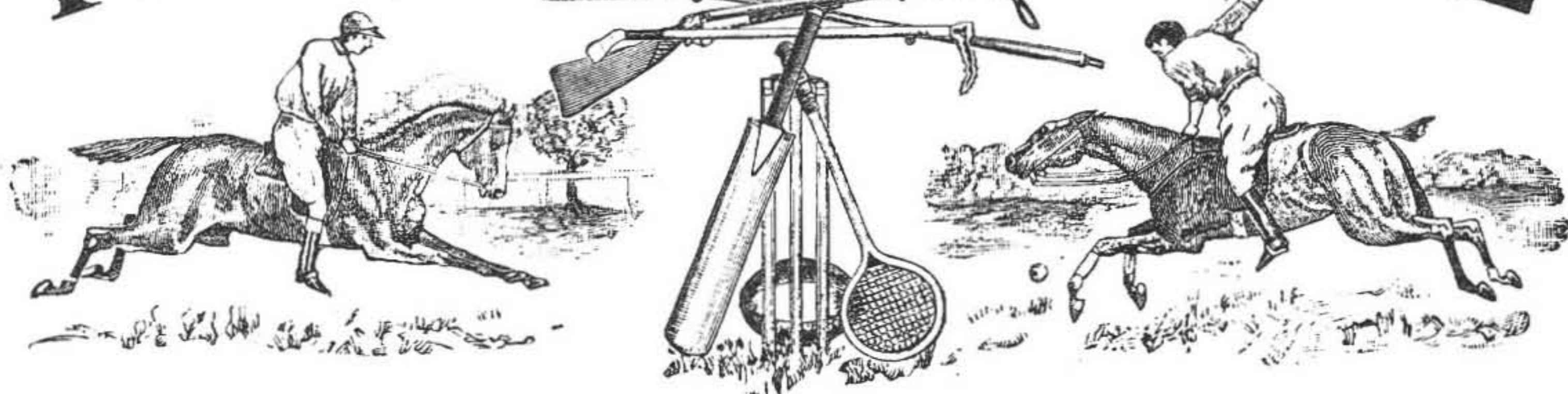


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## ESTANCIA AND COLONY.

On the 26th of February Messrs Alfred Mansell and Co. shipped per the s.s. Bellvue for a leading estanciero in the Argentine two high class Shorthorn bulls, viz., Duke of Somerset 4th 68537, bred by Mr. G. F. King, by Vain Knight 66451 out of Lucila's Forest by Lord of the Forest 5th 51623. This is a stylish roan bull of about three years of age, which has already proved himself a sire of a lot of good stock in this country. The other is an equally good looking bull Nelson (Vol. 45) bred by Mr Robert Jacobs, by Wiltshire Star 63565, from Princess Janette 11th by General Sale 10th, 52927, and then going back to a long line of good blood to three crosses of Favourite 252.

The animals were much admired on the Quay at Liverpool prior to shipment, and if they arrive in good condition should give unqualified satisfaction to the buyer.

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On the 25th of February last Messrs Alfred Mansell and Co. shipped to France a very nice Hereford bull from the Herd of Mr John Jones of Brompton, by Roundabout 19066, dam Blowdy (Vol. 26 p. 427) by Blythe 1194, then to Buxom also by Blythe 11940, and going back to the well known bull Emperor 221.

This bull was specially selected for crossing with Normandy Cows, and we have little doubt that the progeny will be satisfactory to the breeder.

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For want of space we were obliged to omit the note of the liquidation sale of Mr Muggerridge's stock, on his estancia Las Horquetas. The auction which was conducted by Messrs A. Bullrich and Co. gave the following results:—

333 cows al corte, very good mestiza Durhams, \$32.50 to 38 each.

592 cows al corte, mestiza Durhams, at \$19 to 23 each.

92 mestiza Durham cows at \$24.

69 mestiza Durham cows at \$28.

4 Durham bulls at \$120 each.

24 Durham bulls at \$50 to 180 each.

511 Lincoln sheep at from \$13 to 34 each.

1230 Lincoln sheep al corte, at \$4.20 each.

1473 Lincoln sheep al corte, at \$2.20 each.

1244 Lincoln sheep al corte, at 3.90 each.

420 Lincoln borregas al corte, at \$7.60 each.

1150 capones at \$3.00.

21 Lincoln rams at from \$26 to \$160.

477 novillos at \$36.25.

108 mares al corte, at \$5.00.

107 mares al corte, at \$11 00.

The total of the sale amounted to \$80,072.95. The buyers were Messrs Hugo Kayser, P. Smith, Irigoyen, A. and R. Nottebohm, F. Alberdi, Bilbao, Jaime Brú, Maximo Hofman, and J. McGaul.

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At the auction sale of Sr. Guillermo Lynch's stock, on his estancia in Baradero, conducted by Messrs A. Bullrich and Co., the following results were obtained:

818 Lincoln sheep al corte, at from \$3.80 to 4.20 each.

11 Oxford Down borregas at \$10.

473 novillos at from \$27 to 40.

311 cows al corte at from \$23 to 40.

Total of sale \$22,636.10. The buyers were Messrs German Frers, Pedro Gyruba, F. Vargas, Juan C. Reguera, Carlos Capdepon, A. Salas, and A. Figueroa.

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Referring again to Mr Herbert Gibson's work "Señales del Ganado Ovino" published in "La Agricultura" we have read the article with interest but it is much too extensive for reproduction in these columns, and as nothing but a reproduction in full would answer any purpose we refrain from extracting from it or further comment.

A point of much importance in the planting of trees and one that is very generally overlooked by amateur tree growers, is the distance which should be allowed between the plants. Nine times out of ten, nay ninety-nine times out of a hundred, in laying out a plantation or monte the trees are planted much too close together, the result being that in a very short space of time the young trees crowd each other out of shape, and instead of a monte of good hardy healthy plants the arboriculturist has nothing but a lot of crooked, sickly, apologies for trees for his pains. In laying out a plantation the tree grower must be guided by circumstances, or more particularly by the class of tree he is planting, as to the space to be allowed between the plants. For most forest trees that are commonly grown here, at least five yards should be allowed in every direction. A lot of saplings planted at this distance will of course make very little show for a year or two, but when they do go ahead they will be sound healthy trees, quite different to the poor sickly things that have been crowded into a small space with the mistaken idea that land and labour are being economized, and that there will the sooner be a show for the money invested.

Another very common mistake is planting the young trees too deep, and really it is very easy to see by the roots themselves how deep they should be planted; when removing a plant from the almacigo or nursery, it should be transplanted at the same depth at which it has grown, allowing of course a little for the subsidence of the earth round the roots.

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Messrs Bossio and Camuyrano have purchased from Sres. Correa and Larrazabal, 300 export steers at \$35 gold each. The animals are said to be an exceptionally well bred lot, and all young beasts.

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The following sales of live stock are reported.—

Messrs. Funes Lastra Hnos. have sold from their estancia in Cordoba 320 export steers at \$35 gold each, delivered in Darsena.

Messrs. Bossio and Camuyrano have purchased from Sr Aphexa of Lezama 1000 export steers at \$33 gold, delivered in the Darsena.

Messrs. Kingsland and Cash have purchased during the week some 200 export steers at prices ranging from \$35 to \$36 gold each.

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Carbuncle is said to have made its appearance in the partido of San Vicente, and an inspector has been sent from La Plata to take the necessary measures for preventing the spreading of the disease.

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From an estancia in Cordoba we heard of a kind of *peste* amongst the horses which proved fatal to more than twenty in the course of a few days. The animals appeared to suffer great pains, their mouths blistered, and their legs swelled very quickly and some of them were dead in about five hours. The natives do not know what the *peste* is, but have suggested that a certain weed is the cause and that it is a strong blister and causes acute internal inflammation.

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A sample of the weed has been sent down for report, but we should be glad to hear if any of our readers can throw any light upon the matter. The animals were mostly tropilla and working horses.

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We hear that Mr B. Bedford, Hurlingham, has just received a batch of 58 in. ponies on consignment from Mr George Bell, La Blanca, Venado Tuerto. They are a very even lot, well trained to "rodeo" work and "laso," five to six years old and guaranteed sound and tame. It would be well worth the while of any of our readers in or near Buenos Aires in want of an animal or animals of this class to pay a visit to Hurlingham.

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We note that the "Sociedad La Curamalan" have moved their offices from Calle 25 de Mayo to Calle Piedad No. 455, to where all future communications should be addressed.

Messrs. Alchourron Bros. have sold at auction, in the grounds of the Sociedad Rural of Las Flores, the following live stock:—

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Horses and potros at \$15 to \$37.50 each.

Total of sales \$36,584.—The buyers were M. Dominguez, H. Bidart, J. M. Paz, A. Diaz, H. Martinez, J. J. Etcheverry, Amado y Salgueiro, G. Macedo and B. Curutchet.

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It is reported that 2000 squares of camp in the partido of Magdalena, part of the Chavas estancia, have been rented on a four years' contract at \$8 per square.

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A writer in "El Campo y El Sport," who signs himself "P. de L.," takes up the cudgels on behalf of the horses of this country, and condemns in very strong terms the practice of "cerdeando," or stripping the manes and horses on the estancias of their manes and tails, thus leaving the animals at the mercy of the innumerable insect pests which torment them, notably the mosquito, tabano or horsefly, and the mosca brava.

Whilst we do not for a moment wish to imply that the animals are not inconvenienced by the loss of the hair on their manes and tails, we cannot altogether agree with the writer of the article in question, for if the operation of "cerdeando" is done at the proper season of the year, viz., in the late autumn, the animals will have some six or eight months of comparative immunity from the pests, and during this period their manes and tails will grow again to a considerable extent. Moreover, the estanciero who knows his business will always leave the animals with what is commonly known as a "pollera," or whisk of hair at the end of the tail, with which to defend themselves. It should be borne in mind that mares, like other farm animals, are bred for profit, and we might argue that it is cruel to deprive the sheep of its natural protection from the inclemencies of the weather, or that the operation of seńaling lambs is an unnecessary cruelty.

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Though most, if not all, of our camp readers know all there is to be known about Shorthorns, we think the following description of an ideal Shorthorn, by a writer in the "Live Stock Journal" will be found not uninteresting:

"An ideal Shorthorn should, I think, combine the good points for which several of the leading strains are remarkable. The head of a bull is a feature of the highest importance. The forehead is very wide between the eyes, and a little dished. Under it the face tapers gradually to the muzzle, where it becomes slightly wider round the nostrils, which are prominent and full. The nose is of a rich flesh colour tint, and any blueness or spots are to be condemned. Curling hair on the scarp is becoming to a bull. The eyes are bright, prominent and bold-looking, showing high blood and spirited character. The ears are rather long, thin, erect and covered with hair. The horns, which are of a creamy or wax-like colour, and sometimes inclined to be flat, spring well from the coronet, are short and thick, and with age bend rather inward towards the face. Upward-growing horns are very objectionable, and destroy the contour of a head which may otherwise be well formed. There is always much grandeur displayed in the head of a high-class Shorthorn bull.

Mr Thomas Bates, and indeed all great breeders, attached great weight to the head of a sire, being assured that it indicated more than anything else his value as a stockgetter. It is recorded of Mr Bates that when seeking a bull to cross upon his Duchesses, he went to search for one in the herd of Mr Stephenson. Passing through the farmyard, he was attracted by seeing the head of a bull protruded from a loose box. He was immediately struck with its excellence and concluded that this was the stamp he required. He accordingly purchased Belvedere, for that was the bull's name, and used him with extraordinary success, although in respect to his shape, he was called by some a shabby-looking animal. The double cross of Belvedere produced Duke of Northumberland, the premier bull at the first show of the Royal Agricultural Society, which was held at Oxford in 1839. The late Mr Bowly, of Siddington, described this bull to me in terms of the highest praise. His head and crest, his surprisingly prominent eyes, and the general grandeur of his appearance and gait, Mr Bowly said he could never forget. Mr David McIntosh and Mr Wm Torr considered that the Duke was the grandest bull they had ever seen. This is a proof of the value of a head such as Belvedere possessed as an index to the quality and power of a sire. It must never be forgotten that the head should distinctly indicate high breeding and be full of masculine character, yet still be handsome. An eminent critic, who attended Mr S. E. Bolden's sale at Springfield Hall, in referring to Grand Duke 3rd

spoke of the "noble expression" of his countenance." The Rev. John Storer wrote that this fine sire had "a beautiful yet quite masculine head." The ideal head must be, so to speak, well chiselled, yet displaying all the strength and vigour which go to make up a thoroughly masculine appearance and expression.

The head is pleasingly set on to the neck, which is wide, of good length, deep and muscular, with a strong development of crest, which adds immensely to the appearance of a bull. The neck vein is well filled out so as to carry the neck back into the shoulders without any appearance of hollowness at their junction. The breast is wide, full, prominent and deep, so that the dewlap is not far from the ground. I owned a bull bred at Warlaby whose dewlap reached within 15 in. of the ground. Mr Richard Booth used to say that a bull should stand with his forelegs well outside him.

