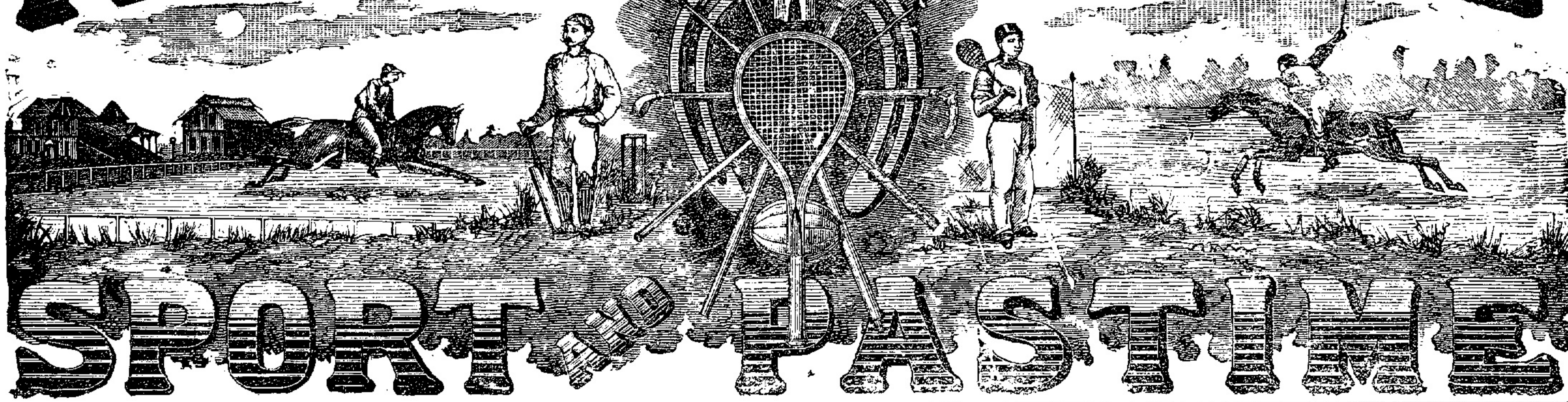


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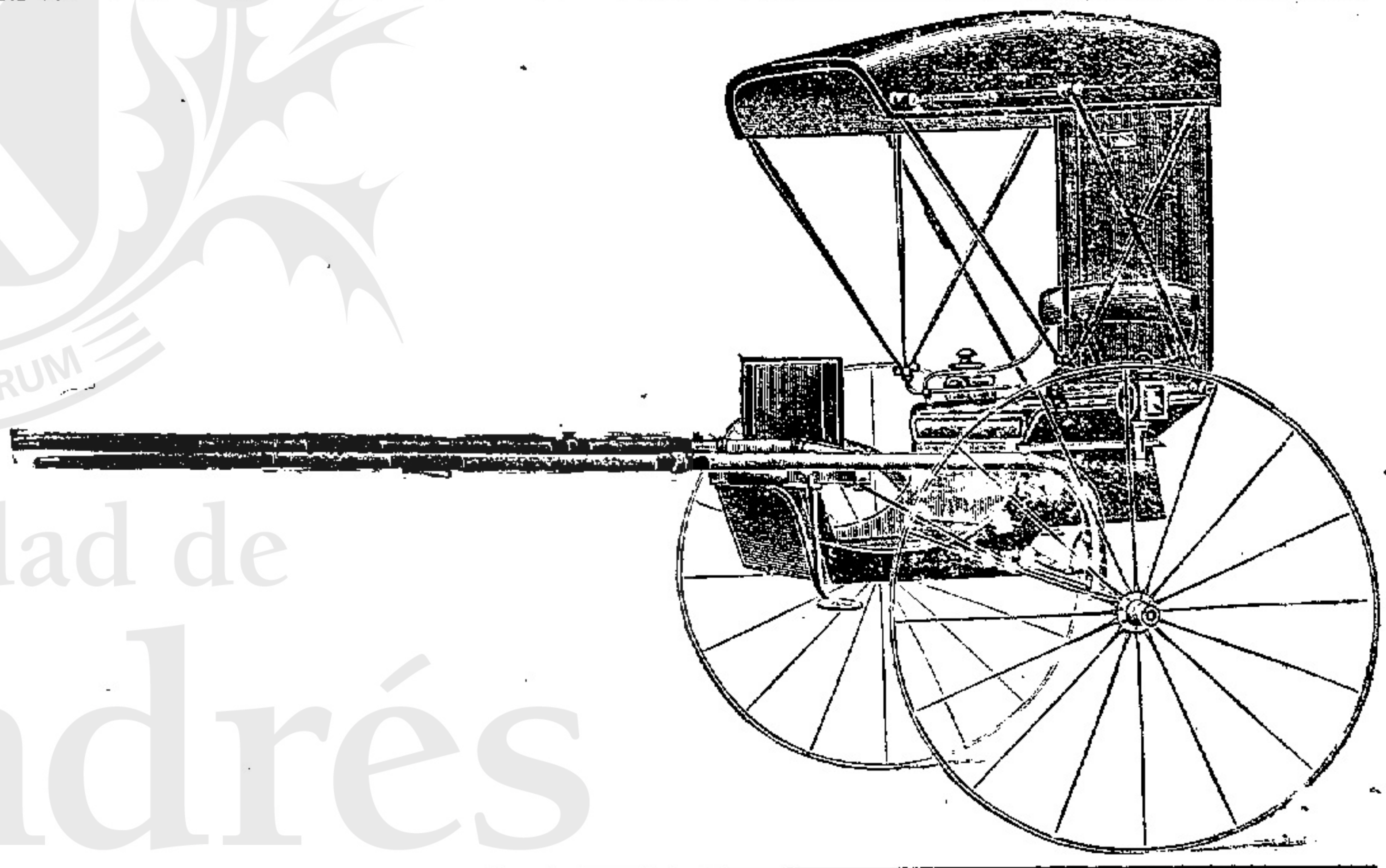
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## THE RURAL SOCIETY'S SHOW.

The Rural Society has no cause this time to complain of either the quality or quantity of the entries for this year's show. There are, of course, a few bad animals, in the light horse classes especially, but this cannot be wondered at in a comparatively new country like this. The cattle and sheep, however, are a credit to our estancieros, and would make a good exhibition anywhere. We wish some of our breeders at home who have sold so many of their stud animals to Argentines could visit Palermo this week and see the progeny of their best blood bred under the Southern Cross.

As we said last week the show yard has been greatly improved since last year, though its general appearance is not bright, owing to the lateness of the season having kept back the leaves of the trees, and the absence of the bunting and decorations which the machinery houses put up two years ago. This year, like last, there is very little machinery, and only two or three stands erected outside in the yard. The permanent boxes and stalls have, however, been repainted and done up, and a good deal of trouble taken with the roads and paths and in draining the corrals outside. The ring is as before, and laid down in sand, but two new stands have been erected on the south side for the benefit of the members of the Society and their friends. The pavilion at the south-east gate has been repaired and thoroughly done up, and is used this year for the sheep dips, dairy, and other exhibits; whilst the large pavilion is filled entirely with sheep, and makes a nice, cool, light place for them, the shed under which they were shown last year being filled entirely with wethers sent in for sale.

During each day of the show a band from one or other of the regiments has played selections of music, but only to a very small audience, as the number of people who have visited the show has been of the smallest, little having been done for the entertainment of the general public except on Tuesday and Friday, when the jumping and driving competitions were on the programme. It is true, there were parades of the horses each afternoon, but this only lasted a few minutes, and none of the other animals entered the ring at any apparently fixed time or order. So as there was hardly any machinery to look at, and nobody knew when each class was to be judged, only camp men and exhibitors were attracted to the show on the odd days. We hope things will be made more attractive next year, as the Society must depend greatly on the general public's gate money and the support of our large machinery houses.

The classes were all judged by Monday, and the prize-winners duly labelled, and the several championships were given in each breed. For cattle, which came first on the programme, there was a championship for the best bull of any meat-producing breed, and for the best lot of three animals shown by any one breeder. Messrs Bullrich and Co. gave a silver cup to the best bull or cow of any breed or age, and Messrs Alfred Mansell and Co. gave a silver cup to the best Shorthorn bull by an imported sire.

### CATTLE.

The Championship and Messrs Bullrich's prize was won by a grand roan bull, Golfarini, shown by Mr José L. Fages, of Mercedes. He is not two years old yet, so it says something for his quality to have won this special prize. In conjunction with a two-year-old shorthorn bull, Arata, and an eighteen months bull named Jorge, he won the "Premio Conjunto" for the best lot of three shown by one breeder. Mr D. A. Shennan's Meteor, a beautiful roan bull by Jubilee-Star, won Messrs Alfred Mansell and Co.'s prize.

