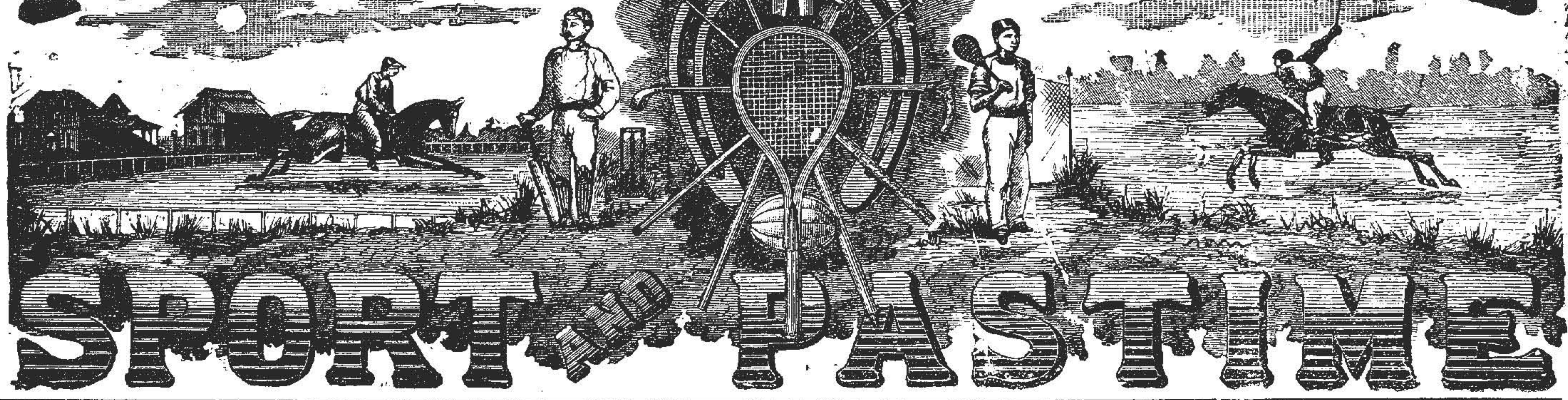


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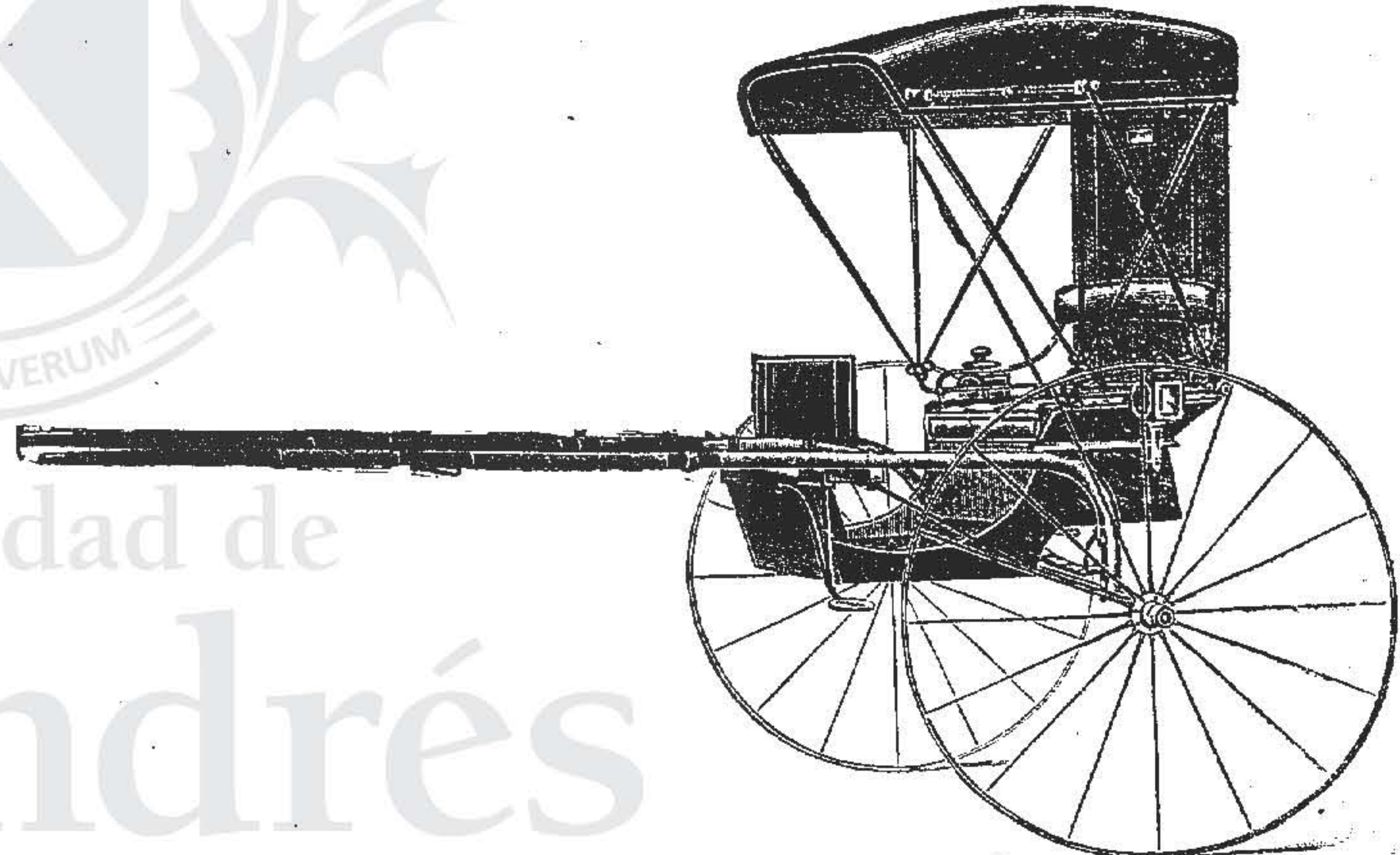
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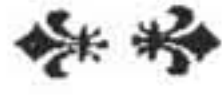


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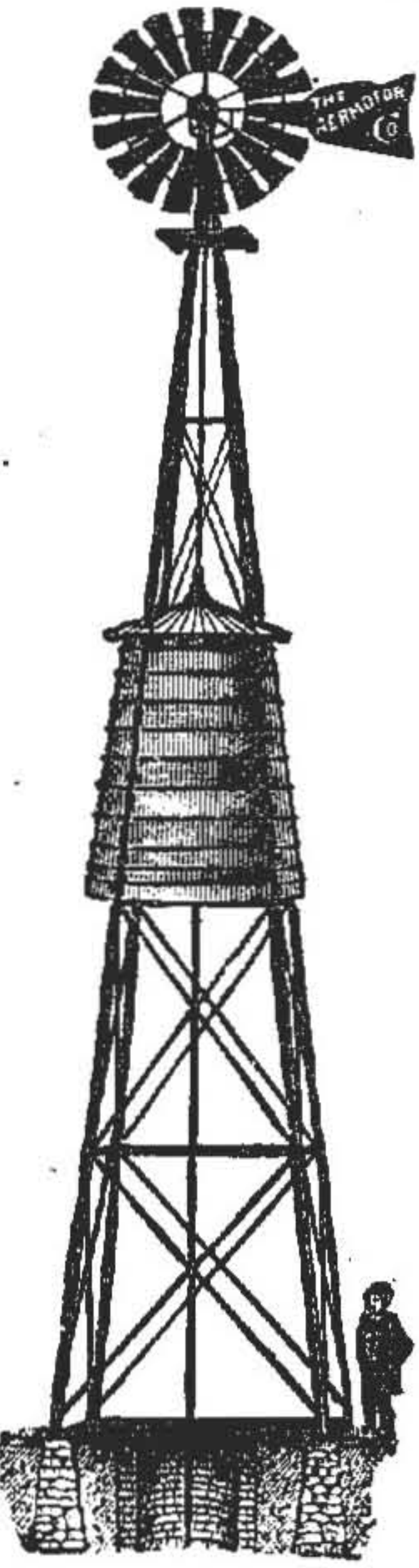
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ATHLETICS

