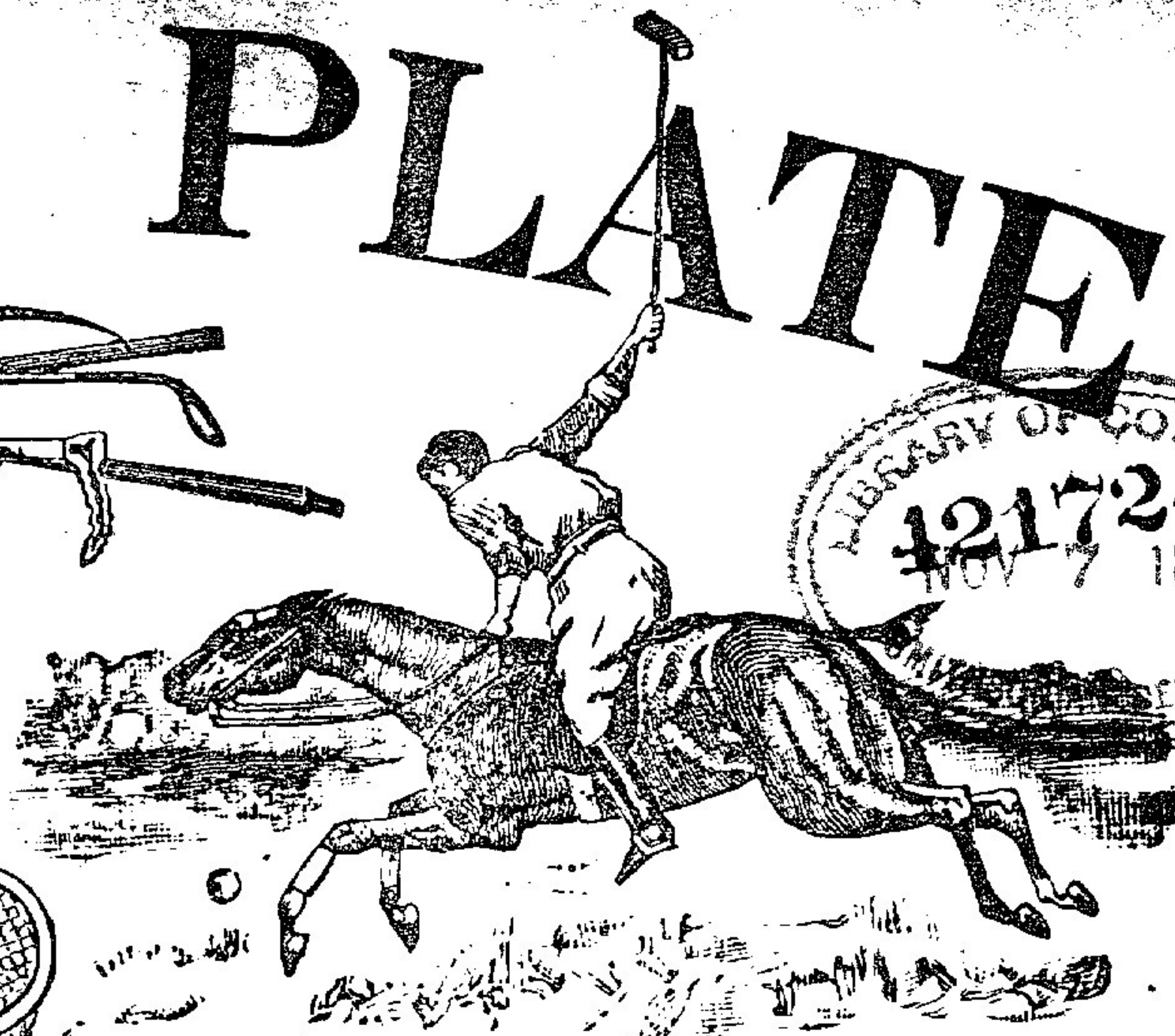