The shoulder is a point of primary importance in symmetry, and if bad shoulders exist in a herd it may take a lifetime to breed them out. A bull's shoulders should be wide and strong, yet not coarse. They need not be too fine at the points, for this is heifer-like; but they must be oblique or sloping back, and wide on top where they should melt as it were, into the crops, which must also be wide and well fleshed. From the crops to the forearm, that is the girth, there must be no depression or slackness, but the fore-ribs should come out equally wide as the shoulders. The animal is then thick through the heart and wide of chest, an essential to good constitution. The forelegs are short, the arm being very stout and wide, and the bone is fine below the knee.

From the shoulder to the tail the line is straight, the back is wide and level, the ribs growing out roundly from it, and extending well back towards the hips, the loins very strong and nearly as broad as the hips, which must not be too wide in a bull, otherwise he would be spoken of as cow-hipped. The ribs are deep and the flank thick, heavy, and well let down, so that the underline from behind the forearm to the junction of the flank with the hind leg shall be straight. Thus there are even lines over and under. The hind-quarters are long and wide, the rumps, so valuable as meat, being well filled, and almost concealing the prominence of the hips. The tail is set on neatly and well covered at its root, no lumpiness being seen. The twist is wide and deep, and the thighs heavily fleshed down to the hocks, an essential point in a sire, but seldom seen at its best. The hocks and hind legs are straight and wide apart, the legs being short and set firmly on the ground.

The hair is abundant, of fine texture, soft and mossy. There is sometimes found an under or second coat of very velvet-like feel which it is pleasant to touch.

Colour in great variety is one of the charming features which distinguish the Shorthorn above other breeds. There is a rich creamy white, of which colour some of the best Shorthorns were. Different shades of red are to be found, the deep colour being most liked. The roans of many hues can be had, from the pale or cool roan which merges towards white, to the deep and splendid plum colour, which is so grateful to the eye and so much admired. The late Mr Fawkes, of Farnley, was very partial to the roan, and his experience was that the use of a white bull upon red cows was the most effectual way to get such a colour.

Deep flesh is one of the great essentials in a Shorthorn. There is nothing like the roast beef of Old England. There must be abundance of heavy flesh of fine quality distinguishing the fat Shorthorn, but when milk is wanting that can be also had. The mention of beef leads one to speak of that "handling," that fine mellow bite so pleasant to the touch, and so indicative of that "quality" which is a clear index of thrift and first-rate beef-making propensities. The skin must not be thin; it should be rather thick and soft, and there is felt underneath it a peculiar softness, even in lean animals, which at once evidences thriftiness and a faculty to produce beef with a moderate expenditure of food, or, in other words, to make beef economically.

The female Shorthorn has, of course, most of the characteristics which belong to males of the same breed, but there are however, some leading points of difference. For example, the head of the female is finer, longer, smaller, and more tapering. It is full of gentleness and beautiful feminine character. The eyes are more placid, and the horns are much smaller and gracefully curled. There is, in fact, a great general sweetness of expression. Again, the neck is thinner and much finer at its junction with the head, and there can be no thickness or clumsiness at the jole. The brisket is not so deep as it becomes the bull to have it. A heifer's shoulders are very neat and not at all so strong or wide as those of the male; they are also thinner at the top where they join the crops. Mr Carr, in speaking of a handsome heifer at Warlaby, said that she had "shoulders like a salmon." A heifer does not need the amount of beef to the hocks which is looked for in the bull, and, furthermore, it is no fault in a cow to be rather wide of her hips, yet she must not be at all extravagant in that point, as it would be injurious to symmetry. The udder should extend well forward and have well-formed and square-set teats of moderate size placed well apart.

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In conclusion, it may be well to state that Shorthorns must be of good size. Their form is so evenly and nicely balanced, their proportions so excellent, that they often appear smaller than they really are, and it must be remembered that they stand on short legs, and are near the ground. Furthermore it is desirable to cultivate stylish carriage and graceful movement. These points must always tell in high company such as is found in a great showyard, and they have an effect on the minds of the judges, if they are men who know how to value cattle of a high stamp.

Good constitution there must be, but style and elegance can be combined with that now as well as in former days.

I remember reading many years ago an account of the "Royal" Show at Chelmsford. The report stated Colonel Townley's Master Butterfly and Mr. Ambler's Grand Turk were among the great bulls which competed there. These two were eventually picked out as the best of the lot, and then came the final tussle between them for the first prize. Both were ordered to walk past the judges for the last time, but Master Butterfly, led by Joe Culshaw, moved across the ring with such gaiety and style that he was quickly awarded the coveted rosette, and he went to Australia with twelve hundred guineas on his head.

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ALONG THE LAVAYEN.

Sunday, March 12.

To-day we are transferring everything from the carts to the boats; there seems to be a tremendous lot to go in. We are taking provisions for forty days and do not depend upon getting anything during the journey. I have been told that it was entirely want of provisions that caused other expeditions to fail. We have a great quantity of tinned meat, tinned vegetables, biscuits, oatmeal and rice. The Argentine National Government has given three small boats (21 ft) and has sent Captain Zorilla as their deputy. Three other gentlemen have just joined the expedition, viz., Messrs. Kage, Elstrang and Ducloux, this completes our number.

March 13 (mid-day)

We are now off in earnest, boat No 1 with six persons including Captain Bolland and Captain Zorilla aboard, leads the way, then comes The Esperanza (28 ft) with eight persons and Mr Leach on board. Next comes No 3 The Sara (21 ft) with five persons aboard including your correspondent, next No 4 The Bertha (28 ft) with Mr Smythe on board and eight others, and last No 5 The Lavayen (21 ft) with six persons.

The Ledesma gets stuck on a sand bank almost immediately and hoists a blue flag according to arrangement, which is to say "Don't follow in this course." The Esperanza swings round to get out of the way and nearly gets swamped—so we go on. The river Lavayen is full of sand banks and we continually find ourselves stuck without warning; then we must all jump out and push till the boat clears—first it is one bank then another. This continues the whole afternoon. When we reach the Bermejo—either to-morrow or the day after, let us hope we shall have more water.

Tuesday, March 14

To-day we continue our journey down the Lavayen we keep getting on to sand banks as before and have been obliged to abandon the two small boats we had in tow for ferrying purposes. One got stove in a snag and we had a case of rockets spoiled. The current is so rapid and steering so difficult that it is as much as each boat can do to look after itself. We put in to shore on one occasion to wait the boats behind and were surrounded by a crowd of Indians, the men were armed with bows and arrows and the women were carrying loads and children. They were quite peaceable, and were, we found, travelling to work in the sugar harvest. I have seen some yacare or alligators, carpinchos, ducks and also that curious bird the Picaso in some numbers, which although belonging to the duck family, perches on trees.

The Bertha was so badly stuck to-day that they had to unload her and haul her out with pulleys, which delayed us nearly half a day.

Wednesday, March 15

Going on as before we keep running on to sand banks and nearly getting wrecked on snags. The current is very rapid and river slightly swollen. At this rate we shall take some days to reach the Bermejo.

Thursday, March 16.

A repetition of the previous day. To-day we saw a party of Indians on the right bank, who looked at us with silent wonder. Some of the men wore hats and trousers but the women were naked to the waist.

Friday, March 17

We had our first serious disaster to-day. Boat No 5 The Lavayen upset on a snag—several rifles, instruments, and small articles lost, but boat and most of the provisions saved; nobody hurt. The low banks of the river still continue covered with forest except in places where I find the "suncho" growing, belonging I think to the osier class. The river in its swollen state eats into the banks with appalling rapidity, and at night I hear the great trees crashing into the water like thunder making it dangerous for the boats to anchor near shore.

Sunday, March 19

At length we reach the junction of the Lavayen and the Bermejo, and the exciting part of our journey is to begin. Now we bid farewell to Mr Stephen Leach and Mr Stuart, of Ledesma, who have accompanied us so far. The date of my next letter will be uncertain; till then I must bid you good-bye.

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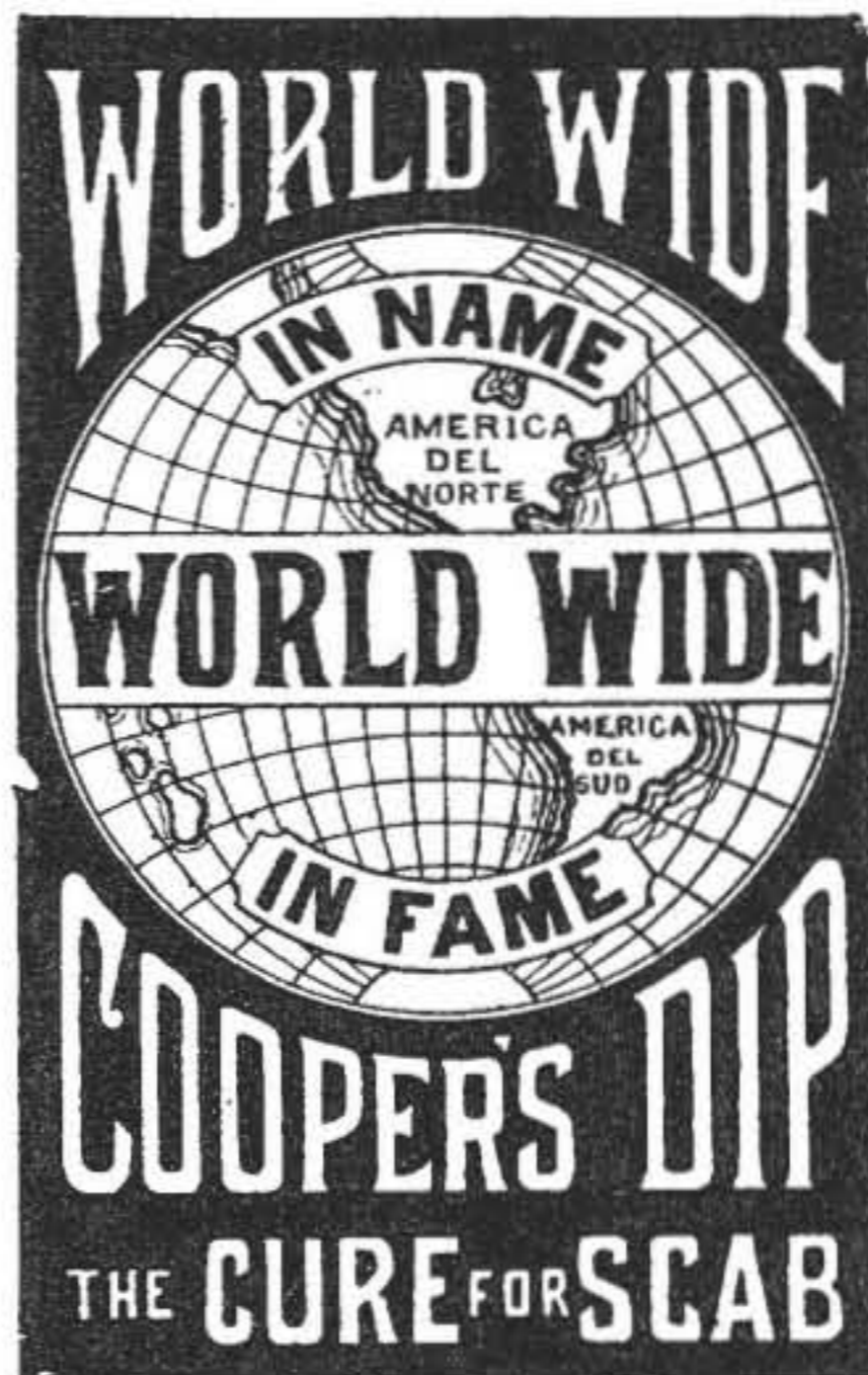
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## CYCLING

ENGLAND.

London, Friday February 28, 1899.

With the advent of longer days and finer weather, increased activity is daily becoming more apparent in cycling circles. Every cloud is said to have a silver lining, and the one that has consoled the despondent wheelman throughout the long period of almost unbroken wet weather, is that there must be a big reserve of fine weather and sunshine somewhere, which will presently appear. With Easter falling early this year, the cycling depots and agencies are putting their best goods forward, and the windows of the big Viaduct houses are fitted with all that the most ardent cyclist could wish for. Looking at the luxury in which the wheelman can now enjoy the sport, with the elements of danger and discomfort brought down to what appears to be the irreducible minimum it seems hard to believe that only a few years ago the only two wheeled mount was the high machine with its graceful proportions, but ever present dangers. In those days a man had to be careful how he climbed into the saddle, unless he wished to pitch head-first over the handle bars, and immediately he was mounted his anxieties commenced. Notwithstanding, cyclists were never so enthusiastic as in those early days of the pastime.

The proposal to hold some of the Championships of the National Cyclists' Union in Guernsey this year has met with almost unanimous approval of the whole of the leading members of the Union throughout the country. Guernsey boasts of a well-banked cinder track built on thoroughly good lines, and, given fine weather, there is no reason why, if the races are held as suggested, a good financial success should not result. With regard to the remaining championships, it has been decided to hold one meeting in the Liverpool centre in June, while Reading will, in all probability, again be the venue for the fifty miles Amateur Championship.

