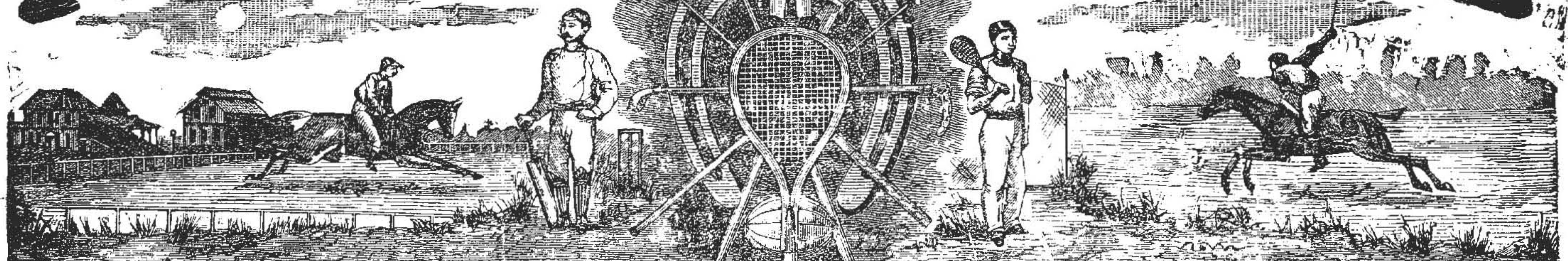


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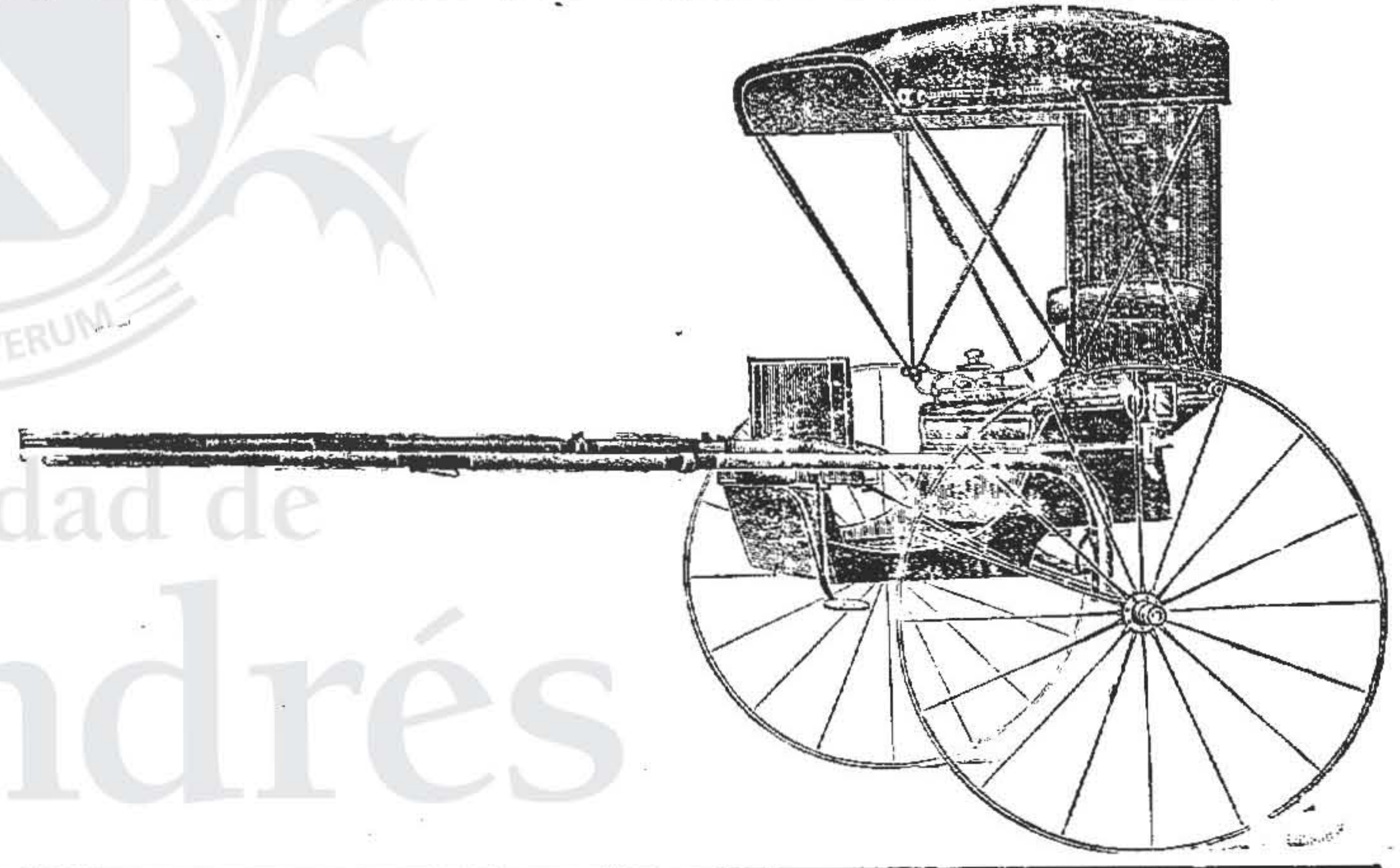
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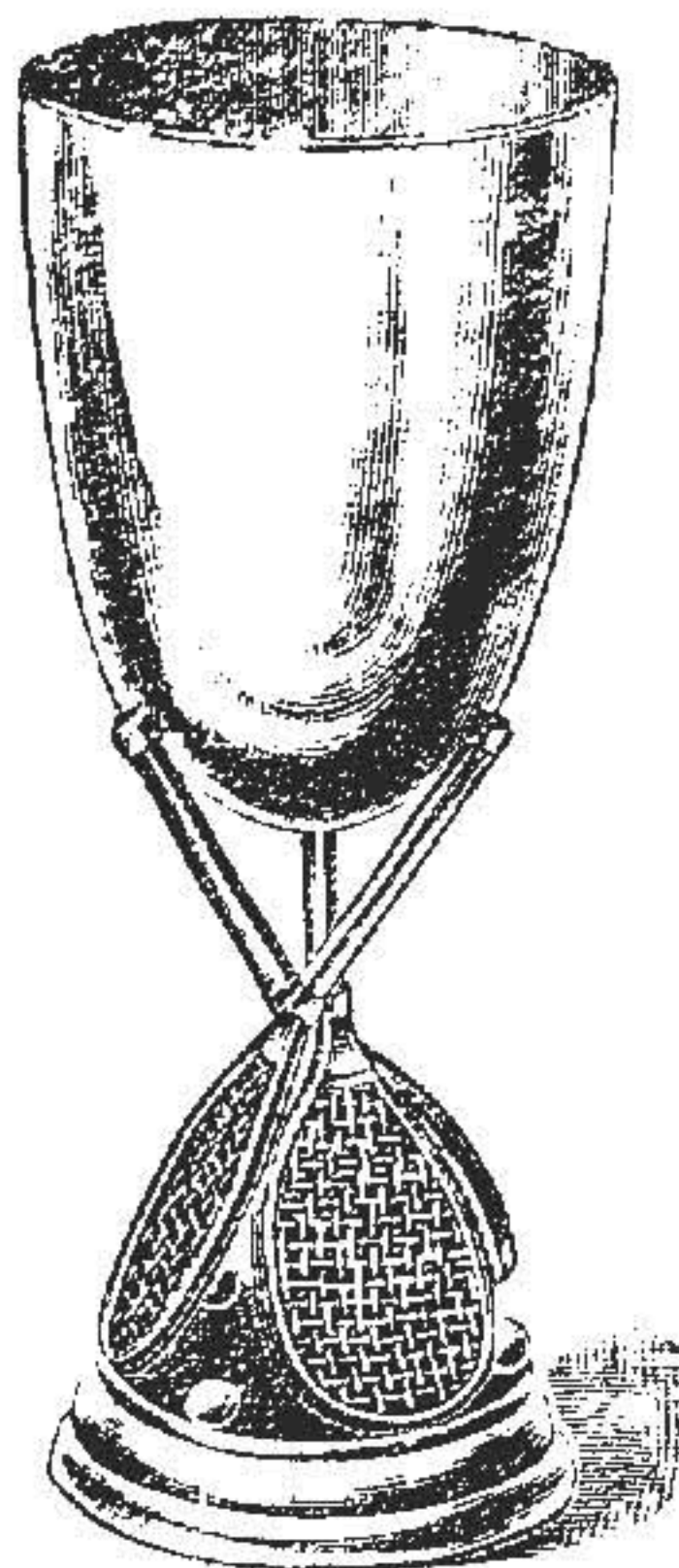
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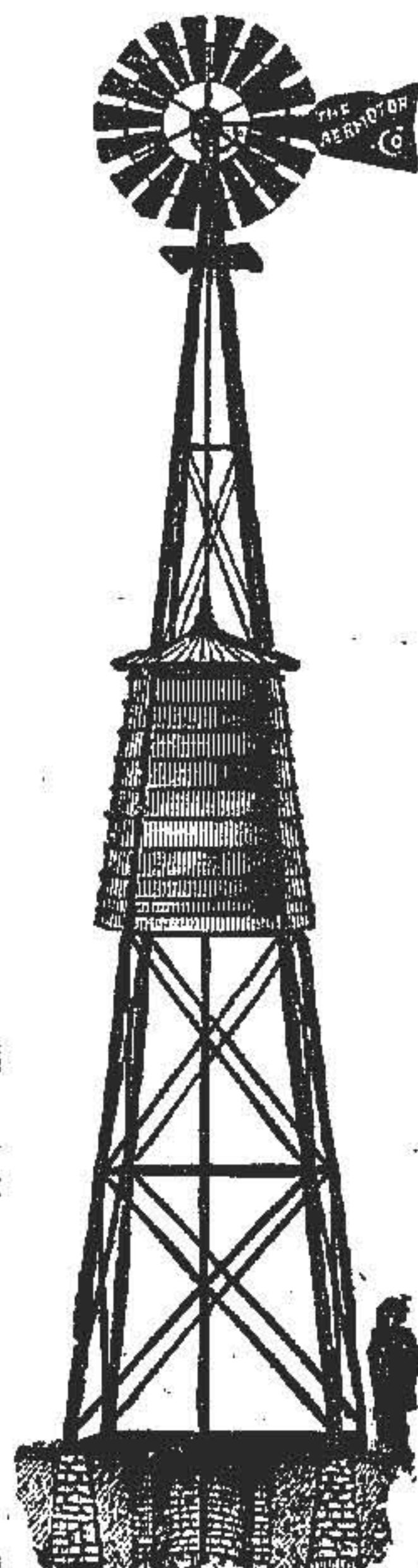
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RACING

PALERMO—NOVEMBER 21.

The lovely day and excellent programme on Sunday, did not bring more than the average attendance. There was not much dust, owing to the recent heavy rains, although the breeze was strong and steady all day; and the course was quite dry, and the going perfect. The races were all well contested, the first two and the last being won by the favourites, the other four by outsiders in the betting, but in each case by a horse whose antecedents by no means justified his being left out. More especially was this the case with Alacran in the classic. A perfectly sound horse, as fast as any, and a good stayer, who has run many times, and almost invariably come in first or second, and sent to the post in first class form, does not seem a likely animal to pay a dividend of \$20. The answer to Shakespeare's question could have come from a good many people's pockets after this race, as Portefio must have been made favourite absolutely on his name. The horse was so evidently off colour that it is a wonder he was stripped, and also that any one should have taken a ticket on him. Pitanga ran a splendid race and nearly landed the prize and her 5000 tickets, but Alacran, after galloping down all the others, was still able to resist the final rush which has made this mare celebrated, and confirmed my conviction that he has always been the best horse of his year, though somewhat unlucky. A glance at next Sunday's programme will show a race for these same horses at weight for age over 2200 metres in which Oriol, Brick, Don Gonzalo, and Gonin, are also entered, and if they all compete will probably be the most interesting struggle of the year.

Many near the post thought Estudiante had won the first race, so near was it, but judgment was given in favour of Eureka by a short head.

Abeto, a promising brother to Argentino and Daza, easily won the second race for the Ecurie Prisonero, whose luck was then over for the day.

Regalona, who has had a rest, and no longer looks like a skeleton, upset calculations by winning the mile in good form.

Citoyenne followed up her half-brother's victory in the classic, by appropriating the \$3000 of the limited handicap in fine style, though Orleans and Palermo made her race for them. Among others badly let off here was Brick, who made no show at all.

The highest dividend of the day paid by the best mare of the year, was another of the day's anomalies.

Another pair with good late credentials, and also neglected, were Onagh and La Gaité, who fought out a fine race in the 1800 metres.

The remarks made about Girondino in our last number were fully borne out on Sunday, as he had the last race in hand from the start and is evidently meaning to prove that the fame of the Saint Mirins of his generation was no fluke, though he is the last of them.

The following are the details:—

PREMIO REMATE, for all horses of four years or more. Weight for age. The winner to be sold for \$2500. Those entered to be sold for less to be allowed 3 kilos for each \$500 reduction, 3 kilos extra to winners of Premios Remate. \$2000 to the 1st, 100 to the 2nd, 1600 metres.

Ecurie Prisonero's Eureka, by Neapolis—
Vanessa, 5 y, 55 k. J. Paez 1
Stud Estudiante's Estudiante, 6 y, 52 k. N. Sosa 2
Stud Redencion's Whipper In II 4 y, 48½ k. G. Morales 3
Stud Solitario's Esfinge, 5 y, 56 k. G. Palacios 0
Stud Stiletto's Combate 5 y, 52 k. I. Diaz 0
Ecurie Belgrano's Orsino 4 y, 48½ k. J. Insaurralde 0

Whipper In went off with the lead from Esfinge and Estudiante, and was four lengths ahead at the station, and still a length to the good coming into the straight. Here Estudiante took command, but Eureka coming up well caught the leader at the numbers, and a tight finish was given in favour of Eureka by a head.

Tickets—Eureka with 2936 win and 1837 place, Estudiante 899—803, Whipper In II and Esfinge 1504—1203, Combate 551—513, Orsino 750—525. Totals 6640—4831.
Dividends—Eureka \$4.05 win and 2.95 place, Estudiante 4.20 place.

PREMIO LONDRES, for three-year-olds which have been in the country since 1st August, 1897, and have not won. Weight 56 and 54 kilos. \$1800 to the 1st, 200 to the 2nd, 1500 metres.

Ecurie Prisonero's Abeto, by Solomon—Araucaria 56 k. P. Aguilera 1
Ecurie Radames' Lanza Seca, 54 k. J. Insaurralde 2
Ecurie Azur's El Payo, 56 k. J. Garcia 3
Ecurie Indecis' Dear Boy, 56 k. W. Binns 0
Stud Pobre's Tamberlick, 56 k. M. Molina 0
Stud Amianto's 9 de Julio, 56 k. J. Paez 0
Stud Palmar's Cnel. B. Gonzalez, 56 k. C. Cardoso 0
Stud Gregorio's Caseros, 56 k. N. Sosa 0
Ecurie Ceres' Hirundo, 56 k. R. Garrido 0
Stud Stiletto's Ilimani, 56 k. J. Olmos 0
Ecurie Belgrano's Usura, 56 k. G. Palacios 0

Stud Don Gonzalo's Saint Brise, 56 k. B. Bastiani 0
Stud Paris' Rose d'Or, 54 k. P. Aguirre 0
Stud Las Damas' Hircania, 54 k. P. Lara 0
First Rose d'Or then Usura led from Hirundo to the straight, where all three were done with, and Abeto came out to win easily by a length and a half. El Payo was a length behind Lanza Seca and a neck before Saint Brise.

Tickets—Abeto with 1394 win and 1327 place, Lanza Seca 1046—1111, El Payo 137—133, Dear Boy 305—290, Tamberlick 568—713, 9 de Julio 107—111, Coronel B. Gonzalez 84—53, Caseros 392—383, Hirundo 350—457, Ilimani 801—842, Usura 111—136, Saint Brise 1314—1420, Rose d'Or 836—1041, Hircania 530—681. Totals 8035—8738.
Dividends—Abeto \$10.25 win and 4.65 place, Lanza Seca 5.15 place, El Payo 27.55 place.

PREMIO BERLIN, handicap for all horses. \$2000 to the 1st, 200 to the 2nd, 1600 metres.

Stud La Confianza's Regalona, by Havre—Suri, 5 y, 56 k. P. Aguirre 1
Ecurie Prisonero's Jean Bart, 4 y, 56 k. J. Paez 2
Ecurie Azur's Extra, 4 y, 40 k. C. Bustos 3
Capt. Boston's Pilcomayo, 4 y, 58 k. R. Garrido 0
Stud Temerario's Redoutable, 4 y, 55 k. I. Diaz 0
Ecurie Nautilus' Nevada, 5 y, 53 k. J. Rivero 0
Stud Palmar's Lince, 5 y, 52 k. N. Sosa 0
Ecurie Juncal's Talma, 4 y, 49 k. A. Malerba 0
Stud Calchin's Ameliana, 3 y, 48 k. C. Tizera 0
Stud Paysandú's Elimelech, 3 y, 40 k. J. Falin 0
Ameliana and then Lince took the lead with Extra close up. In the straight Regalona and Jean Bart came up and the former went on to win easily by a length, Jean Bart a neck in front of Extra.

Tickets—Regalona with 864 win and 715 place, Jean Bart 2168—2836, Extra and Elimelech 859—954, Pilcomayo 1042—917, Redoutable 1652—1532, Nevada 862—714, Lince 757—914, Talma 228—236, Ameliana 822—428. Totals 9554—9246.
Dividends—Regalona \$19.90 win and 5.55 place, Jean Bart 2.90 place, Extra 4.65 place.

PREMIO CAPITAL, for all horses. Weight for age. 3 kilos extra to winner of Premio de Honor, or of a prize of more than \$20,000 in the year 1897. \$9435 to the 1st, 2475 to the 2nd, and 990 to the third, 2500 metres.

Stud Los Cardos' Alacran, by Gay Hermit—
Venusta, 4 y, 60½ k. P. Aguilera 1
Ecurie Montevideo's Pitanga, 4 y, 58½ k. G. Palacios 2
La Petite Ecurie's Colombia, 4 y, 58½ k. R. Garrido 3
J. B. Zubiaurre's Portefio, 5 y, 64 k. I. Diaz 0
Ecurie Bismark's Gral Artigas, 4 y, 60½ k. S. Russ 0
Stud La Confianza's Tantaló, 3 y, 53 k. P. Aguirre 0
Alacran made all his own running and, followed by Pitanga, was able to stall off the mare's challenge and win an exciting race by a neck. Portefio made his effort coming into the straight, but died away.

Tickets—Alacran with 1099 win and 772 place, Pitanga 3722—1589, Colombia 591—321, Portefio 6575—2964, General Artigas 132—133, Tantaló 687—635. Totals 12,806—6414.
Dividends—Alacran \$20.95 win and 6.40 place, Pitanga 4.15 place.

PREMIO PARIS, handicap for all horses, limited between 62 and 50 kilos. \$3000 to the 1st, \$300 to the 2nd, 1200 metres.

Stud Los Cardos' Citoyenne, by Gay Hermit—
Princess, 3 y, 52 k. P. Aguilera 1
Stud La Redencion's Orleans, 4 y, 50 k. G. Morales 2
Stud Stiletto's Palermo, 3 y, 52 k. B. Bastiani 3
Ecurie Nautilus' Brick, 5 y, 62 k. P. de Armas 0
Ecurie Pergamino's Pergamino, 4 y, 59 k. P. Aguirre 0
Ecurie Prisonero's Daza, 4 y, 58 k. G. Palacios 0
La Petite Ecurie's Nobleza, 3 y, 54 k. R. Garrido 0
Ecurie Argentino's Tanger, 4 y, 53 k. J. Rivero 0
Stud Temerario's Redoutable, 4 y, 53 k. I. Diaz 0
Stud Agraciada's Coquimbo, 4 y, 51 k. J. Olmos 0
Stud Paris' Flageolet, 3 y, 50 k. J. Insaurralde 0
Ecurie Titan's Ortegá, 5 y, 50 k. J. Paez 0
Ecurie Azur's Grillon, 5 y, 50 k. C. Bustos 0

From a poor start Nobleza jumped off from Coquimbo and Citoyenne, and kept in front to the straight, where the latter took the lead accompanied by Orleans and Palermo, and won a fine race by half a length, a neck between second and third.