The half-mile match between E. C. Bredin and C. H. Kilpatrick at Stamford Bridge on August 9 was decidedly something new in the annals of professional running. It is almost an entirely new thing for two educated gentlemen to run for a money stake and gate money combined, and both were extremely popular with all sorts and conditions of sportsmen. Both men in their own countries were, at half a mile, far and away in front of everybody else. The evening was fine, warm, and with a very light wind. The attendance of about 1800 spectators included champions of all classes of sport. W. M. Chinnery, Guy Nickalls, O'Malley, Tindall, W. G. George are very fair specimens of first-rate men at their own games. When they came on their marks Kilpatrick looked very pale and nervous, very different to the man we saw make the half-mile world's record on Sept. 24th, 1895, in New York. Bredin looked well trained, but also slightly anxious, the close race at the 600 yards having somewhat surprised him. When the pistol was fired Kilpatrick went away first, but not very fast; Bredin jogged behind, and when the American took 57 1/4 sec. for his first quarter, and Bredin was told so by his trainer, the Englishman knew his pace must tell, and that he would win. At the top of the ground Bredin ran up to the American; they raced shoulder to shoulder down the straight, and then superior pace told, and Bredin came away round the bend and won by three yards in 1 min. 55 3-5 secs. Both were well cheered, and the Queen's Club seemed quite inclined to take on some more similar professional matches, so well was this one managed. All Bredin's friends congratulated him, and in an interview with Kilpatrick afterwards, the American openly stated he had no excuses to urge, and that he was fairly beaten. Not very American this. Kilpatrick's conduct all through his visit to the Old Country has won him heaps of friends.

KENNEL.

Some two or three years ago two of the best collie dogs in England, Champion Sefton Hero and Rufford Ormonde, were purchased at a very high figure by Mr Pierpont Morgan to go to America. These two dogs have recently earned a reputation which will cling to them even longer than their successful wins on the show bench. They were being taken in a boat across a wide river by Armstrong, their keeper, who was accompanied by his wife and child, and a friend. The boat was capsized through Rufford Ormonde jumping out of it to try to get at a fish that had risen. Armstrong swam to the bank with his child, and when the women finding themselves sinking, screamed, the two dogs went to their assistance, Mrs Armstrong clung to Sefton Hero, who with difficulty conveyed his charge to shallow water. Rufford Ormonde had more difficulty, however, with the other woman, whom he had seized by the shoulder. After the human beings were all safe the dogs were sent out to bring the boat to shore.

A famous dog recently died in France. He was a Newfoundland named Sultan and he counted among his exploits the arrest of a thief, the capture of an assassin, the rescue of a child from drowning in the Marne, and of a man who attempted to commit suicide by jumping from the Pont-Neuf into the Seine. For this gallantry the Society for the Protection of Animals presented him with a collar of honour three years ago. Latterly Sultan was owned by the Comtesse Foucher de Careil, who relied on him to protect her castle at Pérdy, near Corbeil. Quite recently he prevented the castle from being robbed. The brave dog sacrificed his life to duty, for last week he was found dead in the park, poisoned it is supposed by his enemies.

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HOME NOTES.

The Provincial Polo Clubs' tournaments were continued this week at Cirencester and Bourne-mouth, whilst Deauville and Dublin will wind up the season later on in the month (August), though at Rugby polo is still played till well into September. The Leamington tournament was a great success, and the Warwickshire Club must be congratulated on the way everything passed off.

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I think I told you in my last notes that the Rugby, Warwick, and Hurlingham were left to fight out the final of the Warwickshire Club tournament at Leamington, and after a magnificent game Rugby won the Cup. The Handicap Tournament was won by a team that included two of the winners of the open tournament, Messrs Rawlinson and Freake, who had Messrs McCreery and Selwyn as partners. This team had previously beaten Messrs Ravenscroft, Balfour, Scott Robson, and Rice in an earlier round. The Buenos Aires team in the open tournament had the bad luck to meet the eventual winners in their first match.

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This bad luck followed them to Rugby, where after beating Warwickshire as they liked they had to meet the eventual winners again, Rugby Winwick, in the second round, and, after as good a game as one could have wished to see, were beaten by the narrow majority of eight goals to six. At one time the score was four goals all, and but for two lucky goals scored in quick succession by Mr Rawlinson I question if Rugby would have won. By the way for a correct account of the match do not read "Land and Water."

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The teams were: Buenos Aires—Messrs H. Scott Robson (back), J. Ravenscroft (3), F. J. Balfour (2), and Joe Ravenscroft (1), Rugby Winwick—Capt. Sir H. Rawlinson (back), A. Rawlinson (3), F. Freake (2), and Ch. Miller (1). Sir H. Rawlinson played No. 1 during most of this match, but in the final last Saturday, again against Hurlingham, changed to "back," the place which his brother had occupied against Buenos Aires. It is noteworthy that hardly one of the ponies played on the Rugby side had cost less than £300 and few of them now could be bought at that price, so no wonder our men were beaten.

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Mr Joe Ravenscroft, playing for the first time for some months, and on stray ponies, was a most useful No. 1, whilst Mr Robson at times showed some of his old form. He goal he scored was especially brilliant. He took the ball the best part of the length of the ground, hitting alternately with either hand and completely baffling all efforts of the other side to ride him off. Mr Rawlinson was, of course, a host in himself, and backed up by three perfectly mounted men, his side made a very strong combination, in fact I know of few much stronger qualified to play in such a tournament.

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Not more than two players who had won the Open Cup at Hurlingham during the past five years could play in the same team either at Leamington or Rugby, and only one such winner in the Cirencester Clubs' tournament. To the latter meeting Rugby sent a combination consisting of Messrs H. Scott Robson, J. Ravenscroft, C. D. Miller, and Count de Madre, but these were beaten by a team in the first round consisting of Messrs Dryburgh, Beattley, Capt. Pedder, and Mr Freake (playing substitute for Capt. Egerton Green). As Mr Freake is also in another team his place will have to be taken in the final by another player.

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This leads me to say something about the slack way some of the tournaments are managed at home, and the way some of the teams are got up. Were Hurlingham in the polo world a club like the M.C.C. is in cricket and capable of legislating for polo in general and managing all tournaments nothing could be better, but unfortunately this does not seem to be so, and there is practically no centre. Surely the time has come for a polo association to be formed for the government of the game, or else for Hurlingham to draw up a set of rules for tournaments such as those now being held in different parts of the country.