Professional racing having in a measure failed to draw the public, those who are staunch advocates for the revival of interest in amateurism think the time is now at hand for amateur meetings to be given another chance. It is, however, very difficult to gauge the public taste in cycling matters. There is no doubt that professional racing has suffered from lack of competition. During the period of the great chain matches, when those who represented the Simpson chain interest threw down the gauntlet to the best British riders of other gears, interest ran high, and "all the world and his wife" assembled at Catford to witness the contests. So too, when the two best men of their day, J. W. Stocks and J. Platt-Betts, met in a series of matches in competition and against the watch, an extraordinary amount of public interest and enthusiasm was witnessed. The public seems to have a weakness for matches, provided the men are of the best, and the contests are equitable, and the approaching season may shew that interest in cycle racing is not quite so extinct as the pessimists imagine. It is to be hoped that this will prove to be the case, but at any rate the question as to the kind of sport to provide will have to receive very careful consideration from those who, in the coming season, propose holding race meets.

One of the distinctive features of cycling as a pastime is its extraordinary vitality. Excepting cricket and football, there is no sport which approaches it in the hold which it maintains upon the English people. But whereas the two former sports mainly flourish in Great Britain and her colonies—in other countries they are more or less exotic—cycling is universal: it is common to every clime under the sun where civilisation exists, and even in semi-civilised countries, the cycle is amongst the first of evidences of civilisation to make its appearance, and to assert its sway over the affections of the people. Hence it is that in Madagascar, in Morocco, in Tunis, and in China and Japan, the cycle is steadily making its way. This is why the cycle industry, in spite of the stress of over production and over capitalisation, with a strong current set against it in a certain section of the press, will survive its burdens. There is every probability of its remaining strong and vigorous so long as civilisation endures.

County Court verdicts in favour of the cyclists, are becoming very common, thanks to the example set by some of the Judges who indulge in the pastime. At West Hartlepool, the other day, a wheelman named Gilbert, brought an action against one William Pincott, for damages caused through the negligence of the latter. It appears that the plaintiff was passing defendant's coal cart (there being plenty of room), when suddenly Pincott darted across the road towards his horse and in so doing collided with plaintiff, whose bicycle went underneath the horse. The horse

started off and the waggon passed over the machine, which was completely wrecked. His Honour Judge Meynell gave judgment for the plaintiff for £13 payable at the rate of 10s per month.

It would seem as though cycle construction has practically reached finality in this present year of grace, although perhaps it were hazardous to make the assertion. At any rate, all the resources of the cycle trade, with its present high standard of mechanical and theoretical efficiency, have only been able to give the public for their consideration "free wheels," and the long-crank-cum-high-gear combination. As has been frequently pointed out, the principles involved in these are not by any means new, so that allowing them to be in the nature of revivals rather than novelties, it would seem that in the essential matters of pattern, reduction of friction to a minimum, and the raising of the means of propulsion to the maximum of efficiency, 1899 has witnessed no advance upon 1898. As a means of applying propelling force, the chain-driven wheel still holds the field, and when one considers the extensive and sustained power which can be imparted by chain-driven sprockets, the ascendancy of the chain-driven safety over "chainless" wheels is not to be wondered at.

Some time ago, members of the crews of naval ships lying at Devonport formed a cycle club, under the name of the Royal Naval Cycling Club. Unfortunately, the rules of the service prevent the wearing of badges, etc., unless permitted by the authorities, and being desirous of possessing an emblem to illustrate the fact that they were members of the club, negotiations were entered into with the Admiralty with a view of obtaining permission to wear a badge when engaged on club runs. A badge, which takes for its design a shield with a naval crown enamelled blue on a white metal ground-work, with the letters R.N.C.C. was forwarded, and after giving the matter due deliberation, the sanction was obtained, and the badge approved. It is to be worn on the left breast pocket of the coat.

The Home Secretary has brought in a bill, which has been read for the first time, to amend the Metropolitan Streets Act of 1867. The object of the bill is to give the police increased powers to deal with the congestion of traffic in London streets, and it is proposed to amend section 2 of the Act mentioned, so as to enable the making of regulations, to define the routes to be observed by omnibuses and other vehicles going to a given destination, or to prohibit certain lines of omnibuses from using certain streets. It is proposed that the provisions of this Act shall apply to the whole Metropolis. It would seem as though this new Act is to be advantageous to the cyclist, for apparently it is only intended to apply to those vehicles which are bound for a destination already ascertained. It does not, according to the scope given by the Home Secretary, apply to "carriages"—a cycle is "a carriage" within the meaning of another Act—and consequently it would appear that with a lightened traffic, the cyclist will be able to ride through the Metropolis in greater comfort.

Sarah Grand, the talented authoress of "The Heavenly Twins" has been discoursing on "the Modern Girl." She draws a contrast between the girl of fifty years ago, who was scarcely allowed any freedom, and kept as far as possible from all participation in the more robust forms of mental and physical exertion, lest contact with the active world should break down her decorous habits of maidenly reserve, a pale, anaemic, colourless creation, with the athletic girl of to-day. To the bicycle she attributes the glowing health and vastly improved physique of the modern girl, whose mental powers have been allowed to expand by access to a wide range of literature and study. The authoress points out that the modern girl is none the less qualified to fulfil the duties of wife-hood and maternity because the cycle has made her strong, resourceful and self-reliant.

The long crank and high gear combination still continues to share, with the free wheel, the leading place in cycling topics at the present time. The former idea, to which this notice is confined, has undoubtedly caught on, and there is no doubt that many cyclists will have their present machines fitted with the combination in question. One very important point, however, which should be borne well in mind, is that the length of crank is necessarily determined by the wheel base, (that is the distance between axle and axle), and particular care must be taken that the cranks are of such length as to allow, at their most forward points, the feet to amply clear the steering wheel. Of course, the necessity for proper clearance in regard to heeling on corners is obvious but the point raised is perhaps not quite so apparent. With regard to the riders who will favour the combination, the consensus of opinion seems to be that its adherents will for the



greater part be found in the ranks of the middle-aged. A man in middle age frequently possesses plenty of muscularity, but lacks the suppleness of youth. For him, the slower and longer sustained revolution, involved by a longer circuit of the lengthened crank throw, enables him to turn his developed muscular energy to good account, without the, to him, fatiguing exertion of a quicker mode of pedalling.

A very interesting lecture (the first of a series) on cycle construction was delivered by Professor Archibald Sharp before a gathering of about 60 persons at the Society of Art on Monday evening last. The lecture which was confined to frames, occupied one hour and was profusely illustrated with lantern slides, diagrams, models in wood, and metal etc. The Professor stated that high-frame machines steered better, but the rider was more exposed to windage than if on a lower frame. Respecting curved versus straight tubes, the curved tube could never be better than a straight tube, though for some purposes it might be equally strong. It was a satisfactory reflection that a large margin of strength existed in the back carriage of a bicycle. The frame of the front-driver was subjected to far less strain than that of the rear-driver, and could be built much lighter. Twin stays were good, but not better than single tubes of equal weight. The Professor lamented the dismissal of double down-tubes (running from head to bottom bracket): the second, or lower parallel tubes in some tall frames he thought of little service. Many other interesting details were ably dealt with by the Professor, and the instructive but all too brief lecture reached its close; there being no discussion, merely a round of appreciative applause.

After the mournful predictions which have poured forth from the outside press with regard to the cycle trade, the recent remarks of the Lord Mayor of Manchester, at the opening of the third annual Manchester Cycle and Motor Exhibition came as a welcome change. He admitted that the past year had been one of diminished trade, but that such a state was only natural after the exceptional years of '96 and '97. He was firmly convinced that both the cycle and motor industry would increase year by year, and eventually become two of the greatest trades in the country. When it is stated that the speaker rode a boneshaker 20 years ago and has kept up with the sport since that time, it is readily perceived that he was not indulging in the platitudes which usually blossom at opening ceremonies, but spoke with a firm conviction, the result of practical experience and observation.

The bone of contention as to who invented the safety is once again recrudescing in the cycle press, and has afforded an opportunity for many interesting reminiscences and disquisitions by those who have been cyclists sufficiently long to recall the advent of the machine which was fated to drive the graceful "ordinary" from its place. Mr Harry Lawson thinks the credit is due to him, and beyond doubt, with another, he did invent a rear driven machine prior to the appearance of Mr J. K. Starley's famous "Rover," which was destined, in the phrase of the *Cyclist*, "to set the fashion to the world." However, to sum up the matter, there seems to be no gain-saying that Mr J. K. Starley's Rover of 1885 was so vast an improvement upon the crude and inchoate productions which had proceeded it, that it at once took the cycling world by storm. To Mr J. K. Starley belongs, it is admitted on all hands, the honour of introducing direct steering to rear driven safeties, which he did by means of sloping the front forks and steering post, so as to bring the handle-bar within easy touch of the rider. Up to this point, the steering had mainly been by means of bridle rods running between the head of the machine and the handle-bar. Mr Starley's machine of 1885 is generally accepted as the first really practical rear-driving safety, and, if proof were needed as to its practicability it is to be found in the fact that all present day safeties are on the exact lines of the machine in question.

The question of the affect of climate upon pace is one of great interest. At the present, the world's records are chiefly held by America; and it is remarkable that all these have been accomplished upon American tracks. For a long while J. W. Stocks' 32 miles 1086 yards, was considered absolutely unsurpassable. Platt-Betts at his very best, attempted to improve upon it but failed and where Platt-Betts failed, who should hope to succeed? After a considerable lapse of time the news came from America that Taylor, the French middle distance crack, had accomplished over 33 miles in the hour in competition, and scarcely had wonder at this stupendous performance subsided when the cable announced that Harry Elkes, until recently a comparatively unknown rider, had ridden 34 miles 1220 yards in the same time. Allowing for the excellence of American pacing combinations, and the fastness of American tracks, it would seem that the peculiar rarity of the American atmosphere

is responsible for these performances. At least, this is the opinion of many, including that of the English riders, Wheelock and Fulford, who were in America at the time these records were made.

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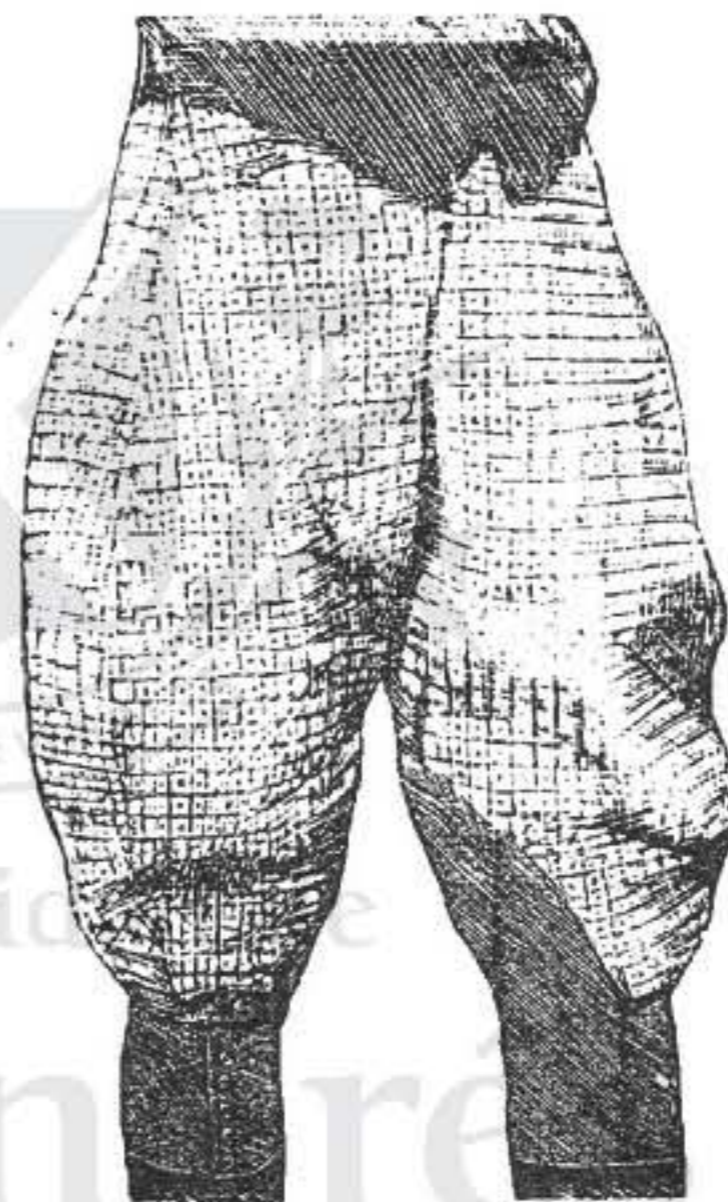
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### NOTES.

In another column we publish the golf fixtures for this year. There are several dates vacant towards the end of the season, and we shall be obliged to the club secretaries if they will kindly inform us of any new fixture, or of any changes in the present ones, so that our list may be kept strictly correct. All golfers will welcome the increase of inter-club matches and the decrease of competitions.