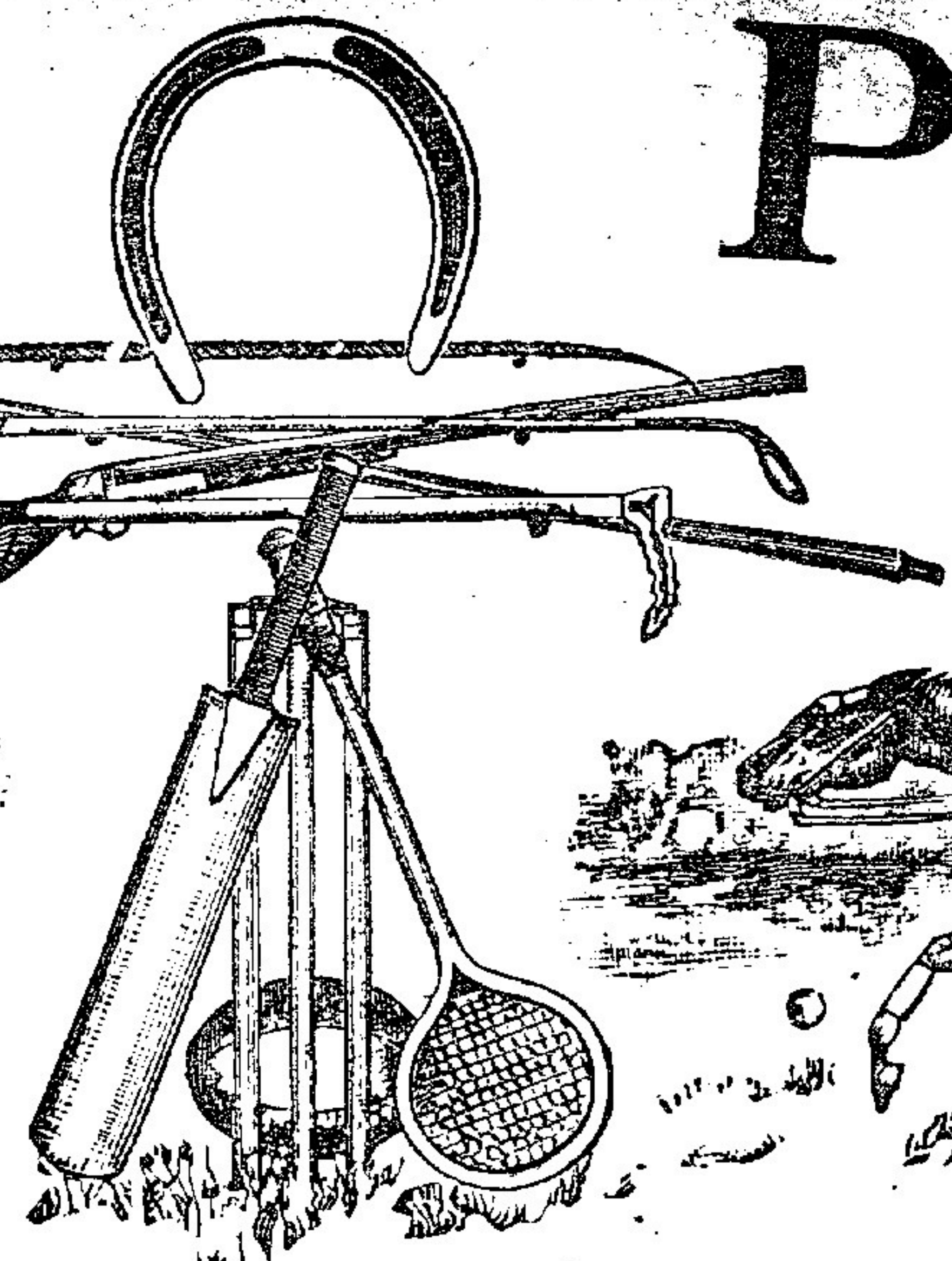