Looking back on the past season one cannot help being struck with the immense strides polo has made during the past five or six years. Both Hurlingham and Ranelagh were overcrowded with players this season, and so everyone welcomes the two new clubs at Whitton Park and Wimbledon. As regards the play itself it is as different to the game of ten years since as is the cricket of to-day compared with the cricket of our grandfathers, and both men and ponies who wish to do any good in a match now must be not only well trained and in perfect practice, but also fit as fiddles.

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Although the Cowes week has been favoured with magnificent weather the winds have hardly been favourable for correct trials of the yachts. Great interest was aroused by Mr C. D. Rose's new boat, Aurora, but it has been impossible to form any idea of her qualities. Britannia had a little luck in winning the Queen's Cup on the opening day of the Royal Yacht Squadron's Regatta, Meteor running into a calm when she had the race in hand. The German Emperor's Yacht has had a full share of bad luck so far this season.

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The end of the season has been marked by the finish of the racing careers of two great horses, Persimmon and El Diablo. The Prince of Wales' horse was so shaken after his race with Velasquez at Kempton that he will probably never be run again, and El Diablo I expect ran his last race at Brighton this week. This was the Sussex Plate, for which he was well backed, but the old horse pulled up very lame at the finish.

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I notice that both the Montevidean horses, Imperio and Cartouche are entered in the Cesarewitch and Cambridgeshire. Both are trained privately here by Tortorolo and may have a chance at the right weights. No less than two hundred and one foals and yearlings are nominated for the Eclipse Stakes at Sandown for 1900, including the produce of Isinglass, Carbine, and several French and American horses. This is a record entry for the great race.

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This week has been that of the famous festival at Canterbury, and though Kent have not been brilliant in the cricket field, there has been plenty of entertainment. Mr Maclaren played a wonderful innings for Lancashire of 244 on the opening day, and Yorkshire piled up a big score against the home county later on in the week. Abel for Surrey against Notts at the Oval made a great score, but his effort was spoiled owing to his having been badly missed when he had only scored thirteen runs. Boots.

SOCIAL FIXTURES.

LECTURES.

Thursday, Sept. 16—Dr. Drees, "Parliamentary usage as applied to deliberative assemblies," at the English Literary Society.

DANCES.

Monday, Sept. 13—Lomas A.C. Subscription Dance, at Barker Memorial Hall, Lomas.
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SPORTING NOTES

The Lomas new ground will be really in use for the first time this afternoon, when the Lomas Academy hold their annual athletic sports. A long programme containing twenty-six events, most of them well filled will give the youngsters plenty to do and the open races for boys of other schools, past members, and members of the Lomas Athletic Club will lend additional interest to the meeting.

The Rosario Lawn Tennis Club have decided to hold an open handicap tournament consisting of Gentlemen's Singles and Doubles, and Mixed Doubles, the entries for which close to-morrow, and should be sent to Mr E. Cooper, Administracion, F.C.C.A. The particulars of the tournament, entry fees, etc., may be found under "Lawn Tennis."

It was particularly hard on our athletes that after suffering one disappointment in the postponement of the Rosario sports, the weather prevented the championship meeting at Lomas coming off. Several intending competitors had been in strict training for some little time, and had just brought themselves into the pink of condition, all of which is very disheartening especially as last Wednesday turned out a splendid day and after all the sports might have been held.

The Lomas committee, however, under the existing circumstances could not have acted otherwise than they did, as when they decided, very reluctantly, to postpone the sports, it was raining hard and the bad weather appeared to be thoroughly set in. Telegrams were at once dispatched to various parts, and an hour afterwards the sun was shining! I have heard several grumbling at the postponement, and some even blaming the Lomas committee, but I think if they knew the extra work it gave that body of hard-workers, they would be more than satisfied that it was done for the best.

I am requested to inform the members of the Flores Athletic Club that the new colours are to hand and may be obtained at James Smart's, Calle Piedad 556. The members of the above club are also reminded that the new Hon. Treasurer is Mr E. B. Macadam, Piedad 341, to whom all subscriptions, payments, etc., should in future be made.

The first annual general meeting of the Belgrano Athletic Club will be held on Monday, the 20th inst., at the English Club, Belgrano, when the report for the past year will be presented. Among other subjects down for discussion I notice that the question of admitting dogs on the club ground will be brought up, and I hope all the members will be unanimous in passing some rule or bye-law to the effect that dogs should be kept under proper control.

I wish to remind all those interested, that the annual general meeting of the Buenos Aires Cricket Club will be held on Wednesday evening

next at the St. John's Church School-room at 8.30 p.m. when it is particularly requested that as many members as possible should put in an appearance, as the meeting is of even greater importance than usual. The club will open their season with a game on the 19th inst., and all those wishing to play should send their names in to Mr A. Lacey, Banco Británico, as soon as possible.

At a special meeting of the Argentine Association League committee held in these offices on Thursday last, it was decided that the match between Lomas and Lanus should be replayed to-morrow at Lomas, Mr B. B. Syer being appointed referee. It was further decided that time allotted for play should be left in the hands of the referee, so that should the day be a warm one, only two "thirties" will probably be played, but should the day be cool the full time must be played.

The handsome silver bowl presented to the Flores Athletic Club by Mr C. R. Miller as a prize for a golf competition, has been won by Mr F. Carlisle, who won from scratch with the following scores: 58, 55, 50, 50 = 213. The finals were played last Wednesday in a high wind, and as the greens were somewhat rough the apparently high scores are easily accounted for.

The golf team representing the Flores Athletic Club played their return match with the Fisherton Golf Club, Rosario, last Sunday, and returned victorious after spending a very enjoyable time indeed, the Rosarinos, as usual, entertaining them in their well known hospitable manner. A high wind prevailed which rather spoiled the play and the earth greens puzzled the Flores men, in spite of which they won by 21 holes in the singles, Messrs Carlisle and Boyd being responsible for 9 and 7 respectively; and 11 in the foursomes, Messrs Boyd and Theobald being 10 up against Messrs Clarke and Day.

In the last issue to hand of "Cricket" an excellent portrait of Mr James Gifford appears accompanied by a lengthy interview, in which he gives a general idea of the game as played in this country. It will please our cricketers here to know that "Cricket" has the following to say in regard to Mr Gifford's capabilities: "He has played in several first-class matches since his arrival, and is regarded by the critics as a distinctly good bat, who only wants opportunities of playing in good company."

Although nothing has been definitely settled with regard to the English cricketers coming out here this season, I regret to say that I have heard indirectly that many of the moving spirits consider the plan impracticable under the existing state of affairs generally. As far as I can understand the chief reasons for this decision are expenses and paucity of matches, the former may well be left until later when we may know more or less what is required and what may be done in this direction. The latter I have already expressed my views on and will now quote Mr Gifford's own words in the interview I have already mentioned.