With practically no cricket fixtures for the holidays the golf season may be said to have fully commenced. The Lomas golf links presented quite an animated appearance each day, and there were many interesting and exciting foursomes played. The monthly competition, which was to have been played on Sunday last on these links, was postponed, and we believe will now be played on Sunday, the 16th inst., but of this date we are not absolutely certain.

The first competition of the season was, however, played last Sunday at Rivadavia, when some fifteen of the members of the Buenos Aires Golf Club entered. A prize was presented by the committee which was taken by Mr. W. Higgins with two rounds of forty-three and fifty-one. Mr. M. G. Fortune was second, and Mr. J. W. Hunter third. Only six cards were handed in altogether, and most of the competitors seemed to feel the want of practice.

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From Mar del Plata we hear glowing accounts of the links laid out by Messrs. R. Agar and Ferguson. Several keen golfers spent the holidays there and enjoyed the afternoons on the links immensely. The two competitions were won by Mr J. C. Bell and Mr J. W. Taylor respectively, but the handicappers were too liberal, Mr Marjoribanks and Mr W. Agar, with scores of forty and forty-two, quite deserved to have been first. Next year the course will be attended to earlier in the season, and we expect to hear of many good games being played on the Mar del Plata links.

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Golf tees are quite the order of the day just now, and *Punch* is evidently thinking of Ceylon in a recent sketch, when it is suggested that the caddie is so called because he is required to make the tee. Well, he is required to do other things besides, but still the explanation, in lieu of a better, is ingenious. A good story—touching golf—is told of a man who rejoiced in the unhappy name of Foozler. True to his name, he had a long handicap, but still he foozled away heroically, and his name figured on every list of entries. His initial was unfortunately A., and so A. Foozler figured frequently on the Club notice-board. One day a friend remonstrated with him for entering his name this way, and suggested that instead of A. he should write his Christian name in full. Foozler shook his head sadly.

"Why ever not?" asked his friend.

"Because it's Adam" was the wretched man's answer.

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The inability of the Montevideo cricket captain to bring over an eleven to meet its engagements with the Lomas and Buenos Aires Clubs was a keen disappointment to many of our cricketers on this side. In justice to the Montevideo cricketers it must be stated that the non-fulfillment of their engagements here was due to a most unfortunate series of accidents, culminating with the serious illness of one of the players. We do not yet know the nature of the latter, but we sincerely trust to hear soon that Mr Moor is convalescent.

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We can sympathize with Mr Stanham, knowing full well the difficulty experienced in this country in getting up teams to play away from home. That he did his utmost to bring over a team we are quite aware, and we can only regret once again that his efforts were unsuccessful. The matches with the Montevideo C.C. are always some of the pleasantest of the cricket season, which made the disappointment the more deeply felt. Let us hope for better luck next time.

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On Saturday last a very interesting game was played at Lomas between players of thirty years of age and over and twenty years of age and under, the elevens being captained respectively by Messrs B. W. and W. D. Gardom. The scores, which appear elsewhere, show that the youngsters won in a most decisive manner, scoring a hundred and ninety-eight runs and dismissing their opponents for only fifty-eight. Messrs J. B. Campbell and W. D. Gardom started well putting on ninety-three for the first wicket, while the former and Mr H. A. Cowes divided the "old 'un's" wickets, each obtaining excellent figures.

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We are glad to know that the Rev. J. T. Stevenson, Headmaster of Saint George's College, Quilmes, is encouraging cricket, and that the college boys have already played four matches against the boys of Quilmes. At

present honours are divided between Town and Gown, although the defeat suffered on Saturday by the College boys from the Town was the most severe. The boys have a very pretty ground, wooded all round with magnificent trees, and the well-known orchards and grounds of the Quinta Rooke—a miniature Palermo.

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Nothing puts a greater kink in the mind of a foreigner than the game of cricket. Most absurd accounts of how it is played in England have appeared in Continental papers from time to time, but it is only recently that the Russian journals have thought it worthy of criticism, and here is the style a Petersburg paper spreads itself on the matter of the wicket-keeper and his onerous duties.

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‘The guard of the wicket, or wicket-keeper, stands close to the rods, wearing a mask, gauntlets, trousers of leather and iron, and a steel breastplate. It is the wicket-keeper’s duty to arrest the ball, which, thrown at the holder of the bat with incredible force and fury, might prove fatal but for the protection aforesaid. When the guard of the wicket catches the ball he cries “Ovab,” the batsman throws down his bat, and the players cross the field. This counts two in the score sheet, and the game is then resumed.’

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Several of our sportsmen spent the holidays shooting and we have heard reports of several useful bags having been made. At the estancia Santa Rosa, Carmelo, B.O., the owner, Mr. Ernest Bell and Messrs J. M. Mullaly and R. W. Anderson in a three days’ shoot bagged 344 partridge, 15 pigeon, 2 duck, 2 snipe, 1 fox, and 1 carpincho. The camps are in splendid condition, and we hear that they have never been known to have been so good at this season of the year.

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From the South we hear that on the first afternoon down Colina way, seven guns, Messrs Pearson, Power, F. Furber, Oldham, Jacobs, Bingham, and Floyd bagged 90 duck and a few snipe. On the second afternoon Messrs J. Boote, Jacobs, Hoare, and Floyd bagged 99 duck and a few partridge, while on the third afternoon Messrs J. Boote, Oldham, and Floyd returned with 58 duck and half a dozen small birds. There were many other shoots in various districts of which we have been unable to obtain the details.

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A Bill has been introduced in the New York Senate which provides that no person shall sell any spring air-gun or pistol without the licence in a city of the first-class to cost £10, in cities of the second-class £5, and in those of the third-class £2, for each year. Violations of the law are to be made punishable by imprisonment not exceeding six months, and a fine not exceeding £30. The Bill also provides that every person carrying or having such a firearm must first obtain a dollar licence, without which he shall be liable to imprisonment for one month or a fine not to exceed £5.

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As we predicted a short time ago, meetings are being called in all directions in connection with the coming football season. Unfortunately we were prevented, at the last moment, from attending the final meeting of the late committee of the Argentine Association Football League, but we understand that although there will be fewer clubs competing this year, the quality and evenness of the teams engaged will show a great improvement. We are glad to learn this as it ensures the interest being kept up in these matches right through the season.

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As regards Rugby football the general meeting of the Buenos Aires Football Club will be held on Friday next, at the Café Brunswick, Piedad 383, at half-past five o’clock in the afternoon. This meeting will be an important one as the ways and means of forming a Rugby football championship will be discussed, so it is sincerely to be hoped that as many members as possible, active or otherwise, will do their utmost to attend. The success or failure of the new scheme will, as far as we can see, rest

with the playing members of the Flores A.C., who, we trust, will do their best to support the idea of forming a championship competition.

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Have you ever stopped to calculate the amount of ground covered by a forward in a first-class football match? asks an English exchange. He travels at all speeds, from an easy trot to short bursts at full pace. Say out of the hour and a half which is usually occupied by a match, he has ten minutes at a complete standstill, the remaining time he is going at a speed averaging eight miles an hour, and he finally covers a total of some eleven miles for the whole period. This applies particularly to the Association forward, the Rugby forward covers less ground, but his work is much more fatiguing.

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We are indebted to a kind correspondent from Tucuman for news of the club there and its doings, and we feel sure that all our sporting readers will be pleased to learn that the Tucuman Sport Club is going very strong, and that during the past months, in which the club has been practically closed, many improvements have been made, and the club now bears a very business-like appearance. The race-course has been fenced all round and now there is no danger of the horses, when racing, bolting off the course, the circumference of which is about six hundred and fifty metres.

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The club house has been rebuilt and enlarged, running water has been laid on with baths, lavatories, etc., also the shooting enclosure improved and a lawn tennis court built. The polo ground is now almost full length, but only a hundred and twenty yards wide, quite level and in splendid condition to commence the season. All polo men in the country will be glad to hear that the noble game has “taken on” with several of the natives, and we trust it will be an example to others in Buenos Aires and elsewhere.

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Racing is sure to be a success during the coming season, and several well-bred horses have been imported into the province for the purpose, as the management intend offering good prizes this season so as to encourage the sport, and if they are to be treated to as good racing as was seen there last season they should be more than satisfied. The club now musters about eighty-five members, and great praise is due to Mr. Lindop, the acting secretary, for the arduous duties he has had to perform in superintending the carrying out of so many improvements with which everyone interested is so pleased.

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The opening meeting, of which we have received a programme, will take place on the 16th inst., and will consist of many interesting events, including a hurdle race, a game of polo, a race over a thousand metres for all horses, another for criollo horses over six hundred and fifty metres, and a third over a similar distance for polo ponies. In addition to these there will be revolver shooting and lawn tennis matches, so that everything points to a thoroughly successful meeting, the details of which we shall hope to be able to give our readers in due course.

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Since writing regrets that the racecourse at Hurlingham should have been closed by the committee at all times except for race-meetings we have heard the arguments for the other side of question. These are principally that if training gallops are allowed on the course it will become too worn to be in good condition, that horses and ponies trained on it would have an unfair advantage over others trained elsewhere, and that horses and ponies not trained in the club stables must be stopped using it at all costs.

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At the risk of this subject being considered one not of general interest we will go into these arguments briefly. There is something in the first only if the manager of the club is not given power to say when or when not the course is fit to gallop on. In the second argument we fail to see anything, and if any trainer who knows his business were

asked if he would rather train on the course on which his horse would have to race or at some other suitable place not too far away there is not much doubt what he would reply. There are dozens of horses that race Sunday after Sunday at Palermo that will not do their best once they have passed the paddock or the gate they are accustomed to go on and off the course by, and there are many others that will not do their best going away from their stables on the railway side of the track.

As regards horses and ponies trained in other than the club stables it is ridiculous that if they do not belong to members they should be allowed to be trained in the club grounds, but members' horses and ponies should have any advantages the club can offer them. In short we are all against anything being done, before it is found absolutely necessary, that may detract from the club's advantages in the smallest degree, and all for encouraging anything that may make it still more attractive. We have known many more ponies in training at Hurlingham than there were before Saturday's meeting (without the course becoming too badly cut up or worse, hence regrets that the committee should think fits to close it just as the racing season is commencing.

The Belgrano race course, which was reopened on Saturday, was found to have been improved by a wide board being placed all round the inside fence after the Palermo style. This, however, did not prevent Clase in the first race from unshipping his rider, who had a narrow escape, as Kaoliu, who was immediately behind, jumped clear over him, and the others had time to swerve. The summer season seems to have been successful as this expense has been incurred, and perhaps some separate method of egress may be provided, as the present system of carriages, horses and men all going out by the same gate is somewhat dangerous.

The meeting at Palermo was rendered tame, to some extent, by three out of seven races being run on the straight course. This is certainly a drawback for the crowd who see only the finish and an aggravation is the growth of the wattles across the big course which would give just as good shade if they were trimmed and would not obstruct the view of 300 metres of the race as they do at present. The extreme part of the long circuit is also out of the reach of vision so that those who go for the spectacle do not get the value of their money at present, and make unflattering comparison with Belgrano, where every incident in every race is plainly visible to the looker on.

In another part of to-day's issue may be found the programme of the annual race meeting at Laboulaye, which is to take place on the 25th prox. We have just had a visit from two of the best known sportsmen in that district, and they tell us that the meeting this year is being keenly looked forward to, and that it promises to be quite as successful as the previous ones. We trust that it may.

In the hunting notes of one of the last "Fields" to hand we read that in Shropshire Mr. Frank Parker, of Shrewsbury, has been the victim of a somewhat singular accident. While the Shropshire hounds were drawing a covert the horse ridden by one of the field bolted and galloped towards Mr. Parker, who put up his whip, whereupon the headstrong horse kicked high enough to strike Mr. Parker's horse on the forehead, and so great was the force of the kick that it was found necessary to kill the injured steed. No hunting man, probably, can call to mind another accident of a like nature. There are plenty of instances of horses having been kicked in the chest and about the limbs; but a kick on the head is decidedly out of the common.

An angler tells a good story in one of the English sporting journals. He caught a 6 1/2 lb. tench in the Thames (the weight of the fish has nothing to do with the

story, so it may pass without comment), and proudly sent it home, with a label, "This to be stuffed." When he returned, his mother said that the cook had used the best stuffing, but no one liked the fish.

So the time-honoured sport of falconry is about to become fashionable once more. No less than four new hawking clubs are in course of formation in various parts of England, and several more are being organised in the North of Ireland. Grouse-hawking, it is affirmed by the men who ought to know, will become the most popular branch of the sport, for the simple reason that when the operations are carried out upon a broad expanse of open moor, every twist and turn and stoop and motion of the hawk, as well as those of his quarry, may be perceived without difficulty.

It is rather amusing to read some of the articles of lamentation in the English sporting papers on the defeat of the two Southern football combinations, Tottenham Hotspur and Southampton, in the English Cup, both of which have just failed to get into the semi-finals. The former club was beaten by Stoke to the tune of four goals to one, while the latter succumbed to Derby County, but only by the narrow margin of two goals to one.