Tickets—Citoyenne with 837 win and 810 place, Orleans 810—977, Palermo 991—924, Brick 2731—1716, Pergamino 727—496, Daza 1496—1175, Nobleza 1050—1231, Tanger 525—371, Redoutable 467—489, Coquimbo 1152—1127, Flageolet 240—260, Ortegá 199—233, Grillon 425—548. Totals 11,650—10,357.
Dividends—Citoyenne \$25.05 win and 7.45 place, Orleans 6.50 place, Palermo 6.75 place.

PREMIO VIENA, handicap for three-year-olds. \$2000 to 1st, \$200 to 2nd. 1800 metres.

Ecurie Azur's Onagh by Azur—La Cigale, 45 k. C. Bustos 1
Ecurie Sans Facon's La Gaité, 46 k. M. Pintos 2
Ecurie Santa Rosa's Efrain, 45 k. M. Valdez 3
Ecurie Semper Paratus' Pompeyo, 54 k. J. Rivero 0
Stud Calchin's Amelia, 50 k. M. Tizera 0
Stud Calchin's Babiole, 46 k. J. Gomez 0
J. B. Zubiaurre's Limay, 51 k. I. Diaz 0
Stud La Redencion's Yanquetru, 49 k. G. Morales 0
Petite Ecurie's Amambay, 48 k. J. Olmos 0
Stud Amianto's Pepina, 48 k. A. Malerba 0
Stud Las Armas' Espingarda, 46 k. J. Rivas 0
Stud Paris' Plaisanterie, 46 k. R. Figueroa 0
Ecurie Radames' Lanza Seca, 44 k. J. Insaurralde 0
Stud A. Lincoln's Validé, 42 k. A. Ruiz 0

The Jockeys were very troublesome at the start, but finally they were got off tolerably well together with Pompeyo and Yanquetru in front. In the bend Validé took the lead with Pepina, who came first into the

straight. At the paddock Onagh and La Gaité came out and ran a fine race home, the former winning by half a length, a poor third.

Tickets—Onagh with 942 win and 893 place, La Gaité 630—303, Efrain 1333—983, Pompeyo 257—214, Limay 2160—1593, Amelia and Babiole 2779—2627, Yanquetru 121—114, Amambay 1310—1173, Pepina 415—295, Espingarda 502—529, Plaisanterie 204—218, Lanza Seca 834—925, Validé 216—195. Total 11,753—10,062.

Dividends—Onagh \$22.45 win and 7.15 place, La Gaité 17.15 place, Efrain 6.65 place.

PREMIO ROMA, handicap for all horses. \$2000 to the 1st, 200 to the 2nd, 2000 metres.

Ecurie Ceres' Girondino, by Saint Mirin—Gavotte, 6 y, 55 k. R. Bastiani 1
Ecurie Juncal's Brandzen, 5 y, 50 k. N. Sosa 2
M. T. de Alvear's Blue Boat, 4 y, 50 k. W. Binns 3
Ecurie Azur's Stamboul, 6 y, 55 k. J. Garcia 0
La Petite Ecurie's Tetrarca, 4 y, 55 k. R. Garrido 0
Blue Boat was indulged with the lead to the paddock where Girondino came forward and stalling off a bold challenge by Brandzen won by a length.

Tickets—Girondino with 5499 win and 1863 place, Brandzen 1652—711, Blue Boat 1634—607, Stamboul 725—455, Tetrarca 6704—2969. Totals 16,214—6605.

Dividends—Girondino \$5.30 win and 3.80 place, Brandzen 6.75 place.

PALERMO—NOVEMBER 28.

Premio Ranchos—1600 metres.

	Kilos.		Kilos.
J'y Pense	61	Combate	50
Redoutable	56	Partisan	47
Orleans	55	Lanterne	45
Lince	53	Waterwitch	40
Coquimbo	52	Descubridor	40
Rio Negro	50	Indecisa	40
Hermit	50		

Premio Rawson—1400 metres.

Figaro	54	Bal Masqué	54
Caseros	54	Virola	52
Ancora	54	Amaranta	52
Ilmami	54	Rose d'Or	52
Marat	54	Hircania	52
Dear Boy	54	Australia	52
Sarsfield	54	Ceniza	52
Gral Zapiola	54	Validé	52
Cnel. B. Gonzalez	54	Lanza Seca	52
Blandengue	54	Memphis	52
Regente	54	Calliope	52
Saint Brise	54	Castellana	52
9 de Julio	54	Magnolia	52
Siton	54		

Premio Riachuelo—1800 metres.

Blue Boat	60½	Juncal	51
Eureka	56	Ortegá	50
Tetrarca	56	Hugonote	49
Yatagan	55	Limay	48
Rose Royale	53	Amelia	47
Esfinge	53	Plaisanterie	43

Premio Omnium—2000 metres.

General Hornos	55	Fernet Branca	53
Blandengue	55	Victoria II	53
Limay	55	Tantaló	55
Lady Russell	53	Huapi	55
Tula	53	Resigné	55
Sarsfield	55	Yatagan	58
Usura	55	Abrojo	55
Ovacion	55	Salima	53
Dear Boy	55	Diadema	53
Marat	55	Ail	55
Quimeraex Presidaria	53	Chara II	53
Figaro	55	Santa Jacinta	53
Delfin	55	Traidor	55
Austerlitz	55	Osado	55
Abeto	55	Flageolet	55
Dorrego	55	Tamberlick	56
Efrain	55	Tutora	53
9 de Julio	55	Gavotte	53
Babiole	53	Cotillon	55
Hidalga	53	Pompeyo	55
Saint Brise	55	Florin	55
Pillito	62	Eclair	55
Alarife	55	Glicina	53

Premio Ramallo—2200 metres.

Oriol	61	Don Gonzalo	60½
Girondino	61	Pitanga	58½
Portefio	61	Colombia	58½
Brick	61	Gonin	53
Alacran	60½	Rosalvina	51

Premio Reconquista—2000 metres.

Reserva	60½	Lautaro	55
Girondino	60	Tanger	53
Rosemary	59	Rose Royale	52
Jean Bart	56	Lagrel	52
Duque	56	Brandzen	50

Premio Rauch—1800 metres.

Pergamino	59½	Extra	40
Daza	58	Manon	43
Citoyenne	57	Florin	47
Oncativo	55	Reyezuelo	45
Hermit	50	Partiban	45
Palermo	54	Espingarda	43
Orleans	53	Hibernia	40
Tanger	53	Validé	40
Lince	50	Lanza Seca	40
Coquimbo	50	Dear Boy	40

Sunday's programme, though exceedingly satisfactory to turfites and promising an excellent day's sport, is, perhaps, the most difficult to choose winners from that has been set before the public this year. A wilderness of horses of all ages, and weights assigned from 40 to 61 kilos, make the selection a perfect lottery, and to crown all several double entries of animals with a good chance in each!

The classic, Premio Omnium, 2000 metres, prize \$4500, is for three-year-olds. Orange and Gonin are not in, and Pillito and Yatagan are penalized and will probably not appear. The issue will very likely be fought out between Tantalo and Osado, unless Austerlitz should be stripped, in which case he should not be forgotten.

The Premio Ramallo, 2200 metres, prize \$3000, is equal to any classic on account of the best horses in training being all entered, excepting Orange and Pillito. The young ones, however, are not badly represented by Gonin and Rosalvina at weight for age, and the colt has shown such improved form lately that I fully expect he will treat his elders with as scant ceremony as Yatagan did a short while ago on a somewhat similar occasion though Alacran, Don Gonzalo, and Pitanga, are a tough trio to beat, not to mention Porteno, Oriol, Brick, and Colombia!

The mile, which begins the meeting, should afford an opening to Lanterne, though it is not impossible that the "petiza," Indecisa, the heroine of fifty defeats should at length afford a surprise.

Twenty-seven unfortunates are still left to struggle for a win over 1400 metres, and Lanza Seca or Saint Brise may get out of the mire at last.

In the 1800 metres, Amelia is down again to her winning weight, and ought not to be far off at the finish.

In the 2000 metres, Tanger seems to have an opportunity of redeeming his reputation, somewhat tarnished of late, but if he is kept for the next race, Brandzen should go near.

Partisan and Lince are not badly placed in the 1300 metres, Consolation, the distance being suitable for both.

My selections remain:—

- Premio Ranchos—Lanterne or Indecisa
- Premio Rawson—Lanza Seca or Saint Brise
- Premio Riachuelo—Amelia
- Premio Omnium—Tantalo or Stud Paris
- Premio Ramallo—Gonin
- Premio Reconquista—Tanger or Brandzen
- Premio Rauch—Partisan or Lince.

SAMOL.

NOTES ON HOME RACING.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

We have had a comparatively calm week, and rightly so, between the Caesarewitch and Cambridgeshire meetings at headquarters.

The first day at Sandown was full of interest, for there was a big two-year-old race, and a first class three-year-old one, we had Ninus, a novice, to excite us in the first named. I am informed that he was only struck out of the Middle Park Plate by mistake, he started a very good favourite with his maiden allowance, and a nicer sight was never seen than when Mornington Cannon brought him up and challenged Nun Nicer, to see him falter and hang, then instead of the ill appearing, which has, and will spoil so many new ones at the game, Cannon waited two strides, then brought him more resolutely and firmly up to the challenge, this time to be successful and win easily. That Nun Nicer is a charming animal there is no doubt, and by far the best of the Common's, and I think she will be very useful next year, but so will Ninus.

In the three-year-old race we saw Galtee More again, perhaps not looking quite so really grand as usual, but yet the best race horse I have seen. In the race he ran more sluggish than usual, but seldom has been seen the like of his win which he scored with such ease and perfect cantering action. The policy of running him for ever, with about two stone in hand, is one which would naturally make him take his time. Then Wood has such enormous confidence in the horse, as to be able to swagger with him, and glad I am in the Cambridgeshire to see that Watts, who has not ridden him as a three-year-old, is up, as a jockey is inclined to get too fond of his favourite mount, and I am sure the crack will ward a good waking up next Wednesday, to carry the record weight to victory. At the present moment he is being negotiated for, and so his starting is doubtful, but in my opinion he will start, and will win. In the first place, his grand behaviour at the post takes 5 lbs off his weight, then his speed will allow him to take his place, a most important thing in the Cambridgeshire, and let us hope his dash will land him the winner. Certainly he has to prove himself 7 lbs better than La Flèche, but, I, for one, consider him a really grand horse, and beyond him I shall not attempt to look for the winner, though Mrs Langtry makes out Maluma must win, and others that Dinna Forget and Ashburn are really good. They must be right, but I first want to see the crack fairly extended to race before I give up my opinion that he is one of the best horses that ever looked through a bride. It seems odd that Mr Gubbins should wish to sell his crack, as he would be a very good substitute for Kendal, who now, of course, stands at Mr Platt's famous Bruntwood Stud, but I hear he has a Kendal at home, that broke down after he was tried to be a wonder. The wonderful soundness of Galtee More would go a long way with him at the stud in helping his stock to train on. He has never appeared in public with a cloth on his legs and they are as flat and full in bone as possible. How quick were people to try and grab the horse when he for the second time defeat-

ed their idol, Velasquez, and I always think how Darling must have smiled on reading in two or three papers, which it is needless to say had tipped Velasquez, that there was an enlargement inside the knee which would probably prevent his being trained for the Derby. Where they saw it no one has yet discovered.

Sandown had a day's chasing on the 23rd to finish the meeting. I don't often go chasing myself as I find it is impossible to both hunt and travel, but I was very much struck with two animals, one was Elfrida, an Irish mare admirably schooled, who was unlucky not to have been placed, and another was Summer Lightning, I think these should give good accounts of themselves during the year. We often hear of Argentine bred horses running in England on the flat, but seldom of jumpers. I now hear that Mr Samson has one with Elsev, whose good looks and jumping powers leads his trainer to believe that he will distinguish himself over the sticks. I hear from one who has seen him that he is a great fine horse of 16 hands, and looks all over a chaser. I shall go and see him when he comes out first, which I hope will be with success. I may be wrong, but I think the National has always been won with an Irish or English bred horse, so what a thing it would be should the first horse to beat the record be an Argentine, and why not, you have some grand blood, and provided that they are schooled over here on the soft ground, what is to prevent them being as good as ours? They are not nearly at such a disadvantage as horses sent to run on the flat, as a change of climate takes some time to get over, but for chasers you can afford to waste some time schooling them, etc., and what would it matter even if they didn't run till they were five or six, a time of life when most flat racers have finished. I don't know where Sweet Willie (son of Hermit) is now, he used to stand at Mr Shand's camp in Entre Rios, but I think was sold, but his stock are sure to jump, as Hermit's grandsons have been most successful in England, notably Cloister. Sweet Willie was a lovely chestnut horse full of quality, not faultless on his fore legs which could be rectified by the mare put to him, and it would be worth while to send some likely sons of his over, if well bred on the dam's side, to try their hands at lepping.

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Sweet Willie was sold by Mr Shand to Messrs Bracht and Co., on whose estancia he is now serving in the South of Entre Rios. We do not fancy he is being put to any thoroughbred mares. The only two of his get that have raced here as far as we know, were Silvertail and the pony Cigarette, neither of which were of much good.—Ed. "R. P. S. and P."

The Australian racing season closed on Aug. 1 last, and from the "Australasian" statistics we gather that Newminster (bred in Victoria), by The Marquis (imp.)—Spa (imp.), by Leamington, heads the winning sires. His stock, numbering ten, won thirty races, value £9181, in the twelve months. Newminster is the sire of Newhaven, now in England.

At the Newmarket Blood Stock Sales on October 28th the Duke of Westminster sold a yearling colt by Bend Or out of Lily Agnes, and therefore own brother, to Ormonde for 930 guineas to Mr C. Archer. The top price of the sales was fetched by Mr D. Cooper's yearling filly of Bend Or out of Lonely, which went to Mr Corston for 1400 guineas.

A thorough trial of the starting machine was given at Newmarket, on Monday, October 25, when the Jockey Club arranged a special programme of four races. We read in the "Field" that they were by no means well patronised, twenty-two horses starting in the four races; but, seeing how much of an experiment the thing was, this was doubtless an advantage to Mr Coventry, who this time was the manipulator in place of a person unused to the starting of horses, and, although nearly all concerned found themselves placed in a novel situation, our contemporary thought the starts admirable. Granting that equally good starts would have been made with the flag, the absence of worry was very noticeable. There was no breaking away of horses over the line and consequent waiting for them to come back. All the jockeys had to do was to range themselves close to the barrier, and so expeditiously did the starts take place that five minutes after the advertised time for the starting of the last race, the public were speeding back to the town. As to the results of the races, all four winners were well backed, three being actual favourites; so the starting machine did not upset public form.

There was a comparatively small attendance, and, of course, the greater portion of it was assembled at the start, and there is no doubt that the existence of a blind prejudice kept many away altogether. The Jockey Club are not likely to be guided by prejudice, but rather by the dictates of common sense.

NEWMARKET HOUGHTON MEETING OCTOBER 26.

Cambridgeshire Stakes of 25 sovs each, with 500 added; last mile and a distance of Acres the Flat.
Sir W. Ingram's b c Comfrey, by Despair—St.
Frida, 3 yrs, 7st 2lb.....K. Cannon 1
Mr J. R. Keene's St. Cloud II., 3 yrs, 7st.....Sloane 2
Mr P. Lorillard's Sandia, 3 yrs, 7st 5lb.....White 3
Mr C. D. Rose's Cortegar, 3 yrs, 7st 2lb (car.
7st 5lb).....S. Loates 0
Mr J. Gubbins's Galtee More, 3 yrs, 9st 6lb. J. Watts 0
Mr L. Brassey's Bay Ronald, 4 yrs, 8st 6lb. Bradford 0
Duke of Westminster's Labrador, 4 yrs, 8st 2lb
(car. 8st 3lb).....M. Cannon 0
Mr A. F. Calvert's Bradwardine, 4 yrs, 8st.....C. Wood 0

Mr J. H. Houldsworth's Laveno, 5 yrs, 7st 13lb
(car. 8st).....Calder 0
Mr L. de Rothschild's Gulistan, 4 yrs, 7st 12lb
T. Loates 0
Duke of Devonshire's Balsamo, 4 yrs, 7st 10lb
Madden 0
Mr Fairie's Eager, 3 yrs, 7st 8lb.....Allsopp 0
Mr R. Walker's Dinna Forget, 5 yrs, 7st 4lb (car.
7st 6lb).....Finlay 0
Mr E. Courage's Funny Boat, 4 yrs, 7st 4lb. R. Jones 0
Mr H. T. Barclay's Ashburn, 3 yrs, 7st 3lb (inc.
10lb extra).....N. Robinson 0
Mr Jersey's Maluma, 5 yrs, 7st.....J. Sharples 0
Sir J. B. Maple's Yorker, 4 yrs, 6st 12lb.....H. Toon 0
Mr C. Hibbert's Mack Briggs, 4 yrs, 6st 10lb. Chapman 0
Capt. Bewicke's General Peace, 3 yrs, 6st 6lb C. Purkiss 0
Count de Berteux's Friolera, 3 yrs, 6st.....C. Leader 0

Betting—9 to 2 agst Galtee More, 6 to 1 agst Gulistan, 10 to 1 each agst Balsamo and Yorker, 100 to 8 agst St. Cloud II., 100 to 7 agst Sandia, 100 to 6 each agst Dinna Forget, Maluma, and Ashburn, 20 to 1 each agst Funny Boat, Cortegar, and Eager, 25 to 1 each agst Bradwardine, Comfrey, Laveno, and Bay Ronald, 40 to 1 agst General Peace, and 200 to 1 each agst Mack Briggs and Friolera. Place Betting—Evens on Galtee More, 2 to 1 agst Balsamo, 5 to 2 each agst Gulistan and Yorker, 3 to 1 each agst St. Cloud II., and Sandia, 4 to 1 agst Dinna Forget, 5 to 1 each agst Maluma, Eager, Labrador, and Funny Boat, 6 to 1 each agst Comfrey, Laveno, Bay Ronald, and Bradwardine, 10 to 1 each agst General Peace, and 50 to 1 each agst Mack Briggs and Friolera.

The start was effected with the slightest possible delay, and the field sped away led by Dinna Forget, Ashburn, and Friolera, of whom Eager settled down with the lead in the centre, General Peace on the right, Ashburn and St. Cloud II. on the left also drawing clear of the ruck. In this way they came on at a great pace, but entering the rails Sandia, Galtee More, Gulistan, Comfrey, and Labrador proved equal to the occasion. Nearing the Bushes Sandia, in the centre, came out strongly, with Comfrey on the right, St. Cloud II. on the left Galtee More being at his girths, and between them Gulistan going well, Eager and General Peace still there, and Cortegar two or three lengths behind. The next furlong settled Eager and Dinna Forget, but Gulistan ran well to half-way to the dip, where he died away along with Galtee More and Labrador. Rising out of the dip, a tremendous race ensued, Comfrey with a slight lead of Sandia and St. Cloud II. Sandia interfered with St. Cloud II., and the result of an extraordinary finish was the victory of Comfrey by a head, the same distance separating second and third. Cortegar, coming up fast at the end, was fourth, another head farther away, and General Peace was a very good fifth; Maluma was sixth, Labrador seventh, Bradwardine eighth, Balsamo ninth, and Galtee More tenth.

Old Cambridgeshire Handicap of 500 sovs, added to a sweepstakes of 25 sovs each; Old Cambridgeshire Course.

Mr P. Lorillard's br g Sandia, by The Sailor
Prince—Saluda, 3 yrs, 7st 8lb.....Sloane 1
Duke of Devonshire's Balsamo, 4 yrs, 7st 10lb
Madden 2
Mr Jersey's Brayhead, 3 yrs, 6st 9lb.....H. Jones 3
Mr A. Belmont's Keenan, 5 yrs, 7st 8lb.....T. Loates 0
Sir J. Miller's La Sagesse, 5 yrs, 7st 4lb (car.
7st 5lb).....S. Loates 0
Sir J. B. Maple's Yorker, 4 yrs, 6st 12lb (car.
6st 13lb).....Toon 0
Betting—6 to 4 agst Sandia, 5 to 1 agst La Sagesse,
6 to 1 each agst Keenan and Brayhead; 10 to 1 agst
Balsamo, and 20 to 1 agst Yorker.