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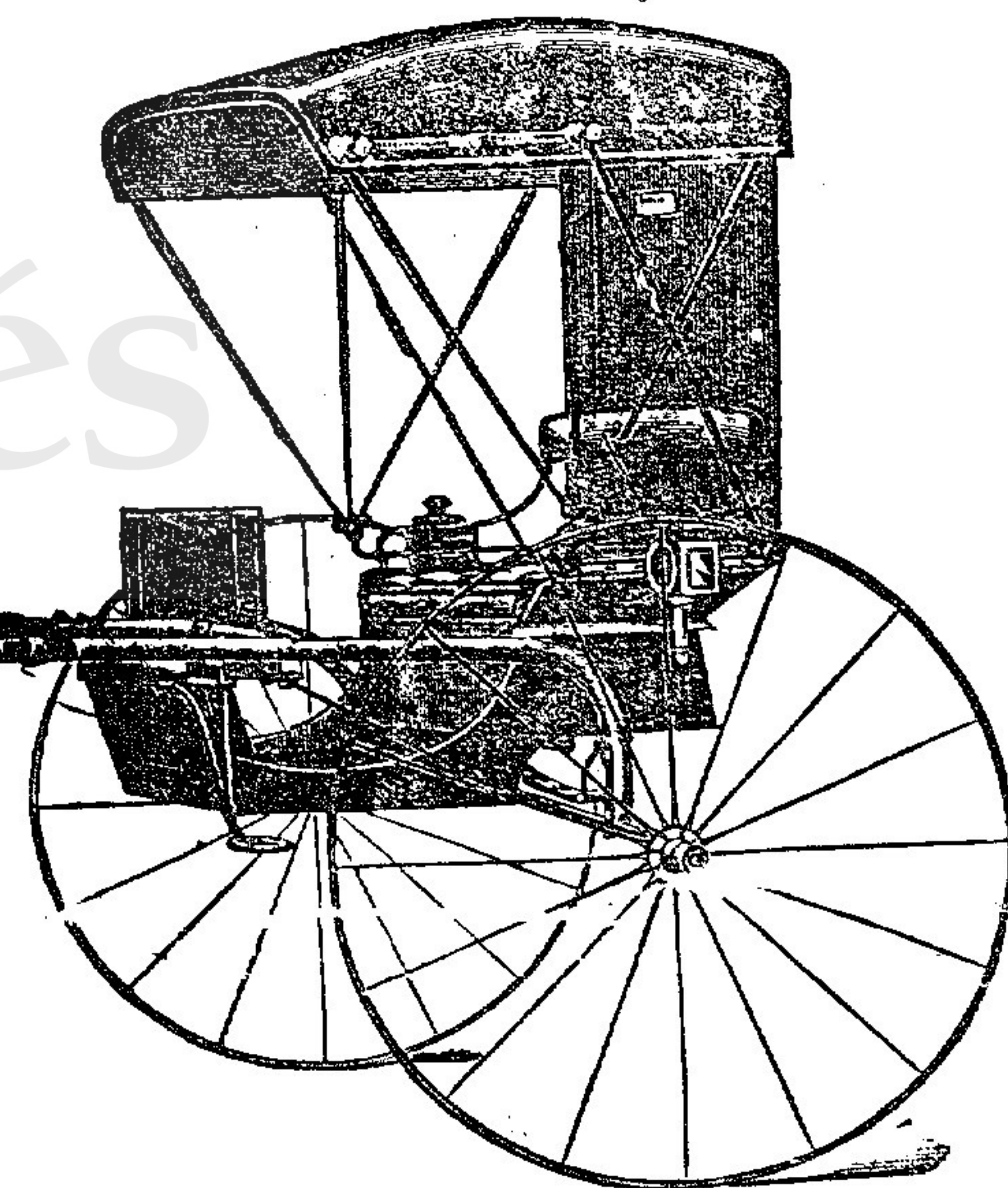
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ESTANCIA AND COLONY.