If these two were really genuine Southern players, there would be some sense in the lamentations; but as they are all bought-and-paid-for-hirelings from the North and Scotland, it is absurd to talk about the defeats of the South. With a little more money, no doubt, some Southern club will be able to buy up enough Northern talent to win the Cup, but genuine Southern players are not good enough yet to compete with the Northern limited companies and their purchases.

At an Irish police court, where a cyclist was charged with running down a woman, the victim was extremely voluble concerning an alleged serious injury to her arm. "Were you treated for it?" inquired the somewhat dubious chairman. "Divil a dhrap was he afther offerin' me!" was the prompt reply which convulsed the court.

## CRICKET.

### FIXTURES

#### APRIL.

Sun. 9—Lomas v. Lanus, at Lanus.  
Sun. 9—B.A.C.C. v. Rosario A.C., at Rosario.  
Sun. 9—B.A.C.C. 2nd XI. v. Hurlingham A, at Hurlingham.  
Sun. 16—B.A.C.C. v. Belgrano, at Belgrano.

### BATTING AND BOWLING AVERAGES.

As there are no changes to record in the average lists this week we shall hold them over until our next issue.

### QUILMES C.C. v. BELGRANO A.C.

The Quilmes Club closed their most successful season on Thursday last by a first appearance on the ground of the Belgrano Club whom they succeeded in beating for the second time, by seventy-four runs, and having two wickets in hand at call of time.

Belgrano batted first with Shepard and Dowson, but with the score at three the captain was bowled by Prescott. Harvey joining Dowson, made the only stand of any importance, 30 being the score for the second and third wicket. The bowling was so good that none of the batsmen appeared at home with: either Symons, Prescott, or Morgan, the latter being most successful securing three wickets for nine runs in three overs. The innings closed for 84.

On Belgrano taking the field runs came very slowly at first, both Symons and Syer, who, by the way, though a member of the club and a Quilmes resident, played for this club for the first time, had quite as much to do as was pleasant to keep their wickets intact. It was after more than half an hour's play that Syer's wicket was secured for a carefully played 10, with the score at 22. So good was the bowling of Harvey and Lucas that neither Prescott nor any succeeding player could do much with it,

and with the exception of Jefferies (11) no other batsmen attained double figures. Symons, however, appeared to have taken full measure of the bowlers and played all with equal assurance, improving as his innings progressed and hitting freely all round without a semblance of a chance until ten minutes before time, and when he appeared safe for his century, he failed to get on to an off ball, and put it into the hands of third man. The innings was altogether worthy of praise, and on any other ground would have been worth 50 per cent more.

Full score and analysis:

Belgrano.		Quilmes.	
J. D. Shepard b Prescott...	2	A. J. Symons c Cheke b	92
J. J. Dowson b Symons .....	19	Venn.....	10
W. H. Harvey b Symons ...	13	B. B. Syer b Lucas .....	4
G. R. Roberts not out.....	2	J. S. Prescott c Croll b Har-	3
A. Venn b Symons .....	3	vey .....	5
H. Lucas c Prescott b Sy-		E. Cunningham b Venn ....	0
mons.....	11	T. Allen b Harvey.....	11
N. B. W. Kitching b Prescott	3	G. F. Earle c Croll b Harvey	5
J. E. Croll run out.....	6	E. Jefferies c Harvey b Dow-	2
A. V. Sly c and b Morgan ..	0	son .....	4
G. O. M. Cheke b Cunning-		H. Torre b Venn .....	3
ham .....	13	E. O. Morgan b Venn.....	19
C. Boyd b Morgan.....	1	T. Murray not out.....	
		W. J. Williams not out ....	
Extras .....	11	Extras .....	
Total .....	84	Total .....	158

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Belgrano.					Quilmes.				
	O	M	R	W		O	M	R	W
Torre .....	12	2	15	0	Harvey.....	20	1	52	3
Prescott.....	12	4	25	2	Lucas .....	12	1	35	1
Symons .....	12	6	15	3	Venn.....	5	0	26	4
Morgan .....	3	1	9	3	Shepard .....	1	0	6	0
Cunningham.....	2.3	—	9	1	Dowson .....	5	0	20	1

CORDOBA A.C. v. CORDOBA AND ROSARIO RY. A.C.

The fifth annual match between these two clubs took place on the 26th ult. on the picturesque Cordoba ground, and resulted for the first time, in a win for the home club by an innings and 32 runs. The victory was well deserved and popular owing to the plucky way in which Cordoba, in former years, did battle against their then stronger opponents. Recently many valuable additions have been made both to the bowling and batting strength of Cordoba, and its future engagements will be watched with interest.

Griffin, for the home team, having won the toss, elected to bat on a sand pitch, which though carefully prepared, was from its nature very slow and crumbly. A. K. Brown, a recent arrival, went in first and scored 28 in a very painstaking style. He exhibited a strong defence, keeping the ball well down and occasionally playing one hard past the bowler. He certainly let off many loose balls, but this was perhaps through excessive caution on his first appearance against a foreign team. H. B. Knight, late of Rosario, was his chief partner, and scored 38 in very good form. His defence was always accurate and he punished anything loose that came, especially on the on-side. Eventually he ran himself out after many vain attempts to dispose of his partner in a similar fashion. The remainder of the team met with little success, being on the whole rather unlucky in their dismissal.

The bowling fell chiefly to Martin and Dorning, but although the former broke back in a most difficult manner, the sand took the "devil" out of the balls and Dorning's best efforts were minimised by the same enemy.

The Cordoba and Rosario then went in to bat, the melancholy procession being led by Gordon Brown and R. F. Dorning while J. H. Lynch brought up the rear. The innings lasted 21 minutes, the lengthy period of which was due to the inability of the men to get their pads on in time to supply the quick recurring vacancies at the wickets. Thirteen runs and three extras were scored, making a total of 16.

This small score was ascribed by some to the sand, which caused the batsmen to hit too soon at the ball, others claimed that the bowling was too good and there were many other reasons offered; but it will be noted that the second innings produced only 56. The visitors were, as usual, sumptuously entertained at luncheon under the beautiful trees.

The following are the scores:—

Cordoba A.C.	
Brown c and b Martin.....	28
Gibson b Martin .....	0
Coombs c Brown b Dorning .....	1

Atkinson l b w b Dorning.....	9
Wright b Dorning .....	3
Knight run out.....	38
Hoghton c and b Dorning .....	6
O'Bryen b Dorning.....	0
Griffin c H. Dorning b Martin .....	4
Hotham b Dorning .....	0
Fowler not out.....	7
Willcox b Dorning.....	6
Extras.....	2

Total.....104

Cordoba and Rosario Ry. A.C. 1st inn		2nd inn	
Gordon Brown b Atkinson .....	0	c O'Bryen b Atkinson.	0
R. F. Dorning b Atkinson.....	1	b Atkinson .....	4
F. M. Martin b Fowler.....	0	b Knight .....	9
H. B. Dorning b Fowler.....	0	b Fowler .....	4
A. Robinson b Fowler .....	5	b c and Atkinson.....	14
J. W. Besserer b Fowler .....	6	b Atkinson.....	6
J. J. Fleming b Fowler .....	1	b Atkinson .....	1
H. Kean b Atkinson .....	0	b Atkinson .....	0
G. W. Hamill b Fowler .....	0	c Hotham b Knight....	12
E. Marx c Fowler b Atkinson ...	0	not out .....	4
J. G. Milne not out.....	0	b Atkinson .....	0
J. H. Lynch b Fowler .....	0	c Brown b Atkinson ..	0
Extras.....	3	Extras .....	2

Total.....16 Total.....56

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Cordoba A.C.				
	B	M	R	W
H. Dorning.....	130	14	36	7
Martin .....	104	6	45	3
H. Kean.....	15	1	3	0
R. F. Dorning.....	20	1	17	0

C. and R. Railway A.C.—First Innings.				
	B	M	R	W
Atkinson .....	30	2	6	4
Fowler.....	29	3	7	7

Second Innings.				
	B	M	R	W
Atkinson .....	51	0	26	8
Fowler .....	25	1	12	1
Knight.....	25	0	16	2

OVER THIRTY v. UNDER TWENTY.

A match between players of thirty years of age and over and those of twenty years or under was played last Saturday at Lomas. The veteran's chances were much fancied, but the young ones carried all before them, and won easily by 140 runs. The features of the match were the batting of J. B. Campbell and W. D. Gardom, and in the second innings of P. L. G. Bridger, and the bowling of J. B. Campbell and H. A. Cowes, both of whom took five wickets for 26 and 21 runs respectively.

Full score and analysis:

Under Twenty.	
J. B. Campbell c and b Gardom .....	40
W. D. Gardom l b w b Lacey .....	87
F. C. Wibberley b Gardom .....	10
H. A. Cowes st Darch b Bridger .....	13
C. C. Alexander b Lacey .....	12
J. Gibson not out .....	6
C. Gibson c Stokes b Bartlett.....	1
C. A. Knaudt st Darch b Lacey .....	0
W. Campbell c Darch b Bartlett .....	2
S. Mohr Bell c Griffin b Bartlett .....	0
E. Gibson b Lacey.....	9
Extras.....	18

Total.....138

Over Thirty.		1st inn		2nd inn	
F. Bruce Percy b Cowes .....	5	b Knaudt .....	19		
D. J. Stokes c Knaudt b Cowes ..	2	b Campbell.....	0		
W. Lacey b J. B. Campbell.....	0	c Alexander b Camp-	2		
		bell .....			
R. L. Halstead c S. Mohr Bell b					
Cowes .....	15	b Knaudt.....	7		
R. H. Bartlett c Gardom b Camp-					
bell.....	12	c W. Campbell b Cowes	4		
P. L. G. Bridger c Gardom b					
Campbell.....	5	not out .....	63		
B. W. Gardom c Campbell b Cowes	8				
M. G. Fortune b Cowes .....	0				
J. T. Darch b Campbell.....	0				
T. R. Griffin c Gardom b Camp-					
bell .....	0				
A. H. Poulton not out.....	0				
Extras.....	11				
Total.....	58				

Extras.....9

Total (for 5 wks).104

**BOWLING ANALYSIS.**  
Under Twenty.

	O	M	R	W
P. L. G. Bridger	13	0	51	1
R. H. Bartlett	22	9	45	3
Lacey	18.3	5	23	4
R. L. Halstead	5	2	16	0
M. G. Fortune	7	0	25	0
B. W. Gardom	8	2	20	2

Lacey bowled two wides and Gardom one.

Over Thirty.—First Innings.

H. A. Cowes	10	4	21	5
J. B. Campbell	9.2	2	26	5

Second Innings.

H. A. Cowes	9.2	1	32	1
J. B. Campbell	7	1	21	1
C. A. Knautd	8	0	25	2
W. D. Gardom	5	0	17	0

Knautd bowled one wide.

**RACING.**

**BELGRANO—APRIL 1.**

This pleasant little meeting was held under very favourable conditions, the afternoon turning out beautiful after three days threatening. In the Classic class was better represented than usual on this course and the race was very interesting. Cacique did the running, but never got away any distance, and at the paddock was joined by Senegal, Nibuil, Oriol, Balcarce, and Zárate, Pas-si-bete and Filou all close together, indeed these seven were nearly in a line at the stand. Here, however, Pas-si-bete and Filou got away from the others and fought out the issue between them, the latter getting the best of it by half a length. None of the others could quite get up to Cacique, who was third, but Chicharron in a late rush got fourth place close up.

Esparta, after a whole year's efforts, at last came out of the maiden ranks and scored a clever win in the 1300 metres.

Whipper In II. just scraped in from Casuarina in the Selling Plate, the judge's decision being loudly protested against, we think without reason.

Vivaracho was lucky in winning the young one's sprint as Judio pressed him very close, and would evidently have been one too many for him with a better start.

Different tactics gave a better result with the swift Ecarté, who, instead of first clearing out and then shutting up in the 1200 metres, let Anona do the running this time and taking first place at the paddock, and to most people's surprise resisted courageously when attacked by Porthos and Huapi.

Amambay found six kilos too much to concede to Abrojo in the Mile Handicap, but in the final that useful mare Lanza Seca, gave no less than 17 kilos to 9 de Julio, and beat him comfortably by half a length.

The following are the details:—

**PREMIO GENDARME**, for three-year-olds which have been a year in the country and have not won. Weight for age. \$1100 to the 1st, 100 to the 2nd, 1300 metres.

Ecurie Lomas's Esparta, by Gloriation—Sensible, 3 y, 55 k.	H. Trejo	1
Ecurie Pergamino's Kaolin, 3 y, 57 k.	F. Conde	2
Ecurie Semper Paratus' Kosir, 4 y, 59 k.	H. Esteves	3

Also ran—Pepito, Clase, Federacion, Resedá, Marina, and Nueva Era.

Dividends—Esparta \$5.95 win and 2.65 place, Kaolin 2.95 place, Kosir 3.05 place.

**PREMIO REMATE**, for all horses. The winner to be sold for \$3000. Those entered to be sold for less to be allowed 3 kilos for each \$500 reduction, 3 kilos extra for every win in a Premio Remate. Weight, three years 57 kilos, four years and more 60 kilos. \$1300 to the 1st, 100 to the 2nd, 1600 metres.