Yorker cut out the work from Brayhead and Sandia for about a quarter of a mile, when Brayhead assumed command from Yorker, Sandia, and Keenan, with La Sagesse in the rear, until approaching the Red Post, where Sandia drew out with a clear lead, followed by Balsamo, and won in canter by a length and a half, three lengths dividing second and third; Keenan was fourth, and Yorker last.

NEWMARKET—OCTOBER 26.

Limekiln Stakes of 25 sovs each, with 500 added; Rowley Mile.
Mr H. McCalmont's b c Knight of the Thistle,
by Rosebery—The Empress Maud, 4 yrs,
9st 10lb.....M. Cannon 1
Mr J. G. Joicey's Silver Fox, 3 yrs, 8st 7lb. S. Loates 2
Mr F. Luscombe's Marco, 5 yrs, 9st 5lb.....Allsopp 3
Betting—5 to 1 agst Knight of the Thistle, 2 to 1 agst
Marco, and 3 to 1 agst Silver-Fox.
Marco made play, with Knight of the Thistle next. The pace was no good, and half-way down the Bushes hill Silver Fox closed. Knight of the Thistle, however, forged ahead and won by a length; a length and a half between second and third.

Criterion Stakes of 30 sovs each, with 200 added, for two-year-olds; Criterion Course, 6 furlongs.

Duke of Westminster's br c Batt, by Sheen—
Vampire, 8st 8lb.....M. Cannon 1
Sir J. B. Maple's Royal Footstep, 9st 2lb.....Calder 2
Mr E. Courage's Intolerance, 8st 8lb.....O. Madden 3
Prince Soltikoff's Canopus, 8st 12lb.....Rickaby 0
Duke of Portland's Airs and Graces, 8st 10lb
T. Loates 0

Betting—Evens on Batt, 6 to 4 agst Royal Footstep, 100 to 12 agst Canopus, and 100 to 8 agst Intolerance and Airs and Graces.

Intolerance led away, with Canopus next, Royal Footstep and Batt closing on them at the Red Post and gradually drawing away from the others.

They raced locked together for some distance, Royal Footstep, once leading slightly, but in the last fifty yards Batt got the better of the struggle, and won by a neck; six lengths away came the other three almost in a line.

October 28.

Dewhurst Plate of 330 sovs, added to sweptakes of 25 each for two-year-olds; last seven furlongs of the Rowley Mile.

Mr J. Porter's b c Hawfinch, by Goldfinch—
 Chalk Hill Blue, 8st 9lb..... S. Loates 1
 Prince Soltikoff's Ninus, 8st 13lb..... M. Cannon 2
 Duke of Devonshire's Dieudonné, 9st 5lb..... J. Watts 3
 Mr L. Brassey's Orzil, 9st 2lb..... Bradford 0
 Sir J. B. Maple's Royal Footstep, 8st 11lb..... Calder 0
 Sir R. W. Griffith's St. Ia, 8st 11lb..... T. Loates 0

Betting—11 to 10 on Dieudonné, 4 to 1 agst Ninus, 5 to 1 agst St. Ia, 100 to 7 agst Orzil, and 20 to 1 agst Hawfinch.

Ninus and St. Ia made the running with Dieudonné waiting on the left, Hawfinch, who required some reminders with the whip, as he had done at the start, being on the right, a couple of lengths to the rear. As they descended into the dip, Ninus went to the front in good style, St. Ia and Orzil being done with at once, whilst, Dieudonné was unable to make up much ground. But on the right came an unexpected danger in Hawfinch, who, hard pushed by his jockey, clung to Ninus, and beat him up the hill by a neck; a length separated second a third, and Orzil was fourth.

LATEST LONDON BETTING—OCT. 30

LIVERPOOL CUP
 100 to 8 agst St. Bris (t)
 100 to 8 — General Peace (t)
 100 to 7 — Crestfallen (t)
 100 to 7 — Merman (t)
 100 to 6 — Laughing Girl (t)

FOOTBALL

ASSOCIATION.

Sheffield United continue to keep their lead in the First League, and on October 16 they beat their near neighbour, Sheffield Wednesday, by a goal to nothing. This was a good performance, as the Wednesday were playing at home.

The meeting of Everton and Liverpool at Goodison Park brought together a crowd of some 40,000 spectators. The home team having won the toss scored in the first five minutes. Then rather indifferent play followed, and several easy chances were missed by both sides. At half time Everton led by a goal to nil, and on crossing over showed much improved combination. Two more goals were added, and the home side won by three goals to nothing.

Derby County, at home, received a visit from Bury, who during the initial half had considerably the best of the play, and at half time had scored two goals to their opponents' one. After changing ends Derby instituted a dashing attack, but Bury's defence was stubborn in the extreme. The County men were not seen to advantage in front of goal, doing some very erratic shooting. It seemed as if Bury would keep their end intact but two minutes from the final whistle the County equalised, and the game ended in a two-goals draw.

The surprise of the day resulted from the meeting of Sunderland and West Bromwich Albion on the ground of the former. Everything pointed out to a win for the Wear-siders, but the Albion playing for all they were worth proved too good for the home team, whom they beat by two goals to nothing.

An interesting game was that between Notts Forest and the Blackburn Rovers, the former team winning by three goals to one.

Notts County, without a single win to their credit, met Aston Villa on the latter club's ground, and it was surprising to find an attendance of some 20,000 spectators. The Villa had most of the play and won finally by four goals to two.

Wolverhampton Wanderers playing at Stoke, beat the locals by two goals to nothing.

The friendly match between the Old Etonians and Old Foresters was the opening fixture at the County ground, Leyton. The Etonians were strongly represented and won easily by six goals to two.

The London Caledonian beat Marlow by eight goals to one, but so bad was their shooting in the first half that the interval arrived with Marlow leading by a goal to nil.

On October 23rd, Notts County won their first League match of the season. Since their re-inclusion into the First Division the lace county team have not had their fair share of good luck, and it is to be hoped that now they will do better. Their win at Nottingham against Stoke was fully deserved, and the final score, four goals to nil, gives a good idea of how the game went.

A most interesting game was played at Sunderland on October 23rd, when the Wear-siders received a visit from Aston Villa. The match was witnessed by quite 20,000 spectators. Half-time arrived with no score and so even were the second half exchanges that the game finally ended in a pointless draw. Some capital combination was shown by both teams, and both goalkeepers were in great form.

The so-called advantage of playing on their own ground was not sufficient to enable Bury to beat the powerful Everton team. Still, the home side did not have the worst of the play by any means, and Everton only won by narrow margin of a goal to nothing.

The Bolton Wanderers were at home to Notts Forest, and a pleasant game ended in favour of the home team by two goals to nothing.

Sheffield United, who have not been beaten yet, won their match with Preston North End by two goals to one. A half an hour from the start McKay obtained a goal for the United, who crossed over with the lead of a goal, and a quarter of an hour from the resumption scored a second brilliant goal. The visitors did all they knew, and eventually netted the ball. North End could not get through again in spite of some dashing play, and the United won as stated above.

West Bromwich's match with the Wolverhampton Wanderers, on October 23rd, proved of great interest. In the opening half, Smith scored for the Wanderers and Flewitt for the Albion; while in the second, Millery put the Wanderers a goal in front. The Albion, however, equalised from a scrummage, and a drawn game was the result.

Another drawn game was that between the Blackburn Rovers and Sheffield Wednesday at Blackburn, each side scoring once.

The visit of Derby County to Liverpool attracted a big crowd. Liverpool won by four goals to two.

RUGBY

Blackheath once more were seen to admirable advantage, beating the Old Merchant Taylors at the Old Deer Park by two goals five tries to nothing.

Richmond had it all their own way in their match with St. Thomas's Hospital, and won finally by four goals six tries to one goal.

The London Scottish beat Kensington after a poor game by one dropped goal to nothing.

Rosslyn Park were too strong for the Old Leysians, who suffered defeat by four goals two tries to one goal.

An exciting and well-contested game was that at the Crystal Palace between Lennox and Guy's Hospital. The result was a draw of one goal one try each. The R.M.A. beat Croydon by two tries to one goal. At Newport the home fifteen beat Moseley by four goals one try to a try. Leicester proved much too strong for Rugby, winning by four goals one try to nothing. Exeter and Barnstaple drew, one goal one try each; the Marlborough Nomads beat Bedford by two goals to one try; Llanelly beat Swansea by two tries to one; Devonport Albion beat Torquay by two goals four tries to nothing; Coventry beat Broughton by one goal two tries to nothing; Harlequins beat R.I.E.C. by four goals three tries to nothing; Sale beat Manchester by a goal to nothing; and Wickham Park beat Streatham by six points to three.

The principal game under the Rugby code on October 25, in the London district was between Richmond and Liverpool. The game was decided in fine weather, and ended in favour of the home fifteen by four goals (one dropped) two tries to one try.

Blackheath beat Moseley by one goal two tries to one goal one try. R.I.E.C. cleverly beat Old Merchant Taylors by two goals two tries to one try, and Guy's Hospital beat Old Leysians by two goals one try to nil. Lennox and St. Thomas's Hospital drew one goal each, and St. Bartholomew's Hospital beat Kensington by two tries to nil. Cambridge University beat a moderate team of Harlequins by five goals three tries to nil. Cardiff beat Newport by three goals two tries to one try; Oxford University and the London Scottish were evenly matched, a one goal draw resulting; Swansea beat Devonport Albion by one goal two tries to one try; Gloucester beat Bristol by a penalty goal to nil; Llanelly beat Penarth by one goal three tries to nil; Manchester beat Broughton by a goal to a try; Leicester beat Coventry by a goal and a try to a try.

The annual match between teams representing London and Sheffield took place on October 25, at Leyton, and to the surprise and delight of the crowd, the visitors were beaten by four goals to one. The Sheffield team was composed of Wednesday and United men, and was generally expected to win easily. They however, gave but an indifferent display, and found the London defence very hard to break through.

Kent, who headed the Rugby county championship competition last season, on October 27, at Blackheath found no difficulty in beating a strong fifteen of Middlesex. Kent won by two goals four tries to one goal.

The Northern Union's policy of discouraging drop kicking in favour of hand to hand passing is thus criticised by a writer in the London "Standard":—"The subordination of the dropped goal to the try, which was the cause of the defeat of Cheshire by Lancashire, in their recent match under Northern Union rules, is hardly likely to commend itself to the favour of Rugby Union clubs. In the match in question, Lancashire crossed the Cheshire goal line thrice, whilst their own was invaded on two occasions only. Only one of the five tries scored in the game was converted, and that fell to Lancashire. The points scored by the winners were thus the same as would have accrued under Rugby

Union rules, eleven, although reckoned as a goal and three tries in place of a goal and two tries. The Cheshire score was two dropped goals and two tries, which counted ten points, but would, under Rugby Union Rules, have reckoned 14, and thus have won the match by a respectable margin. No doubt the enterprising Northern Union has duly considered their policy; but most followers of the game in other parts of the country will hope that, even if it should be deemed advisable to make the try equal in value to the dropped goal, this may be the furthest limit to which the movement against the original scheme of Rugby football may spread. That a try should outpoint a goal is, on the face of it, an absurdity which could be justified only by most formidable reasons. The drop-kick is so graceful, so serviceable, and so scientific a feature of the game that its depreciation is much to be deplored. We have few men now who can kick as did the three-quarters of fifteen years ago, and it is questionable whether there have ever been successors of L. Stokes and Freeman equal to them in this department of the game. The Welsh passing game does not seem to adapt itself to the capabilities of English teams. Perhaps sufficient time and patience are not bestowed upon its difficulties in practice. At any rate, even the best English fifteens are far behind the leading Welsh teams in back passing play, whilst the forwards have hardly an inkling of the method by which the whole of the Newport or the Llanelly side becomes transformed into a fifteen of three-quarters when once the halves have started a passing bout. It is, therefore, all the more necessary that the hard scrummaging and scientific foot play of the English forward, and the long and sure drop-kicking of the backs (it being remembered that the drop-kick alone, not the punt, can score) should be developed and maintained in every possible way. The dropped goal has been deprived of its equal value with a goal from a place in Rugby football, and there are those who consider it should not win against a try; but the result of the above-quoted match should be sufficient to supply an effectual warning against the undue appreciation of the value of the try.

LAWN TENNIS.

VILLA DEVOTO LAWN TENNIS CLUB.

The following are the complete handicaps and draws for the Villa Devoto Lawn Tennis Tournament:

GENTLEMEN'S SINGLES (Open).

Preliminary round—

A. Mayne (+ 15) v. A. McMorran (- 30.3)
 H. H. Woodgate (- 30) v. A. C. Willes (- 15)
 R. Colville Jones (- 30) v. Dawney (+ 15.1)

First round—

L. Ponce de Leon (+ 15) v. R. D. Mackinnon (- 2.6 of 15)
 B. S. Nelson (- 15) v. C. W. Cumming (- 15.2)
 J. Ravenscroft (- 2.6 of 15) v. C. H. Menzies (- 4.6 of 15)
 J. B. Farram (scr) v. S. J. Moore (- 15.2)
 W. Williamson (+ 15) v. S. Francis (scr)
 A. M. Barton (- 15.2) v. W. Lovett (- 15)
 J. R. Boyd (scr) v. winner of Jones and Dawney.

LADIES' SINGLES

Miss Lowe (- 3.6 of 15), a bye.
 Miss Huxtable (- 15) v. Miss L. Lowe (scr)
 Miss A. Nelson (- 30), a bye.
 Miss Nelson (- 15), a bye.

GENTLEMEN'S SINGLES (Club).

P. Dawney (+ 15.3), a bye.
 A. McMorran (- 30.3), a bye.
 W. Lovett (- 4.6 of 15) v. S. J. Moore (- 15.1)
 J. Ravenscroft (scr) v. H. H. Woodgate (- 15.5)
 D. Johnston (+ 15.1) v. A. Mayne (+ 15)
 B. S. Nelson (- 4.6 of 15) v. W. Williamson (+ 15)
 H. A. Millar (+ 15.3), a bye.
 C. H. Menzies (- 2.6 of 15), a bye.

GENTLEMEN'S DOUBLES

Ravenscroft and Livock (+ 3.6 of 15) v. Mayne and Williamson (+ 15)
 Menzies and Woodgate (- 15.1) v. Lowe and Murray (+ 15.3)
 Jones and McMorran (- 30) v. Johnston and Dawney (+ 15.3)
 Lovett and Nelson (- 3.6 of 15) v. Shortt and Reeves (+ 15)

MIXED DOUBLES.

Miss Huxtable and A. McMorran (- 30) v. Miss Dawney and F. Dawney (+ 15.3)
 Miss Weston and B. S. Nelson (+ 4.6 of 15) v. Miss Nelson and W. Williamson (+ 15)
 Miss A. Nelson and R. Colville Jones (- 15.3) v. Miss L. Lowe and H. H. Woodgate (- 15)
 Miss Lowe and W. Lovett (- 15), a bye.

The preliminary and first rounds must be played on or before December 8, and the other rounds on or before January 2. The finals will be played on January 6.

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FISHING

Walter D. Mansfield, the California long distance fly casting expert, according to a dispatch from San Francisco, dated October 10, on the day previously broke his own best on record, 111 ft. 3 in., by casting a distance of 113 ft., under adverse circumstances of wind and chilling weather. He also broke the world's record in the distance and accuracy event, making a score of 95½ per cent., which has never been equalled in public competition. Dr. E. N. Lowry divided the honours of the day with the champion, being second in the long distance event with 109 ft., which, next to Mansfield's cast, is 6 ft better than any previous record. Dr. Lowry was only a shade behind Mansfield in distance and accuracy, with a score of 94½ per cent. The work of the other members was fine, as four out of eight scored 100 ft.—"New York Clipper."

P O L O .

The American National Polo Championship was won this year by the Meadowbrook Club after a fine, well-fought match with Westchester. The Transatlantic method of handicapping, as well as the infliction of the loss of half a goal as a penalty for foul play, makes these games somewhat difficult to follow. But I gather that for championship play the handicap is not in force, but the teams play as here, on equal terms. The penalties, however, are the same. Meadowbrook is said to have been very well mounted, and this we can well believe, as the American ponies used in England by Mr Mackey and Mr T. Drybrough are very smart and handy. The game was a good one, but the account to hand shows plainly enough that a more independent game is played than among us. The reporter notes with a certain sense of surprise when the No. 1 of Westchester attempts to ride off his opponent's back, and the back of the some side seems to have gone up into the game, when he saw an opening, without calling his No. 3 to fall back and act as "goal tend," as the phrase is over there. The victory of Meadowbrook was due to a closer following of the combined game, and one is almost tired of recording the absolute certainty of victory which even somewhat elementary combination gives to a team over one it may be but very slightly less disciplined.—Stone-clink in "The Field."

CYCLING.

The Military Cycling Club of this city have petitioned the Municipality to grant them a piece of ground at Palermo on which to make a cycle school and to exonerate them from the tax on fifty bicycles.

Herr Bernhard Kraus, of Mayence, has brought out a self-inflating pneumatic tyre. The tyre does not meet round the periphery of the wheel, and the two ends are joined by an india rubber ball or syringe air pump, with valves, which enable it to keep the tyre full of air as the wheel runs. The idea is certainly ingenious.

On October 27, R. Palmer rode for two hours on the Crystal Palace track against time. With the best pacemaking assistance procurable, he made such good progress that he was 646 yards only outside the hour record, and from 34 miles to the finish he put up new figures at each mile. He rode 32¼ miles in the first hour, and 30 miles 10 yards in the second, covering in the two hours 62 miles 450 yards, or 1 mile 1005 yards more than had previously been accomplished in that time.

At the approaching Stanley Cycle Show in London a novel departure in cycles will be exhibited. The machine is called the "X-entric," and though somewhat resembling in appearance those at present in use, differs from them very materially in point of construction. Its special features shortly are as follows:—There is no top bar. The machine can be used by either a lady or a gentleman. The gearing can, by a simple contrivance, be altered to suit all heights. There is no chain, and the brake will be applied on the back wheel.

A cycle parade of trousered ladies organised by Lady Harberton, was one of the events of the past month at home. Great thing was foretold, but the result can hardly be called a success. The programme was a meet at Hyde Park Corner and a ride to Oxford, a dinner, church parade, and prize exhibition of themselves in their bloomers. Skirts were absolutely forbidden. The meet at Hyde Park must have been a trying ordeal for the five unskirted creatures, who had to stand the chaff of a large crowd and such queries as "Is that your brother or the missus?" "Why, here's Andrée's balloon," etc. A move was soon made to escape from such an unsympathising crowd, and in nasty weather a start was made for Oxford against a head wind. On arrival at Kew some of the softer of the sex who had started in skirts were emboldened by access of numbers, and, calmly dismounting, discarded the superfluous garment, which they rolled up for future use. The dinner at Oxford was of the usual Cowbray House type, Lady Harberton's health being durnk with musical honours. History does not relate as to her being carried round on the shoulders of her Amazons; the sight would certainly have been worth seeing.—"Polo Magazine."

Many very queer and foolish rides have been accomplished on bicycles for wagers. At Lyons a man has ridden round a coping stone of a house; at Paris a Mr. Stanley Hart has cycled in a den of lions; a diver at New York has performed his avocations on a bicycle; duels have been fought on bicycles in France; the Falls of Niagara have been cycled over; a man has ridden along the pier wall at Whitby; a one-legged rider has actually cycled down the long flight of steps at the Capitol, Washington. And every day and in every city one sees the most foolhardy tricks performed in traffic in the streets.

The latest development of wheeling is cycle polo, of which an exhibition game was played lately at Sheen House, Richmond Park, London in the presence of several hundred members and their friends. The club croquet lawn was utilised for the purpose, and the green being some 100 yards by 70, this space was found ample for the teams engaged. Cycle polo is governed by the same rules as ordinary polo, and it apparently calls for as much skill onlookers being kept perpetually on the watch by the risk of a collision between the riders. Collisions were fortunately very rare, the riders showing extraordinary facility in the management and direction of their machines.