Señor Exequiel Barrenechea has sold from his invernada, in Cañuelas, to the La Negra freezing company, 400 steers, at reserved price.

The estancia Martin Chico, at Colonia, R.O., has sold 100 steers for export at \$32 gold each.

From January 1st to September 20th of the current year, the exports of wheat from the Argentine Republic have been 1,341,485 tons, against 664,938 tons for the same period last year. The exports of maize for the same periods have been 604,523 tons and 463,523 tons respectively.

The exports of live stock from the 1st of January to the 20th of last month are as follows:—83,962 novillos, 406,036 capones, 647 horses, and 797 mules. The figures for the same period of last year are: 76,163 novillos, 429,977 capones, 4022 horses, and 1569 mules.

We hear on reliable authority that Messrs F. Roth and Co. have refused an offer of \$10 per ten kilos for the wool from all their estancias in the north of the province.

The sale by Messrs. A. Bullrich and Co. of the Rambouillet rams from the Negrete estancia, last week, resulted in an average of \$485 for the thirteen animals sold. The buyers were Messrs. Cazon, Murray, Isaurralde, Olivera, Jará, Garat, and Alchurrut.

Our Azul correspondent favours us with the following notes:—

Rain is badly wanted about here, as the late frosts have dried up the grass, and the earth is very hard on top. A nice shower would put things all right. Cattle are thin, as a rule, and in several places skinning is going on. Sheep are in good condition but scab is very bad.

At Don Manuel Castellar's remate feria, on Sunday, last week, everything sold at splendid prices. Novillos for invernada up to \$45, cows up to \$27, tampera cows at \$45, capones, of which there were over 4000, must have made an average of quite \$6, one lot going as high as \$8.50.

Mr. Castellar has now his own *locale*, and a very well laid out and commodious place it is, occupying four squares of land, with ample room for an almost unlimited amount of stock. He has good galpones for fine stock in course of construction, and now almost completed, and is putting up a windmill, and "aguas corrientes" to water all the different pens. Several thousand trees, just put it, should, in the course of a year or two make the place a pleasant spot to spend a few hours on a Sunday afternoon.

The sale is reported of all the wool from the estancias belonging to Sra. Mercedes C. de Anchorena, some 250,000 kilos of fine and coarse cross, the price said to be \$6.80 the ten kilos, deliverable on the estancias.

Señor Luis Cobo has rented the well known estancia El Palomar, in the partido of Loberia, with all the live stock in it, at \$15,000 per league per annum, with obligation to return the same number of cattle and sheep at the end of the contract.

The racing stock from the Cabaña of the sucesion de Belinzon, in the B.O., sold by Messrs. Bullrich and Co. last week, made the very low average price of \$411 for the six colts, and \$392 for the four fillies sold.

The s.s. Bellasco has brought out a big consignment of fine stock, most of the importers figuring on the list.

The R.O. Government is taking measures to prevent the importation of bulls condemned by the veterinary authorities here as tuberculous. Up to the present the R.O. has been the dumping ground for all the bulls condemned by the vets on arrival from Europe.

The Rambouillet rams from the Cabaña Santa Ana, in Pergamino, the property of Messrs. Federico Roth and Co., sold by Messrs Bullrich and Co. last Wednesday, made the record price and average for Rambouillet rams bred in the country, sold this year. Thirteen rams sold at prices ranging from \$420 to 1700, and giving an average over the lot of \$693.

The sale is reported of 800 hectares of camp in the department of Santa Maria, Córdoba, the property of Don José Agustin Aguirre, for \$39,000. The purchaser is Señor Bernabé Font.

Messrs. Mayer and Co., of Bahia Blanca, have bought all the wool from the Tornquist estancias near Bahia Blanca, at \$3 gold per ten kilos, to receive on the estancias.

Messrs. Bullrich and Co. sold at auction last Thursday at Palermo, the Rambouillet rams from Messrs. Lozano Hnos. Cabaña Plomer, which had been exhibited at the Rural Society's Show just closed. The champion ram made the record price of \$4500. Another animal made \$3600 whilst the average price for ten rams was \$1800.

The rain came none too soon for the crops in the Santa Fé colonies, as things were beginning to look serious. However, reports now are to the effect that the crops are looking well, and promise an abundant harvest, always bar locusts, hail, etc., etc.

Messrs. José Crotto é hijos have sold from their estancia in Cañuelas, to Señor José Siyaraga, 600 novillos for invernada at \$47 each.

There is any amount of locust news every day in the daily papers, and it reminds us somewhat of the reports of the battles in Cuba in the late revolution there. What becomes of the millions of kilos of dead locusts? is a question nobody seems able to answer. If left on the land where killed they must make an excellent manure. Who weighs them and how? Are these locusts bought by the commissions, at so much per kilo, and if not, what on earth is the object of weighing them? Anyway they seem to have commenced business early this year, the locusts we mean, but up to the present we have heard of no serious damage to crops.