Stud La Alianza's Whipper In II., by Whipper In—Oread, 5 y, 48 k.	J. Olmos	1
Stud Floresta's Casuarina, 3 y, 49 k.	H. Trejo	2
Stud Cuaró's Cuaró, 3 y, 50½ k.	N. Sosa	3

Also ran—Rayon d'Or, Juan Manuel, Waterwich, and Tapera. Dividends—Whipper In II. \$9.70 win and 4.85 place, Casuarina 9.05 place.

**PREMIO GRIMACE**, for two-year-olds which have not won. Weight, 54 and 52 kilos. \$1500 to the 1st, 100 to the 2nd, 1000 metres.

Petite Ecurie's Vivaracho, by Progreso—Wanda, 54 k.	R. Garrido	1
Stud Amianto's Judio, 54 k.	J. Paez	2
Ecurie Azur's La Cocarde, 52 k.	J. Olmos	3

Also ran—Larrea, Dalila, and Andarioga. Dividends—Vivaracho \$3.50 win and 2.40 place, Judio 2.75 place.

**PREMIO GLORIA**, for all horses. Weight for age. \$3050 to the 1st, 450 to the 2nd, 1600 metres.

Ecurie Argentina's Filou, by El Amigo—Fatma, 3 y, 56 k.	G. Palacios	1
Stud El Derby's Pas-si-bete, 4 y, 58 k.	P. Aguilera	2
Stud Pobre's Cacique, 3 y, 56 k.	J. Olmos	3

Also ran—Senegal, Don Carlos, Nibuil, Oriol, Balcarce, Zárate, Union, Chicharron, Gauchito, and Offeback.

Dividends—Filou \$18.50 win and 5.60 place, Pas-si-bete 3.20 place, Cacique 4.50 place.

**PREMIO GUIÑA**, handicap for all horses. \$1500 to the 1st, 1200 metres.

Stud Don Gonzalo's Ecarte, by Asturian—Soledad, 3 y, 52 k.	F. Perez	1
Stud La Aurora's Porthos, 3 y, 44 k.	M. Va'dez	2
Stud La Alianza's Huapi, 4 y, 49 k.	J. Olmos	3

Also ran—Redoutable, Azteca, Espingarda, Eco, Hircania, and Anona.

Dividends—Ecarté \$10.65 win and 3.50 place, Porthos 2.85 place, Huapi 2.95 place.

**PREMIO GALETTE**, handicap for all horses. \$1500 to the 1st, 100 to the 2nd, 1600 metres.

Ecurie Jupiter's Abrojo, by St. Honorat—Cereal, 4 y, 47 k.	R. Gomez	1
Petite Ecurie's Amambay, 4 y, 53 k.	R. Garrido	2
Stud San Gregorio's Caseros, 4 y, 52 k.	M. Cabaña	3

Also ran—Cérés, Tula, Bal Masqué, and Reduccion. Dividends—Abrojo \$11.70 win and 4.20 place, Amambay 3.10 place.

**PREMIO GONIN**, handicap for all horses. \$1700 to the 1st, 100 to the 2nd, 1900 metres.

Ecurie Radamés' Lanza Seca, by Remington—Acanthe, 4 y, 57 k.	F. Olivera	1
Ecurie Titan's 9 de Julio, 4 y, 40 k.	J. Rivas	2
Ecurie Guerrillero's Victorioso, 3 y, 45 k.	M. Valdez	3

Also ran—Estudiante Rob Roy, Rayon d'Or, Rosalvina, Matrero, and Santa Jacinta.

Dividends—Lanza Seca \$8 win and 3.25 place, 9 de Julio 3.95 place, Victoriosa 6.05 place.

**PALERMO—APRIL 2.**

The lovely weather still continuing the Jockey Club was enabled to hold this meeting with éclat, and the first important race between the colts and fillies of this generation came off under favourable conditions. Public opinion inclined from the first to the two previous winners and to Caramelo, these three having nearly all the tickets, and no mistake was made, as Caprice carrying the three kilos extra just outlasted Caramelo and won by a head, and Vulcano with his penalty, though two lengths behind these two, was clear of the crowd. Evidently nothing we have seen can compete with these three, but as there are many young ones in preparation the cracks of the year may not have appeared yet. Anyhow we have one good one in Caprice, as this daughter of Carasco has shewn that she has come to stay.

The much overrated Pisco at length gained a victory over a poor lot in the 1700 metres, but going for a double in the final was unable to run with Nobleza, though in receipt of three kilos from her.

A good-looking son of Gay Hermit, Cuñapirú, won the "maiden" in good style, just taking the verdict from Eva, a promising daughter of Soukaras, Seida, great favourite, coming in last.

Ateniense won the 1400 metres by two lengths as he always does when in the humour to run, and Austerlitz running in his old style took the sprint from a field of thirteen.

Perhaps the best race of the day was the long distance in which Molecula made a spread-eagle of her field and was full of running to the finish, but the black riding Regalada with great judgment got a length advantage at the stand which could not be regained.

The following are the details:

**PREMIO ECURIE LOS PARAISOS**, for horses of three years and more which have been a year in the country and have not won more than \$4000; weight, three years 54 k, four years and more 56 k, 3 k extra for every win; \$1500 to the first, \$100 to the second; 1700 metres.

Ecurie Indécis' Pisco by St Gall—Pertoldi, 3 y, 57 k.	A. Ruiz	1
Petite Ecurie's Lucero, 3 y, 60 k.	I. Diaz	2
Stud Entre Rios' Torpedo, 3 y, 54 k.	J. Olmos	3

Also ran—Abeto, Hircania, Maceo, Bolivia and Florete. Dividends—Pisco \$6.40 win and 2.95 place, Lucero 3.05 place and Torpedo 6.20 place.

**PREMIO ABRAHAM LINCOLN** for two-year-olds. Weight 54 and 52 kilos, 3 kilos extra to winners of one race and 5 kilos to those of two or more. \$1800 to the first, \$100 to the second; 1000 metres.

Stud Don Gonzalo's Cuñapirú by Gay Hermit—Veta, 54 k  
 H. Esteves 1  
 Stud Monfi's Eva, 52 k.....J. Insaurrealde 3  
 Stud Los Cardos' Binchuca, 52 k.....P. Aguilera 3  
 Also ran—Douglas, Hamlet, Serafina, Orchata, Seida and Valcheta.  
 Dividends—Cuñapirú \$10.85 win and 3.90 place, Eva 5.95 place and Binchuca 4.75 place

PREMIO STUD POBRE for horses of three years or more which have been one year in the country and have not won more than \$12,000. Weight three years 54 kilos, four years and more 56 kilos, two kilos extra to winners of \$3000 to \$5000, of \$5000 to \$8000 four kilos, of more than \$8000 five kilos. \$1800 to the first, \$100 to the second, 1400 metres.

Ecurie Dollar's Ateniense by Acheron—Lady Bountiful 3 y, 56 k.....G. Morales 1  
 Petite Ecurie's Laprida, 3 y, 54 k.....R. Garrido 2  
 Stud Los Andes' Cyrano, 3 y, 58 k.....P. Aguirre 3  
 Also ran—Flambant, Travieso, Atico and Bambola.  
 Dividends—Ateniense \$4 win and 2.95 place and Laprida 5.70 place.

PREMIO LAVALLE, for colts and fillies born since August 1st, 1896. Weight 54 and 52 k, 3 ks extra to the winners of the Premios Kemmis and Casares. \$4000 to the first and \$500 to the second. 1100 metres

Stud Yuqueri's Caprice by Carasco—Cape Race, 55 k.P. Aguirre 1  
 Stud Pobre's Caramelo, 54 k.....J. Olmos 1  
 A. Lincoln's Vulcano, 57 k.....A. Ruiz 3  
 Also ran—Parva, Eypcia, Pensamiento, Duchess, Iron King, Sebastian Gomez, Bohemio, Longfellow, Azul and Tandilera.  
 Dividends—Caprice \$6.65 win and 2.85 place, Caramelo-2.65 place and Vulcano 3.20 place.

PREMIO STUD GORDON, handicap for all horses. \$2500 to the first, \$200 to the second. 2300 metres.

Stud La Confianza Regalada by Havre—Suri, 3 y, 48 k.I. Diaz 1  
 Stud Las Piedras' Molecula, 3 y, 47 k.....R. Gomez 2  
 Stud Oriel's Don Pepe, 4 y, 60 k.....R. Garrido 3  
 Also ran—Guttemberg and Dinero.  
 Dividends—Regalada \$13.70 win and 8.75 place, Molecula 7.35 place.

PREMIO PETITE ECURIE, handicap for all horses. \$1700 to the first, \$100 to the second. 1100 metres

Ecurie Pergamino's Austerlitz by Acheron—Belle Fille 4 y, 59 k.....P. Aguirre 1  
 Stud Criollito's La Negra, 3 y, 46 k.....M. Valdez 2  
 Ecurie Nautilus's Clavija, 3 y, 49 k.....C. Bustos 3  
 Also ran—Frontin, Blue Boat, Calvino, Orizon, Tucapel, Evangelina, Aboukir, Lavinia, Nebraska, Paz and Porthos.  
 Dividends—Austerlitz \$10.25 win and 5.05 place, La Negra 4.95 place, Clavija 5.80

PREMIO ECURIE INDECIS, handicap for all horses. \$1800 to the first and \$100 to the second. 1600 metres.

Petite Ecurie's Nobleza by St. Honorat—Noble, 4 y, 54 k  
 R. Garrido 1  
 Ecurie Indecis Pisco, 3 y, 51 k.....A. Ruiz 2  
 Ecurie Orange's Pampero, 4 y, 51 k.....I. Diaz 3  
 Also ran—Juncal  
 Dividend—Nobleza \$5.45 win.

**P O L O .**

**H U R L I N G H A M .**

For Thursday last a return match between two teams which had played a very even game the Sunday previous was arranged, the sides being—

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| 1. H. Schwind       | 1. A. S. Willes       |
| 2. R. P. Sidebottom | 2. B. Bedford         |
| 3. F. J. Balfour    | 3. R. S. Moncrieff    |
| F. Furber (back)    | J. Ravenscroft (back) |

Unlike the first match, this was a one-sided game from the start, Mr Ravenscroft's side galloping through their opponents time after time. Mr Willes, who was hitting in capital form, scored in the first chucker, which was the best of the four played. Mr Ravenscroft scored twice, and Mr Moncrieff once in the second, in which Mr Balfour hit the only goal notched by his side. Mr Ravenscroft scored again in the third, and Mr Willes in the fourth and last chucker. This last was a most brilliant goal, and was hit after a run nearly the entire length of the ground.

The game was not a good one, and the ground being in bad condition did not help to make it fast. Both Mr Furber and his No. 3 were poorly mounted, and so their opposing forwards got through them time after time, while Messrs Ravenscroft and Moncrieff were both in good form and their assaults were generally successful. Only four chuckers could be played as ponies were scarce, the final result being six goals to one in favour of Mr Ravenscroft's team.

On Sunday last there was a good muster of players at Hurlingham including Messrs Ravenscroft, Moncrieff, Willes, Schwind, Sidebottom, Preston, Sheehan, Balfour, Still, and Bedford, but the match we understood that had been arranged, Outsiders v. The Club, fell through, and an ordinary practice game was played instead. The ground was in a little better condition than on Thursday, so there was more fast galloping. As the players were changed every chucker it was impossible to keep a note of the game.

**S A N C A R L O S .**

At about 2 30 p.m. on the 26th ult., the following teams had a good game of polo which ended in a tie of five goals all, which was not fought out owing to the day being very hot and trying to ponies which are not yet in condition.

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| 1. Mr Jacinto Herrera   | 1. Major Oliveira Cezar   |
| 2. Mr Federico Quintana | 2. Mr Roque Fredes        |
| 3. Mr R. Leared         | 4. Mr F. Leared           |
| Baron Peers (back)      | Mr R. G. D. Traill (back) |

The game altogether was very fast all through, although owing to none of either teams having played together before there was not much combination.

For Baron Peers' side, Mr R. Leared played a good hard game, and was very sure on the ball, placing two goals to their credit, Baron Peers also scored two goals which he got after long runs right up the ground, and Mr Quintana, taking the ball away from the half way flag brought it up the ground and scored his point.

The goals scored for Mr Traill's side were Major Cezar (2), Mr F. Leared (2), Mr D. Traill (1). Mr Leared played a good game, although his proper place is, of course, No. 1. Major Cezar, who is a comparative beginner, showed some very good hitting, and one of his goals from under his horse, from a difficult angle, showed that with a little practice he ought to be amongst the best.

Baron Peers was in very good form, but did not play his own special ponies, as he had lent them to the visitors, in fact he had mounted everybody, three ponies each, and everyone said that they enjoyed themselves.

I doubt whether there are many estancias which can produce twenty-four polo ponies, or as level a lot as we had the pleasure of seeing last Sunday.