A NIGHT ON A TEXAS RANCH.

It was a warm still night in the middle of August, we had just finished supper at the ranch. Mike was at the back of the house with the only lantern that was in working order, washing up the plates and I was smoking my pipe on the gallery steps. It was so dark that every now and then I had to blow the smoke through my nose to make sure that my pipe was alight. Four or five hounds were lying about, occasionally giving notice of their presence by groaning as they turned over to rest on the other side, or thumping on the gallery floor as they went for an unusually energetic flea. The silence was intense; now and then a screech owl wailed in the distance, or a frog in the little creek started to clear his throat, but as a rule, even the crickets were too lazy to chirp, and the fireflies only flashed their tiny lamps at long intervals.

One could just make out the dark outlines of the steep brush-covered hills that enclosed our narrow valley, and the black mass of the thicket below the small field that faced the house—a thicket of shin oak and black haw, and almost every other kind of brush that is hard to get through—a tangle of briars and vines so dense, that in the descriptive language of the country "you couldn't stick a butcher knife into it." Suddenly the silence was broken. From somewhere in the centre of the thicket, rose the long, lonesome cry of a hound that has discovered something, interesting, and needs assistance. I recognise old Brenda's voice, and before the echoes have died away down the valley, the hounds on the gallery are falling over each other down the steps. They scamper across the little field, crash through the old rail fence at the lower end of it, and for a few seconds there is silence. Then old Brenda uplifts her mournful voice again; Bachelor's deep roar trembles through the woods; Rummager, Sultan, and Duchess own to the line; Mike comes running out with the lantern, and we stand listening eagerly as one musical voice after the other takes up the chorus, while the hounds crash about through the tangled brush.

Presently we hear the Duchess, half-way up the hillside. The others are with her in a moment; the loose rocks rattle down as they work their way to the top, and in another instant the whole pack, in full cry, is tearing away eastward. It is no use to think of following them across so rough a country on a dark night like this, so all we can do is to stand listening intently and praying that they may "tree" whatever they are after within hearing distance of the house. They would stay half the night at the tree, and the moon will be up in an hour or so; surely nothing that can climb will stay on the ground in front for long at the pace they are going. Away they race for about half a mile, and turn slightly to the north, the music dying to a low murmur as they sink into each of the numerous steep gullies, that run into the north branch of the creek, and rising louder and clearer as they drive across the higher ground. We go through the house and sit on the fence at the back. Although we can see nothing we know just where they are, and what they are doing. Little Duchess, the fastest hound in the pack, is sweeping along about 50 yards in the lead; then come Bachelor, Rummager, and Sultan pretty well together, while the ancient Brenda toils along in the rear, making more noise than any of them. Now they are over a mile away, among the post oaks on the Divide, and we can only just hear them; if they cross the ridge it is doubtful if we shall see them again before morning. Fainter and fainter their voices fade away in the distance, and at last we hear them no more.

Mike, who has been intensely excited utters a terse monosyllable expressive of disgust, and we light up fresh pipes and speculate as to what they can be after. It is a wolf, they are as likely as not to leave the country; it can't be a deer, because old Brenda is much too knowing to run one 20 yards unless it is a cripple and she is told to do so. Listen! Yes, there is Duchess again, and presently we hear the others. They have gone right round the head of the creek and are coming back towards us on the other side of it. Nearer and nearer they come, and now something is evidently coming down the steep hillside on the west of the house. We can even hear it panting, and the slight rattle it makes as it gets through the fence. The hounds are not far behind, and come tearing down the hill and

across the field, and directly they are all at fault for a moment in the same thicket that they started from.

We are on the gallery again now, and expect every moment to hear the fierce baying that proclaims that the "varmint," whatever it is, has climbed a tree. But the end is not yet; the hounds are evidently unable to find out which way their chase has gone, and crash noisily through the thicket, giving tongue now and again in an undecided sort of way. At last old Brenda, using the experience gained in many a long run, works out the line, and in another moment they are off again, clambering up the hill in exactly the same place where they climbed it when they first started. Once on top they race along with a burst of melody 100 yards or so, and then wheel around and come tearing back again, down the hill, and on to a little, open, flat close to the house, covered with a dense growth of broom weed. Here they scatter and circle for an instant, and then there is a loud roar followed by a yell of distress from Bachelor, and then all five of the hounds are baying furiously. Mike bustles out with the lantern, and I stop to grab the carbine from its corner and hurry after him, losing both my worn out slippers on the way.

"What have they got, Mike?"
"Sure it's a calf, I think, sor," says Mike, who is nevertheless standing at a very respectable distance from the little group that is surging about among the weeds. I take the lantern from him, and this is what I see: Standing with his back arched and his head low, facing first this way and then that, and sometimes making three or four springs at the nearest of his foes, is a large bob-tailed cat or lynx. With his ears tucked back close to his skull and every hair on his body erect, his wicked eyes shining green in the light of the lantern, he is an awkward-looking customer enough, and is really about the size of a small calf.

Whoop whoop! At the well-known cheer the hounds all dash in on him at once. He fights grimly and grandly and perfectly silently; with every move he makes he scores one of the dogs with tooth or claw. Three times he breaks loose from them all, but they are not to be denied, and at last they get him over on his back, and with the claws of both forefeet firmly fixed in poor Rummager's nose, and a big piece of one of Sultan's long ears in his mouth, he gives up the battle. The hounds are too tired to worry and quarrel over his remains, but panting and exhausted, they lie down by his side, and the fun is over—"Forest and Stream."

NATURAL HISTORY.

A discovery which has lately been made is that of a submarine camera, by means of which the sea bottom can be distinctly photographed. Several attempts have been made to effect this before, but this is the first successful result. The inventor is Captain Borleun, of the Brazilian Navy, who has already obtained some magnificent pictures of the great depths below. An electric lamp supplies the light, and the camera is watertight.

One of those bizarre mermen or fish with a human head and arms mummified, which the Japanese are responsible for has been submitted to the Rontgen rays in France, and, as was suspected, found to be a clever creation of Japanese art. No trace of skull or skeleton was detected inside the figure, which, however, is a cunning piece of work. Real Egyptian mummies reveal their bones under the "X" rays quite distinctly, and thus enable the age of the subject mummified to be verified with considerable accuracy.

According to Herr Ziegler, in the "Zoologischen Jahrbucher," for long flight of 70 to 400 miles, the average speed of carrier pigeons is about 1,100 yards a minute, but this can be increased by the wind to nearly double, or reduced to about half, according as it is with or against the bird. Bad weather can disturb the bird and thus reduce the average speed. They do not rise to great heights and utilise the high velocities of winds which reign at an altitude of more than 6,000 feet. In Germany these pigeons do not rise more than 3,000 or 4,000 feet, and often they fly much lower down, especially if the wind be against them.

Perhaps the most peculiar agricultural industry that we are aware of is spider farming, says "Chambers's Journal." There are not many spider farms in existence. We have only heard of two, so we do not think the spider farmer can suffer from competition. The spiders are reared for two definite ends, either to spin cobwebs in wine cellars or webs which like the cocoons of silkworms, can be utilised for commercial purposes. In one of the usual low stone farmhouses common in the region of the Loire resides a market gardener, whose main object in farming spiders is to furnish spiders of the kind needed for the wine vault, of dealers and the cellars of the nouveaux riches, so that new, shining, freshly labelled bottles will in three months' time be draped with a filmy lace of cobwebs, and have the appearance of twenty years' storage conferred at small cost. Spiders are great cannibals; the parents eat their children, and the children in turn readily each other. We have heard of another farm where the spiders are reared for their web, so as to turn it into practical use as spider silk. The spider's web is much smoother and brighter coloured than the thread of the silkworm, but it is much more fragile. It has been woven, and is vastly softer and more beautiful than ordinary silk, but it is as expensive as it is beautiful.

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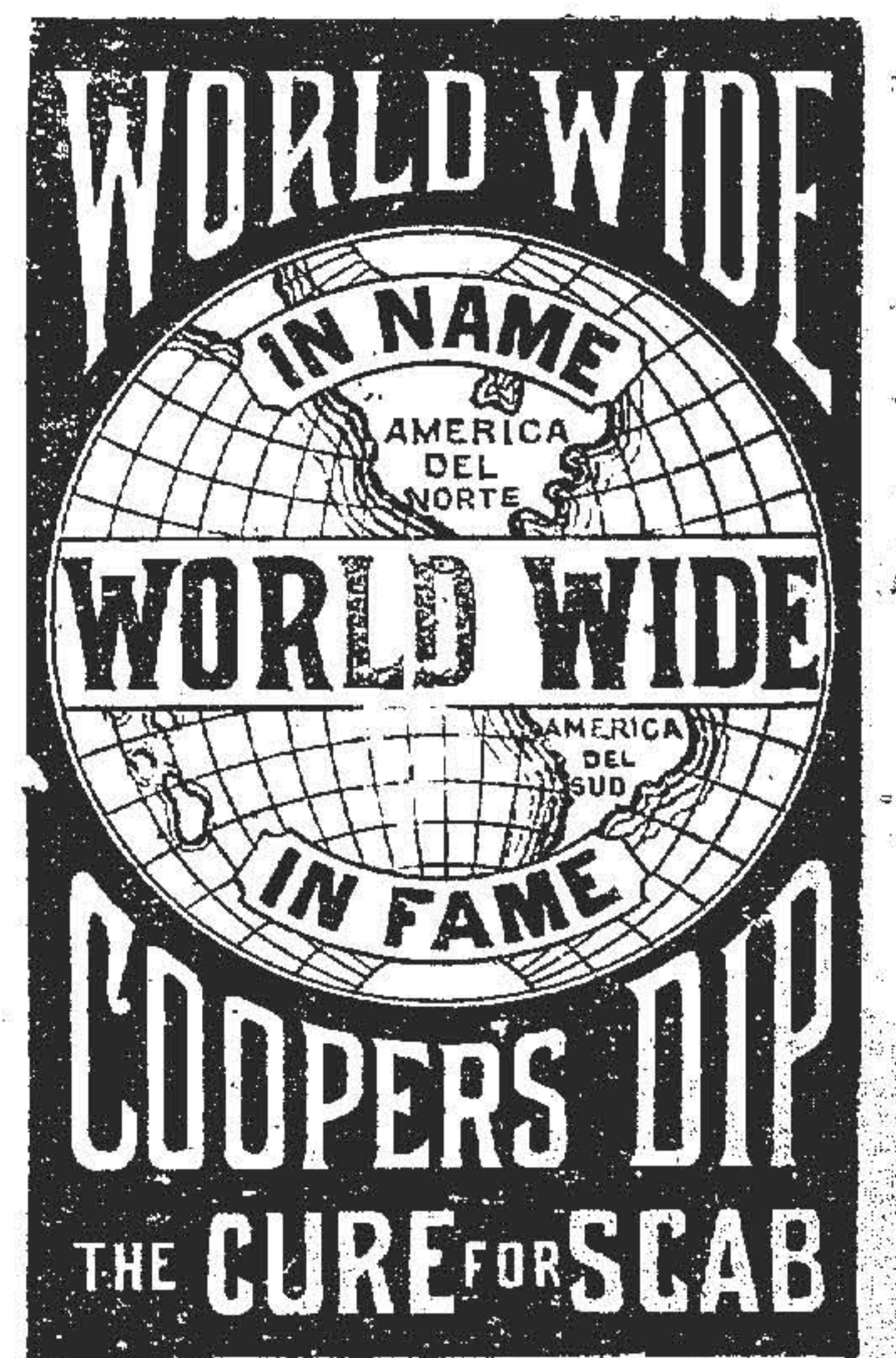
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River Plate Sport and Pastime

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 1897.

SPORTING NOTES

Mr R. L. Halstead has been elected honorary secretary of the Lomas Athletic Club, the address of which will however remain as before at Casilla de Correo 1191.

The special committee appointed by the Rural Society for organizing the horse show, to be held at Palermo next April, have fixed the 24th of that month to the first of May as the dates between which the show is to be open to the public.

I am requested to state that to-morrow afternoon at one o'clock a pick up match, President XI against Captain's XI will be played on the Quilmes ground, to which all members are invited to turn up punctually.

Mr E. S. Rugeroni has resigned the secretaryship of the Banfield Athletic Club, and his place has been taken by Mr J. W. Elliot, whose address is Banfield, F.C.S. The new colours of the Banfield A.C. are maroon and old gold.

Amongst the passengers who sailed yesterday on the Thames were Mr J. C. Bellamy, who is well known here both on the river and in the football field, Mr Fred Bell, Mr Kemball Cooke of Las Rosas, Mr F. H. Bocquet and Mr A. Raikes.

I notice that the Jockey Club's official starter Mr Hoewel, has taken to fining the Jockeys instead of suspending them, to see if an appeal to their pockets will impress obedience. On Sunday last he made Juan Rivero, José Rivas and Miguel Pintos poorer by thirty dollars each.

The entries for the Flores Club's Sports closed on Thursday with a capital list, and I hear also the prizes are very handsome. Unfortunately the Ladies Bicycle race has not filled. The meeting takes place on December the 8th, when there is sure to be a huge crowd on the Flores ground. We give a list of the entries in another column.

Dr Pellegrini's speech in the Senate in favour of granting permission for bull fights to be held at next year's exhibition has raised no end of comment during the week, as the worthy doctor took the opportunity of having a go at his fellow countrymen for their laziness, and indifference to all kinds of games and sports which entail the expenditure of energy and a certain amount of bodily fatigue to those who pursue them.

It is a great pity that Dr Pellegrini had to take bull fighting as the text for his eloquent speech as is no way can it be connected with any British

sports or games, nor can I see how it can help, as Dr Pellegrini seems to think it will, to give the youth of Argentina some sort of interest in them. Bull fighting is merely a show got up to gratify those people who derive pleasure from excitement and the sight of blood.

The toreadores and others whose duties are to tease the bull in the ring have no doubt to be athletes to a certain extent; they have to be active, and quick with hand and eye, but their performance will, I fear, do nothing more for the Argentine youth than that of any circus troupe, if indeed as much. What Argentines want is proper early training, and so long as Argentine boys are brought up as they are now so long can they never become sportsmen in the sense of the word in which Englishmen understand it.

Dr Pellegrini cited polo as a game in which Argentines should excel. Their native breed of ponies, and their system of training them, are both peculiarly adapted for it, yet although polo has been introduced here for some fifteen or more years there is at this moment not a single Argentine of the better class who plays with any keenness, though I am glad to hear that several are thinking seriously of doing so, and in fact several have lately joined Hurlingham with this expressed object.

On the occasion of the visit to Rosario of the Venado Tuerto Cricket team, the Rosario Athletic Club will hold a smoking concert at the Tivoli hall, Calle Santa Fe, on Saturday evening next, the 27th inst, when the badges and medals will be presented to the winners of last year's Cricket and Football Competitions. Most of the well known local talent will give a friendly lead and there is sure to be a strong muster. The entrance will be one dollar.

The next event in the polo world down here will be a handicap tournament at Hurlingham for a set of prizes presented by the ladies who take an interest in the club. The last handicap tournament was so successful that this one should be still more so, especially as inter-club matches at present are impossible owing to Hurlingham finding themselves without a single team to play against, a position of affairs I have never before had to record during the past seven years.

A rather amusing incident occurred in the match at Quilmes on Sunday. One pair of batting gloves disappeared most mysteriously, and could not be found anywhere. Nor were they discovered till one of the batsmen took of his pads and the missing gloves were found secured round his ankles, presumably with the idea of protecting them from the demon bowler's shooters.

Horses apparently run in and out in Australia just as much as they do anywhere else. The imported St. Simon horse, Positano, at the spring meeting of the Australian Jockey Club, last month, in Sydney, gave a Victorian horse, named Coil, winner of the Australian Cup last year, 2 lb and an easy beating over a mile and a half. Three days after, over the same course and distance, Coil gave the English bred horses 17 lb., and turned the tables on him.

Three centuries were scored in last Sunday's Cricket matches. Mr A. Anderson made 101 not out for Lomas in their Championship match against Hurlingham, and as he scored 104 not out against Lanus, the only other championship match in which he has played, his record in championship matches so far is a very good one. One of the B.A.C.C. veterans, Mr Denny Stokes, ran up a fine score of 114 at Palermo against a Belgrano second eleven, whilst the third century was credited to Mr G. F. Elliott in the Flores championship match against Banfield. Mr Elliot scored 109 not out.

CRICKET.

CHAMPIONSHIP FIXTURES.

NOVEMBER
Sun. 28—Lomas v. Belgrano, at Belgrano.

DECEMBER
Sun. 5—Lomas v. Flores, at Flores.
Sun. 5—Hurlingham v. Lanus, at Lanus.
Sun. 12—Lomas v. Banfield, at Banfield.
Sun. 19—Flores v. Belgrano, at Flores.

JANUARY
Sun. 9—Hurlingham v. Banfield, at Banfield.
Sun. 16—Lanus v. Belgrano, at Belgrano.
Sun. 23—Lomas v. Lanus, at Lomas.
Sun. 30—Lomas v. Flores, at Lomas.

FEBRUARY
Wed. 2—Belgrano v. Banfield, at Banfield.
Sun. 6—Belgrano v. Hurlingham, at Belgrano.
Sun. 13—Lomas v. Belgrano, at Lomas.
Sun. 13—Flores v. Hurlingham, at Hurlingham.
Sun. 20—Lanus v. Banfield, at Banfield.
Sun. 27—Lomas v. Hurlingham, at Lomas.
Sun. 27—Flores v. Banfield, at Banfield.

MARCH
Sun. 6—Flores v. Lanus, at Lanus.
Sun. 20—Lomas v. Banfield, at Lomas.
Sun. 20—Flores v. Belgrano, at Belgrano.

APRIL
Sun. 3—Hurlingham v. Lanus, at Hurlingham.

CLUB FIXTURES.

NOVEMBER
Sat. 27—Barker Memorial School v. Scotch School, at Lomas.
Sun. 28—Hurlingham v. London Bank, at Hurlingham.
Sun. 28—B.A.C.C. 2nd XI. v. Flores 2nd XI., at Palermo
Sun. 28—Palermo 2nd XI. v. Banfield 2nd XI., at Banfield

DECEMBER
Sat. 4—Lomas Academy v. Lanus, at Lomas.
Sat. 4—Barker Memorial School v. Belgrano, at Belgrano
Sun. 5—B.A.C.C. 2nd XI. v. Lomas 2nd XI., at Palermo
Wed. 8—Belgrano A.C. v. Bolsa Brokers, at Belgrano.
Wed. 8—B.A.C.C. v. Old Bedfordians.
Wed. 8—Lomas 2nd XI. v. Banfield 2nd XI., at Banfield
Wed. 8—Flores 2nd XI. v. Lanus 2nd XI., at Lanus.
Wed. 8—Palermo 2nd XI. v. Barker Memorial School, at Lomas.
Sat. 11—Barker Memorial School v. Banfield, at Banfield.
Sun. 12—Flores v. London Bank, at Hurlingham.
Sun. 12—Palermo A.C. v. Belgrano 2nd XI., at Belgrano
Sun. 19—Lomas 2nd XI. v. Lanus 2nd XI., at Lanus.
Sun. 26—Lanus v. Nondescripts, at Lanus.

JANUARY
Sat. 1, Sun. 2—B.A.C.C. v. Hurlingham, at Palermo.
Sat. 1, Sun. 2—Lomas v. Rosario, at Lomas.
Sun. 2—B.A.C.C. 2nd XI. v. Belgrano 2nd XI., at Belgrano
Sun. 2—Flores 2nd XI. v. Palermo A.C., at Flores.
Sun. 2—Lanus 2nd XI. v. Banfield 2nd XI., at Lanus.
Sun. 9—Nondescripts v. London and River Plate Bank, at Lomas.
Thur. 6—B.A.C.C. v. Lomas, at Palermo.
Thur. 6—B.A.C.C. 2nd XI. v. Lomas 2nd XI., at Lomas.
Thur. 6—Flores 2nd XI. v. Lanus 2nd XI., at Flores.
Sun. 9—B.A.C.C. v. Belgrano, at Belgrano.
Sun. 9—Palermo 2nd XI. v. Banfield 2nd XI., at Banfield
Sun. 16—B.A.C.C. 2nd XI. v. Banfield 2nd XI., at Palermo
Sun. 16—Lomas 2nd XI. v. Palermo A.C., at Lomas.
Sun. 16—Hurlingham v. R. A. Sumner's XI., at Hurlingham.
Sun. 23—Hurlingham v. London Bank, at Hurlingham.
Sun. 23—B.A.C.C. 2nd XI. v. Flores 2nd XI., at Flores.
Sun. 23—Palermo A.C. v. Banfield, at Banfield.
Sun. 30—B.A.C.C. 2nd XI. v. Hurlingham 2nd XI., at Palermo.