The Herefords were quite cut out this year by the Shorthorns, who had their revenge for last year's defeat in the championship classes. Honours were divided for Shorthorn bulls between Messrs Thomas Bell, who showed a very handsome bull in the first class, Mr Shennan of Negrete, and Mr Fages, whilst the late Mr Narciso Vivot's heirs took the only prize given for cows, only one of the classes for females attracting entries. Mr Leonardo Pereyra, Mr Gregorio Villafañe, and Mr Gardner B. Perry, were each successful with Hereford Bulls, and Mr Pedro Ezcurra had it all his own way with his Polled Angus.

Of bulls and cows, entered for sale only, there were nearly a hundred, and as will be seen, some of them fetched big prices. Those on exhibition included the Royal winner, Master Recorder, who is now the property of Mr Cobo.

The fat stock made a capital show, Mr Lawrence Casey won in the Shorthorn class reserved for breeders, and Mr Emilio Frers in that for Herefords or their cows. Mr Casey's eight bullocks averaged 697 kilos each, and they deservedly won the championship prize for the best lot of eight fat bullocks of any one breed. They were a nice level lot, three and four-year-olds, of just the right sort for export, not too big, and should give meat of excellent quality. Mr Domingo Ayagaray took second prize with a lot of three-year-olds averaging 650 kilos. The heaviest lot came from Mr F. R. Leloir, of Tuyu, but they were big coarse animals and one or two looked many years more than the three they were only credited with. They averaged 718 kilos each. Mr Frer's Herefords averaged 609 kilos each. The second prize went to the same breeder with a heavier lot weighing 658 kilos each, but they were neither so level nor of such good quality as the winners. Third prize was won by Mr C. J. Quesada whose average was 674 kilos.

Mr Pereyra easily won with Shorthorns in the class for fat cows of any age or breed. His heaviest cow weighed 650 kilos, the average of the eight being 628 kilos. No other prize was given in this class.

In the class open to breeders or "invernadores," and to lots of eight animals of any age or breed, Mr Ayagaray won with eight Shorthorns weighing 804 kilos.

Mr Severo Arce, of San Vicente, took second prize, his Shorthorns averaging 751 kilos, and a lot of Herefords belonging to Messrs Mariano Acosta and Sons came third; their weight was 650 kilos.

### HORSES.

On Tuesday the first of the jumping competitions were held. These included a high jumping contest, and hurdle jumping for horses and ponies. Before the jumping commenced there was a show of chargers and single harness horses. Five chargers entered the ring, ridden by officers, but only one had any manners, and showed he could walk and trot as well as canter. This was Sr. Mariano de la Riestra's Remember, an old thoroughbred with very fair paces and nice manners. The only other horse that gave a show was Sr. R. Lezica Alvear's Tarará, a little bay, much too small, but as he moved so well the judges gave him a third prize.

Out of the four single harness turnouts only two seemed to have a chance of a prize. One was a tandem cart in which was driven a remarkably nice mare, with good manners, full of quality, but with only fair action, and the other a coarse chestnut with good action, but with nothing else to recommend him, and he was driven by a gentleman who held his reins twisted round his wrists. This turnout belonged to Sr. Tomás Estrada. The tandem cart and mare, which belonged to Sr. Achaval, took first prize, and a prize was given to Sr. A. Ayerza's cart in consideration of it being driven by a lady.

The high jumping competition came next, and proved thoroughly interesting. The only fence was a pole wrapped round with straw rope, and was raised each round. All got over the first time, but Mr H. C. Thompson's Carmen, ridden by himself, failed the second time, and Mr A. H. Howard's Lechero and Mr E. Bollini's Top the fifth. Of the three remaining horses Baron Peers' mare Titania failed at the next height, as also did Mr Green's chestnut, and so left Mr Grigg's Apache, which had not made one mistake, the winner. Baron Peers did not jump his mare again for second prize, so this was taken by Mr Green's McPaddy. The competitors were as follows:

High Jumping Competition, for any horse carrying not less than 70 kilos.  
 Mr A. D. Grigg's ch Apache ..... Mr F. W. Clunie 1  
 Mr H. L. Green's ch McPaddy ..... Owner 2  
 Baron Peers' Titania ..... Owner 0  
 Mr E. Bollini's Top ..... Baron Peers 0  
 Mr A. H. Howard's Lechero ..... Mr Yorke 0  
 Mr H. C. Thompson's Carmen ..... Owner 0

Apache is a criollo, about 14.3, and as ugly as a criollo could be, yet he jumps timber in really fine form, and the higher the jump the better he seemed to like it.

The ponies went first in the hurdle competition, and after the first round only three were in it—Baron Peers' L'Affreux, Mr Neumann's Picaso, and Mr Clunie's Robsonian. Another round spoilt L'Affreux's chance, as he completely bungled the third and fourth hurdles, and as Robsonian hardly made a mistake he took first prize. The old pony did not perform as well as usual the first time round, but the second he went as well as ever. The competing ponies were the following:

Hurdle Jumping, for ponies 14.2 or under, carrying not less than 70 kilos, over five hurdles.  
 Mr F. W. Clunie's Robsonian ..... Owner 1  
 Mr Neumann's El Picaso ..... Mr Clunie 2  
 Baron Peers' L'Affreux ..... Owner 3  
 Mr C. J. Kelton's Gil Blas ..... Mr Yorke 0  
 Sr. R. de Wentzky's Guanaco ..... Owner 0

Nine horses turned out for the open competition over hurdles, but after one round the first prize was at once awarded to Mr Green's McPaddy, who did not make a single mistake and whose style was of the best. Mr Howard's Lechero, and Mr Bollini's Top, jumped well and had another round to decide which should take second prize. Both jumped equally well, but Lechero's slovenly style lost him second honours. The result therefore was:

Hurdle Jumping, for any horse over 14.2, carrying not less than 70 kilos, over five hurdles.  
 Mr H. L. Green's ch McPaddy ..... Owner 1  
 Mr H. Bollini's Top ..... Baron Peers 2  
 Mr A. H. Howard's Lechero ..... Mr Yorke 3  
 Mr L. J. Moser's Don Quijote ..... Owner 0  
 Mr F. Martinez de Hoz' Boy ..... Owner 0  
 Baron Peers' Titania ..... Owner 0  
 Mr R. de Wentzky's bay gelding ..... Owner 0  
 Mr H. C. Thompson's Carmen ..... Owner 0  
 Mr E. Ghirardo's Star ..... Mr E. Wentzky 0

We have seen some pretty bad riding in jumping competitions but never anything so bad as the way two horses were handled in this event.

In the class for pair horse turnouts Mr Bosch, with a handsome pair of browns, took first prize.

There was a very large and smart crowd present on Tuesday afternoon, which included the President of the Republic, the Chief of Police, and many other celebrities, so that the stands were completely filled on either side of the ring.

The horses as usual made the most interesting feature of the show to the general public. Some really good animals were shown, but there were also some very bad ones, which were only of use to show the result of careless breeding. Mr Martinez de Hoz, as he has always done, carried everything before him in light horses and took the championship with his hackney Beau. It was disappointing to see the championship for heavy horses go to what we are accustomed to look upon as a "foreign" breed. The Clydesdales shown were many of them good horses, but the best had some defect or other that the veterinary could not overlook, and so Sr. Herrera's Percheron Menelik took the highest honours. This is a grand horse, a good mover, and a long way in front of any other of the breed in the show.

The champion saddle horse proved to be an Arab belonging to Sr. Hernan Ayerza, a charming mover, with a lovely top, but very deficient in bone. He, however, well deserved the honour given him, as the show of saddle horses was decidedly poor.

Mr Martinez de Hoz' horses stood a long way in front of any others in the harness classes, and we should think the champion Beau would win in good company at home. He has improved a good deal since last year and has wonderfully good forelegs and feet, which is what cannot be said for many of his breed.

The Clydesdales did not make a good class, as most of them, though possessing nice tops, had faulty legs and feet. The judges did not give a first prize in either of their classes, Dr. Alston taking second with a nice little horse in the three-year-olds, and Mr George Bell of Estancia Grande equal honours with a two-year-old. No Shire or Clydesdale mares were shown. There was a goodly number of Percherons, Trakenens and Anglo-Normands, but amongst them very few good animals except the champion, Mr Herrera's black Percheron Menelik, whilst the cross-bred horses were, almost without exception, very bad.

Not the least interesting exhibit amongst the horses was a criolla mare. She was from Mendoza, and was the only criolla shown, and a fairer specimen of the native horse could not have been sent, as she is a good wear-and-tear sort, with capital bone and feet.

We have forgotten to mention a remarkably nice mare in the Hackney class, Mr Martinez de Hoz' Donna. This was a big fine mare, full of quality, and though not by any means a great mover in front yet is the possessor of good feet and legs, and used her hocks remarkably well. Mr Martinez de Hoz had an own sister to Beau in the two-year-old class, called Ester, a very handsome little mare.