To the question "Why don't you persuade a team of English amateurs to visit you?" Mr Gifford answered:--

We have thought about it often, and we hope that a famous Yorkshire amateur will take out a team to visit us in January and February next. At present I can say no more as nothing is settled. If English amateurs came out they would be received with open arms everywhere, and would, of course, be our guests. They would be feted and be made members of every club. . . . It would be possible for them to arrange matches at Montevideo, Rosario, Chile, and Rio Janeiro, although there might be some difficulty in arranging matches with Rio, on account of the quarantine.

There can be no question as to Mr Gifford being the highest authority on the cricket of this country, and for this reason I have quoted his words. If then he considers we can not only give them sufficient matches, but also good games, we have only the question of expenses to consider, and though times are bad just at present, I cannot help thinking that if it came to the point, the difficulty of raising necessary funds would be overcome.

It is a very difficult matter to try and give "tips" for the races in this country, but in spite of having to publish ours two days before the meetings we have achieved a very fair amount of success. Last Wednesday "Samol" was very successful in his selections for the first five races. For the first he gave Austerlitz or Hidalga and they ran first and second. For the second Tiradentes or Redoubtable, the latter scratched but the former ran and won. For the third he gave Daza and Orleans, and they ran first and second. For the fourth he gave Pillito, who ran second, and for the fifth race he gave Oriol, who only lost by a neck, through lack of good judgment on the part of his jockey.

The result of the St. Leger will be hailed with delight by the numerous Irishmen in this country and indeed by all good sportsmen, as that excellent Irish horse, Galtee More, added another victory to his already brilliant list. As most of my readers know, Galtee More is the property of Mr J. Gubbins, and is by Kendal—Morganette. He has now won the Guineas, the Derby, and the St. Leger, and is undoubtedly the possessor of exceptional qualities. According to the cable, Chelandry ran second on this occasion, and St. Cloud was placed third.

The programme, somewhat originally worded, which appears in another column, of the Point to Point Steeplechases under the patronage of the Hurlingham Hunt, is a very sporting dish, and as some of the riders are booked to ride in all three races they must be in better condition than most men keep themselves in out here. To ride three races of four miles each over a country is a very fair tax on a man's staying powers and shows the good that hunting does to its votaries during the winter. It is an axiom that a man cannot hunt comfortably or be in his proper place in front if he carry a superabundance of flesh.

It is a pity more meetings after the fashion of "Point to Points" do not take place, as their informal character induces many a man to "get up" who feels diffident about riding an ordinary steeplechase and oftentimes after having tasted the pleasures of racing in this way becomes a zealot of sport between the flags. There is a distinct shortage of riders for jump races and always will be, I fancy, until there are more races, this year there have only been two meetings at which steeplechases were run, it is hardly likely that men will be gpt to do the necessary amount of work with so little chance of tasting the fruits of his labour, even if he is lucky enough to get a mount.

If some enthusiastic sportsmen were to provide the necessary funds to start a national hunt committee who would encourage steeplechasing by offering prizes, say at Cañada de Gomez, Venado Tuerto, and somewhere in the South, I am sure good horses would be produced, and plenty of good men to guide them, and such a thing as happened at Hurlingham this week of two horses which were entered being left in the stable for want of jockeys would never happen again.

The Rosario cricketers are looking forward to a successful season, and have already decided to continue their Championship or League, and hope to secure the entries of five or even six clubs this year. The meeting for arranging the fixtures, e.c. will be held on Monday next, so they will be published next week.

At the Rural Show to be held at Palermo shortly, several prizes are to be given for jumping competitions, etc. These will take place at the show grounds on Tuesday, the 28th inst., and Thursday, the 30th inst. On the first of these days there will be a competition for hurdle jumping only, and another for every class of jumping, both restricted to ponies of 58 in. A further prize will be offered to the pony who can clear the highest jump. On the second of the above mentioned dates there will be two competitions for all ponies of 58 in. over all classes of jumps including water ones. On these days prizes will also be offered for the best hack, and best carriage horses, whether in single or double harness, or in tandem.

who throughout played a wonderfully cool game, brought relief with beautifully judged kicks which always found touch. A brilliant dribble by the B.A. forwards headed by Bellamy brought play once again to the Schools' quarters, and the ball being immediately and cleanly let out a pretty bout of passing among the outsiders allowed Elliot to again get through with a brilliant cork-screw run, but again he could not get near the posts, and McMorran was unable to increase the points. This second reverse put new life into the Old Boys, who played up with renewed vigour, but the defence of the B.A. back division was very sure and both Grant and McMorran kicked extremely well. At last a kick by Grant was intercepted almost on the touch line by J. O. Anderson, who outpacing the three-quarter marking him dodged Grant and safely landed the ball over the goal line, and though the kick was an easy one, the same player failed to convert. After this the Old Boys kept up a continuous pressure, but in spite of many determined efforts they were quite unable to break through, so the final whistle sounded with the score unchanged, the Buenos Aires men being returned the winners by two tries (six points) to one try (three points).

For the winners all the outsiders played a good game; Grant, at full back, kicked magnificently and except for his one mistake in letting Anderson pass, did all that was required of him in a sound and finished style. Elliot ran and tackled in his best style, and McMorran's kicking was very good. The half backs were somewhat outclassed, but they played a plucky game all through and their passing at times was brilliant. For the forwards we have nothing but praise to offer, and it is not too much to say that they gave the finest exhibition that has been seen by any pack in this country. They had evidently received careful instructions as to the mode of play they were to adopt and they played together in grand style, while their following up was quite one of the features of the match. For the losers the forwards played a good hard game, but lack of combination and knowledge of foot-work were very apparent, and in consequence the ball never came out smartly, so that the half backs, who played a brilliant game, never received the ball except under difficulties. The three-quarters were slow and their passing was weak, and it was principally through their inability to take passes properly that the game resulted as it did. The full back was playing under the greatest disadvantage. In reality a forward he was forced into this position on account of a badly damaged hand, and under these circumstances acquitted himself very well.

Mr Adam Goodfellow acted as referee and Messrs D. J. Stokes and A. Withington (O.B.) took charge of the touch lines.

The following were the teams:—

B.A.F.C.—

Back—P. H. Grant.

Three-quarters—G. F. Elliot, A. McMorran, E. L. Wilson, J. H. Webster.

Half backs—D. King, H. Mohr Bell.

Forwards—J. C. Bellamy, H. W. Botting, W. D. Campbell, H. Schwind, E. Liversedge, C. Romer, A. Brodie, M. F. Gilderdale.

Old Bedfordians—

Back—F. Orman.

Three-quarters—R. E. H. Anderson, A. Anderson, J. O. Anderson, F. H. Jacobs.

Half backs—H. B. Anderson, E. L. Rumboll.

Forwards—F. Corry-Smith, L. Corry-Smith, F. E. Morony, H. Morony, F. Daniels, L. Jacobs, A. Leslie, N. Whitworth.

SUMMARY OF THE RUGBY FOOTBALL SEASON, 1897.