FEBRUARY
Wed. 2—B.A.C.C. v. Flores, at Palermo.
Wed. 2—Lomas 2nd XI. v. Lanus 2nd XI., at Lomas.
Wed. 2—Palermo 2nd XI. v. English High School, at School.
Sun. 6—B.A.C.C. v. Banfield, at Banfield.
Sun. 6—Lomas 2nd XI. v. Flores 2nd XI., at Lomas.
Sun. 13—B.A.C.C. v. London Bank, at Palermo.
Sun. 13—Lanus 2nd XI. v. Belgrano 2nd XI., at Belgrano
Sun. 20—Nondescripts v. London and River Plate Bank, at Lomas.
Sun. 20, Mon. 21, Tues. 22—North v. South, at Palermo,
Mon. 21—Palermo 2nd XI. v. Barker Memorial School, at Lomas.
Tues. 22—Palermo 2nd XI. v. Belgrano Reserve, at Belgrano.
Sun. 27—B.A.C.C. 2nd XI. v. Palermo A.C., at Palermo.

MARCH
Sun. 6—B.A.C.C. v. Lomas, at Lomas.
Sun. 6—Flores 2nd XI. v. Banfield, at Banfield.
Sun. 6—London Bank v. Belgrano, at Belgrano.
Sun. 13—B.A.C.C. v. Lanus, at Palermo.
Sun. 13—Hurlingham v. Old Bedfordians, at Hurlingham
Sun. 13—Lomas 2nd XI. v. Belgrano 2nd XI., at Lomas.
Sun. 13—Flores v. London Bank, at Flores.
Sun. 20—Palermo v. Lanus, at Lanus.
Fri. 25—Flores 2nd XI. v. Barker Memorial School, at Flores.
Fri. 25—Lomas 2nd XI. v. Palermo, at Lomas.
Fri. 25, Sun. 27—B.A.C.C. v. Hurlingham, at Hurlingham
Sun. 27—Flores 2nd XI. v. Belgrano 2nd XI., at Flores.
Sun. 27—Lomas 2nd XI. v. Palermo A.C., at Lomas.
Sun. 27—Nondescripts v. Banfield, at Lomas.

APRIL
Sun. 3—Lomas v. London Bank, at Lomas.
Sun. 3—B.A.C.C. 2nd XI. v. Banfield 2nd XI., at Banfield
Sun. 3—Palermo A.C. v. Belgrano 2nd XI., at Belgrano.
Thur. 7—Lomas 2nd XI. v. Banfield 2nd XI., at Lomas
Sat. 9, Sun. 10—Lomas v. Rosario, at Rosario.

BOOTS.

LOMAS A.C. v. BELGRANO A.C.

This championship fixture will take place on Sunday, 28th inst., on the ground of the Belgrano A.C., play to commence at 11 a.m. sharp. Train leaves Retiro station (Rosario line) at 10.10 a.m. Lunch will be supplied as usual.

The following are the teams:—
Lomas A.C.—H. B. Anderson (capt.), P. L. G. Bridger, A. Anderson, D. Gibson, F. Jacobs, R. L. Halstead, M. A. Halstead, G. M. Comber, F. Dore, H. G. Tollemache, A. M. Miller.
Belgrano A.C.—W. M. Graham (capt.), W. H. Harvey, H. W. Botting, J. D. Shepard, G. L. Miles, J. S. Prescott, R. E. Hunt, W. Higgins, J. Negron, F. Wibberley, A. V. Sly.

HURLINGHAM v. LONDON BANK.

This match will be played to-morrow at Hurlingham on the arrival of the 9.15 a.m. train from Retiro.
The following are the teams:—
Hurlingham—E. L. Rumboll, T. A. H. Forde, A. Williamson, A. Beckett, L. Wilson, D. Campbell, R. Paton, D. Kingsland, A. Brodie, J. S. Campbell, Lacey.
London Bank—B. F. R. Bedford (capt.), W. H. Fowler, S. Francis, L. Jacobs, J. Stuart, R. C. Mackinnel, A. V. Garrington, G. H. Lomas, E. F. Morony, G. L. McFarlane, C. W. Thompson.

B.A.C.C. 2ND XI. v. FLORES 2ND XI.

This second eleven fixture will be decided to-morrow at Palermo, play to commence at 11 o'clock sharp.
The following teams have been selected:—
J. Huxtable (capt.), A. Palmer, T. Palmer, M. J. Duggan, P. Ganon, J. B. Faram, H. B. Elliott, E. S. Willes, D. W. Gardom, J. W. Taylor, J. Elliot.
B.A.C.C.—D. J. Stokes, J. H. Webster, A. R. Sumner, W. Woodgate, H. Woodgate, P. H. Holland, C. W. Cumming, F. J. Paz, E. R. Showler, A. Lace (capt.), A. N. Other.

PALERMO A.C. 2ND XI. v. BANFIELD A.C. 2ND XI.

This match will be played at Banfield on Sunday, play to commence on the arrival of the 12.30 train from Plaza Constitucion.
The following are the teams:—
Palermo 2nd XI.—W. Campbell, D. Campbell, R. Campbell, T. Mullaly, W. S. Stirling, J. McCulloch, H. Mohr Bell, J. Walker, E. Potter, G. Potter, J. Altman.
Banfield 2nd XI.—A. Harriman (capt.), F. J. Dawson, H. Dawson, R. Kingsland, P. Gamon, E. Rugeroni, C. Wilson, M. H. Hill, H. Lucas, R. Coupe, A. M. Brown. Reserves—E. Morgan and J. Hunt.

ST. ANDREW'S SCOTCH SCHOOL v. BARKER MEMORIAL SCHOOL.

The following will represent the Barker Memorial School in their match against the St. Andrew's Scotch School to-day. Play to commence at 12.30 p.m. Train leaves Plaza Constitucion at 11.35.
S. Dodds, W. Dodds, W. Campbell, E. Hirst, F. Hunt, W. Brown, A. Gibson, H. Gibson, J. Strong, W. Barros, M. Wigg.

HURLINGHAM v. LOMAS A.C.

The above championship fixture was played at Hurlingham on Sunday the 22nd inst. in the most perfect cricketing weather.
Hurlingham won the toss and elected to bat, much to our surprise, as the wicket in places was soft, and had a quickly drying sun blazing on it. J. S. Willes and B. Bedford opened the innings to the deliveries of M. A. Halstead and G. Tollemache, Willes after having snicked a couple was well taken in the slips by H. Anderson with a one handed catch. On Rumboll joining Bedford, the latter made matters decidedly hot, but was well caught in the out-field by F. Jacobs after having scored a rapid 22, marred by a chance to point when he had obtained half his runs. Rumboll and Wilson remained some time together, the cricket being very slow, and so H. Anderson was put on for M. A. Halstead, however, Rumboll put a ball of Tollemache's into slips hands and retired for a slowly compiled 25. A. Williamson gave little trouble, but C. W. Thompson obtained his 20 in very nice form, especially his off drives. Bennett and Forde both came and went, and on J. Huxtable joining E. S. Wilson, matters became altogether too painfully slow till lunch came to the rescue.
On resuming play, Wilson was clean bowled. The brothers Campbell did not stay long, and Huxtable was able to carry his bat for a slow but sure 19. G. Tollemache secured seven wickets at a cost of 7.44 per wicket.
A. Anderson and F. Jacobs went to the wickets first for Lomas, Rumboll starting with the ball at the town end and Bedford the Hurlingham. F. Jacobs soon became quite at home and quickly knocked up 25 composed of 1 six, 4 fours, a two and a one, and in trying another four a really very pretty stroke he had the misfortune to be held by Huxtable, a one handed catch which in nine cases out of ten would have been dropped. Halstead came next, and the score quickly mounted up till he was taken by Rumboll, this last wicket putting on 30 runs. Bridger now joined Anderson, who was scoring steadily, and with the total at 108 he failed to get hold of a miserable lob from Bedford and was clean bowled. D. Gibson made the winning hit, but retired with the unlucky figure of 13. H. B. Anderson joined his brother, and the last named soon after made his century some few minutes before call of time, his innings was most

patiently played, and his score consisted of 8 fours, 1 three, 17 twos and singles. He gave two chances both in the longfield.

The following are the scores:—

Hurlingham.		Lomas A.C.	
J. S. Willes c H. Anderson	2	A. Anderson not out	101
B. Bedford c Jacobs b G. Tollemache	22	F. Jacobs c Huxtable b Bennett	25
E. L. Rumboll c H. Anderson b G. Tollemache	25	R. L. Halstead c Rumboll b Bennett	19
E. L. Wilson b H. Anderson	17	P. L. G. Bridger b Bedford	25
A. Williamson c R. E. Halstead b G. Tollemache	4	D. Gibson b Bennett	13
C. W. Thompson b G. Tollemache	20	H. Anderson not out	10
F. Bennett b G. Tollemache	0	J. McC. Reid	did not bat
T. A. H. Forde b G. Tollemache	0	G. M. Comber	did not bat
J. Huxtable not out	19	H. S. Tollemache	did not bat
W. D. Campbell b G. Tollemache	6	T. R. Griffin	did not bat
J. S. Campbell c T. R. Griffin b H. Anderson	2	M. A. Halstead	did not bat
Extras	17	Extras	8
Total	134	Total	201

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Hurlingham.					Lomas A.C.				
	O	M	R	W		O	M	R	W
G. Tollemache	34	10	52	7	F. Bennett	22	2	74	3
H. Anderson	15.3	3	35	2	B. Bedford	11	2	34	1
M. Halstead	20	4	30	1	E. L. Rumboll	18	3	52	0
					J. Huxtable	3	1	7	0
					C. W. Thompson	5	2	6	0
					J. S. Willes	3	0	7	0
					A. Williamson	3	1	13	0

BANFIELD A.C. v. FLORES A.C.

This Championship Fixture was played off on Sunday last, and as will be seen by the scores appended resulted in a very easy win for the home team by 196 runs with one wicket to fall.
Banfield batted first with Cowes and G. H. Lomas to the bowling of Knox and Brown. Knox in his first over bowling Cowes before he had scored, the next batsman was Bartlett, who after contributing 6 runs was also despatched by the same bowler, Knox. Moscrop now joined Lomas and runs began to be put on more merrily, and a change of bowlers was deemed necessary, Elliot relieving Brown, which had the desired effect, as with his second ball he disturbed Lomas' stumps (three wickets for 30 runs) the last batsman having contributed 8. R. E. Anderson now became Moscrop's partner and both batsmen were playing carefully, Moscrop having a life conceded to him at mid wicket an easy catch, which both Boyd and Beckett tried to bring off, the consequence being that the ball was allowed to fall to the ground, and strange to say Boyd so hurt his finger in the struggle that he had to retire for a short time, however, the let off did not avail Moscrop much as in the next over he was run out just when he appeared well set having put together 19 runs in a very lively style. Misfortunes now came fast and thick to the Banfielders as without alteration in the score, Anderson was smartly stumped by Syer and his partner Venn bowled by Knox, making six wickets down for 39 runs only. The two new-comers, Moffat and Beaumont, increased the score by 8 runs when the latter was bowled by Elliott (seven wickets for 47 runs.) The next man, Pollard, after adding 8, was easily caught by Syer at the wickets, making the eighth wicket for 55. C. H. Lomas filled the vacancy, and, after making a brace of twos, was badly run out, that is to say he stepped out of his crease after playing a ball, and allowed the wicket keeper to put down the stumps. The last wicket, Kingsland, was soon disposed of by a catch made by Beckett off Elliott, the score totalling only 65 runs, Moffat carrying out his bat with 5 singles to his credit.
Half an hour before lunch time Flores commenced their innings with Rudd and Jones facing the bowling of Kingsland and Bartlett. Both batsmen soon settled down to work and when the lunch bell rang Rudd had 5 to his credit and Jones 17.
On resuming, after the usual rest for lunch, the batsmen went on scoring at a rapid rate, until when the score had reached 49, Jones was taken by a well judged catch in the long field by Beaumont after having scored 28, but he gave an easy chance when he had made 20. Elliott now joined Rudd, the score soon reaching 60 when Rudd was bowled by Moscrop. Rudd's score of 26 comprised four boundaries, and he only gave one hard chance to square leg when he had made 17. Boyd now became the partner of Elliott, and both batsmen hit out freely all round the wicket until the century was reached, when Boyd was l.b.w. his total being 22, and included 3 fours and 2 threes. Beckett now joined Elliott, but only succeeded in adding two when he was despatched by the same bowler Bartlett. Syer was the next comer, and both he and Elliott began piling on the runs, completely beating the Banfield bowlers, six changes of bowling having been tried. On the score reaching 143, Syer was bowled by Venn, for a well played 16. Knox now became Elliott's partner, and the score was raised to 168 when Knox, after having made 8, was bowled by Bart-

lett. Henderson, the next man, put on 5 only, and was succeeded by Macdonald. Runs were now being put on by both batsmen in a lively fashion, notwithstanding the continual changes tried in the bowling, and not until the respectable total of 256 was reached, was a separation brought about, by Anderson securing Macdonald l.b.w. after he had contributed a vigorous 26. Brown, the next and ninth man, was run out when he had scored four, the total standing at 261. It was then decided not to send in the last man, but to declare the innings closed, leaving Elliot not out with the fine score of 109 to his credit, altogether a very fine display of cricket, but marred by a couple of easy chances when his total was between 70 and 80. The fielding of the Banfield team was very creditable, and had it not been for the several catches missed could have been classed as brilliant, their bowlers, of course, had rather a miserable account to render of their work. Kingsland was certainly the most unfortunate as three, if not four of his wickets were let off through dropped catches.

The following are the scores:—

Banfield.		Flores.	
W. G. Cowes b Elliott	8	F. E. Jones c Beaumont	29
R. H. Bartlett b Knox	0	b Moscrop	26
G. H. Lomas b Knox	6	R. W. Rudd b Moscrop	26
W. G. Moscrop run out	19	G. F. Elliott not out	109
R. E. H. Anderson st	6	A. B. P. Boyd l b w b	22
Syer b Elliott	6	Bartlett	2
A. Venn b Knox	0	W. A. Beckett b Bartlett	2
J. Beaumont b Elliott	7	B. B. Syer b Venn	16
T. D. Pollard c Syer b Elliott	8	T. V. M. Knox b Bartlett	8
C. H. Lomas run out	4	B. G. Henderson c Beaumont b Pollard	5
D. Kingsland c Beckett b Elliott	1	A. Macdonald l b w b	26
C. D. Moffat not out	5	Anderson	4
		W. Brown run out	4
		H. B. Elliott (jun.) did not bat	
Extras	1	Extras	15
Total	65	Total	261

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Flores.					Banfield.				
	O	M	R	W		O	M	R	W
D. Kingsland	15	2	50	0	T. V. M. Knox	15	6	30	3
R. H. Bartlett	25	2	71	3	W. Brown	4	1	17	0
A. Venn	16	2	57	1	G. F. Elliott	11	2	17	5
K. Moscrop	15	3	26	2					
T. W. Pollard	5	1	18	1					
R. E. H. Anderson	4	0	24	1					

PALERMO A.C. v LANUS (A TEAM)

This match was decided at Lanus on Sunday last, and resulted in a "draw," Lanus being unable to dispose of their opponents before 5 o'clock.
Palermo won the toss and elected to put the home team in first. Talbot and Munro were sent forward to open the innings and face the deliveries of Knaudt and A. P. Campbell. Neither batsmen were able to reach double figures, and as the following three wickets also fell for very low scores, the telegraph registered 27 runs for five wickets. This looked very promising for the visitors. However, when Luck and Weir went in they commenced scoring at a quick rate, but just as the latter had knocked up nine, he was beautifully caught by Curran at mid-on. Morgan joined Luck, but was bowled by Campbell by the first ball he received. Quick then became Luck's partner, and it was at this period that a stand was made. Stirling took over the bowling from Campbell, but for some time the change had no effect, till eventually from an underhand ball, Luck gave rather a difficult chance, which was cleverly held by Curran, Luck contributed a well played and hard earned 34. Heartly joined Quick, but soon afterwards lost his partner for 13, also caught by Curran. Grindrod was last man in, but after knocking up 15, was unfortunately run out, Heartly being not out with the same figure. The innings then closed for a total of 131, out of which no less than 50 were extras, which may be attributed to the loose fielding towards the latter part of the game.
After fifteen minutes interval, Stirling and Lea opened the batting for the visitors, the former being caught by Benson for a quickly made 16. J. B. Campbell then went in, but soon afterwards lost his partner, who was run out for three. Levy failed to trouble the scorers, but on Campbell joining his brother, runs came with great rapidity, both hitting out freely and bringing up the score considerably. J. B. Campbell eventually was caught in the long-field for 17. Rugeroni joined A. P. Campbell and both gave the fielders no little trouble, scoring off nearly every ball that was sent down. Benson next took over the bowling from Dawson, but this had little effect, Rugeroni scoring nine runs in his first over. Campbell, who had played a steady game, was next bowled by Heartly for 27. Fraser now became Rugeroni's partner, and it was at this period that the latter scored the only six of the day, by landing a ball from Heartly on to the pavilion. His free hitting was not to last much longer as after scoring four more off Benson, he was given l.b.w. off the last ball of the over, after having put together a rapid 20. Curran then went to the crease, but immediately lost his partner, and was joined by Knaudt. Although few runs were made these two managed to keep their wicket up, and with three more minutes wanting to time, Curran was got rid of for five. J. B. Campbell was last man in, but as they failed to dispose of him in the last over, the match, after a most exciting game, was declared a "draw," Palermo wanting 27 runs to win.

The following are the full scores:—

Table showing cricket scores for Lanus A.C. and Palermo A.C. including players like J. Talbot, H. Munro, C. Benson, etc., and their runs.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Table showing bowling statistics for Palermo A.C. and Lanus A.C., including columns for O, M, R, W.

LANUS v QUILMES

The Quilmes Club played its opening match at Quilmes on Sunday last against a strong team from Lanus, and although the home Club was not successful the match was a most enjoyable one to all...

Lanus won the toss and put in the home eleven to the bowling of Moss and Tupholme, who bowled throughout the match with great effect. The former was in such tremendous form that in the first over he took three wickets without a run having been scored.

The Quilmeros to some extent returned the compliment of Lanus, for two wickets were down in two overs for three runs. Tupholme, playing well, carried the score along, and joined by Brown who hit a 7 clean run out improved the look of the score which crept up gradually to 112 for nine wickets.

It should be stated that the Quilmes men played for the first time on matting on which they did not appear to be fully at home.

The following is the full score:—

Table showing cricket scores for Quilmes and Lanus, including players like F. C. Rooke, T. Murray, G. F. Earle, etc., and their runs.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Table showing bowling statistics for Quilmes and Lanus, including columns for O, M, R, W.

F.C.S. INTER-DEPARTMENTAL CRICKET COMPETITION.

ADMINISTRATION v. ACCOUNTANTS.

This match was played on Saturday at Lanus and resulted in an easy win for the Accountants team. Tupholme bowled with great effect, doing the hat trick and securing eight wickets for 14 runs.

Table showing cricket scores for Administration and Accountants, including players like W. Flint, A. Bennett, H. G. Sketchley, etc., and their runs.

The following table shows the position up to date of the Southern Railway Inter-Departmental Cricket Competition:

Table showing the position of various departments in the cricket competition, including Engineers, Stores, Locomotive, Accountants, and Administration.

BELGRANO A.C. 2ND XI v B.A.C.C. 2ND XI

The above teams met on Sunday last on the B.A.C.C. ground, which, to say the least of it, was decidedly soft. B.A. winning the toss sent Belgrano in, and with the exception of Quiney no one reached double figures.