Yesterday there was more jumping and driving, and the stands were again well filled, but not so full as on Tuesday. The jumping was very good all round, and the judges must have had some difficulty in separating Titania and McPaddy in the open class, as neither seemed to make a mistake, and it was only a question of style. The results were as follows:

Saddle Horses, shown by a gentleman rider.  
 Mr Francisco D. Madero's Lambaré ..... 1  
 Mr R. Lezica Alvear's Tarará ..... 2  
 Mr M. Gonzalez Herrera's Cacio ..... 3  
 Single Harness Horse, shown by a coachman in livery.  
 Mr M. Miras' chesnut and buggy ..... 2  
 No other prize given.

Jumping Competition, for ponies 14.2 or under, carrying not less than 70 kilos.

Mr P. Neumann's El Picaso ..... Mr Haig 1  
 Mr J. P. Rojo's Anteo ..... Owner 2  
 Mr F. W. Clunie's Robsonian ..... Owner 0  
 Mr A. W. Grigg's Apache ..... Mr Clunie 0

Open Jumping Competition, for horses 14.2, carrying not less than 70 kilos.

Mr H. Green's McPaddy ..... Owner 1  
 Baron Peers' Titania ..... Owner 2  
 Mr H. Bollini's Top ..... Baron Peers 3  
 Mr A. H. Howard's Lechero ..... Mr Haig 0  
 Mr J. J. Roberts' Crispino ..... Owner 0  
 Mr G. Ghirardo's Star ..... Baron Peers 0  
 Mr F. Martinez de Hoz' Boy ..... Owner 0  
 Mr Perugia's Pampa ..... Owner 0  
 Mr J. R. Rojo's Curupaiti ..... Owner 0

### SHEEP.

The show of sheep was excellent and quite representative in every way. Several special prizes were given, besides the championship for the three sorts, Merinos, Longwools, and Blackfaces. The Shropshire Society of England gave two cups for the best pen of five Shropshire Downs got by the rams sold by Messrs Bullrich and Co. by public auction, on the 28th of January, 1896. Messrs Mackill Laidlaw and Co. gave a cup for the best pen of five Lincolns not exceeding 18 months and bred by the exhibitor, and the Primitiva Gas Co. gave \$250 to the best pen of Lincoln ewes that had been dipped with Acaroína dip.

Messrs Roth and Co. won the championship for Merinos with a really magnificent Rambouillet, which was awarded the prize as the best sheep in the show.

In Lincolns, Mr Robert Walker again took first honours, and also won Messrs Mackill Laidlaw's special prize with a pen of Shearling rams.

The Blackfaced sheep were not strong numerically, but their quality was good. Mr F. D. Serantes won the championship with a fine Oxfordshire Down ram, whilst in Shropshires Mr J. A. Brown won with his ewes, and Messrs Lowe and Cripps, whose exhibits are the result of their first year's breeding, won with their rams. Several of the classes had two first prizes, the judges not being able to agree as to the best animals. There were also two seconds, and two thirds in many of the classes; it is a pity this had to be done as such awards are very unsatisfactory to all concerned.

### MACHINERY, &c.

The show of sheep-shearing machinery this year was confined to Messrs Agar, Cross and Co.'s exhibition of the Wolseley machine, which was used throughout the show for shearing some of the prize rams and other sheep. Besides this machine Messrs Agar, Cross and Co. had several other exhibits of windmills, reaping machines, etc.

The Compañía de Fabricantes Ingleses had their usual stand on the left hand side of the entrance, two of their most attractive exhibits being the "Victoriosa" reaper and binder, and a Merryweather steam fire engine.

Messrs Venzano and Perez had a large number of interesting exhibits—from a garden rake to a windmill. Messrs Moore and Tudor, and Messrs Phillips and Co., also showed machinery and implements.



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## River Plate Sport and Pastime

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1897.

## SPORTING NOTES

The Jockey Club's new house was opened on Thursday night by a ball given on a magnificent scale by the Club, for the benefit of the Sociedad de Beneficencia de la Capital. The rooms were beautifully decorated, there was about seventeen hundred people present, and there was dancing to several bands in different parts of the house. I should imagine this was one of the most brilliant functions ever held in Buenos Aires.

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I had no time last week to do more than notice the death of Sebastopol last Friday. It appears that the Ecure Belgrano's horse had suffered from an affection of the kidney for some years, and this is what eventually killed him. Sebastopol besides winning the Premio Internacional in Montevideo last year, and the Premio Buenos Aires in January last, had won a total of nineteen races and \$42,250. His best year was 1894, when as a four-year-old he won six times, and was placed five times out of fifteen starts.

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It is to be hoped the proposed visit of an English team of cricketers to this country will not be allowed to fall through. Times just at present are no doubt very hard, but the next few months may see them change very much for the better, but even if, as is unlikely, they do not change, the sum required to be raised to help to entertain the team would not require to be so very large, and if the Banks and business houses contributed, as no doubt they would do if asked, the sum remaining for the clubs themselves would not be much, especially as gate money would be charged at most of the matches.

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Such a visit would not only help on Argentine cricket to a great extent, but it would do the country itself some good, even if it only helped to teach the British public that Buenos Aires is not the Capital of Brazil. Lord Hawke, whom I have spoken to on the subject, says he would like to bring a team out for six weeks or so in February and March, and these months would undoubtedly suit us here best. We should be in full practice, any new shining light would be fully discovered, and the weather the is, as a rule, less trying than earlier in the summer.

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The return match between the Quilmes and Villa Devoto Lawn Tennis clubs will be played to-morrow at Villa Devoto. It will be remembered that on the last occasion these teams met Quilmes gained a rather easy victory, but their opponents hope to set them a more difficult task this time. To-morrow the Quilmes club will be represented by the following:—Messrs A. Eaton, H. Ritchie, A. Crawford, A. G. Garrington, W. Cunningham, and C. Hope. The train leaves Retiro station at 9.30 a.m.

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What will probably prove to be the last golf match of the season was played last Sunday at Rosario between teams representing the Fisher-

ton and Hurlingham Golf Clubs. The visitors were easily defeated, the home team winning by fifteen holes in the singles and twelve in the four-somes. The weather was splendid, and in spite of the result, the Hurlingham team returned delighted with the kind reception they received. The scores may be found under "Golf."

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The Venado Tuerto Polo Club's tournament and race meeting comes off next week, the racing falling on Wednesday next. The programme of the meeting will be published in this issue, but entries for the tournament will be received up to the last moment, so it is impossible to say what teams will compete. In any case it is safe to predict as popular a gathering as ever, and a good time for those who intend to stay in Venado Tuerto during the week.

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Next Sunday will see the Argentine Derby decided. Twenty-three horses are left in, but it is not likely that more than ten or a dozen will face the starter, but these will, of course, include the best of the year, and the Montevideoan colt, Guazunambi, that showed his heels to all the native bred three-year-olds in the Premio Coronel Miguel F. Martinez. This colt is confidently expected by many to beat Orange, and though the latter is favourite at the moment of writing this, Kimbolton's son is being heavily backed.

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The presence in the race of such a dangerous opponent from the other side of the river, as Guazunambi, will make it doubly interesting, and I expect the crowd at Palermo will be enormous. A great many people from outside are present in town, on account of the Rural Society's Show, and they will help to swell the ordinary attendance. Of the winners which will be coloured on the card, Orange is the biggest, his five races have brought in \$42,131. Pillito has won three times, as also has Balcarce, whilst Alarife, who has been seen more often than any other three-year-old this season, has got home first six times, but in minor events.

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The Flores Athletic Club intend holding a bat-fives tournament on Monday, November 1st, the events of which will include Open Champion Singles, for which a cup has been presented by Mr A. E. Bowen, Open Doubles, and Club Doubles, all handicap. All the events except semi-finals and finals must be played off on or before the 31st inst., and the entries for same, accompanied by entrance fees (\$5 for championship and \$3 for other events), should be sent in to any member of the sub-committee, or to the Hon. Secretary, on or before Monday, the 11th inst.

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It is not likely that the price obtained for the Haras Nacional's two-year-olds will be reached by any other stud in this season's sales. Not only was the top price an exceptionally high one, being equal to a thousand pounds sterling, but the average for such a big lot, thirty, of over two hundred pounds was a splendid one, and must fully repay their breeder for outlay in purchasing high class stallions and mares and rearing his young stock with care.

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I think most breeders of the thoroughbreds sent in this year made the mistake of having their youngsters too fat. It is, of course, to their interest to have their horses in the best stable condition possible, but at the same time the reputation of their stud, and prices at future sales depend entirely on the subsequent performances of the horses they bred when put into training. Now very few native trainers can resist hurrying a young one, even though their better judgment tell them not to do so.

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Besides there is so little time between the sales and the commencement of the next racing season that they have little choice. The young ones bought in October have to be broken in, and got fit to run in less than six months. For this reason breeders should send their colts to the auction yards ready for the trainer, and not in such condition that when put to the work most trainers here give them as soon as they are purchased, they are almost sure to break down somewhere or other, and so start their career handicapped in the worst way a racehorse can be,

My readers will be glad to hear of the arrival in Buenos Aires of Mr J. Ravenscroft, who has been absent in England for over six months. The last polo match in which Mr Ravenscroft took part at home was played under rather peculiar conditions. The game was an exhibition one between a Rugby and Cirencester team during the four days' fete at Boscombe. There is no polo ground at Boscombe, but a part of Lord Shelley's Park was thought suitable for the match.