Although we were again unfortunate in not being able to arrange matches with any outside teams this year the season which has just been concluded must be voted one of the most successful we have yet had, indeed considering the comparatively small number of Rugby football players we have here it is wonderful that there is so much enthusiasm, and that there are so many good games from time to time. A great drawback this season has been the new hours arranged for the National Guard exercises which prevented many of our most prominent and promising players from taking part in the games and in fact caused one or two matches to fall through altogether, this we trust will not happen again. On the other hand, many new members have joined the Rugby ranks, and it was with much satisfaction that we noticed a good percentage of the exponents of the sister game taking part in the matches. As to the play itself, a distinct improvement has been shown in the forward ranks, and anyone who saw the final match of the season last Sunday could have little fault to find with the Buenos Aires F.C. front rank, who in addition to showing a vast improvement in their foot-work, both in the open and in the scrummages, tackled and followed up in the most brilliant style and altogether gave a real sound exhibition of forward play. Of the outsiders we are not able to speak so well of. The half back division is undoubtedly our weakest and real class is practically represented by one man only. We have several of the mediocre type, but nothing more. The three-quarters are not much better, we certainly have three or four who with more practice, etc. might take their place in most teams without being disgraced, but beyond these there are very few and as far as we can see no promising ones coming on to take the places of those we have already mentioned. The full back position, always a difficult one to fill, has been given more attention to this year probably from the fact that two of the best are almost new to our football fields, one entirely so.

Before particularizing either the club or the individual play of the past season we should like to give the honour to whom it is due for the existence of Rugby football here at all. A couple or so years back there was

a general exodus from our Rugby ranks, increasing age and other causes being mainly responsible. Matters looked very serious and when the general annual meeting of our Senior Club was only attended by some dozen members, Rugby football in the Plate indeed appeared to be on its last leg. Messrs J. C. Bellamy and M. F. Gilderdale then, in spite of the dark outlook, accepted the posts of Captain and Hon. Secretary of the B.A.F.C. and to their efforts and theirs alone, have we to be thankful for the existence of Rugby football at the present time. Among the players themselves this is well known and freely admitted, but among the outsiders it is not so, and they would be somewhat surprised if they knew the enormous amount of work these two have gone through not only in keeping the game up, but in bringing about the all-round general improvement so noticeable.

Let us make mention of one more name and we have done with generalizing. One of the first exponents of the game in this country, and one moreover whose record at home will compare very favourably with the best here, Mr Denny Stokes has worked wonders in keeping the younger generation together, and it is not too much to say that he is in a very large measure responsible for the existing state of affairs. If all our old Rugby football players had taken the same interest in the game that Mr Stokes has, we should find very little trouble in raising teams at the present time.

Of the Clubs, the Lomas A.C. this year have been the most successful. Under A. McMorran's captaincy they have obtained an unbeaten record and for the first time for some considerable period, they defeated the B.A.F.C. in both their matches. In addition to this every member of their team was a *bona fide* member of the club, a boast which no other member of the club except the B.A.F.C. can make.

Flores, helped by members of other clubs, played one or two good games, but their members are apparently tired of football, and the interest has greatly decreased the last year or so.

Hurlingham only played one match, that against the B.A.F.C., which they won, but it is only fair to state that the B.A. was far from representative, while one or two of their regular players figured among their opponents.

Belgrano made a plucky attempt to put a Rugby team in the field and with a little outside help did very well, their victory over a strong Flores team being one of the closest matches of the season.

The B.A.F.C., so usual, were the mainstay and kept matters going all through the season.

Strictly speaking, they have not had a very successful season, as they have suffered more than one reverse, but this has been simply owing to their generosity in lending some of their best players to the opposing teams so as to make a good match. This season, however, must be considered a successful one, as for the first time since the match was instituted, the Old Bedfordians suffered defeat at their hands, and this more than atoned for any club reverses.

The picked B.A.F.C. fifteen for season 1897 was photographed before the match last Sunday, and we do not think we can do better than conclude this short summary with a short description of the individual play of each member.

Full back—H. Colson—Quite one of the best tacklers we have. Kicks well, but is rather inclined to run too much. Played for B.A.F.C. and Belgrano, of which team he is captain.

Three-quarter backs—G. F. Elliot—Always a brilliant runner, he is greatly improved in his defensive play and during the season has accomplished many excellent performances. Kicking still a little weak.

J. O. Anderson—Plays centre three-quarter with good judgment. Is still as dangerous as ever in his opponents' quarters, but has lost a good deal of his pace. Kicks well and won more than one match with his dropped goals.

A. McMorran—A really brilliant defensive player and sound tackler. Kicks well, but is rather deficient in pace. Gave several fine exhibitions during the past season.

Half backs—E. L. Rumboll—Stands quite alone among our half backs. His tackling is perfectly safe and his kicking is good, but he particularly shines in making openings for his three-quarters. His passing is perfect and the only regret is that he is not seen more often on the football field.

D. King—A plucky half, but has none of the resources of his partner. Tackles and passes well, should kick more and might be quicker on to his man.

Forwards—J. C. Bellamy (capt.)—Has kept going wonderfully well all through the season. Quite our most brilliant forward in the open, and by the enthusiasm he has infused into his team has done much to stimulate Rugby football here. Makes an excellent "skipper" and by his keenness sets his men an admirable example.

M. F. Gilderdale—Positively as good as ever, in spite of two damaged knees. The hardest working forward we have, very good out of "touch," and a splendid player for an uphill game. Has worked very hard in his capacity of Hon. Sec. to keep up the interest in the game.

F. H. Jacobs—A real good forward with a thorough knowledge of the game. Has been played outside the scrummage too much to do himself full justice.

A. Anderson—A good hard working forward and very useful half. Is too slow for a three-quarter, a position he has frequently played in this season.

L. Jacobs—Has fully come up to the expectations formed of him, and has turned out a good honest worker.

E. Liversedge—Quite deserved his "cap" which he earned this season. A good scrummager, but inclined to be clumsy in the open. Is a keen and enthusiastic player.

H. Mohr Bell—Has played three-quarter, half, and

forward, the last of which is his proper place. Rather light but works hard and is a smart dribbler. Also gained his "cap" which was thoroughly deserved.