B.A. started badly, losing three wickets for 13 runs, however lunch seemed to save the situation, as with Webster and Stokes together, the necessary number were soon knocked off. These two both played capital cricket, though Stokes had one or two lives. A. Lace and P. H. Holland made 27 and 21 not out respectively. Belgrano eventually suffered defeat by 227 runs.

Full scores and analysis:—

Table showing cricket scores for Belgrano 2nd XI and B.A.C.C. 2nd XI, including players like J. J. Dowson, C. J. Quiney, G. Mactarlane, etc., and their runs.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Table showing bowling statistics for Belgrano 2nd XI and Buenos Aires C.C. 2nd XI, including columns for O, M, R, W.

BARKER MEMORIAL SCHOOL v. ENGLISH HIGH SCHOOL.

This match was played at Palermo on Saturday, and resulted in a win for the Barker Memorial School on the first innings by 7 runs.

The High School won the toss but sent their opponents in. The Barker School team failed to do much and if it had not been for Rudd's 26 the score would have been very poor. T. Brown bowled very well taking six wickets for 18 runs.

As there was still time for a second innings the Barker School went in again and made 66, Rudd making 54 of this total. Knaudt was responsible for most of the wickets. The High School were left with 74 runs to win and about an hour to get them but again failed to do much having lost eight of their wickets for 86 when time was called.

Although the batting in the match was poor, the fielding of both teams was splendid. Hunt, for the winners, brought off two splendid catches in the outfield, and all the team worked hard. The High School boys also fielded very well and in this part of the game left nothing to be desired.

The following are the scores with bowling analysis:—

Table showing cricket scores with bowling analysis for Barker Memorial School, 1st and 2nd innings, including players like R. W. Rudd, Brown, S. Dodds, etc.

Table showing cricket scores with bowling analysis for English High School, 1st and 2nd innings, including players like C. Brown, C. Benson, A. Hutton, etc.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Table showing bowling statistics for Barker Memorial School and English High School, including columns for O, M, R, W.

ROSARIO LOCAL CRICKET CHAMPIONSHIP.

FIXTURES.

Table showing cricket fixtures for Rosario Local Cricket Championship, including dates and opponents for December, January, and February.

ROSARIO LOCAL CRICKET CHAMPIONSHIP

NONDESCRIPTS v. ROSARIO A.C.

Fine weather favoured the above fixture which was decided on Sunday last at Plaza Jewell before a moderate attendance of spectators. Notwithstanding the inclusion of a couple of camp men in the home team they could only muster ten men which is rather a poor show for our premier Club.

The Nondescripts won the toss, but as their opponents had not a full team on the ground Spicer very considerably allowed them to bat first in the hope that some recruits would turn up. Loos and Pemhan opened the proceedings opposed by Knight and Barnard, but the last mentioned batsman was beaten by a good ball from Knight when only 2 had been scored.

The Nondescripts did not require to make a very strenuous effort to open the score in their championship table. Fleming and H. B. Knight commencing on their behalf to the bowling of Loos and Penman, but after contributing seven, Fleming was given out l.b.w., Barnard filling the vacancy with 14 registered on the score sheet. Knight was smartly caught out by Taylor off

Penman, seven being his share of the total, Robinson taking his place. The two batsmen then in quickly ran up the total to 44, which placed the issue of the game beyond doubt, when Robinson was bowled by Penman, having played a good innings of 22, including 1 four, 2 threes, and 5 twos. A. H. Knight then joined Barnard, the latter being caught by Martin at mid wicket off Penman, with the score at 61. Shimield replaced the outgoing batsman, but failed to score, Knight soon after being given out, l.b.w. off Jefferies, who had taken over the bowling from Loos. H. Middleton and Coutts were then in together, and the former, by hard hitting, quickly compiled 26, notwithstanding the different changes in the bowling. Coutts was the first to leave with but a single to his credit, making way for Spicer, who, after losing the companionship of H. Middleton, was joined by G. Middleton the telegraph reading 104—8—26. Loos, with a slow ball, disposed of Spicer for seven, and Middleton, after adding a single, was caught at long off by Goodfellow leaving Parr not out six, the total being 114 or 81 in front of that of their opponents: Penman did the most execution with the ball, his analysis being seven wickets for 27 runs.

The following are the full scores and analysis:—

Rosario A.C.		Nondescripts.	
J. Loos b Knight.....	2	W. T. Fleming l b w b	
W. S. Penman b Knight	2	Penman	7
F. Boardman b Barnard	1	H. B. Knight c Taylor	
J. S. Bradney b Knight	0	b Penman	5
H.H. Jefferies b Barnard	20	G. C. Barnard b Martin	21
C. I. Taylor b Knight..	0	A. Robinson b Penman.	22
J. M. Keen b Barnard..	5	A. H. Knight l b w b	
E. Clark b Knight.....	0	Jefferies	6
J. Goodfellow b Barnard	0	W. S. Shimield b Pen-	
Martin not out	1	man	0
		H. Middleton b Loos...	26
		F. Coutts b Penman ...	1
		H. H. Spicer b Loos ...	7
		G. Middleton not out ..	1
		V. Parr c Goodfellow b	
		Penman	6
Extras.....	2	Extras.....	12
Total	33	Total.....	114

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

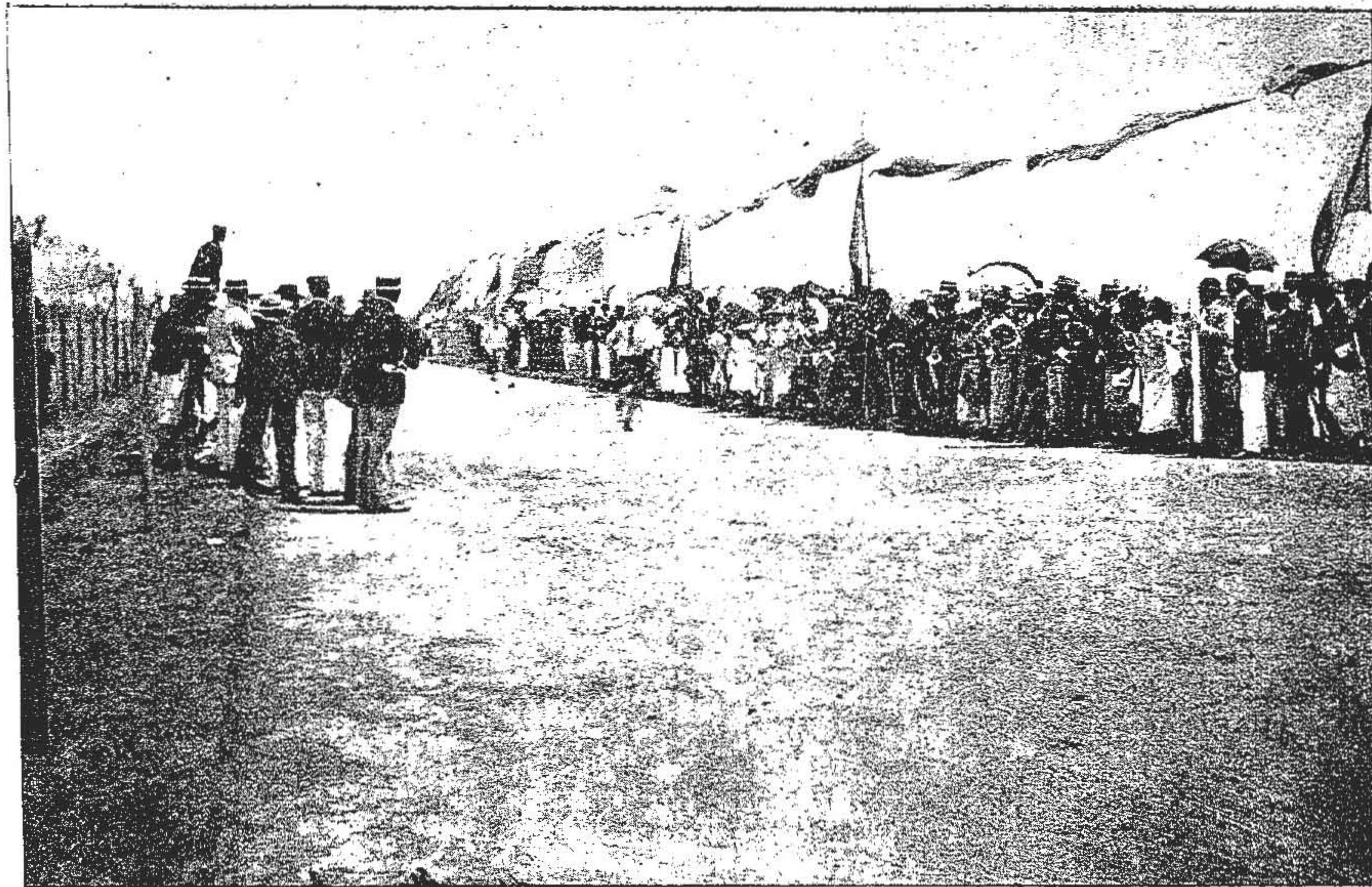
Nondescripts.				
	O	M	R	W
Loos	10	—	35	2
Penman	18	10	27	7
Boardman	3	—	20	—
Jefferies	6	1	20	1
Rosario A.C.				
Knight	8	3	20	5
Boardman	7	1	11	4

The competition now stands as follows:

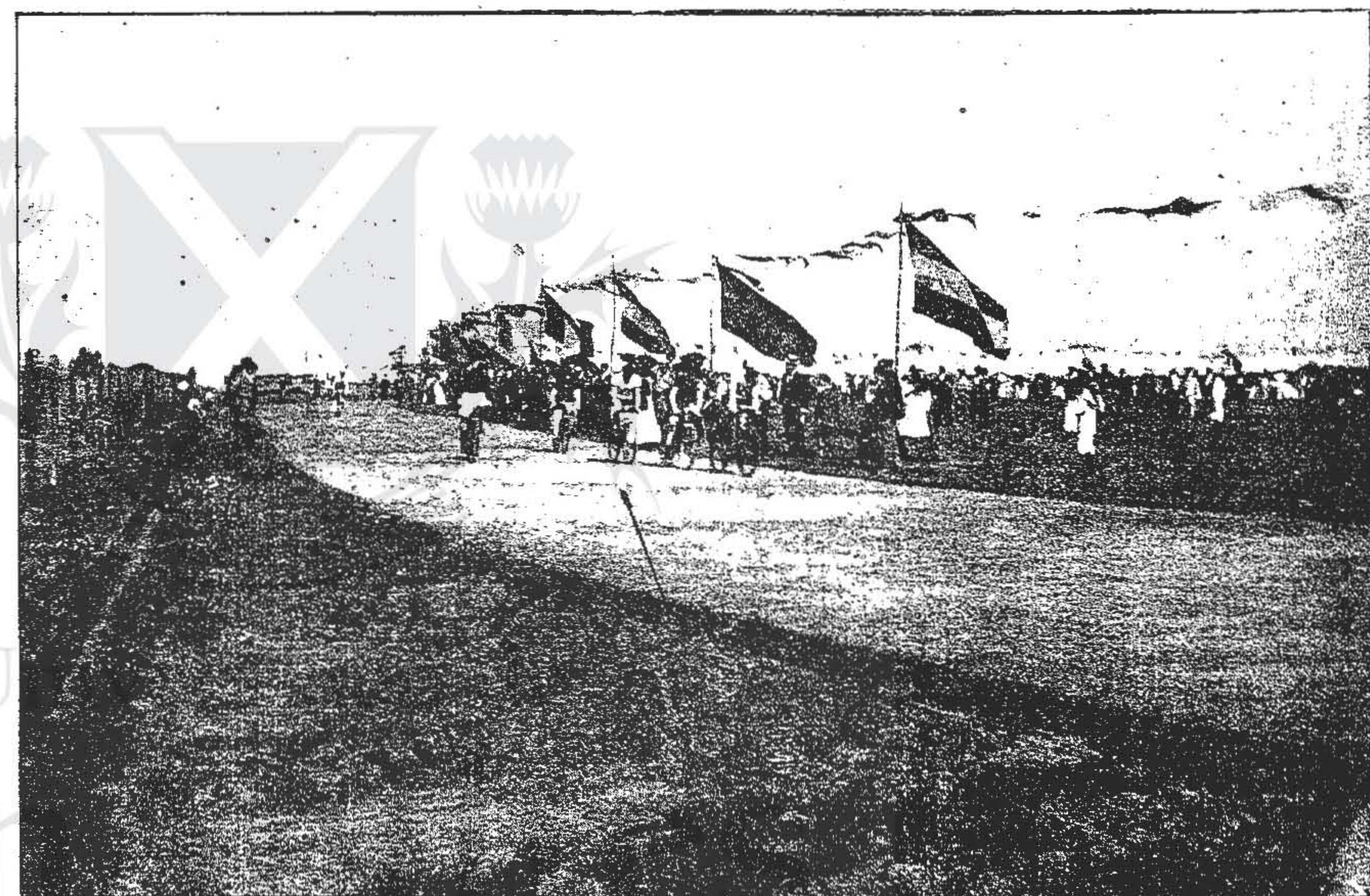
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ROSARIO A.C. v. VENADO TUERTO.

On Saturday and Sunday next Venado Tuerto will pay a visit to the Rosario Athletic Club, when the under-mentioned will represent the latter: H. Jefferies (cap- tain), F. Martin, G. Brown, H. Willis, H. Dornig, W. S. Penman, G. C. Barnard, J. Beaumont, A. Leunda, A. H. Knight, F. Usher. Reserves—W. T. Fleming, R. Dorn- ing, H. Knight. Play to commence at 1.30 p.m. on Saturday.



FINISH OF THE HALF MILE.



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FLORES ATHLETIC CLUB.

The following are the entries for the Flores Athletic Club's meeting to be held on December 8. Most of the events have filled well, except the Ladies' Bicycle Race. We hope to publish the handicaps next week.

100 YARDS, handicap.—L. Ponce de Leon—F. Leitch—H. Mohr Bell—G. F. Elliot—A. Anderson—G. Christian—E. G. Ritchie—T. F. Allen—D. Duncan—M. Duggan.

220 YARDS, handicap.—G. F. Elliot—A. Anderson—A. F. Boxall—G. Boyd—D. Duncan—D. R. Gunn, A. Gunn—F. Leitch—G. Ponce de Leon—H. Mohr Bell—A. H. Mackintosh.

440 YARDS, handicap.—J. H. Enidt—A. Anderson—E. Clark—A. F. Boxall—C. E. Smiles—G. Boyd—D. Duncan—L. Ponce de Leon—H. L. Baugh—G. Ponce de Leon—J. V. Holtum—A. K. B. Mackintosh—W. H. Goddard.

880 YARDS, handicap.—J. H. Enidt—H. Linsden—A. Anderson—E. Clark—A. T. Boxan—C. E. Smiles—G. Boyd—R. L. Dimick—H. L. Baugh—C. H. W. Romer—A. K. B. Mackintosh—W. H. Goddard.

ONE MILE, handicap.—J. H. Enidt—H. Linsden—A. Anderson—E. Clark—G. Boyd—C. H. W. Romer—W. H. Goddard—M. Duggan.

PUTTING THE SHOT, handicap.—T. Moore—G. F. Elliot—E. G. Ritchie—F. Leitch—F. E. Jones—G. Forrester.

LONG JUMP (Running), handicap.—G. F. Elliot—J. O. Anderson—E. G. Ritchie—F. Leitch—J. V. Holtum—A. K. B. Mackintosh, M. R. Mackintosh.

POLE JUMP, Championship and handicap.—G. F. Elliot—F. E. Jones—A. J. Davie—J. B. Faram.

120 YARDS HURDLES, Championship and handicap.—M. R. Mackintosh—G. F. Elliot—F. Clark—G. A. Christian—E. G. Ritchie—M. V. Altman—F. Leitch.

TWO MILES BICYCLE, handicap.—B. Brice—F. J. C. Boutell—G. Hughes—J. T. Leitch—W. J. Shilton—M. R. Mackintosh—H. D. Whitaker.

THREE MILES BICYCLE, to be handicapped after the two mile event.—B. Brice—F. J. C. Boutell—J. T. Leitch—W. J. Shilton—M. R. Mackintosh—H. D. Whitaker.

THROWING THE HAMMER, Championship and handicap.—J. T. Leitch—F. E. Jones.

100 YARDS, handicap (Boys under 14).—J. W. Scharenberg—H. F. C. Ball—H. Day—A. M. Day—H. A. Cowan—C. W. J. G. Eady—E. Musson—E. H. Leslie—G. Nobili—E. Gibson—T. W. Mills—E. Green—F. Green—R. A. Ritchie—J. A. Trench—C. E. Trench—F. R. Watson—W. Diggs—F. M. Carlisle—A. G. Jacobs.

220 YARDS, handicap (Boys under 14).—W. Diggs—J. A. Trench—R. Green—R. A. Ritchie—T. W. Mills—F. W. Scharenberg—E. Gibson—E. H. Leslie—H. F. C. Bell—C. E. Trench—F. Green—E. Musson—H. A. Cowan—A. M. Day—H. Day—F. M. Carlisle.

HIGH JUMP, handicap (Boys under 14).—H. F. C. Bell—W. Diggs—T. W. Mills—F. W. Scharenberg—W. Gibson—O. Jacobs.

WAS IT FOUL PLAY?

A POLO EPISODE.

(By A. MILLET.)

I.

It was a bright October morning. The warm rays of the sun, penetrating through the thick foliage of clematis and wisteria that clustered in wild profusion about the porch and windows of the estancia house, Cruz de la Guerra, danced in playful frolic upon the head and face of a fair young girl who was comfortably reclining in an easy chair in the dining-room.

At the table which she had just left, sat her mother and father, Mrs and Mr Fullerton, the owners of the estancia, who were still lingering over their breakfast.

The room was uncarpeted, and with the exception of a very rickety sideboard, a few prints upon the walls and a worn-out piano, contained little else worthy of mention. There was lacking that air of comfort which English people attach to the word "home." This might be accounted for by the fact that Mrs Fullerton was a Spanish lady, while her husband was English by birth only, and not by education. He had lost his wife's dowry, a considerable fortune, partly by speculation, and partly by extravagant habits in Buenos Aires. The only remnant after settling all creditors' claims was this estancia and a league of camp around, and here Mr Fullerton retired with his wife and daughter, Anita.

The only sound which broke the stillness of the room in which they sat, was Anita's strumming with her long white fingers upon the arms of the chair as she pondered over a letter which she had just read for the twentieth time. Her dreamy blue eyes had fixed themselves in absent gaze upon a point in the camp that was visible through the open window far beyond the avenue of trees that extended in regular uniformity north and south of the house.

Mrs Fullerton, who, like her daughter, was dressed in the negligé costume customary to the country—a loose white dress which hid the figure in its ample folds—now addressed Anita.

The face of the elder woman was pleasant when animated, though time had left some traces of life's many disappointments in sad lines about the eyes and mouth. "What does Jorge say, 'mi hijita?'" referring to the open letter in the girl's lap. "Has he been victorious in the polo tournament? I can never understand how the 'Ingleses' can be so fond of these 'juegos,' sport as they call it; and polo in particular looks very dangerous, and very rough on the poor horses." Mr Fullerton, who in the bosom of his family always dispensed with ceremony, sat at the table with his coat off, and looked up from the newspaper he had been busily studying whilst blowing thick clouds of smoke from a cigarette. He was an elderly man, whose hair was turning prematurely white, and whose eyes had a mild expression which revealed a character totally unable to hold its own against sharpers and keen fortune-hunters.

"What's that?" he inquired, "I wish you'd speak more clearly, my dear," addressing his wife, who repeated her remark; "yes, yes," the old man continued, "George is a fine fellow, and will be a good husband to you, Anita, and I hope he will win the tournament upon which he is so set." After that burst of eloquence he relapsed into silence again behind his paper. Anita reluctantly withdrew her gaze from the landscape and fixed her attention upon her mother, who was anxiously watching her daughter's face. It was a sweet face, with eyes that mirrored the pure soul within, and a mouth small and shapely around which lingered smiles and laughter.

"Yes," Anita said, returning her mother's look, "George writes that he has been more successful than he expected, that he has won all his ties and is now in the final against the Criollo team."

"The Criollo team!" her mother exclaimed, "is not Silveyra in that one?"