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The players, however, when they arrived, found that the only suitable ground contained a small copse of trees, and try as they would, they could not place the flags so as to leave this copse out of the field of play. It was eventually agreed to do the best they could and play round the trees, but they must have been a great nuisance, not to say source of danger. I should think this is the first game in which good players and ponies took part that has been played under such conditions.

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Rugby won the All Ireland open tournament on August 28th, at Dublin, by beating the 13th Hussars in the final by five goals to two. It was a good game from all accounts and witnessed by a record crowd. It is the unanimous opinion of those who saw the match that the winners were decidedly the better team, their pace was better, as also was their combination, though the Hussars made them work hard all through.

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The win might have been more decisive but for an accident to Mr E. Miller, who put his shoulder out whilst hitting the ball, and whose place had to be taken by Mr Nichols, 17th Lancers, during the last period of the game. This accident has happened to Mr Miller before, and he has since to wear a strap attached to his elbow from his waist to prevent him raising his arm too high, and a recurrence of the mishap. It says a good deal for his pluck and keenness that he should have continued playing under these conditions.

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The Dublin Horse Show this year has been one of the most successful ever held. Not only were the entries much larger than they have ever been, but the presence of the Duke and Duchess of York in the Irish Capital helped to make the attendance enormous on each day, and on the first day of the jumping it was greater by six thousand persons than on the corresponding day of last year. The quality of the horses, too, if possible, was all round superior to that at any previous show.

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I have been asked a hundred times or more since returning from England how polo at home compares with polo here. The question is easily answered. First class polo in England is very much better than first class polo here. Not on account of superior individual play, but because the best men at home play a much more combined and scientific game, are far better mounted, and have learnt the knack of keeping the ball to themselves in a way no player here can do.

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There is no reason why individually our players should be behind any other Englishmen elsewhere. We have a big colony here and plenty of men who have taken up the game to choose from. But our players have not the same opportunity for practice in combination that either men at home or in India can have. They have only a chance of playing half a dozen first rate matches in the year, and most of them, through having to play with and against the same teams Sunday after Sunday, cannot possibly be expected to compete with men who play in tournaments and hard matches almost every day of the week all through the summer.

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The first class players at home are at the top of the tree, not on account of their being able to hit the ball better than others, some of them cannot do so, but on account of their being perfectly mounted always and because they have mastered the science of the game, play for their side and not for themselves, and never lose their heads even in the hottest match. If four of our best players from here could spend a season at home and play in good company all the time they would have a very good chance of beating any English team, but without at least a season's practice for themselves and their ponies they can never hope to do so.







of interest, and the large number of second eleven matches arranged should bring the game within the reach of all those interested, while the possible chance of a visit from an English amateur team should stimulate all to greater exertions and regular practice.

I hear on very good authority that a team representing the Northern Camps intends paying us a visit again this year. My readers will remember that their tour last season was a great success and that the Northerners gave an excellent account of themselves and quite held their own with our clubs. This year I believe they expect to be stronger than ever so that perhaps the North are going to reduce the lead now held by the South in their series of matches.

To-morrow the first championship match will be played at Flores between the home team and Lanus, when, although it is rather early to prophecy, I shall expect to see the homesters score their first point. The B.A.C.C. will also open their season with a match against the London Bank, who may be able to put a fair team in the field, as I hear of several new and untried players. Palermo and Banfield will also try conclusions at Banfield to-morrow, but the match is a friendly one only.

In spite of my appeals to the sporting public, or rather to that section of it, that benefitted either financially or by enjoyment, from the series of hard-fought matches between Lomas and Lanus, the utmost difficulty is being experienced in raising the amount necessary to pay for the set of medals due to the members of the Lanus team, who were the "runners up" for the cup, and except for whose excellent play none of these particularly fine contests would have been witnessed.

When it is considered that the sum required only amounts to some three hundred and odd paper dollars, and when it is also considered that

if a gate had been charged with but 50 cents entrance, close on a thousand dollars would have been taken at either of the last two matches, it is absolutely disgraceful. One or two have kindly come forward and guaranteed various funds if necessary, but the committee would far rather see the amount made up by small subscriptions. May this last appeal of mine not be in vain. The Hon. Treasurer, Mr B. B. Syer, 645 Avenida de Mayo, will be glad to receive all contributions.

After all the speculation the championship has gone to the North and Lancashire is to be congratulated on her attainment of the proud position. Surrey were distinctly unfortunate in losing to Somerset for the second time this season, especially as Hayward had his finger split early in the match and was thus incapacitated from taking any further part in the game. Up to the time of getting the hot return which proved so disastrous to him, Hayward had taken three wickets for eleven runs, so it is difficult to estimate what his loss meant to Surrey.

Although Lancashire's success was certainly well-deserved, for she has for years been very nearly top of the tree, besides filling the second position both last year and in 1895, there can be no doubt that it was owing to the rule of deducting the losses from wins, and calculating the positions by the proportion of points in finished games that made her the champion county for 1897. Nobody will grudge Lancashire her success, but all the same the present way of deciding the championship is not satisfactory and will probably be altered.

During the competition for the County Championship, 132 matches were played, and of this number the extraordinary proportion of forty-nine were left drawn, and I cannot help thinking that the governing body of cricket must have been deeply impressed from the fact that more than one-third of the matches had been left in an undecided condition. An element of the ridiculous was introduced by the one-time position of Notts, who stood at the top by virtue of two wins and eight drawn games.

The final position of the counties is as follows:

	Games				Per-
	Plyd. fin.	Won	Lost	Dwn.	centage.
Lancashire...	26	19	16	3	73.13
Surrey .....	26	21	17	4	51.13
Essex .....	16	9	7	2	55.55
Yorkshire....	26	18	13	5	44.44
Gloucestershire	18	12	7	5	33.33
Sussex.....	20	11	5	6	27.50
Warwickshire	18	7	3	4	11.11
Middlesex....	16	7	3	4	9.09
Hampshire...	18	11	4	7	33.33
Notts.....	16	7	2	5	21.87
Somerset.....	16	12	3	9	62.50
Kent.....	18	12	2	10	66.66
Leicestershire.	14	11	1	10	78.57
Derbyshire...	16	9	0	9	56.25

"The Worship of Athletics" on which Mr Gilkes, the head-master of Dulwich, writes in the "National Review" contains one capital story. He was dining a short time back with a parent who said with some feeling in his tone, that he had just taken his son to school, and had seized the opportunity to give the boy the best advice in his power. Mr Gilkes, in proper scholastic fashion, said that the occasion was well chosen, for that when a boy was going into a strange and somewhat perilous life he needed guidance; and moreover, that then his heart was soft and open, and thus he would receive and remember what was said: The father agreed with the head-master, and said that the advice which he had given his boy was to take up bowling rather than batting.

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**BLOOD STOCK SALES.**

**HARAS NACIONAL.**

It is very unlikely that any stud will cause the competition raised over the two-year-olds sent in by the Haras Nacional and sold on Tuesday last. The sale reminded us quite of the old days, and indeed it is difficult to associate real bad times with prices reaching a thousand pounds for country bred two-year-old race horses.

It was expected that Orange's brother would fetch a big price, but nobody thought that the colt would realise more money than was paid for anything sold last year, we hope the \$14,500 Mr Zubiaurre paid for him will prove his value. He is a very nice colt, and if brought to the post fit and well next year must soon repay his new owner for the outlay. The large number of thirty colts and fillies were offered by Messrs Bullrich and every one of them sold. Some indeed did not bring out much competition, but the average for such a big lot, \$32,733, is a magnificent one. As in former years, Mr Lanus' youngsters showed lots of quality, and except for a few undersized ones were a really good lot and likely to keep up the reputation which the Haras Nacional has earned during the past year or two on the turf.