**PROGRAMA DE LAS CARRERAS**

— EN EL —

**Hipódromo de Laboulaye**

**EL JUEVES 25 DE MAYO de 1899**

- 1a. carrera, para todo caballo criollo de 58 pulgadas, ó menos de 58 pulgadas se rebajará 3 kilos cada pulgada siendo 75 kilos el maximum. Distancia 500 metros. Entrada \$10.
- 2a. carrera, para todo caballo de 3 años ó más, de 3 años llevarán 60 kilos, y de 4 años arriba 70 kilos. Distancia 1000 metros. Entrada \$30.
- 3a. carrera, para todo caballo; peso por edad, de 3 años llevarán 60 kilos, de 4 70 kilos, y así sucesivamente, siendo el maximum del recargo hasta 80 kilos. Distancia 1600 metros. Entrada \$50.
- 4a. carrera, de saltos, para caballos criollos, peso minimum 75 kilos. Distancia 1200 metros. Entrada \$10.
- 5a. carrera, de saltos, para todo caballo, peso minimum 70 kilos. Distancia 1800 metros. Entrada \$15.
- 6a. carrera, para caballos criollos, peso minimum 60 kilos. Distancia 800 metros. Entrada \$15.

Yeguas llevaran 2 kilos de ventaja en cada carrera.

Las inscripciones deberán solicitarse al Secretario, Sr A. B. S. Baikie, Laboulaye, F. C. Pacifico, debiendo adjuntarse el importe de las entradas.

Las inscripciones se cerrarán el 15 de Mayo, 1899, á las 5 p.m. Se necesitarán 3 entradas para que la carrera tenga lugar; y serán sujetas al Reglamento del Jockey Club de la Ciudad de Cordoba.

La Comisión se reserva el derecho de alterar ó postergar este programa si lo cree conveniente. **La Comisión.**

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## HUNTING.

On Sunday, the 26th ult., the San Carlos Drag Hounds had an exceptionally good run; the attendance being good, there being amongst them representatives from various parts of the Republic. The hounds were laid on just beyond the Chacra house and coming round by the galpon jumped into the polo paddock and running down beside the ground we had four stiff posts and rails in the sheep corrals. Here there was a blockade, as double hurdles 1 metre 20 cts. high with posts at three metres don't like being trifled with, The Master (Baron Peers), and the Huntsman (Mr R. G. Duncan-Traill) both got away with the hounds, the others following after one or two attempts. Mr R. Leared's horse went through the top rail, but fortunately did not come down, but Mr Herrera bought camp at the fourth corral fence, but was soon in the saddle again, with nothing more serious than a shaking. From the sheep corral we turned off to the right and after three more fences which everyone negotiated, hounds were whipped off at the Monte Laguna for a few minutes rest. On laying on again, hounds ran up through the Estancia Monte which is a very pretty piece of hunting, as the road runs through the middle of the monte, with hurdles tied to the trees across it, from here we went out through the jumping paddock and turning to the left ran in through the plantel potrero and after coming back through the polo ground hounds were whipped off close to where we started from. The run was about one and a half leagues round the estancia, over 24 jumps, and lasted 45 minutes, including the 10 minutes rest in the middle.

Amongst those out we noticed Baron Peers (Master), Mr R. G. Duncan-Traill, Baron Dornes, Major Oliveira Cezar (President's Guard of Honour), Lieut. Eduardo Avellaneda (President's Guard of Honour), Messrs R. and F. Leared (Media Luna), Mr Federico Quintana (Curumalan), Mr Jacinto Herrera, etc., etc.

## LAWN TENNIS.

## B.A.L.T.C. v. ROSARIO A.C.

The Buenos Aires players journeyed up to Rosario on Saturday night last to keep their engagement with the Rosario Club. The match was played last Sunday and resulted in a victory for the home team by nine matches to six. Tea was kindly provided on the ground by the Misses Renny and Middleton, and throughout the day the visitors were most hospitably entertained by the Rosario players and their friends.

The following are the details:—

## B.A.L.T.C.

- T. V. M. Knox and J. Macadam beat—  
 W. Russell and H. Middleton, 4-6, 6-0, 6-0.  
 A. S. Knight and G. A. Middleton, 6-4, 6-3.  
 J. Neil and J. Beaumont, 6-4, 6-3.  
 A. MacMorran and L. Corry-Smith beat—  
 J. Neil and J. Beaumont, 6-4, 5-6, 6-0.  
 W. Russell and H. Middleton, 6-1, 6-3.  
 A. Gumpert and H. Morley beat—  
 W. Russell and H. Middleton, 5-6, 6-5, 6-0.  
 Rosario A.C.  
 H. and E. S. Knight beat—  
 A. MacMorran and L. Corry-Smith, 6-3, 6-3.  
 A. Gumpert and H. Morley, 6-4, 6-2.  
 A. Barton and H. Schwind, 6-1, 6-0.  
 T. V. M. Knox and J. Macadam 6-2, 4-6, 6-3.  
 A. H. Knight and G. Middleton beat—  
 A. Gumpert and H. Morley, 6-3, 6-1.  
 A. MacMorran and L. Corry-Smith, 2-6, 6-4, 6-2.  
 A. Barton and H. Schwind, 6-2.  
 J. Neil and J. Beaumont beat—  
 A. Barton and H. Schwind, 6-2, 3-6, 6-2.  
 A. Gumpert and H. Morley, 6-2, 5-6, 7-5.  
 W. Russell and H. Middleton beat—  
 A. Barton and H. Schwind, 6-0, 2-6, 6-3.  
 Result—  
 Rosario A.C. nine matches.  
 B.A.L.T.C. six matches.

## FIXTURES.

## APRIL.

- Sun. 16—Belgrano v. Santa Lucia, at Santa Lucia.  
 Sun. 23—Santa Lucia v. Quilmes, at Quilmes.

## GOLF.

## B.A. GOLF CLUB.

The Rivadavia links have been somewhat lively during the holidays. Last Sunday was the opening day, and the committee decided to give a prize to be played for under medal play. Some

fifteen members took cards and started, but the play was generally bad, and only six cards were handed in to the secretary, which showed that Mr W. Higgins was the winner with a score of  $43 + 51 = 94 + 3 = 97$ .

Mr Fortune 2nd:  $53 + 48 = 101$  scr. = 101.

Mr J. W. Hunter 3rd:  $53 + 61 = 114 - 13 = 101$ .

On Sunday next, and for the future, lunch will be served on the ground.

## FIXTURES, 1899.

## APRIL.

- Sun. 9—Lomas v. Flores, at Flores.  
 Sun. 9—Monthly Cup Competition, at Hurlingham.  
 Sun. 16—Flores v. Buenos Aires, at Rivadavia.  
 Sun. 23—Monthly Shield Competition, at Rivadavia.  
 Sun. 30—Lomas v. Buenos Aires, at Lomas.

## MAY.

- Sun. 7—Monthly Cup Competition, at Hurlingham.  
 Thur. 11—Monthly Competition, at Lomas.  
 Sun. 14—Flores v. Hurlingham, at Hurlingham.  
 Sun. 21—Monthly Shield Competition, at Rivadavia.  
 Sun. 28—Lomas v. Hurlingham, at Lomas.

## JUNE.

- Thur. 1—Lomas and Flores v. Hurlingham and Buenos Aires, at Rivadavia.  
 Sun. 4—Monthly Competition, at Lomas.  
 Sun. 11—Monthly Cup Competition, at Hurlingham.  
 Sun. 18—Lomas v. Buenos Aires, at Rivadavia.  
 Sat. 24—St. Andrew's Society's Competition, at Rivadavia.  
 Sat. 24—Monthly Shield Competition, at Rivadavia.  
 Sun. 25—Monthly Cup Competition, at Hurlingham.  
 Thur. 29, Fri. 30—Reserved for Rosario matches.

## JULY.

- Sat. 1, Sun. 2—Reserved for Rosario matches.  
 Sun. 9—Flores v. Hurlingham, at Flores.  
 Sun. 16—Monthly Competition, at Lomas.  
 Sun. 23—Flores v. Lomas, at Lomas.  
 Sun. 30—Monthly Shield Competition, at Rivadavia.

## AUGUST.

- Sun. 6—Monthly Competition, at Lomas.  
 Sun. 6—Flores v. Buenos Aires, at Flores.  
 Sun. 13, Mon. 14, Tues. 15—Championship of the River Plate.  
 Sun. 20—Monthly Cup Competition, at Hurlingham.  
 Sun. 27—Lomas v. Hurlingham, at Hurlingham.

## SEPTEMBER.

- Fri. 8—Lomas and Flores v. Buenos Aires and Hurlingham, at Hurlingham.

## CYCLING.

## VELODROMO PALERMO—APRIL 2.

In spite of the beautiful weather it looked at one time as though the above meeting was not going to be well patronized, but after three o'clock spectators began to arrive in great numbers and at the finish there was a great concourse. The programme was hardly as attractive as some of the previous ones have been, but the second race was well worth seeing, the fight for the third prize between M. R. Linares, whom we are delighted to see getting back to his old form, and Pereda being especially worthy of mention. The Invitation Race for professionals was very good, and the Tandem Race was also well worth seeing.

The following are the details:

1ST EVENT—The Champion Amateur of 1000 metres for 1899, R. Pereda, in a flying start with pacers made the kilometre in 1m 12 2/5 secs.

2ND RACE—900 Metres Handicap for all amateurs, in heats, the second in each heat to run in a supplementary heat and the first in this heat to run in the final.

1st Heat—(1) M. R. Linares, scratch. Time 1m 19 2/5 secs. Last round, 30secs. Also ran: Leo, 30 mts; Aguino, 60 mts. 2nd Heat—(1) N. Butti, 30 mts. Time 1m 20secs, last round 27 1/5 secs. Also ran: Lancelotte, 50 mts, A. M. Brown, 60 mts; Mefistofeles, 75 mts. 3rd Heat—(1) Pereda, scratch. Time 1m 27sec; last round 29 3/5sec. Also ran—Nemo, 30 mts; Savary, 30 mts; Roig, 60 mts; Bocaccio, 85 mts. Supplementary Heat—(1) A. M. Brown, 60 mts. Time 1m 29sec, last round 31 1/5. Also ran—Leo, 30 mts; Nemo, 30 mts. Final—(1) Butti, 20 mts; (2) Brown, 60 mts; (3) Pereda, scratch. Time 1m 16sec; last round 30 4/5sec.

INVITATION RACE, 2000 metres, scratch; for professionals.

(1) Angelo Jacquier, (2) A. Oliveira, (3) C. Verdier, (4) Vigorelli. Time 5m 53 4/5sec; last round 25 2/5sec.

4TH RACE—5000 metres on tandems for professionals

This was won splendidly by Oliveira—The Midget, (2) Jac-



quier—Vigerelli, (3) Verdier—Dartiguelongue. Time 11m 18 5/5 sec. The last round was made in 20 4/5 sec, this being 1m 2 2/5sec the kilometre.

5TH RACE—Brazal Argentino organized by El Ciclista over a distance of 30 kilometres with pacers.

This was won easily again by N. Listar. Time 47m 55 4/5sec, last round 28 1/5sec.

3RD EVENT—The South American Champion, A. Oliveira, made a successful attempt in a flying start with pacers, beating the record established by himself in 1m 14 3/5sec in 1m 10 1/5sec.

#### PROGRAMME OF RACES FOR APRIL 6.

1ST RACE—5000 Metre Race, scratch, for amateurs of third category, with pacers, three prizes.

The Sporting Committee reserve the right of making this race in heats according to the number of entries.

2ND RACE—1000 metres, scratch, for professionals of second and third category in heats; the final to be 2000 metres; three prizes, \$50, \$30 and \$20.

3RD RACE—920 metres, handicap, for amateurs of first and second category in heats; two prizes.

4TH RACE—The Union Grand Prize Race over a distance of 50 kilometres, with pacers, for professionals; three prizes \$120 \$60 and \$30.

Entries may be made up to 9 o'clock to-morrow evening at the Secretary's Office, Avenida de Mayo 644.

### CORRESPONDENCE

To the Editor of the *River Plate Sport and Pastime*.

Dear Sir,

What is a sportsman? He's got so rare an animal in this country that Wanderer's question is very difficult to answer, and I should recommend your correspondent to try the home papers for a definition. The same question has been asked before in your columns, but as far as I remember no satisfactory definition was forthcoming. One thing is certain, to be a good sportsman a man must be keen, must do his best to win any competition he may be engaged in, must give instinctively to an adversary what he takes himself in the way of any mutual advantages there may be going, and above all must be a gentleman by instinct if not by education.

I leave your cricket readers to answer Wanderer's second question, but it seems to me that it cannot be unsportsmanlike for the bowler to get rid of any man in a legitimate way, especially not of a man who takes an unfair advantage, that is to say who tries to make his run shorter than it should be.—Yours faithfully,

INTERESTED.

Villaguay, March 29th.

To the Editor of the *River Plate Sport and Pastime*.

Dear Sir,—

In common, no doubt, with many of your readers, I was very interested in "Wanderer's" questions in your issue of the 22nd inst. I send you my attempts at answering them, in case you may think them worthy of insertion in your paper, and remain yours sincerely,

A.B.C.

(a) Sportsman—One who goes in for sports for love of them as sports, and thinks the next best thing to winning a game is losing one; a man may be a true sportsman and yet, in a horse-race for example, like to back his opinion, and if after doing so, he can say with sincerity "may the best horse win" then he is a sportsman indeed.