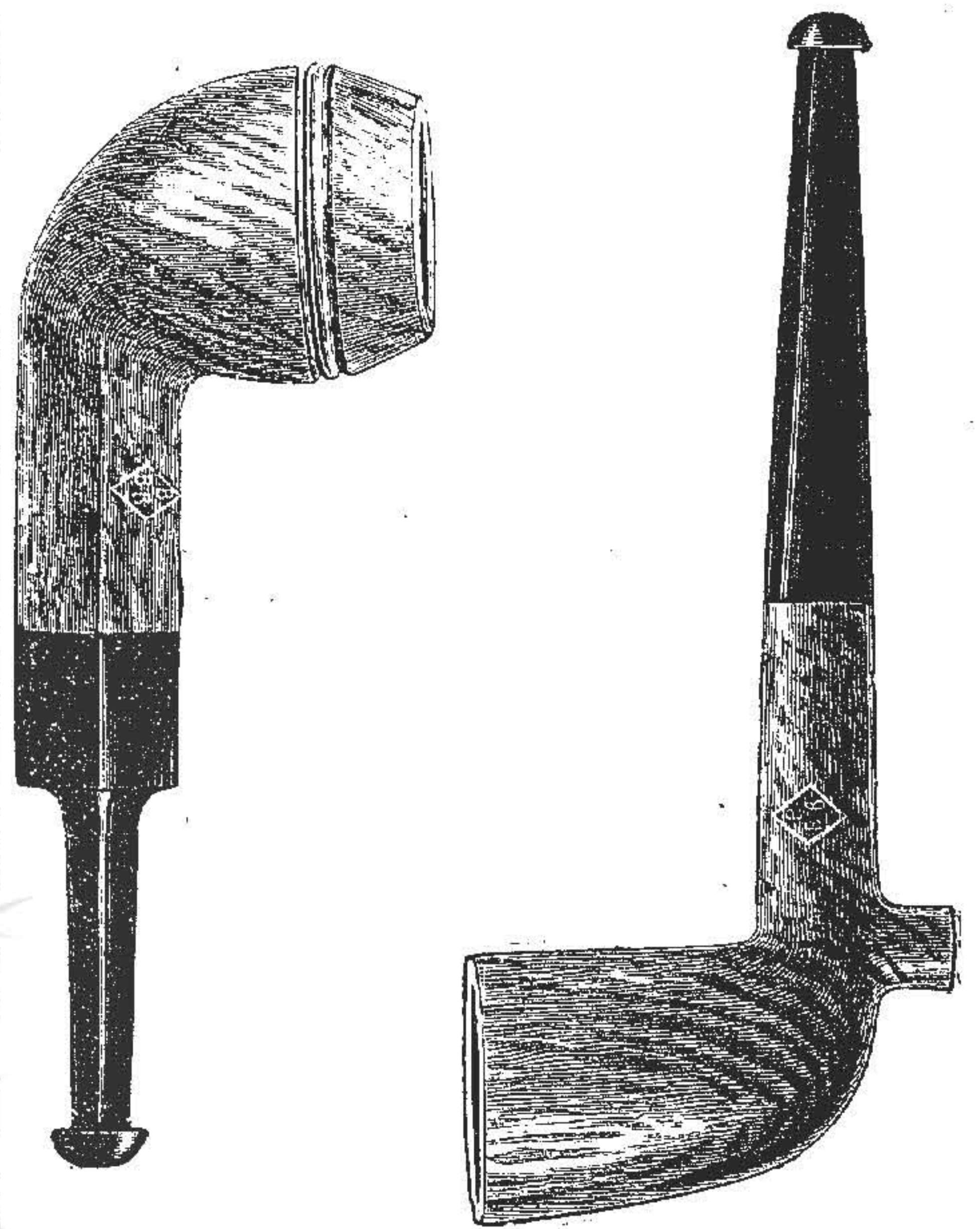
C. Romer—Plays with great dash and tackles in good style. Quite deserved his place in the team.

W. D. Campbell—A good all-round forward playing equally well in the open and in the "scrum." This is his first season here and he rapidly gained his place in our best team.

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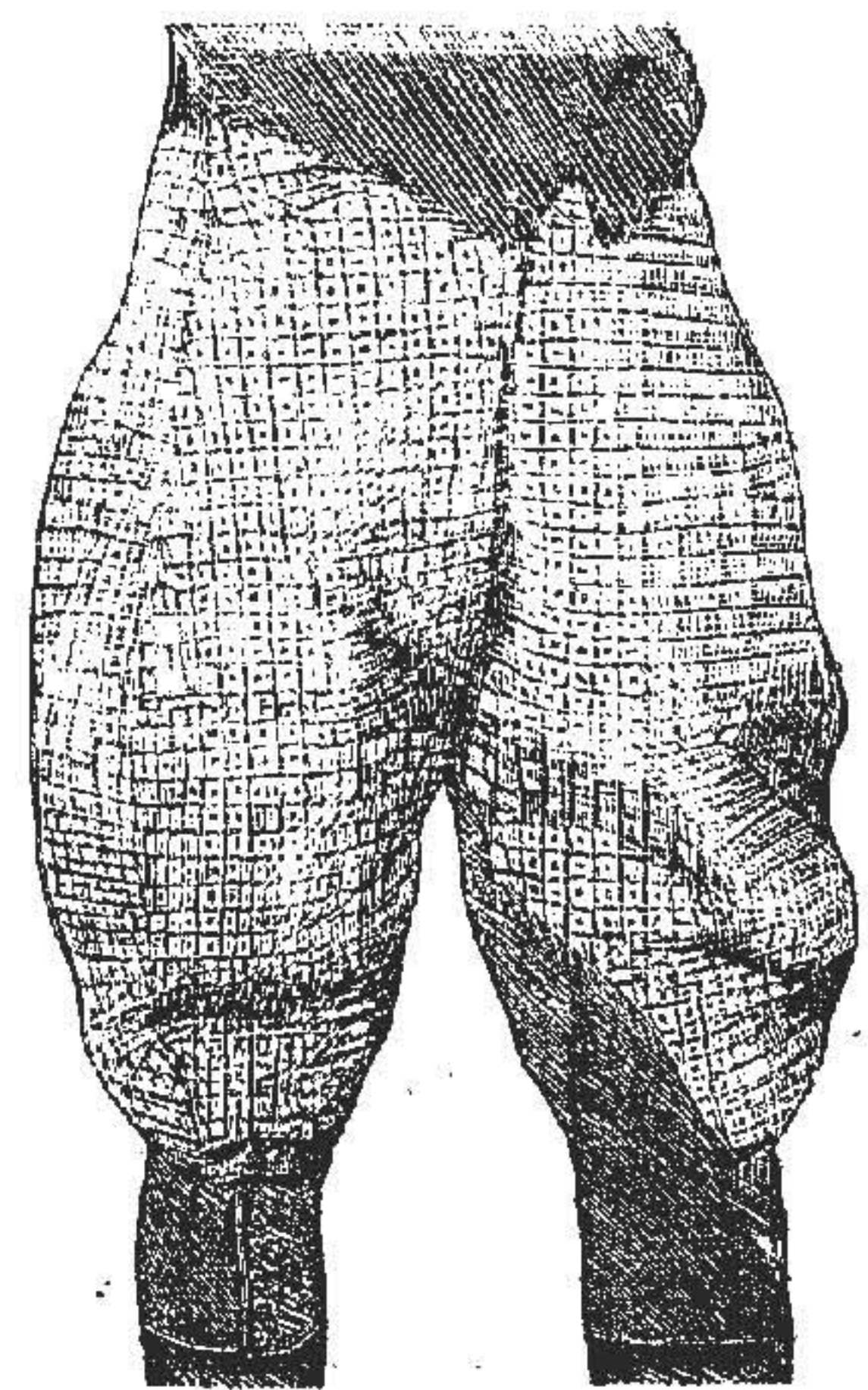
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PAVILION GOSSIP.

The Rugby football season was concluded last Sunday when a picked team of the B.A.F.C. played the Old Bedfordians at Lomas. Among other schools represented in the B.A. team were Fettes, Blair Lodge, Haileybury, Forest, and Glenalmond. For the first time the club representatives proved successful, but not without a very hard fight, the final result being quite uncertain until the whistle sounded for cessation of play, when the B.A. team retired victorious by two tries (six points) to one try (three points).