Details of the prices follow:—

**COLTS.**

Astro, by Acheron—Etoile, Ecurie San Martin	\$10,000
Ali-Bey, by Acheron—Woodnymph, Sr B. Mendez	2600
Aluminio, by Acheron—Rosy Cheeks, Ecurie Belgrano	6600
Agamemnon, by Acheron—La Gaule, Sr G. Lereno	400
Ateniense, by Acheron—Lady Bountiful, Sr Juan Bidart	3000
Ocaso, by Orbit—Courbature, Sr J. B. Zubiaurre	14,500
Orizon, by Orbit—Hourie, Sr Scott	6000
Orinoco, by Orbit—Puri, Sr Ballestrini	9000
Orgullo, by Orbit—Moissonneuse, Ecurie Tapalqué	3500
Omnium, by Orbit—Himalaya, Ecurie Belgrano	6000
Orvietan, by Orbit—La Gazza, Ecurie San Martin	4600
Soult, by Soukaras—Belle Fille, Ecurie Pergamino	4000
Sancho, by Soukaras—Noubie, Ecurie San Martin	1200
Senegal, by Soukaras—Natalie, Ecurie Belgrano	4200
Porthos, by Athos—Vlagna, Stud Amenco	1100
Oribe, by Orbit—Columbia, Sr Scott	3000
Barriloché, by Bolivar—Speeder, Sr Scott	2200

**FILLIES.**

Isolina, by Acheron—Isology, Ecurie Belgrano	\$3500
Irlanda, by Acheron—Irish Jewell, Ecurie Belgrano	2000
Eco, by Acheron—Esperance, Sr M. Sanchez	1200
Katia, by Acheron—Khiva, Sr I. Correa	1100
Siria, by Acheron—Señorita, Ecurie Belgrano	700
Miss Clara, by Acheron—Miss Ormerod, Sr J. Menestrosa	500
Irma, by Orbit—Intervention, Ecurie San Martin	4200
Grivette, by Orbit—Gaillarde, Sr J. Henestrosa	700
Superbe, by Soukaras—Scottish Belle, Sr J. Carrara	500
Jalousie, by Soukaras—Javeline, Sr G. Lerena	1000
Bolivia, by Bolivar—Sebastienne, Sr G. Lerena	700
Federacion, by Athos—Nogoya, Sr A. Benitez	600
Concordia, by Athos—Lodi, Sr J. Carrara	600

**OJO DE AGUA**

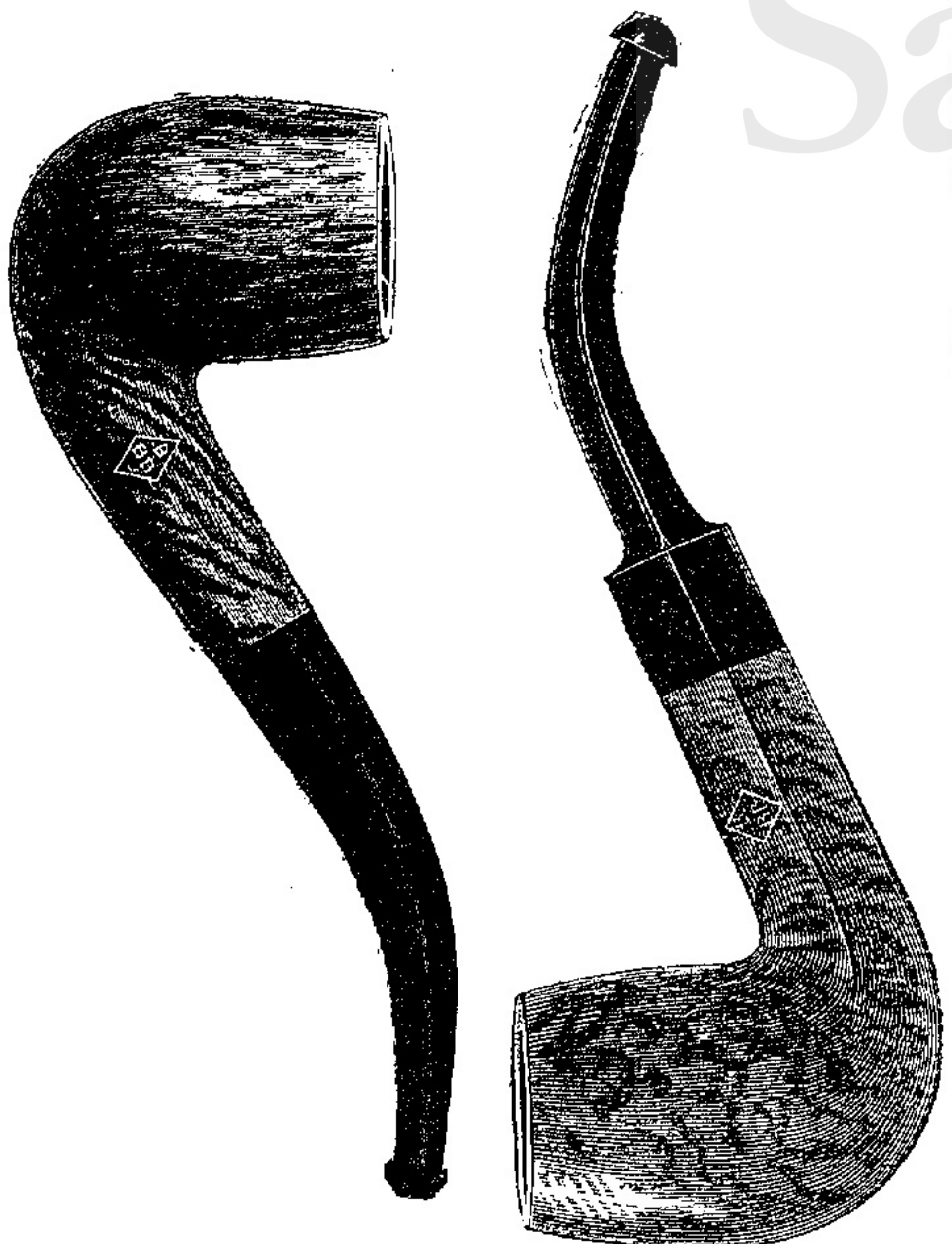
The Messrs Luro's two-year-olds were sold by Messrs Funes and Lagos on Wednesday last, and though there were plenty of buyers for them the competition was not so keen as for the Haras Nacional lot, and \$7500 was top price. They were, as usual, full of quality, but lacked substance.

The following are the prices in detail:—

Lucero, by Gay Hermit—Dawn, Petite Ecurie	\$7500
Amuleto, by Gay Hermit—Promesse, Stud Los Cardos	7000
Aboukir, by Gay Hermit—Smirna, Stud La Redencion	5000
Gendarme, by Gay Hermit—Sissy, Stud America	2900
Cockrane, by Gay Hermit—Corrie Dhu, Stud Los Cardos	2000
Nelesena, by Gay Hermit—Nesta, Sr H. Varela	3200
Juliana, by Gay Hermit—Julietta, Sr Cambaceres	2000
Neva, by Gay Hermit—Gudiana, Sr J. Folgueras	1400
Dictadura, by Gay Hermit—Noisette, Sr F. Duhalde	2500
Osana, by Gay Hermit—Regret, Sr E. Muzzio	3200
Anona, by Gay Hermit—Criptomera, Stud La Redencion	1500
Cedro, by Gloriation—Poplin, Sr Cambaceres	2000
Insular, by Gloriation—Ambadress, Sr Carabajal	2500
Bámbola, by Gloriation—Bébé, Sr Isidro Sanchez	1000
Flageolet, by Stiletto—Chanterelle, Sr B. Duhalde	8500

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## LAS ROSAS.

The Las Rosas throughbred two-year-olds were sold by Messrs Bullrich yesterday afternoon. They were evidently not much sought after, though amongst them were some nice colts and fillies. Five youngsters by St. Stephen were offered, but did not arouse great interest, though their sire is a nicely bred horse, by Royal Hampton. The remainder of the horses were by Orville. We thought the whole lot were sent up in much too big condition.

The following were the prizes obtained:—

Odin, by Orville—Concordia, Mr Langley ..	\$1000
Magic Mirror, by Orville—Mirror of Beauty, Sr H. Cibils ..	1700
Talisman, by Orville—Enchantress, Ecurie Talpalque ..	800
Sweet William, by Orville—Miss Mary, Stud Rio Tercero ..	2000
Gamble, by Orville—Speculation, Sres P. Nogues and Co ..	800
Glencoe, by St. Stephens—Lenape, Stud José Maria ..	1500
Blarney, by St. Stephens—Avoca, Sr J. Hall ..	450
Laburnum, by Orville—Primavera, Sr Fraser ..	350
Ballet Girl—by Orville—Dancette, La Petite Ecurie ..	800
Flippant, by Orville—Feather Bonnet, Sr J. M. Calistro ..	700
Ruby, by Orville—Topaze, Sr B. Biais ..	1200
Oblivion, by Orville—Dreamland, Sr J. Lanus ..	1050
Dilcoosha, by Orville—Kilmeny, Sr J. Lanus ..	750
Casquette, by Orville—Tierra, Sr S. Canale ..	550
Bracken, by St. Stephen—Glenfun, Stud José Maria ..	500
Oneida, by St. Stephens—Derby Dear, Sr R. Saguier ..	500
Yoicks, by Orville—Tally-Ho, Sr B. Biais ..	650
Sweet Sound, by Orville—Sweetheart, Sr E. Ramirez ..	1700

## PRICES

Price of gold on the Bolsa from Sept. 25th to Oct. 1st inclusive—

Saturday .....	288.00 %	Wednesday .....	286.90 %
Monday .....	288.80 "	Thursday .....	288.50 "
Tuesday .....	287.90 "	Friday .....	287.10 "