The girl suppressed a sigh before she spoke again, and then briefly said, "Si, madre mia." Suddenly she rose, and, thrusting her letter into the pocket of her dress, hastened without as if wishing to avoid further discussion. Her walk was graceful, and she carried her head with pride—pride, that was born not of vanity, but of security in her George's love.

Her friends called her romantic, and if holding high ideals and striving to live up to them was romantic she might lay claim to the title.

Within lay dormant a quiet strength which she herself scarcely realised, being still so young. She closed the door gently behind her, and crossing the corridor which ran the length of the house, stepped out into the patio beyond.

The sun was stronger and warmer by this time, and a slight breeze fanned her cheeks and played gently with her hair that was gracefully fastened behind in a large knot. The trees waved to and fro, and the sound of their rustling leaves fell soothingly upon her ear. With one hand shading her eyes from the fierce glare of the sun upon the white stone pavement of the yard, she paused like one in a dream. Her own room was close at hand cool and shady, offering a quiet retreat for thought. But it seemed mean and small to-day, and the narrow walls and low ceiling threatened to oppress her. She preferred the open air with nothing above her but God's blue vaulted roof, so she chose the deep shade of the avenue before her.

Suddenly a large Newfoundland dog, George's last gift to her, came bounding across the hot patio where she stood.

She stooped and caressed his broad smooth head and rested her forehead upon it, as if seeking sympathy from his silent companionship, then swiftly traversing the

court plunged into the shadow of the trees with her faithful companion. She needed solitude to think.

Her mother's innocent inquiry about Silveyra had aroused a train of thought that startled her. What presentiment of evil was overclouding her happiness?

She had been very happy since George Overton had asked her to be his wife. She had loved him from the time of their first meeting. A year had passed since he had come out from England and bought an estancia not many leagues from the Cruz. He had been in a crack cavalry regiment at home, but, finding the life too expensive, he had, after his father's death, sold out and come to Buenos Aires. Here, together with his old friend John Stevens, a long resident in the Republic, he had bought a camp and settled down upon it.

Amongst the most ardent of Anita's admirers had been a young native estanciero, a son of one of her father's friends, Don Silveyra.

She had never really cared enough for him to contemplate marriage with him, although she had unconsciously suffered him to expect a reward for his devotion.

George Overton had won her whole heart, and well she remembered the look on Silveyra's face when her engagement was announced. An expression that had a greater threat in it than anything he could have uttered was written there.

Oh, that George were back again, she thought, who knows what treachery Silveyra may plot against him.

By this time she had reached the end of the avenue of trees that stood like gaunt silent sentinels at the entrance to the monte.

The wide open camp stretched in solemn monotony like a great calm sea before her dreamy gaze. All was still and at peace, as if nature herself were wrapped in a profound slumber; only in the distance near the laguna rang out wild and discordantly the alarm cry of the *teru teru* a cry that found a mysterious echo in her own young troubled heart. Turning backward towards the house a slight shiver shook her frame. Before she reached it, however, she shook off the feeling that oppressed her and forming a swift resolution to act and not to dread, she passed quickly within the house and astonished her father by the question, "will you take me to the tournament, padre mio?" "What, my child! I thought you did not care for the Ingleses' sports?" "I do not, as a rule, but," "Want to see George, do you?" interrupted the old man "tired of waiting any longer for a kiss? well, well, you shall, my hijita." Thankful to obtain his ready acquiescence without further questioning, she murmured her thanks and retired in haste.

II.

The day for the final in the Buenos Aires polo championship tournament between the English and native teams promised to be a glorious one.

It had rained sufficiently over night to lay the dust that had risen during the preceding days' matches. The ground looked green and fresh and level as a billiard table.

The English society had turned out in full force, and many officers and fair ladies of native high life assembled to witness the game, which, judging from the previous performances of the contending teams, bid fair to be a good one. On the far side of the ground were many ladies dressed in the latest fashion, moving from group to group, and gaily chatting about the coming event formed a brilliant background to the scene. In the distance and foreground stood the clubhouse (built in English fashion), whose red-tiled roof peeped over the tree tops that almost shut it out from view, and hanging over all was a deep blue Argentine sky.

The dressing room presented a busy scene. Some men were hurrying into their costumes, whilst others who were ready were talking and laughing in high toned voices.

At the bar of the dressing room stood two men already attired in breeches and boots. The one was George Overton, a fine soldierly looking young fellow, straight and muscular with a frank bronzed face. The other was Don Silveyra, a man smaller in stature, whose dark countenance wore an habitual sneer. "Oh, Don Jorge," he was saying, whilst his hand daintily rolled a cigarette, "I little dreamed I should have the honour of meeting you in the final. My men are devilish keen on winning the cup. Last year we were beaten here, though we had better luck at Cañada," he continued in pure English, placing the cigarette between his thick protruding lips.

As he finished speaking he raised his eyes with their sinister look.

"Our ponies," replied George, ignoring the first part of the caudillo's speech, and looking away to the entrance that was darkened at the moment by the figure of a new-comer, "are pretty stale after yesterday's match with the Santa Fé boys, and it is more than likely that you will knock us," he added as he turned to greet his friend John Stevens, who had just entered.

"Holloa John, old chap," he shouted, "I have been looking for you," and taking his arm, the two friends sauntered away unconscious of the jealous eyes following them.

Halting in front of the five courts and leaning on the white railing that separated them from the racecourse, the two men watched in silence the crowds of people hurrying down from the railway station to the polo field.

Presently John, who was a tall gaunt looking man of military appearance, and George's senior by some years, turned to his friend and said, "Wasn't Silveyra a suitor for Miss Fullerton at one time? you don't mind my asking, old man," he said apologetically. George started at the sound of the name, for he, too, had been thinking of Anita, and wishing she would show more love for sport, so that she might be there too shining in her beauty amid the gay crowd.

He was very reticent even to his best friend about his fiancée; loving her as he did with all the depth and strength of his manly nature he felt her to be a subject too sacred for common talk.

He hesitated then before he replied curtly "I believe so, well," continued John "I should keep a sharp look out on the fellow, for he will always bear you a grudge for having been successful where he failed. If all the reports that are current about him are to be believed, he is a man to be avoided. He is said to hate as implacably as he passionately loves!"

"Thanks," George laughingly returned, "what an old croaker you are, yet he looks the kind of man that would 'pot at you from behind a safe bush.'"

"I don't know, George," said John seriously, drawing himself up to his full height, "he has pluck too of a kind; but in this country you need only be well connected with the Government to commit any dastardly act with impunity"—"Here's our peon with the ponies, let's be off, the bell is sure to ring in a moment."

As he spoke the bell sounded, and lightly vaulting into the enclosure the two hurried forward to their ponies.

Now there was a general preparation for the match. Men hurried across the ground to secure seats, others stood about amongst the ponies admiring them whilst their owners tightened the girths and mounting rode off to the centre of the ground.

The two opposing teams presented an odd contrast. The Englishmen in their white costumes and club colours looked neat and workmanlike and they rode ponies that in their well-groomed appearance would not disgrace the best English club at home. The Argentines rode in their recados in preference to an English saddle, and their dark olive-skinned faces stood out plainly under the turban-like white bandage that was fastened tightly round their foreheads in the racing custom of the camp. Perhaps they did not give one the impression of general neatness, but they were certainly formidable enough on their rodeo trained ponies that distinctly suggested speed.

Just before the start the two rivals had simultaneously felt attracted to look at the ladies' stand. The magnetic force which drew their eyes was the figure of Anita Fullerton, charming and graceful with all the attractiveness that English blood united with the softer qualities of a southern race can give. She, in spite of her timidity for the dangerous game of polo had in her anxiety for her lover and dread of her presentiments induced her father to bring her to the tournament in the hope of being in some way able to ward off the evil which to her troubled heart seemed to threaten him. Had she but realised that her presence only intensified the hatred of Silveyra for her George, she would have shrunk in horror from the scene since her appearance was but as the wind to the smouldering fire of Silveyra's rage and jealousy, which was betrayed by the compression of the lips and the fierce gleam of his eye as he rode forward against his rival. The momentary glimpse of her which George had caught served on the contrary to enhance his hope of success and to steady his nerves better to carry him on to victory.

At last the ball was thrown in, and the natives, getting possession, drove it down well into the English quarters until George with a safe backhander returned it to his forwards. Now followed a bit of brilliant up and down play which is so exciting to watch: the hard riding, the quick turning of the ponies as they stopped at full gallop and, acting in perfect harmony with the rider's slightest touch, wheeled round almost as on a pivot; the combination of the players as one passes the ball to another or leaves it to his comrade behind whilst he himself dashes off to keep the opponent at bay; the clashing of stirrup irons as two ponies gallop locked together and the men strive to prevent one another from getting within hitting distance of the ball, as it rises struck clean and hard bounding far across the ground, all gives a zest to the game and makes the blood tingle with joy and excitement.

Neither side had scored till almost on the call of time when George, coming up into the game made a magnificent drive almost from the middle of the ground, and sent the ball flying through the native's goal amid tumultuous cheering from all sides.

As the hero dismounted in the interval that followed his friends crowded around him with congratulations. "Well played old man," George smilingly answered, "We've had pretty hard work to get that goal, I can tell you, these fellows know the game, ride hard, and can hit clean and straight. It is anybody's game, so do not back our side yet," he added.

The bell sounded again and George, after a long look at the group of ladies among whom his fiancée stood proud of her lover's success, mounted a fresh bay pony and joined John Stevens and the rest of his men.

"Stick to them," he had said, and they all knew what that meant as they fell into their places preparatory to the cavalry charge with quiet determination to fight gallantly for the crown of victory as only Englishmen know how.

Now the game was resumed in real earnest; both the teams trying their utmost by speed and skill to outstrip the other.

If there were any advantage it was on the side of the Argentines who, being better mounted, attacked the English goal again and again. George and his men were severely pressed, yet nothing passed him for his hitting was so sure. Once, indeed, Silveyra almost scored. The head of George's stick had broken, and his opponent seizing the opportunity, caught the ball, and with a well directed hit sent it spinning towards the English goal.

George had seen it, and had rushed back to his post at goal. He held the useless stick high above his head as the ball came whizzing through the air towards him,

and by a lucky chance hit it smartly in its fall and it glanced harmlessly off into touch. A deafening cheer rang up at this.

A hard stroke sent the ball amidst the players who had scarcely recovered from their dismay and chagrin at Overton's last effort. Glancing, however, off a pony's leg it shot away at an angle, when George, now with a new stick in his hand, came thundering down upon it. The ball was clearly his, but Silveyra dashing out from the crowd of still wavering horsemen, bore right across his path. There was a malicious look in his angry flashing eyes. "Don't cross," roared George, who still continued his course without fear of consequence or a thought of reining in to avoid the smash that seemed imminent. Far quicker than can be related, quicker than the spectators could discern the catastrophe that threatened both these men, the collision had occurred.

A dull, heavy thud like the falling of great weights, a suppressed cry of alarm was audible from end to end of the ground as the ponies met. Men stood aghast, women hid their faces in horror and a silence like that in the presence of death reigned over all as the two men and horses fell violently to the ground amid a cloud of dust that rose from the frantic struggles of the frightened snorting beasts in their efforts to free themselves.

Before the players could throw themselves from their saddles the fallen ponies had risen and were galloping wildly away with dangling stirrups.

Now followed a scene that almost baffles description as friends crowded around the unfortunate men. Silveyra lay still upon his face. A pool of blood that stained the soft grass flowed from a deep gash in his temple. Gently they bore him off the ground, but before the Doctor had arrived he passed beyond human aid and his last game was played. John Stevens hung himself beside the calm motionless figure of George Overton, but it was the calm though anguished voice of Anita Fullerton which called for brandy and the Doctor. Forgetting herself in her pain she poured the liquid between his clenched teeth and watched the life slowly coming back. The Doctor's assurance that a few broken ribs were the worst of the accident was followed by a deep sigh of relief from both the supporters of the still form.

Whether the calamity that cost Silveyra so dearly was purely accidental in the heat of the game, or a foul daring deed perpetrated solely with the intention of killing George at the risk of his own life, who can tell? John Stevens had no doubts, but as he watched the crowd of spectators slowly and mournfully leaving the scene that had but a few moments ago been so full of life and vigour, he thanked God in his heart that the terrible evil had been averted and that Anita Fullerton had been spared the sorrow that would have blighted her young life.

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Sunday, Nov. 28—Hipódromo Argentino, Palermo.

ATHLETICS.

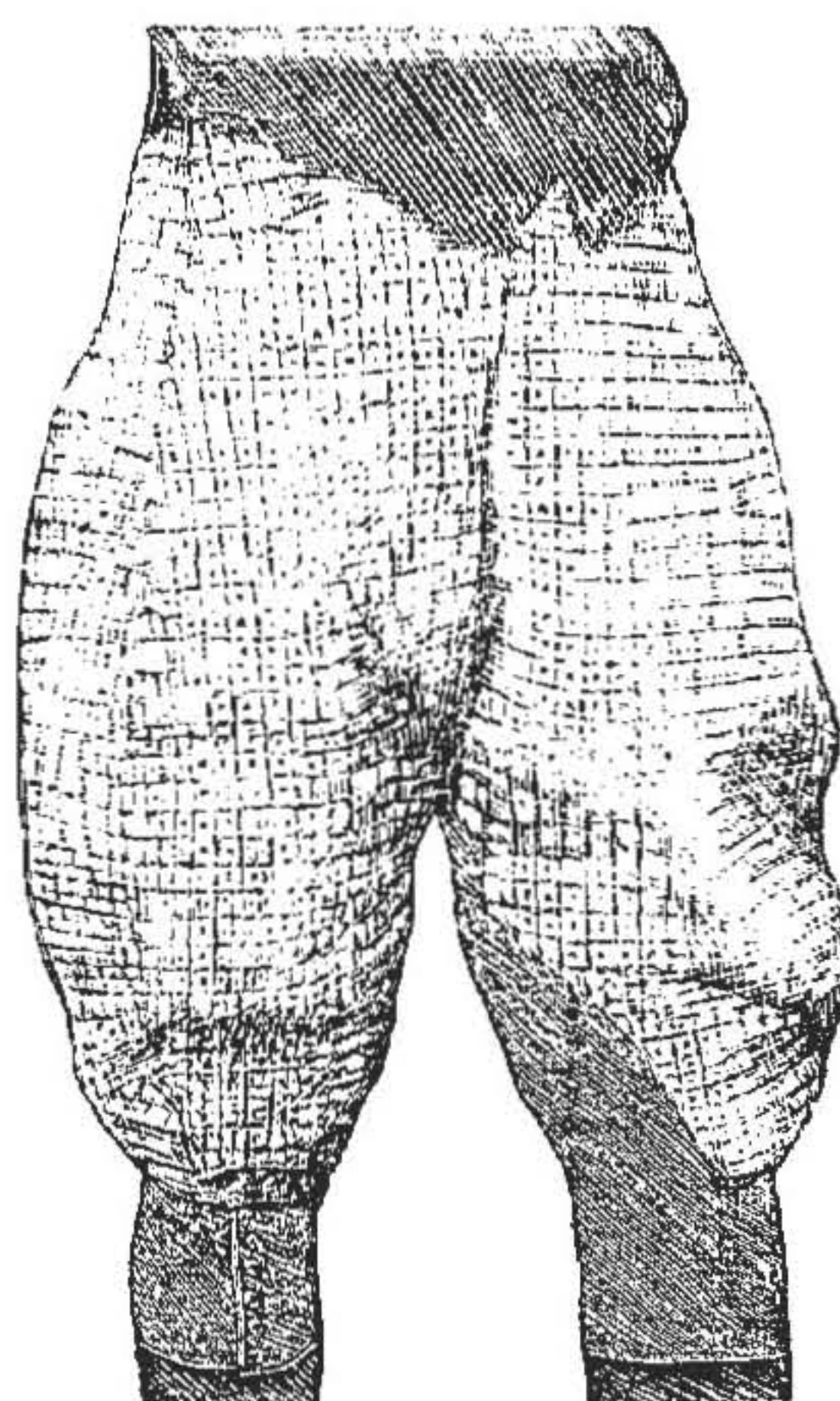
Wednesday, Dec. 8—Inauguration Meeting of Flores A.C., at Flores.

Wednesday, Dec. 8—Athletic Meeting (A.A.A. of Uruguay), at Montevideo.

The distribution of plants and animals over the globe is one of the naturalist's surest guides to the past history of the earth's conformation. By this we can tell how, and at what periods Australia was connected with this continent when its archipelago was formed, and so on, the fauna and flora of islands being usually unique and showing a distinct descent from some easily marked epoch of animal and floral development. Since man, however, made himself ubiquitous, and took to spreading the species of animals and plants in other countries than their own, the value of this method of investigation has been seriously impaired. Not only so, but the disturbance of the balance of nature resulting from the introduction of stronger amongst weaker types has resulted in the devastation of many districts and in endless loss and trouble to cultivators. Often it is a seemingly beneficial species which have been purposely introduced, and has brought havoc in the country of its adoption. Instances of this are well-known to everybody. Oftener still the damage is done by small and insidious pests unconsciously carried in bales of merchandise or cargoes of grain. Mr. Howard, of Washington, has collected in "Science" an extraordinary list of such occurrences, showing the multitude of unexpected ways in which insects can be transported. The precautions taken in certain custom-houses, and notably in America, to guard against this traffic in undesirable specimens are as minute as the quarantine regulations for cholera. America has, perhaps, suffered more in this respect than most countries—except Australia—the blights which have ravished her corn and fruit growing districts being almost without exception foreign. Even pets, if they have a penchant for fruit, like the Australian flying foxes, are destroyed at an American port. Europe has not so much cause to blame America, three pests at most having taken root in the old country from across the Atlantic. One of these, is the dreaded phylloxera, which has caused untold damage.

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ESTANCIA LAS PALMAS F.C.B.A.R.

Few establishments in this country can, I believe, compare with the above named estancia, the property of Dr Benito Villanueva, in its picturesque and at the same time thoroughly practical arrangement.

Under the able management of Mr J. H. McWilliams, who was noticed in a recent issue of "Sport and Pastime" as having formed and planted that charming estancia San Ramon in the province of Cordoba, everything is well ordered, whilst the roads which lead from the estancia to the various parts of the camp are planned and constructed in a manner which reflect great credit on his evident experience in such work.

The Las Palmas camp is beautifully situated between the main road to Buenos Aires and the river Parana de Las Palmas, and about half way between the townships of Zarate and Lima on the F.C.B.A.R. and though comparatively only a small estancia—1200 squares—is capable of carrying a large head of stock, owing to the richness of its 'alfalfares' and natural grasses. It is divided into 28 'potreros' thus offering the especial advantage of constant change, whilst the fencing is of such excellent quality that there is no fear whatever of animals straying.

The house, which is situated in a very prettily arranged 'quinta' and surrounded by trees and flowering shrubs, at some fifteen squares distance from the high road, is approached by a well kept avenue of young Plane and Eucalyptus trees which are protected by double seven wire fences, whilst several small plantations are wired off in the 'potreros' on either side.

Mr McWilliams tells me that during the last fifteen months he has planted some 202,000 saucos in various parts of the camp, and that in the past two years over a million trees of all sorts have been put down.

To give a thoroughly detailed description of the estancia would be impossible in a short article, I will therefore confine myself to the points which appear to me to be of the most interest.

The house, quinta, stables, peones' quarters, galpones, corrales, and some small paddocks and ornamental plantations, are all enclosed in a ring fence, around which circles a splendidly kept road, measuring 1500 metres, and forming a perfect trotting track. From this track the other roads branch off. The patio, which entered by two arched gateways from the East and West, besides other entrances from the North and South, lies to the South of the house and is planted on the Eastern and Western sides with Plane trees, which form a capital protection to the thirty roomy, well lighted and well ventilated stalls and loose boxes which compose its two sides, whilst its southern extremity is occupied by the coach house, harness room, blacksmith's and carpenter's shops, granaries and windmill, the latter pumping an abundant supply of very good water.

There are also all the necessary appliances for pumping water—should the wind fail—crushing corn, cutting chaff, and working the steam saw, with which all the firewood for the use of the estancia is cut.

The Mayordomo's house and peones' quarters are well built and roomy.

The estancia house is built to form a square with a fountain in the central court, and is surrounded by a well shaded "corredor", and very tastefully furnished.