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All the members of the winning team played a good hard game, but I cannot help thinking that the victory was principally due to the play of the forwards, who one and all showed up splendidly and put in some sterling work. Their scrummage work was decidedly good, but the greatest improvement was shown in their tackling and following up. The Old Boys worked for all they were worth, but they lacked the combination of their opponents and several were, of course, out of practice and wanting in condition. The game, however, was a very enjoyable one and we shall hope to see many more such meetings.

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After the match a most pleasing ceremony took place in the shape of a presentation to Mr Leslie Corry-Smith in recognition of his valuable services to the B.A.F.C. as referee. Mr Denny Stokes on behalf of the members of the B.A.F.C., after a few well chosen words presented Mr Corry-Smith with a handsome silver cigarette case, with his monogram on one side of it, and the following inscription on the other: "Presented to L. Corry-Smith, Esq., by the members of the B.A.F.C. in recognition of his services as referee. 1896-1897." Mr Corry-Smith made a suitable reply, and it was evident that he was quite taken by surprise. I need hardly point out here what a great interest Mr Corry-Smith takes in the game or how good he has been in giving up his time to journeying about and taking charge of the various games.

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The third match between Lomas and Lanus to decide the championship of the Association League for 1897, took place last Wednesday at Lomas, and provided one of the finest exhibitions of football ever seen in this country. Apart from the play, the old field at Lomas presented a wonderful sight as a record crowd was in attendance, which took the keenest interest in the day's play and followed every movement of the players with the closest attention.

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There were many amusing scenes and some very funny remarks overheard during the course of the match. One of the spectators interested me greatly; he first attracted my attention by the extraordinary volume of sound that he produced which was accounted for, partially, by the exceptional size of his mouth which he kept very wide open. After cheering lustily without ceasing he suddenly stopped when a goal was scored against his side, but he forgot to close his mouth which remained rigidly fixed wide open for some few minutes while the rest of his face expressed the utmost dismay! On another occasion when one of the players upset one of his opponents rather roughly, a young lady was heard to remark "How unkind of him and he did not even beg his pardon when he got up!"

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As to the play itself too much praise cannot be given. The two sides were exactly matched and strive how they would neither could secure the upper hand of the other. In such a match I should be sorry to mention any particular player as deserving of special praise, but I must say the Lanus forwards set their opponents an example in combination, which it might be well for them to follow. The fourth meeting of these teams has been fixed by the League committee for tomorrow at Lomas, with Mr B. B. Syer, the Vice-President of the League, as the official referee. I only trust we may see another such game as that of last Wednesday.

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I have so often pointed out the trouble and bother some people give in not keeping their dogs under proper control after having brought them on to our various athletic grounds. We have had instances of the games being interfered with both football and cricket, of dog-fights, and the other day of a disgraceful scene by the owners of two dogs that were fighting. Now, however,

I have to chronicle a still more serious instance, for just before the Old Bedfordians match at Lomas last Sunday, a wretched cur brought Mons. Chédel off his bicycle, giving him a nasty fall which resulted in a bad dislocation. Mons. Chédel is a very keen athlete and was training hard for the Lomas Sports. I hope we shall soon see him on his wheel once again none the worse for his unfortunate accident.

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The meeting of cricket secretaries was held in these offices last Tuesday when it was unanimously decided by the clubs represented that a cricket championship should be formed. The following six clubs entering for same: Hurlingham, Lomas, Flores, Belgrano, Lanus and Banfield. It was further resolved that the question of a second division of the championship should be left over till next season, by which time we shall have had sufficient experience to enable us to form a championship for both first and second elevens.

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At the same time the second elevens have been by no means neglected or forgotten, and each club will this year have a properly arranged second eleven fixture list. This is a move in the right direction and it is to be sincerely hoped that all the fixtures made will be faithfully carried out, so that there need be no blank days or disappointments.

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As my cricketing readers know, there have been several cases in recent years of bowlers giving away a few extras in order to prevent the opposite side from following on, but for the first time on record we have an instance of the batsman outwitting these manoeuvres. In the match between Essex and Lancashire Mr F. G. Bull endeavoured to prevent the northern county from following on, by bowling wides, but Mold knocked his wicket down and so prevented Mr Bull's tactics sbeing successful. We therefore have yet another example of the great necessity there is of revising the follow-on rule.

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This week I have to chronicle another cricket record—379 for the first wicket. It will be remembered that quite recently Brown and Tunnicliffe for Yorkshire against Sussex, broke the existing record for the first wicket by putting on 378 runs before being separated. Now, however, the honour has gone to a Southern county as Abel and Brockwell scored 279 for Surrey against Hampshire. As a matter of fact when Abel had only scored 50 several present thought Captain Wynyard had caught him, but in spite of a general appeal the umpire decided in favour of the batsman.

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Mr A. E. Stoddart has at last fixed upon his team for the forthcoming tour in Australia. The thirteen members of the team are:—A. E. Stoddart (capt.), Middlesex; K. S. Ranjitsinhji, Sussex; A. C. Maclaren, Lancashire; Capt. E. G. Wynyard, Hampshire; N. F. Druce, Surrey and Cambridge University; J. R. Mason, Kent; Hayward, Surrey; Wainwright, Yorkshire; Storer, Derbyshire; Board, Gloucestershire; Hearne (J. T.), Middlesex; Richardson, Surrey. All the members of the team, except Maclaren, who starts a fortnight in advance, will leave for Australia on the 17th inst, by the Orient Line s.s. Ormuz.

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If time permits they will stay at Colombo for one day and play a match against fifteen of Ceylon. At Albany they will disembark, and play two matches at Perth against West Australia, proceeding a fortnight later to Adelaide. Here the serious work of the tour will commence with a match against South Australia, who administered to Mr Stoddart's 1894 team their first reverse. A week is allotted for each of the eleven a side matches. After leaving Adelaide the team will meet Victoria at Melbourne, New South Wales at Sydney, and Queensland at Brisbane. Returning to Sydney, they will commence the first match against All Australia on December 10. The other four test matches have been arranged to take place as follows: December 31, at Melbourne; January 14, at Adelaide; January 29, at Melbourne; and February 25, at Sydney.

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In all probability Mr Stoddart's team will meet each colony twice. The colours of the team are the same as in 1894—broad stripes of dark blue, separated by thin stripes of red, white, and light blue. James Phillips (Middlesex), who accompanied Mr Stoddart's 1894 team as umpire, and who also umpired most of the Australian matches in England in 1896, has again been engaged as umpire.

NATURAL HISTORY.

According to Dr. Snelison in the "Popular Science News," the lower animals become insane or frenzied. Cats, dogs, and monkeys are said to labour under delusions like those of insane persons. Cattle in a crowded street often work themselves into a frenzy. At the battle of Balaclava, an Arab horse attacked his attendant fiercely, and bit the finger off another soldier. A quiet horse has been known to go mad on a hot day and bite everything in its way.

According to Dr. Robert Bell, the Canadian who recently explored Labrador, there is a fish in the South of Hudson Bay which makes a nest of stones for its eggs. The fish is called "Awadosi" by the Indians, which means "stone porter," from its habit of picking up pebbles in its mouth and heaping them on the bottom at a part selected where the water is not too deep. Some of these erections comprise several tons of stones, while others are quite small. The fish deposit their eggs among the stones.