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

Bullocks, \$50—65.	
Novillos for Export .....	\$ 80—110
Fat cattle for consumption—novillos ..	50—80
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Calves—large, \$15-23; small, \$5.00-10.00	

Wool—Fine .....	5.00—7.50
" —Cross Lincoln .....	6.20—8.20
Hides—Bullock .....	\$14.00—15.00
" —Novillo .....	10.00—11.50
" —Cow .....	8.50—10.20
Sheepskins, consumo, per kilo .....	0.35—0.74
Lambskins, per dozen .....	2.20—2.50

Sheep—Lincolns .....	\$9.00—14.00
" —Mestizo-Lincolns .....	7.00—8.00
" —Rambouillet .....	5.50—7.00
Ewes .....	4.00—6.00

Wheat (barleta), 100 ks .....	\$14.00—15.80
" (French), 100 kilos .....	14.00—14.80
Barley .....	5.50—8.00
Maize (morocho), 100 kilos (new) ..	5.50—7.20
" (amarillo), 100 kilos (new) ..	5.00—6.80
Hay, 1000 kilos .....	18.00—40.00

## ESTANCIA AND COLONY.

The failure of the Rural Society to agree yet with the machinery houses in Buenos Aires is a great cause for regret. No show such as that held this week at Palermo can be complete without a good exhibition of machinery and implements, as to a large portion of the general public these form the most interesting part of the show. Perhaps by next year an understanding will have been arrived at. We hope so.

The compressed forrage now being manufactured by Messrs Stewart and Bennett is being very favourably reported upon by estancieros, exporters of live stock, and others, and we have pleasure in recommending it wherever forrage has to be kept for large numbers in a small space. The forrage is made of carefully picked and cleaned alfalfa, with maize and oats mixed in it in any proportion desired. It is so tightly compressed that no air or damp can enter the bales, and the forrage remains sweet for years if necessary.

The want of rain in Santa Fe, and in fact all over the country, has now become a serious matter for the crops and stock. There is yet time, if rain falls within the next few days, to save the wheat; but peste has carried off large numbers of cattle, and in some districts the crops have sustained real damage. In the face of the present drought locusts are almost forgotten.

A total of 3096 animals are in this year's Rural Society's Show at Palermo. There are 357 Shorthorn cattle, 126 Herefords, 30 Polled Angus, 1 red Polled, 6 Friburgs, and 112 fat cattle. Of horses there are 4 Arabs, 2 Hunters, 13 Clydesdales, 8 Percherons, 5 Anglo-Normands, 6 Trekenen, 22 Hackneys, and 60 of other breeds. The pigs number 28.

Some good prices were realised for bulls at the Rural Society's Show on Wednesday. Messrs Funes and Lagos sold three of Mr Miller's imported Shorthorns a \$350, \$1750 and \$1500 respectively, and one of Messrs Nelson's at \$2000. Country-bred bulls did not reach high figures. Mr Ortiz Rozas got \$570 for a young Polled Angus, and \$500 and \$550 for two others of this breed, whilst Mr Ezcurra got \$750 for his prize Angus bull.

Messrs Funes and Lagos held an exceptionally interesting sale on Tuesday last. This was of some stock sent over by the Cabaña Reyes, Montevideo. A thoroughbred colt sold for \$1500, and a filly for \$500. A nice Shorthorn bull fetched \$900, a heifer \$950, a pair of useful carriage horses \$520 each, and two saddle horses \$300 and \$350 respectively.

On the whole prices at the Palermo Show this year have not been at all sensational, and many estancieros who sent in animals "a Feria" would have done better to have sold them on their own places, where no extra expenses would have been incurred and prices in most cases been better. Export wethers fetched the most satisfactory prices, as from \$12.50 to \$15.80 was readily paid for those sold early in the week.

When the United States fiscal year closed on June 30 last the total exportation of horses for that period was about 30,000. In 1893 the United States only exported 2967 horses.

The average price of the 2697 sheep sold at the Sydney ram sales was £9 9s 2d, against £9 4s 10d for 3279 in 1896. The highest average in recent years was £19 16s for 2400 in 1883.

The average prices of British corn for the week ending August 25th last were:—Wheat, 31s. 8d. per qr; barley, 22s. 5d.; oats, 17s. 1d. The prices for the corresponding week last year were:—Wheat, 22s. 5d.; barley, 21s. 10d.; oats, 13s. 7d.

The rinderpest in South Africa has wrought havoc among the wild denizens of the veldt as well as among the cattle. Hundreds of dead buck are lying about the bush. Lions and other carnivora have been driven south for food owing to the destruction of game. A giraffe has been lately chased, but not captured, near Pretoria. The presence of that now rare animal in that locality is very extraordinary, and is attributed to its having fled before the southward-ranging beasts of prey.

During the last week of August at the Foreign Cattle Market, Deptford, there were 2,675 beasts, 1,716 being from the United States, 735 from Canada, and 224 from the Argentine Republic. Trade was firmer at a general advance, particularly for the Canadian consignments, which made 2d. per 8lb. more, while best States cattle realised an advance of 1d. per 8lb. The top price for States cattle was 5<sup>5</sup>/<sub>8</sub>d. per lb., for Canadian 5<sup>7</sup>/<sub>8</sub>d., and for Buenos Aires 4<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>d. The arrivals at Liverpool during

the same week comprised 1,772 from Boston, 715 from Newport News, 393 from Buenos Aires, 3,102 from Montreal, and 488 from Baltimore.

The Hungarian Ministry of Agriculture published last month its annual estimate of the world's harvest founded upon Consular Reports from all the important centres. The document, which is most interesting, leads to the conclusion that the world's harvest, in all kinds of grain, will be less by seven and nine-tenths per cent., or by two hundred and ninety-two million hectolitres than that of last year.

Amongst other stock the s.s. Normandy, brought out the first-prize "Royal" Show yearling bull Major Linton, purchased by Messrs George Rodger and Sons for Mr Angel T. de Alvear. For the same gentleman arrived also the two-year-old bull Sir Jasper, commended at the show, and two prize Lincoln rams, purchased from the well-known flock of Messrs Wright. The fine roan bull Randolph was also shipped by this steamer, along with two Shire mares with foals at foot, which had done well in the English show-rings, purchased by the same firm for Mr Martinez de Hoz.

There were 2,440 sheep at Deptford on August 30 of which 1,086 were from Canada and 1,354 from South America, the trade being slow at a decline of 4d. per 5 lb. The top price was 5<sup>5</sup>/<sub>8</sub>d. for Canadians and 5<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>d. for South Americans. The imports at Liverpool during the week under notice composed 557 sheep from Boston, 2,574 from Buenos Aires, and 184 from Montreal.

Mr J. M. Pestaña sold on Sunday last, at a judicial sale, 76 hectares of land in Exaltacion de la Cruz, for \$7500, or \$166.66 the square, to Mr E. Garibotto. The upset price was \$6076.

The third Rural Show at General Paz will be held on the 10th, 11th and 12th of October. We hear that many estancieros in the Province of Buenos Aires are preparing to send stock there.

At a sale held on Sunday at Merlo, by Messrs Erausquin and Cano, the following prices were obtained: Bullocks from \$22—70, cows \$24—62, working bullocks \$84—85, heifers \$18—43, bulls \$25—250, mares \$16—65, ram lambs \$11.95, rams \$45, colts \$22, calves \$24.50. The buyers were Messrs Videla, Invernizzi, Pinero, Sanchez, Colombet, Aldana, Vega, Baez, Aguilar, Agote, Pizarro, Gonzalez, Salazar, Sosa, Lasallez, Diaz, Lamogeste, Pietranera, Alvarez Hnos, Bariola, Larumbe.

On Saturday last, at the Rural Show, Messrs Funes and Lagos held a sale of cattle and sheep. Prices were as follows:

The property of Dr. Pueyrredon—8 steers at \$98 each, and 8 at \$111.

The property of Sr. F. Leloir—8 steers at \$100 each, 8 at \$90, 8 at \$80, and 8 at \$75.

The property of Sr. M. Acosta—8 steers at \$76 each, 8 at \$73, 8 at \$79, and 8 at \$90.

The property of Sr. C. Güiraldes—8 steers at \$115 each.

The property of Sr. T. Unanue, hijo—8 steers at \$100 each.

The property of Sr. J. Carabassa—8 steers at \$76 each.

The property of Sr. J. Acebal—1 steer at \$150.

The property of Messrs Anaygoti and Lalor—40 sheep at \$11.80 each, 40 at \$12, 75 at \$11.70, 80 at \$11.90, and 65 at \$12.

The property of Messrs Garcia and Rodriguez—40 sheep at \$8.50 each.

The buyers were Messrs Kingsland and Cash, Borren, Bossio and Camuyrano.

The report of the principal of the Animals Division, issued by the Board of Agriculture, shews that the total number of cattle and sheep imported into Great Britain from foreign countries during the year 1896, though not so large as in 1895, was considerably in excess of 1,250,000.