(b) It is not unsportsmanlike to stump a man trying to steal a march on you in the way stated. The batsman knows that he must watch the ball leave the bowler's hand before he can leave the crease, and if he is too eager in backing up his partner he must pay the penalty—he is trying to steal a short run and breaking a rule in order to succeed.

(c) It is not unsportsmanlike if a man is representing a club, or the match in which he is engaged is in any sense a public one, then he should take every fair advantage to enable him to win.

Should he be quite certain that the result will affect no one but himself, then I think it would be very sporting of him to eliminate all question of luck, so that there remained no doubt that the best man won, which should be the desire of all true sportsmen.

Speaking generally of sports, be they polo, horse racing, foot racing or what not, the competitors are aware that the spectators, who have probably had to pay in order to be spectators, have come to see a run for their money or to be more explicit, expect that the competitors will strain every nerve to win.

I think the public, of whom a very small percentage are

sportsmen in the true sense of the word, ought to be considered. Thus a person can be censured for an action, which cannot be characterized as unsportsmanlike.

We have received a letter signed "Speculation," but as the writer failed to enclose his name and address we are, of course, unable to publish it.—[Ed.]

### ROUND THE TOWN.

Thank goodness, the holidays are over and the city can once more settle down to good solid work. Not that we object to holidays in general, they are excellent methods of brushing off the cobwebs from our worried minds and for bringing back the glow of ruddy health to our paling cheek, but the dotting about of them in the inconsequent way of the calendar of this land is at times somewhat trying and very upsetting to business. The dislocation of affairs in England by the four bank holidays has been much commented on, but it is nothing to the general upset caused by the holidays in March and April. The day before the holidays is always a more or less slack one, while the day after is also a little inclined to be a lazy affair so that business is interrupted for a very considerable period. It would, of course, be too much to expect the Church and other holidays to be dropped here and the Saturday half holiday substituted with the usual fortnight or three weeks which clerks at home get, but it would be a vast improvement if this could be managed. The dropping out of the second ring on the Bolsa on Saturday is a step in this direction and it may not be very long ere the business community in general recognises the advantage of the Saturday half-holiday and adopts it.

The trouble in bringing about this innovation is the long hours which the Spanish and German firms of this city work and without their cooperation little or nothing can be done. We were speaking with a member of a leading Spanish house the other day, and casually asked what their hours were and when they finished work. "Our hours are when we have finished," replied the member in question, "We commence at half-past seven in the morning, and we go on till we are finished, perhaps till 9 or 10 o'clock. "But do you never get away early," asked we. "Oh, yes, sometimes when there is little to do we may leave at 7 or 7.30 in the evening, but we are usually busy." Such masters would, of course, make an attempt to introduce the Saturday half-holiday almost impossible, as it would be too great an unproving of well-grown ideas, but time may bring it about. The worst of it is that although these hours are so long, the work is generally so easily, almost lazily done that buckling to it would get it through in two thirds of the time, but the fashion has eaten into the blood and little short of an earthquake would ever change it. Then again as few of the masters or employees play games, the idea of a Saturday half-holiday does not appeal to them as it does to the more sport loving Britisher.

The inability of the Montevideo team to come over during the Holy Week rather upset the arrangements of a considerable number of Buenos Aireans, as matches between Lomas and Buenos Aires had been arranged for the four days, the men engaged being thus suddenly placed at the loose end of a string at an hour almost too late to make fresh plans. Poor old Montevideo seems to be losing some of the vigour which it used to display and the days when a good and a strong team could be relied on from over the water have gone, never we fear to return. Much of this is owing to the slackness of things commercial over there and the taking up of residence in Buenos Aires of a number of the men who used to form the nucleus of the teams which paid us visits in the bygone days. Unfortunately there seems to be little hope of any great amelioration in this direction, so that we must put up with the inevitable and mingle our tears with those of the few who are left on the other side, and who feel this as keenly as anyone this side.

What a very decided change has come over this city during Holy Week in the past year or so. It does not seem so many years back when we can remember the Holy Week being a very quiet affair with nearly all the theatres closed and absolutely nothing going on in the way of amusement or distraction, except perhaps the continuous clanging of the bells in the steeples of the various churches. This year, however, there appears to have been a regular eruption of Passion Plays, Passion Oratorios and Passion Photographs as two of the theatres had adaptations of the Passion Play running, another had the Oratorios of the Abate Perosi on its bills while even our somewhat unholy acquaintance of the Casino had a representation of the biograph depicting scenes from the Passion on two or three evenings during the week,

including Good Friday. The idea of producing the Passion Play in the Ober Ammergau style was we believe the notion of a well-known Englishman, but negotiations broke down owing to some hitch with the Church Authorities and the thing was not done although the following year saw a production of the play at the Victoria and this year a regular flood of such dramas.

Commenting on this circumstance our contemporary "The Herald" was at a loss to know whether the conscience of the Archbishop had become laxer or the fact of the play less heretical that permission was withdrawn one year and fully granted the next. We are inclined to think that the correctness of the play varied with the tenets of the producer and what was but a choleric word in the captain, in the soldier was flat swearing, and that there was but little conscience about the whole matter. We cannot say that we were either highly edified or pleased with the spectacles of the Passion which we have seen and cannot imagine such work tending to good, but then perhaps our ideas are becoming, if they have not already become, old-fashioned.

Speaking of the Casino and its giving views of the Passion on the biograph we see that this theatre goes in for performances in the afternoon which are specially intended for families. We have not yet attended one of these so that we cannot speak with any authority on the fitness or other wise of the performances for ladies but as the Empire and the Alhambra in London have become quite fashionable resorts and no one is now shocked as they once used to be at the mention of such places, the Casino may in time also come into the same category. As it stands at present it is not a remarkably wicked place but some people turn up the whites of their eyes whenever the name of the theatre is mentioned, and make the speaker feel that between him and respectability a great gulf yawns.

The bronzed and cheery countenance of that thorough sportsman and real good fellow George Anderson may now be seen about the city and will be for a few days before he takes his trip to the old country on a short holiday. Although George is not directly of the family which is so strong a supplier of our cricket and football fields, he is entitled by deeds as well as name to take rank with it for in nearly all lines of active sport George is a hard one to tackle and a still harder to beat. We wish him a jolly trip as jolly as he deserves if possible.

We hear on very fair authority that Frank Brown, the famous clown, will this season open at the San Martin theatre where we hope he may have good luck. Whether owing to his fault or that of fate we do not know but he made a great mistake in not taking the San Martin last year but possibly this season may do something towards rectifying this error and setting him up again in the affections of the audiences, a fact of which he is quite assured if he can only produce something as funny as the famous Feria de Sevilla with its mock bull fight given in this theatre last year.

St. John's Church was really prettily decorated on Monday last on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. A. G. Thornton and Miss Beatrice Whittaker which was celebrated at 2.30 in the afternoon. The service was a fully choral one, the prayers benedictions, etc. being rendered by the Revd. C. M. Russell assisted by the Rev. E. G. Cocks, of Lomas and the Rev. T. Wilkes of St. Johns. The bride looking very pretty in a very handsome wedding dress, was supported by her two sisters as bridesmaids. Mr W. T. Lucy of the same firm as the bridegroom carried out the duties of best man, Messrs M. F. Gilderdale and W. R. Baikie acting as groomsmen. The church was well filled and the function a bright one. After the ceremony the many friends of the bride and bridegroom adjourned to the house of the bride's father in Almagro where amid much jollity the health of Mr and Mrs A. G. Thornton was toasted and many wishes expressed for their future happiness, wishes in which we most heartily join.

The season of mild lunacy connected with clubs of a weird, shape and the wild smiting and following of a small white ball generalized under the title of "Golf" has commenced and will go on we understand for some considerable period. It may be considered by some that it is the duty of every writer on a sporting journal to play all the games which may be included in the category of sport, but personally we are not of such an opinion and as the game of golf cannot be played during one's peregrinations "Round the Town" we must beg the kindly indulgence of our readers and especially those who are at present af-

flicted with the seizure, if our ideas on golf are as twisted as the clubs which appear necessary to play the game. As in addition to several malformed sticks and curly-wurly iron things, we believe that a Scotch accent is requisite to thoroughly play the game, we incline to the idea that it will be long ere we become even mildly enthused with it. Still if any news touching on the game comes to our ears we shall naturally write a line or two about it just to show there is no ill-feeling on our part in the matter.

The San Martin Theatre is at present occupied by an Italian company under the direction of Cav. Maggi which is giving the classics of the Italian stage in a very worthy manner. The Politeama has a very fair opera company running and the show at the Casino is quite worth the price of admission.

The Saxon chieftain had returned rather late from a Caledonian dinner. His wife, as wives will, pointed reproachfully to the clock and bitterly upbraided him on having forgotten her. This was more than he could bear. Full of all he had seen and heard (and imbibed) during the evening he struck a stage attitude and burst into the following Special Scotch:

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By the brochan on the broom.  
By the cantie cockie leekie,  
I am thine till crack of doom!"

The Dramatic Club will now soon be getting to work as it has been decided that the first performance for this season is to consist of two small pieces which will probably be ready for an early date in May! The chef d'oeuvre of the Club is to consist, if possible of a production of "A Pair of Spectacles" one of Sydney Grundy's most delicate and charming plays. "Make it so" as they say in the Navy.

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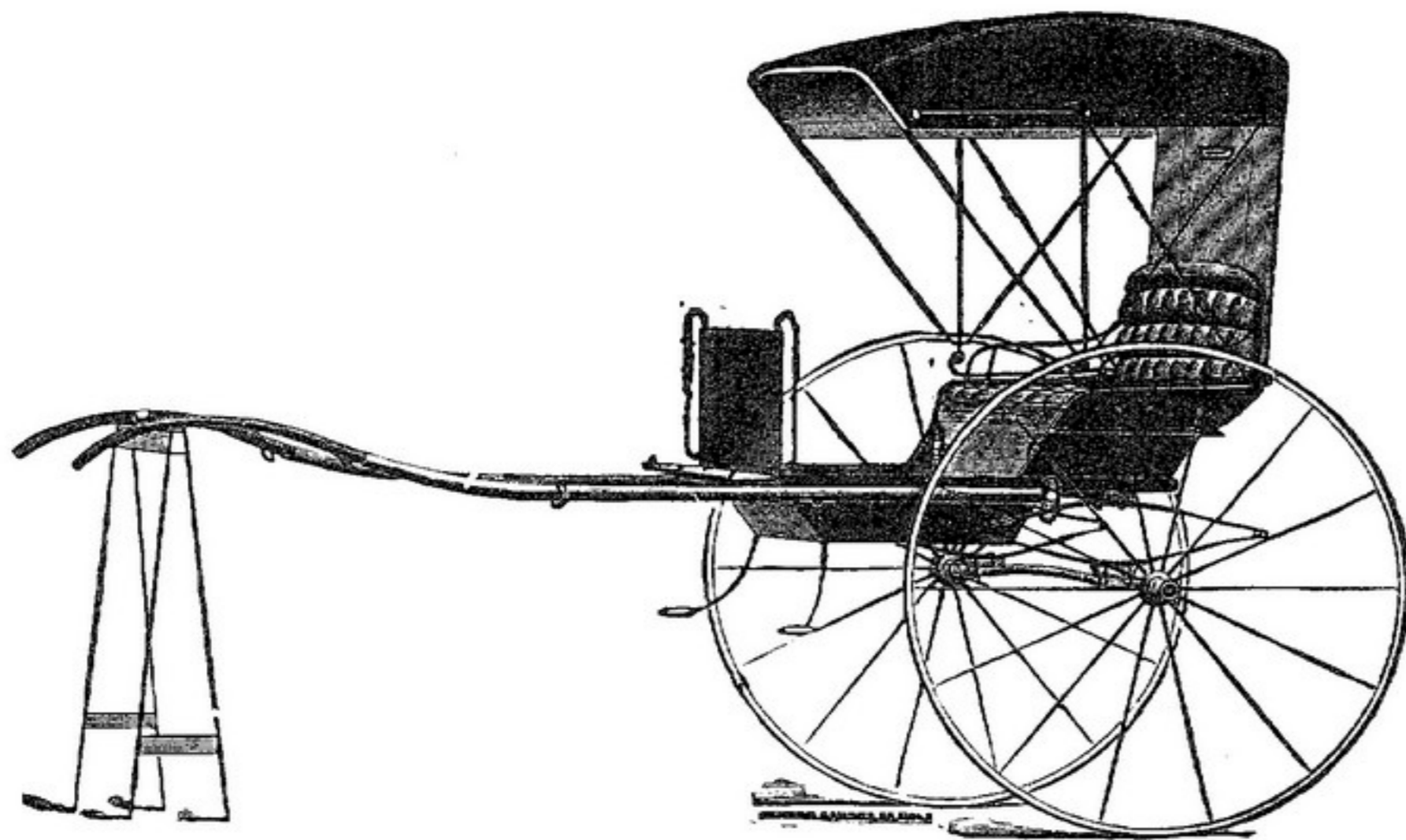
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