The galpones are large and solid, and the "corrales" are some of the best I have seen. All work with stock is done in the "bretes" so that the "lazo" is unnecessary and in fact never used.

The whole of the camp is undulating, and the estancia itself is placed on high ground.

To the North and overlooking Messrs Nelsons' meat freezing factory is a large and very picturesque monte, rich in alfalfa, natural grasses and all kinds of trees, whilst to the East on very high ground is another, which is being laid out as a park intersected by roads in all directions which form a perfect labyrinth. This monte is approached by good, though very steep roads from the "bañado," which fronts the river and has been in a very great measure reclaimed by draining under Mr McWilliams' directions. The view from the hill is picturesque.

Close to the edge of the monte and overlooking the river there are still some remains of the ruins of a Jesuit Monastery, destroyed, I believe, some 60 years since, and many stories are told by the natives of marvellous apparitions, and the supposed existence of hidden treasures, etc.

I believe that Dr. Villanueva intends ultimately to build a new estancia house near these ruins and certainly he could not select a more delightful spot on which to build.

Between the estancia and the "bañado" is a large quinta devoted to the production of vegetables and young trees destined for transplantation.

Now I will say a few words about the live stock.

To commence with the horses. At the cabaña are three thoroughbred stallions, viz., Amianto (ches.), by Zanoni—Mariana, by Chivalrous—My Mary Ann, by Lord Ronald; Amazon (ches.), by Paladin—Ambuscade, by Rataplan; and Timias (brown), by Hermit. Of these, though small, I think the latter is the most calculated to get winners, he is well made and shows considerable quality, in which latter respect Amianto is somewhat deficient, though a horse of great bone and substance with immense propelling power, whilst Amazon is a trifle high on the legs. The Harem is composed of 58 high quality mares, two thirds of which are imported, and all, of course, thoroughbred.

Of youngsters there are thirty yearlings and thirty-four foals.

The Hackney stallion, Success, winner of many prizes in England, and purchased by Dr. Villanueva for \$20,000, is a grand little blue roan horse, with glorious action, and the temper of a dove. His manada is composed of forty pedigreed imported hackney mares.

Ironwood, the well known North American trotting sire, who was imported by his former owner, Mr Meeks, at a price of \$10,000 gold, is about as fine a specimen of his class as one could wish to see, having any amount of quality, bone and substance. His manada is composed of forty Norfolk trotting mares nearly all of which are pedigreed, whilst twenty of the same breed go to the share of Fausto, a handsome dark brown Anglo Normando.

Lucifer, the pony hackney, also imported, and a prize winner, is a wonderfully compact smart little fellow.

He has a well selected manada of twenty mares whose colts, if make and shape go for anything in breeding, should fetch good prices.

The celebrated Clydesdale First Choice, is responsible for nearly all the young cart stock on the estancia, but he unfortunately "joined the majority" some little time back. He is, however, very ably replaced by a handsome active bay stallion, with nice silky hair, flat bone, and lots of action.

There is also a well bred though somewhat old and decrepid grey Percheron, who has the service of twelve pedigreed mares of the same breed as himself.

Two two-year-old Suffolk Punch stallions were recently sent to Buenos Aires for sale, whilst there are on the estancia thirteen grand mares of the same strain, all imported and pedigreed, which Mr McWilliams has had served by the Clydesdale. No doubt the result will be good, though my first thought on seeing them was what grand weight carrying hunters one could breed from such mares by a big raking thoroughbred.

Two stallions and twenty mares compose the troop of imported Shetland ponies.

Besides these there are some 12 or 14 Clydesdale and Percheron, two-year-old stallions in camp, all animals of considerable promise, and a large general "caballada;" whilst in the stalls and boxes are 20 very useful young mares and geldings undergoing preparation for sale as harness horses.

Of the cow stock I must say that a nicer or more level lot I have seldom if ever seen in this country.

There are three grand pure bred Shorthorn pedigreed bulls—stall fed—and twenty-seven in camp.

A hundred and thirty cows and 42 Heifers all likewise thoroughbred, one Red Polled imported bull with 26 cows of the same breed.

Besides which there are a number of Dairy cows, novillos and working bullocks.

The sheep are represented by twelve remarkably handsome imported Hampshire Down rams and a thousand ewes—Hampshire Down mestizas.

The Piggeries contain forty pure bred Tamworth the originators of which herd were imported by Mr E. P. Hughes, whilst at the Northern lodge of the estancia are several "red" collies, one of which, a magnificent looking fellow, was recently purchased by Dr. Villanueva for \$700.

Mr McWilliams is having a very large quantity of alfalfa stacked this season, so that no matter how many stock there may be, there can be no lack of dry food through the winter in the event of grass running short.

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ESTANCIA AND COLONY.

Sr. Funes has just sold eight hundred "novillos" at \$80 each for export to Chile. The cattle came from Sr. Funes' estancia in Rio Cuarto.

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Messrs Funes and Lagos will sell on the 2nd of December a "rodeo" of well bred cows numbering 1650, the property of Mrs Carlos Ceballos, of La Largo, Bragado. The cattle will be sold in lots of 500, or in one lot as the purchaser may wish.

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A great deal more butter is now being exported from this country than most people imagine. We notice that the Compañia Escandinavia have just sent away no less than a hundred tons on three ships alone.

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Some land in Santiago del Estero, five leagues from a station, measuring 1875 hectares, was sold last week at \$8.35 the hectare, or over \$20,000 the league. The land is situated in Figueroa and its upset price was only \$1.50 the hectare, so it may be reckoned as very well sold.

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A telegram sent here from London last Wednesday, reported the sale of a cargo of Argentine wheat for March shipment at 33s. 6d.

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Some of the papers have lately been questioning the actions of the locust extinction committees in different parts of the country. The central committee, in view of this, have determined to publish the reports of their inspectors, in whom they assert they have implicit confidence. We hope this confidence is not misplaced, and that the work organised by the central committee is as satisfactorily carried out as they are lead to believe it is.

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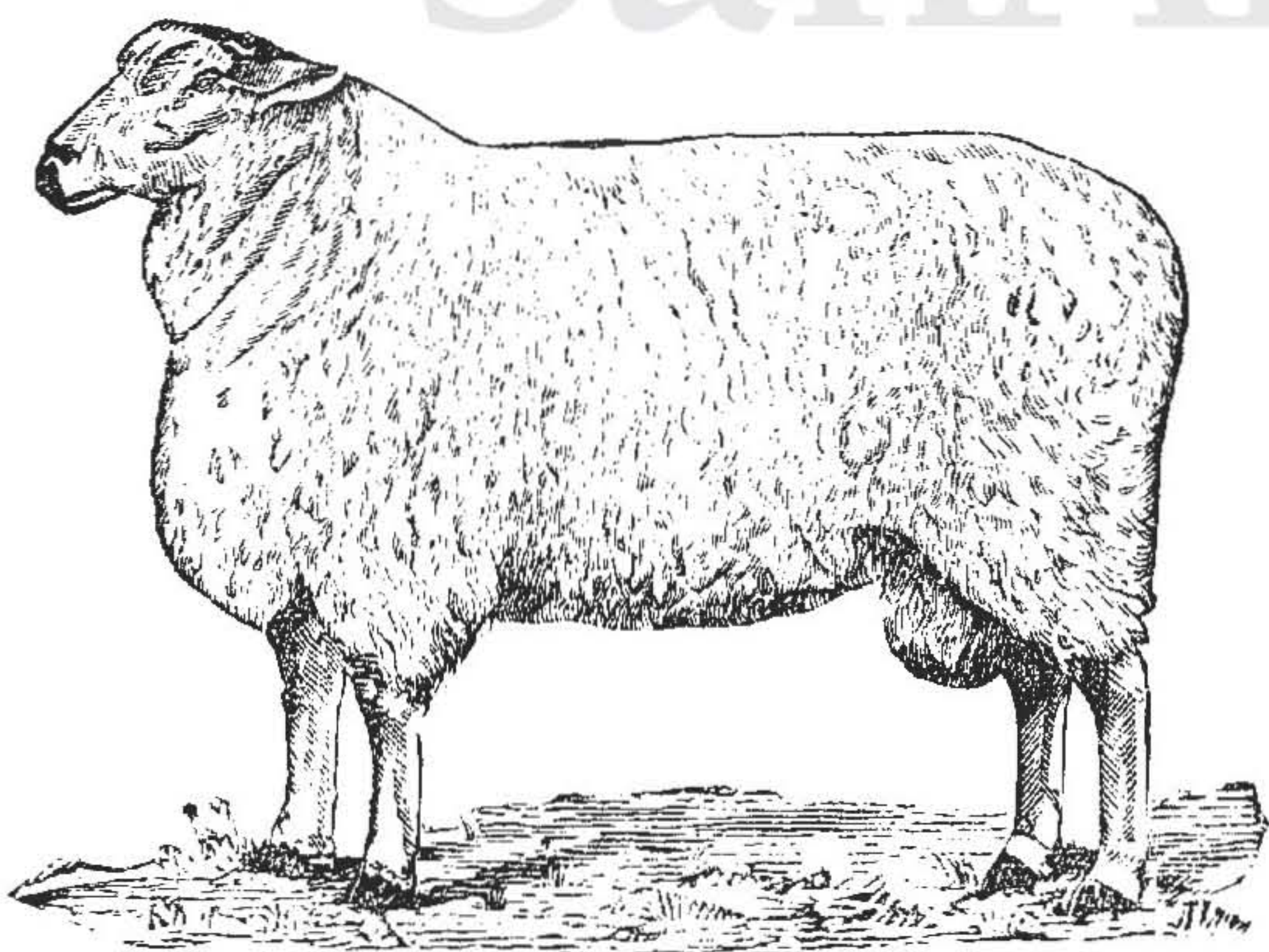
On Monday, Argentine bullocks sold at Deptford at 36 to 40 pence the stone and sheep at 44 to 46 pence. The number of bullocks sold was 164, and of sheep 884. The demand for bullocks was good, all those in the yards being sold.

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A large number of immigrants are arriving here from Syria, where there appears to be great misery at present. One ship alone this week took over seven hundred Syrians on board at Marseilles all bound for Buenos Aires.

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By the steamer Saxony, arrived the Shire stallion Revival 13508, which is intended for the stud of Señor Don Miguel A. Martinez de Hoz, and which will no



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doubt prove a valuable acquisition, the horse having done so well in England. By the same steamer also arrived for the same gentleman a Shire mare with foal at foot. We mentioned the other week the formation of a Shire Horse Stud by Mr Martinez de Hoz, and we now have to congratulate him on securing such a good foundation to begin on.

There is no improvement to report in the wool market and those wools which fetched high prices last year and the year before are selling this year at about a dollar cheaper, if not less. The Central Market has an enormous stock, of some thirteen thousand tons, and the wharves of the market are crowded with barges laden with wool, and some hundreds of waggons are waiting to be unloaded.

The motor car does not seem to be affecting as yet the prices of high class draught horses. The other day a Shire stallion at Lord Llaogattock's sale realised a thousand guineas, and forty-three stallions, colts, mares, and fillies yielded the splendid average of 186½ gs. each, proving very forcibly the high appreciation in which pedigree Shire horses of the best reputed blood are now held. The high sums realised were not record ones. Over two thousand has been paid for a Shire stallion more than once.

The Julia Park sailed from the docks on Tuesday for South Africa with one of the biggest shipments of stock ever sent from this country. The shipment included race horses, cattle, sheep, mules, carriage horses, and cobs, the property of the Anglo Argentine Live Stock Agency. Messrs Kingsland and Cash are to be congratulated on the quality of the animals they have shipped, and if they do not find a ready sale on arrival we shall be surprised.

The horses included the following fifteen thoroughbreds:—Duelo by Phoenix—Challenge, Ophelia by Orville—Rosie, Vui Vive by Phoenix—Tall Tale, Undine by Carrasco—Unca, Turquoise by Phoenix—Topaze, Olander by Orville—Primavera, Empress by Carrasco, Daisy Bell by Carrasco—Thauma, Wave Crest by Carrasco—Backwater, Paradox by Carrasco—Village Bride, Flipant by Orville—Feather Bonnet, Devona by Phoenix—Midge, Galatea by St. Honorat—Langosta, and La Fornarina by Phoenix—Hawthorn Blossom.

The carriage horses came from the estancia of Sr. Lastra in Cordoba, they were a very good looking lot, and numbered fourteen. There were twenty horses from Curumalan broken to heavy carting work, and thirty exceedingly useful looking unbroken colts that were quiet to handle and lead. This brought the total number of horses up to seventy nine. The racehorses were all most comfortably boxed on the poop, each having a separate compartment. No less than six foremen and forty-five other men sailed in change of the stock on the Julia Park.

The mules numbered 350, most of them broken to harness and all, without exception, over thirteen hands high. The sheep were a very nice lot, and of the two thousand sent, black faces predominated. The average weight of the sheep was sixty-one kilos. The bullocks numbered 320, and averaged 635 kilos weight each, they were all exceedingly tame, and though only a few hours on board when we saw them were feeding perfectly

quietly and contentedly. We shall look for the result of the sale of this shipment with great interest.

The statistics drawn up from the live stock exportation figures are most interesting reading, and afford ground for a good deal of comment. For instance, while the exports to Chile have been on the decrease up to last year, those to Brazil have increased incredibly, and last year no less than 97,059 animals were sent to that republic, though this year's figures may not reach 12,000.

Out of the total number of animals exported in 1896, no less than eighty per cent. went to our neighbours, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Uruguay, and Paraguay, the actual figures being as follows:—

	Cattle.	Sheep.	Horses.	Pigs.
England.....	65,906	348,210	602	—
Brazil.....	97,059	8,524	5,299	282
Chile.....	64,707	9,450	2,150	—
Belgium.....	4,401	40,018	—	—
Bolivia.....	6,626	7,701	732	—
France.....	3,663	87,467	185	—
Uruguay.....	130,949	—	1,235	90
Paraguay.....	3,422	85	1,342	—
Germany.....	—	—	62	—
Various.....	5,806	1,561	329	2

The Neuquen National Land Sales were continued on Thursday when the first day's average was considerably reduced. The prices paid during the three days now average little over \$2,500 the league.

Mr H. T. Osborne, the representative of Messrs R. T. Tanner and Co., and Messrs Slater and Palmer, has removed to Corrientes 432. We wish him continued success in his new premises.

A severe storm visited several districts of the provinces of Buenos Aires, Santa Fé, and Cordoba on Thursday last. In Rio IV. the rain, hail, and wind was such as have not been seen for many years, whilst Cordoba also suffered. Rain only, and a little wind, were reported from most districts in Santa Fé and Buenos Aires, but the rain appears to have been very partial.

The battle against the locusts threatens to be drawn for the time being at any rate, as now almost everywhere in the north harvest operations have commenced and all hands are required to get in the crops and will be kept busy doing so now for some time to come. The crops must be harvested, no one can dispute that, but at the same time the law must be fulfilled and the locusts destroyed. So the authorities, for the moment, are a bit nonplussed, as the extinction committee cannot compete with the colonists in the matter of salaries to peones.

We read in a United States contemporary that "arrangements have been made by the Department of Agriculture to study the European market for horses, special attention being given to the demand for saddle horses, the object being to place our breeders in possession of the necessary information to secure their share of the trade. Purchasers for European armies, experiencing difficulty in finding the desired horses in the United States, have turned their attention to South American Republics. Thoroughly impressed with the ability of our breeders to meet the demands satisfactorily, and realising the danger of losing a growing-market, the Secretary of Agriculture determined to secure the co-operation of our consular and diplomatic officers. The State Department officials have given him their hearty support, and the necessary instructions have been issued."

The Central Argentine Railway have reduced by ten per cent the freights on sheep and cattle intended for "invernada" dispatched for stations south of Lujan and Solis, inclusive, in the province of Buenos Aires, and to stations north of Peyrano. Consigners must hand to the stationmasters of the stations from which the cattle start, a certificate that they are for "invernada," and the numbers to which this concession will be granted must not be less than 50 in the case of cattle, and 300 sheep.

The Committee who have the arrangements for the horse show in hand have fixed up on the 24th of April to the 1st of May 1897 as the dates for the exhibition. The Show will therefore be open on the days between and including these dates at the Rural Society's ground at Palermo.

During the past week we have travelled over a considerable portion of the Southern camps of Entre Rios, which we regret to say are suffering very much from want of rain. An estanciero up there informed us a few days ago that they have not had a really good rain since the 26th of December last, so that the condition of the camps may be better imagined than described.

On the other hand the wheat everywhere looks very strong and healthy, in fact we have seldom seen it look better, and many are expecting a record harvest. The

frosts which were experienced in these parts even as late as Saturday last appear curiously enough to have affected the crops very little, and everyone is looking forward to an exceptionally good harvest.

The sale of Neuquen national lands opened at the average price of \$3539 the league. This was for about seventy leagues sold on Thursday.

The Ramleh has brought out three Yorkshire coaching stallions which Messrs Torrome and Sons purchased from Mr John Lett, Cleveland Stud Farm, Rillington, York, and shipped on behalf of Señor Carlos Guerrero. One of the horses was Merryheart, five years old. This stallion was used in H. M. the Queen's Stud at Hampton Court last year, on account of his remarkably fine action. Another is Yorkshire Favourite, two years old, well known in the showyard, having won several prizes, including first at the Yorkshire Show last year in a large class, and second this year at the same show. He is by First Favourite, owned by Mr Lett, for whom he won the Yorkshire three years in succession. The third is The Critic, four years old, a very fine looking horse, possessing great quality, also a prize-winner. Mr Lett had these horses broken to double harness and driven together.

Mr John McDonald, master of the steamship Oceana, was brought before Mr Kennedy, at the Greenwich Police Court, to answer to four summonses "for breaches of the Diseases of Animals Act in allowing pens to be used for the conveyance of animals on the Oceana which did not comply with the limits prescribed by the Board of Agriculture, on May 23rd and May 26th, and for failing to cause the ship to be suitably and sufficiently ventilated on the same dates." This was a treasury prosecution, and it was represented that the measurement of the pens for cattle was in violation of the regulations prescribed by statute in this country. This was not denied, but it was represented, on behalf of the defendant, that he was obliged to conform to the regulations of the Argentine Government; otherwise he would not be cleared. The Argentine Government insisted upon pens of a perfectly different size, and the defendant was, therefore, between Scylla and Charybdis. He could not clear his ship from the Argentine unless he complied with the Argentine regulations, and if he did so he had the honour of appearing before his worship. The captain conformed to the orders in the Argentine, which required that four bullocks should be placed in each pen, and that each should have eight feet by 32 inches space. Mr Kennedy sympathised with Captain McDonald, who seemed, he admitted, to be "between the devil and the deep sea," but he was not the less bound by English law, and, while dismissing two of the summonses, which alleged inadequate ventilation, he fined him £5, and £2 2s. costs on each of the other two summonses. This is a very hard case, and clearly shows that the regulations affecting the cattle traffic, if it is to be carried on, should be made to run on corresponding lines in both countries.

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Calves—large, \$20-28; small, \$5.00-10.00	

Wool—Fine.....	4.65—7.80
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Hides—Bullock.....	\$14.00—15.00
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Sheepskins, consumo, per kilo.....	0.35—0.74
Lambskins, per dozen.....	2.20—2.50

Sheep—Lincolns.....	\$9.00—16.00
" " " " " " " "	—Mestizo-Lincolns..... 7.00—8.00
" " " " " " " "	—Rambouillet..... 5.90—7.00
Ewes.....	4.50—6.30

Wheat (barleta), 100 ks.....	\$13.00—16.20
" " (French), 100 kilos.....	13.40—15.00
Barley.....	6.10—8.00
Maize (morócho), 100 kilos (new).	6.90—7.40
" (amarillo), 100 kilos (new).	6.60—7.80
Hay, 1000 kilos.....	15.00—35.00

One of those discoveries of lost old masters which serve usefully to enliven the dullness of the summer season is just reported from Copenhagen. M. Dubois de la Rue, a French connoisseur, is said to have found there an undoubted Murillo of great importance. The picture is reported to be in good condition, but to have been unskillfully restored in some places, and is valued at some £60,000. The story at present needs confirmation and detailed explanation; but it will no doubt excite a good deal of attention from the many people who are fascinated by these occasionally well-founded tales of artistic treasure trove.

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