On Thursday last, Messrs Funes, Lagos and Co., sold nine Durham bulls, imported by Messrs. Rawes and Sons. The prices ranged from \$850 to 2650, and gave an average of \$1750 over the lot.

The demand for bulls this season has been quite unprecedented, for all classes, and prices have been very strong. Camp bulls sold at the exhibition at Palermo made over \$1000 each. All the importers of bulls must have made snug little sums on the business this season.

El Campo y Sport of the 27th ult. has a very fine picture of that grand bull, Waterloo Grand Duke, im-

ported by Messrs. P. and G. Hughes, and sold by Messrs. Funes, Lagos and Co. for their account, at the Palermo Show, to Señor Ramon Rivero, of Olavarria, for \$13,200.

Comandante Alfredo F. de Urquiza has sold from his estancia Fontezuelas, in Pergamino, 200 novillos, export and freezing quality, at \$36 gold each. The buyer is The Las Palmas Produce Company, of Zárate.

The s.s. California, which left last week, took a deck load of 2400 capones and 50 horses, which go to Dunkirk, for account of Señor Alberto Prin. The horses, which are all mestizos and are tame to drive in single and double harness, are from Señor Carlos Basabilbaso's estancia.

Of the six hundred and odd Shorthorn cattle exported last year from Great Britain, more than half came to the Argentine Republic, Canada being the next best customer having taken over a hundred animals.

If Bapton Emperor was the best bull in the Maidstone Show, the bulls shown this year must have been an exceedingly poor lot. We do not wish to imply that he is not a very nice animal, but would expect a champion at the Royal to be a bit nicer.

Messrs Funes, Lagos and Co. sold the racing stock from the Haras Las Ortigas, the property of Señor Ignacio Correa, on Friday last, at the Rural Society's yards at Palermo, the result of the sale being as follows:—

	COLTS.	
Remitente	\$22,000
Waxy	10,000
Incógnito	10,500
Caurobert	10,000
Limosnero	9,000
Viceroy	4,500
Druid	2,450
Seven colts for a total of \$68,400 or average \$9600.		

	FILLIES.	
Arminda	\$7,000
Viruta	6,000
Fantasia	5,000
Picarona	3,500
Wasp	2,000
Manola	1,500
Orticaria	1,000
Seven fillies for a total of \$26,000, or average \$3714.		

The fourteen animals sold made a grand total of \$94,400 with an average over the lot of \$6743. The buyers were: J. A. Fernandez, Stud La Modesta, Stud El Derby, J. and E. Acebal, Ecurie Sans Peur, Los Cardos, Isidoro Sanchez, Ecurie Ceres, Ecurie Pichiman, La Confianza, Stud Ontario.

Lincoln rams have up to the present been practically a drug on the market. It is therefore refreshing to see that Mr. Fred Miller's 25 Lincoln rams at the Palermo Exhibition, three of which were sold privately, the rest at auction, by Messrs. Bullrich and Co. last week, made the fine average price of \$596.

Wool news continues to be excellent, prices on the rise pretty well all along the line, there is not much doing as yet in coarse crosses, but we hear of one or two operations at prices well ahead of last year's, and opinion is fairly general that prices will continue to advance. Pretty well all the important parcels of fine and fine cross wools in the province have been bought up, and buyers will have to turn their attention to the coarse crosses. Those who sold early are lamenting their haste in accepting prices, which then seemed excellent. We hear of an estanciero in the north who sold his wool early in the season at \$6.40, and now reckons his loss on the business at \$50,000.

The Curumalan racing stock, sold by Messrs Bullrich and Co. on Friday last, made an average price of \$1600, the individual prices ranging from \$400 to 3500. Twelve animals were sold. The buyers were: Scott, E. Gonzalez, Stud Los Andes, Stud Necochea, A. Victorica, Stud Los Metales, B. Ferrari, Stud Don Gonzalo, Stud San Gregorio, and Stud Británico. The total of the sale amounted to \$14,350.