Professor Bonatelli in a note to the Venetian Institute, relates an incident showing the reasoning powers of ants. He had observed a procession of the little insects going and returning from the branch of a tree to a house touched by the latter. He cut the end twig, making a gap of about half an inch between the tree and the wall, so that the ants could no longer pass. At the end of half an hour they had found out that another twig of the tree, when moved by the breeze, came into contact with the wall every now and then. They immediately took advantage of this flying bridge and re-formed their procession, waiting each time for the moment of contact in order to pass.

We find the following useful hint regarding mosquitoes in the "Shooting Times":—

"Mosquitoes are extremely frightened by dragon flies, and will not come within yards of them. If one or two dried dragon flies are suspended from fine silk under the roof of an open porch infested by mosquitoes, they will scare all of the little pests away, and they will not come back while the dragon flies are there. This has actually been tried with surprising results. It is a well-known fact that dragon flies are predatory and voracious insects, and that they subsist largely upon gnats, midges and mosquitoes, and it is but natural that the mosquito, who is a wise insect, should regard the dragon fly as a small bird regards the hawk.

Dromedaries, according to a paragraph in the "Cigarette World," are particularly fond of tobacco smoke, and can be made to do almost anything under its influence. Travellers in the Soudan, it is asserted, rely more on tobacco smoke for their control over these huge beasts than anything else. When travelling on long journeys, the dromedaries are, in many cases, required to travel night and day without rest, and the beasts are kept up to their tasks by smoking cigars. The driver carries a triangular piece of wood, which is pierced at one point like a cigar-holder. This is inserted in the mouth of the beasts, the cigar being lit and pressed into the hole in the same fashion followed by man. The dromedary immediately closes its eyes and puffs away through its nostrils until the cigar is burned away. The indulgence appears to refresh it, and he continues the promenade.

The "Shooting Times," in answer to the query "Have snakes been used in warfare?" says: "If we may rely upon the historical accuracy of Cornelius Nepos, and the genuineness of certain despatches from the seat of war in Cuba, the answer would be that this has happened twice. When Hannibal was fighting Eumenes of Pergamos with a fleet of very inferior strength, he hit upon an artifice which would scarcely be sanctioned by the laws of what we are pleased to call civilised warfare. He discovered, by means of a bogus message under flag of truce, which ship the king was on board of. He then caused poisonous snakes to be enclosed in earthen jars. These he distributed among several ships, and ordered them to close upon the king's galley. In the melee that followed the jars were flung on to the deck. The curious bombs were greeted at first with ridicule, which soon changed to panic when the nature of their contents made itself manifest. The galley was extricated from the fight as soon as possible, and the captains of the others, believing the king had taken flight, followed suit, with the result that Hannibal gained a complete victory. It has recently been stated, though only on the authority of an American newspaper, that the Cuban insurgents have employed snakes to carry combustibles, such as phosphorus and chlorate of potassium, into sugar plantations, and have managed by this means to cause an enormous amount of damage to those planters whose sympathies were with the Spanish Government."

Mr Walter Rothschild who has long been interested in the giant land tortoises, especially in those of the islands of the Indian Ocean, which are within measurable distance of extinction, has been successful in obtaining examples of different species, some of which have been deposited at the Zoological Gardens, while others have been sent to Tring. The latest arrival is a gigantic specimen of Daudin's Tortoise from Aldabra. The animal was brought by ship to Marseilles, where it was taken charge of and conveyed to London. This gigantic reptile must number its years by centuries, for it is stated there are authentic records with regard to it

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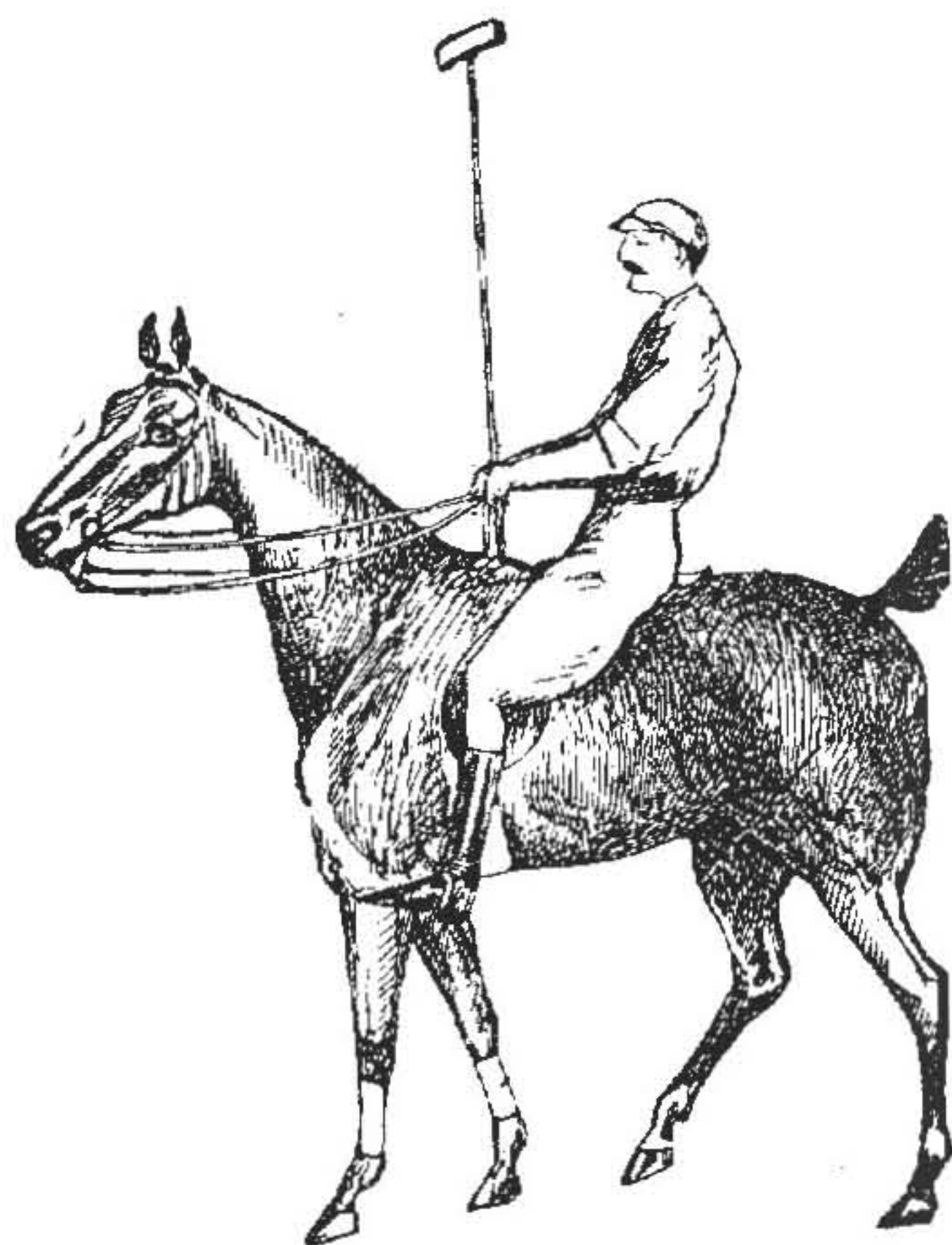
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