Over 500,000 cattle, or about 150,000 more than in 1895, were imported, larger consignments being received from all the principal sources from which the supply of the preceding year was drawn.

The number of sheep imported has fallen off by nearly 300,000, but this decrease is not surprising as the cause which led to the enormous inflation of the foreign sheep trade in 1895 was for the most part known to be of a temporary character.

The proportion of cattle lost in transit in 1896 has remained almost the same as in the previous year, the loss in each year amounting to about twelve out of every 1000 cattle embarked.

It is satisfactory, however, to note that a considerable reduction has been effected in the losses among sheep; about sixteen only being lost for every 1000 sent, as against twenty-three lost for every 1000 sent in each of the two preceding years, 1894 and 1895. The losses experienced in the South American cattle trade, though not quite so serious as in 1895, have again been very large, amounting to fifty-five cattle and twenty-six sheep for every 1000 of each embarked.

The attempt made during the year to import live stock from Australasia has proved, as in 1895, a failure.

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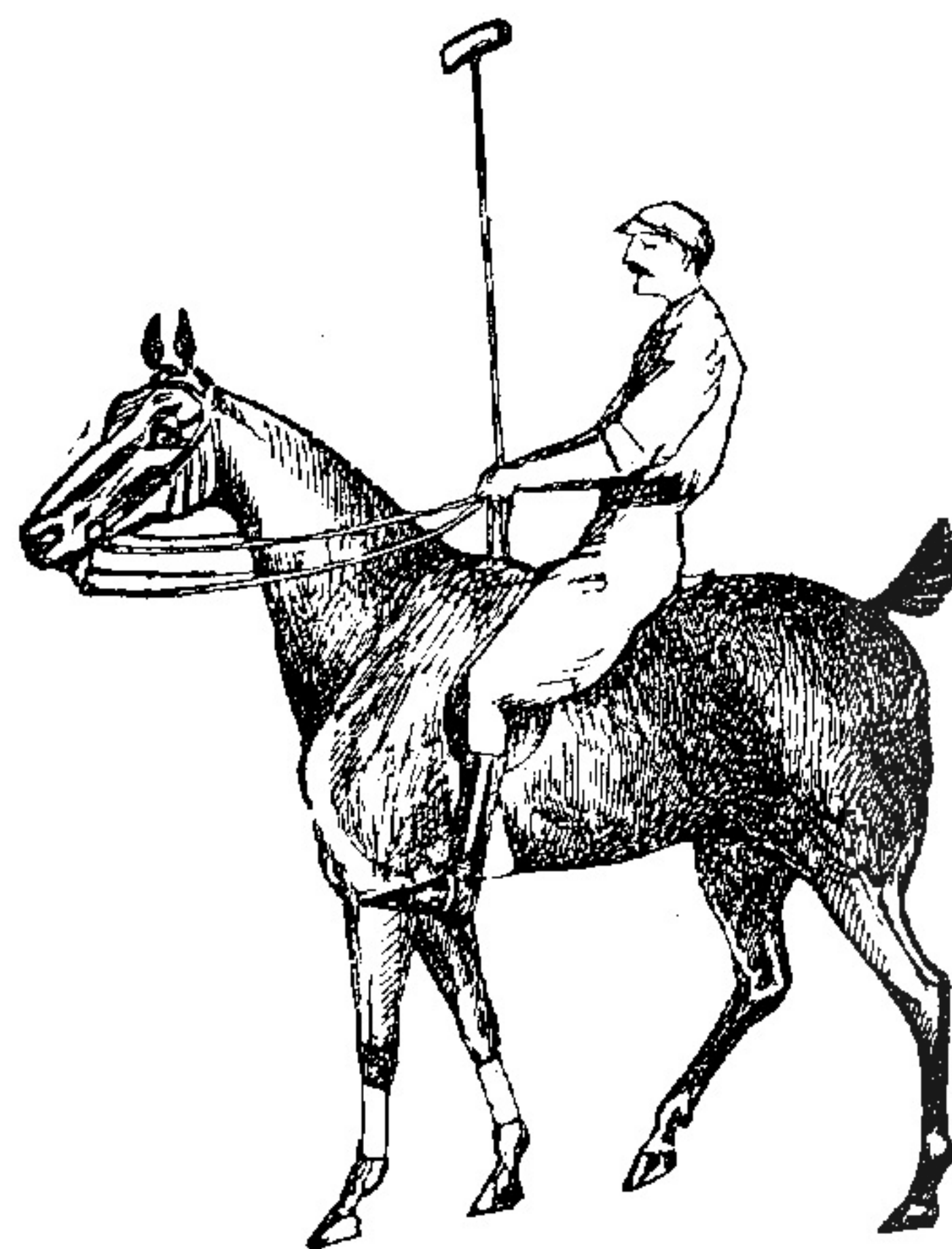
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London is better off for trees than any other city in Europe.

Next to Gibraltar, Malta is the strongest fortress in the world.

One English railway company alone issues over a ton of railway tickets weekly.

The Spanish Cabinet has resigned. Sagasta has been asked to form a new Ministry.

Nearly 1,000,000 telegrams pass through the London General Post Office every week.

Owing to heavy rains and floods all military operations in Cuba have been suspended.

More steel is used in the manufacture of pens than in all the sword and gun factories in the world.

Twenty-four new lawyers received their diplomas from the Faculty during the month of September.

The hardest of all ivory is that obtained from the hippopotamus. It is principally used in making artificial teeth.

A rumour is current that the United States are making overtures to Denmark for the purchase of Greenland.

The steamboat companies estimate that something like 30,000 travellers from the States pay England a visit every year.

The most expensive tusks are those used in the manufacture of billiard balls; they cost, as a rule, £110 a hundredweight.

British Colombia is said to be as rich in gold as Klondike. The output of gold during the year is estimated at £2,090,000.

It is no unusual thing for a vessel plying between Japan and London to carry 1,000,000 fans of all kinds as a single item of its cargo.

Congress has been asked to vote \$700,000 for the construction of a pavilion, etc., in the exhibition that is to be held in Paris in 1900.

Two insurance companies have been declared in a state of bankruptcy—La Italo-Argentina and the Massachusetts Benefit Life Association.

The rarest metal is didymium, and its present market price is £900 per pound. The next costliest metal is barium; its value per pound is £52.

The project of Mr Juan Cruz Varela, for the construction of a railway from La Plata to the town of Chacabuco, has been approved by Congress.

It is alleged that during hot weather if care is not taken with the stoppers of bottles the strength of whisky and rum evaporates very rapidly.

From the beginning of this year the Custom-house of this city has collected for import and export dues \$39,559,743.52 paper and \$6,978,655.51 gold.

A rowing club is likely to be established in Corrientes, under the auspices of the Gymnastic and Fencing Club of that city. Two boats have already been received.

The gold contained in the medals, vessels, chains, and other objects preserved in the Vatican would make more gold coin than the whole of the present European circulation.

The tramways, omnibuses, and underground railways in and around London, within a radius of five miles, carry each year, it is calculated, about 453,000,000 passengers.

A curious punishment is inflicted in Hungary upon the man who is discovered to have two wives. The law simply compels him to live with both of them in the same house.

Sandpaper is made with powdered glass instead of sand. Glass is easily powdered by heating it red-hot, throwing it into water, and finishing the powdering in an iron mortar.

A butcher in Belgrano keeps a tame fox. The experiment was tried after cats and traps had failed. The first night the fox spent in the shop he slaughtered thirty-four rodents.

Messrs Ansaldo, the builders of the Garibaldi, have placed on their bill an item of 13,000 liras for the value of the coal, oil, etc., that was on board that vessel when she left the builders' hands.

It is probable that next year the mobilisation of the twenty-year-old National Guards will not take place, on account of the general elections for President of the Republic, National Deputies, etc.

Motor cars are being used in Chiswick, England, as dust collectors, and they have been found more economical than horse labour, one motor car doing the work of three horses. Our Municipality might give them a trial.

It is stated by a medical man that persons who cycle much find it impossible to perform the graceful movements required by waltzing. The muscles that are brought into play by dancing are deadened by riding a bicycle.

The 3000 men that were under the command of Colonel Lamas only delivered up 95 Remingtons, 46 Mausers, 237 muskets, 180 lances, 300 cartridge-boxes, and 30,000 cartridges. The revolutionary officers say that deserters carried off arms of every description.

The Royal oculist, Duke Carl of Bavaria, has already done nearly 3000 operations for cataract, and every one of these operations has been performed between the morning hours of six and eight, as the Duke declares his nerves are strongest at this early hour and his hand most steady.

A Great meeting has been held at Rouen by the Norman, cotton spinners. The object was to agree upon steps to deal with the crisis in the cotton manufactures; 700,000 spinning jennies were represented. M. Richard Waddington took the chair. The resolutions passed were to restrict production.

The Chinese hand-shake in high life is rapturous, but conservative. They shake their own hands. When the new Chinese Minister arrived in England his legation welcomed him by touching each other's foreheads, bowing to the floor, chattering at lightning speed, and shaking their own hands again and again with the utmost ardour.

Apropos of the Duchess of York's visit to Killarney and the delight she manifested when listening to the famous echoes, a correspondent says:—Some tourists were in a boat when the echoes answered delightfully till a young student roared out, "Will you have a drink?" and the answer came back, "Begorra I will." Pat was on duty in the wood.

Steamers on the Caspian Sea are assuming the size of large ocean-going vessels. An Armenian merchant has ordered one to be ready next May which will have a capacity of 1800 tons, and a speed of 10½ knots. The petroleum industry at Baku is the "raison d'être" of these big vessels, which are not so big, however, as some on the American lakes.

It is rumoured that before long glass umbrellas will be in general use, that is, umbrellas covered with the new spun glass cloth. These, of course, will afford no protection from the rays of the sun, but they will possess one obvious advantage, namely, that they can be held in front of the face when meeting the wind and rain, and at the same time the user will be able to see that he does not run into unoffending individuals and lamp-posts.

The meeting that was held last Sunday in favour of the separation of Church and State, naturalisation of foreigners after one year's residence in the country, and the adoption of the eight hours' movement for all workmen employed by the Government, consisted of some 3000 persons. Several red flags were borne by the processionists, and speeches advocating the passing of the above reforms were made, the petition to Congress receiving nearly 10,000 signatures.

An American lady is said to have invented a means of protecting the feet of her sex from the trampling of men, as they go out for drinks, and in between the acts. It consists of an iron case, lined with felt, to be clamped to the floor in front of the seats. The top of the case is rounded, so that nobody can be tripped up by it. When a man rises to leave the theatre, the women in his row have simply to slip their feet into these cases and they are safe; the man can work his way forth and back without hurting them in the least.

According to the American papers a new fashion has caught on among the negroes in the States—the wearing of straight hair wigs. The fashion was started by the lighter coloured folk, who desired to look as like white people as they could; but has spread to such an extent that it is no uncommon thing to see a coal-black negro with his wool hidden away under, an auburn wig. It is a very comical fashion, no doubt; but not a bit more so, we are inclined to think, than many a fashion that has prevailed amongst other people than negroes.

The performance given by the Buenos Aires Amateur Dramatic Club at Prince George's Hall on Friday evening, the 24th inst., and which consisted of Mr T. W. Robertson's "Home," was in every way a complete success. The hall was well-filled by a sympathetic and enthusiastic audience. In spite of the play being a decidedly difficult one for amateurs to attempt, it went throughout with a capital swing, which left little to be desired. We understand that the club intend giving "Charley's Aunt" at the end of this month, the particulars of which we hope to give later.

The native officers of the Indian cavalry and the Imperial service who were England's guests on the Diamond Jubilee day have taken back to their countrymen most interesting and sometimes amusing accounts of their experience. Already several of them are at the front with their regiments at the mouth of the Khyber and Kurram Passes. What impressed them most was the "cleanliness" of London—that is the finished appearance of everything and the comfort of the people. Then they put next in interest the police—the remarkable way in which the enormous crowds and tremendous traffic was controlled by a sign. Next comes their conviction of the majesty and the power of the people of Great Britain.

Dr Lasker, the great chess-player, when in London, is in the habit of visiting a certain restaurant known to many chess devotees. On one of these occasions, just prior to his departure for St Petersburg to play Dr Steinitz for the championship, a fussy old gentleman offered to play him for a box of cigars if he would concede him the odds of a queen. The offer was good-naturedly accepted; and on Lasker's winning, he became the recipient of a box of doubtful-looking cigars. On visiting the same restaurant, after easily defeating Steinitz, Lasker happened to meet his late opponent, who asked him what he had thought of the cigars. "First-rate!" replied the champion; "in fact, I might say they won me the match." "Indeed! I am delighted to hear it!" retorted the old gentleman, much pleased. "Yes," continued Lasker, "I gave them all to Steinitz!"

Some time ago the play of "Hamlet" was performed at a provincial theatre. In a scene with Polonius, the crafty old courtier asks: "Do you know me, my lord?" And the Prince responds: "Excellent well, you are a fishmonger." On hearing this an old fishwoman in the pit stood up, and shaking her fist, shouted excitedly: "Well, and s'posing he is. That's better than play-acting any day!"

The Great Northern Railway Co. of England are, it is stated, about to introduce a novel method of warning the public of the approach of a train at level-crossings, which might be applied by our railways in this country. The weight of the engine passing over a spot about a mile and a quarter from the crossing moves a lever which causes a bell fixed at the crossing to ring continuously until the train has passed. The device has been found to work satisfactorily at a very dangerous crossing on the Hatfield and Luton line, and it will shortly be brought into use at all level crossings on the Great Northern system.

Sir Henry Irving is to play Peter the Great among other characters during the coming season, and to be historically correct will have to increase his stature to six feet and eight inches. To outsiders this might seem a difficult thing, but theatrical people long ago answered in the affirmative the Scriptural question: "Can a man by taking thought add a cubit to his stature?" It's all done by shoes, and theatrical shoemakers are now so expert that they can raise a man to almost any height. And it is so skilfully done that a man can be made three or four inches taller without the shoe showing in the least that it is different from an ordinary shoe.

Mr Ernest Roxburgh Balfour, second surviving son of the late Mr Alexander Balfour, of Liverpool, died last month at Ardoch in his 23rd year. He rowed No. 5 in the Oxford boat in 1896 and 1897, and this year at Henley he was one of the Leander crew beaten in the final heat, after a severe race, by New College, for the Grand Challenge; but with Mr Guy Nickalls he won the silver goblets and the Nickalls Cup for Leander, defeating in the final heat Trinity Hall. He was a very fine Rugby Union football forward, and played in the Oxford fifteen in 1893, 1894, and 1895 (in the last-named year he was captain), but last season he gave up Rugby football in consequence of his rowing.

Relics binding the present with the past are unfortunately far too few. The recollection of the threatened invasion of England by the Spanish Armada, however, has just been freshened by the discovery of a number of guns, cannon of various sizes, near Bideford, in North Devon. This discovery was made some twelve months ago, and, although doubts were at first expressed regarding the reality of the discovery, an exhaustive examination has fairly established their claim to the title "Armada guns" bestowed upon them. The credit of rescuing these guns from oblivion attaches to a resident in the town, and as a result of his efforts, they have now been mounted and placed in a commanding position near the banks of the Torridge.

Nitro-glycerine was discovered, it appears, by an Italian, Sobrero, in 1846. In 1867 the late Alfred Nobel conceived the idea of mixing the dangerous oil with kieselguhr, a silicious earth composed of the skeletons of mosses and diatoms, found as a slaty block peat in Scotland, Germany, and Italy. So compounded nitro-glycerine becomes the much safer dynamite. Cotton waste from Lancashire mills mixed with nitric and sulphuric acids becomes nitro-cotton, which, combined with nitro-glycerine in parts 7 to 93, becomes blasting gelatine, a yellow, tough elastic paste. Forty per cent. nitro-cotton and 60 per cent. nitro-glycerine form cordite. Sixty per cent. nitro-cotton and 40 per cent. nitro-glycerine form ballistite. This last, which comes out like thin elastic sheets of silky horn, is rapidly displacing all other smokeless powders, being perfectly smokeless and unaffected by heat or damp. It can be fired while soaked in water. All these explosives are manufactured at Ardeer, in Scotland, a desolate stretch of sand dunes on the sea coast, chosen by Mr Nobel in 1871.

We have received a circular from the Hon. Secretary of the British Union of Residents at Home and Abroad, in which the advantages gained by its members are set forth. For those abroad the British Union endeavours: (1). To act as a headquarters at home, to which they may apply in all cases where any service can be done. (2). To extend hospitality to residents abroad who are coming home on a visit. (3). To those who are coming home to settle down, or are changing their place of residence from one part of the world to another, the British Union gives help in making inquiries or arrangements with a view to paving the way beforehand. (4). For those who are coming home on a short visit, and who do not wish for the expense of an hotel, suitable residence is found, free of charge, by the Society's Agents in London or the Provinces, furnished or unfurnished, at any date, either for families or individuals, so that travellers from abroad need have no trouble or anxiety on landing. For employers or professional or mercantile firms abroad the British Union recommends reliable and competent Agents or Representatives, personally selected, at home or in any part of the world, or selects reliable employés to go abroad. All services rendered to members of the British Union by B. U. Consuls or Agents are purely honorary, and no fee can on any account be charged. In some cases where special expenses are incurred, however the Member will be charged with the actual out-of-pocket expenses, but this must be distinctly arranged and agreed to by the Member before the expense is incurred. Beyond this the membership subscription (four shillings per annum), and entrance fee (eight shillings), cover all the privileges and services of the society. All inquiries, applications, etc., should be made to Mr J. Cowen, 10 Gray's Inn Residences, London, E.C.

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