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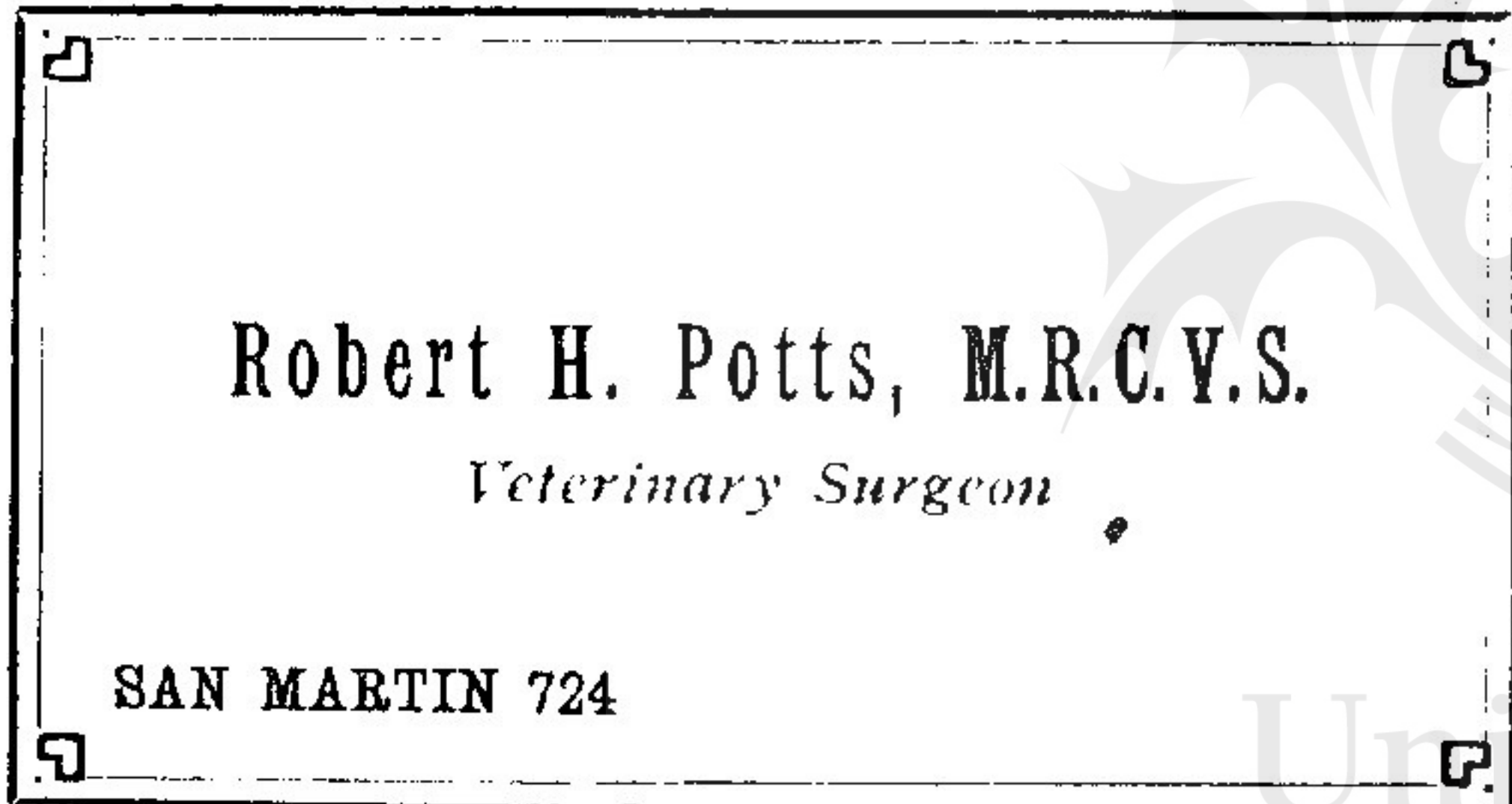
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Señores José Crotto é hijos have sold from their estancia, in the partido of General Alvear, 200 novillos for export at \$37 gold each.

Advices from Montevideo are to the effect that in future all fine stock (cattle), imported into the B.O. will have to be submitted to the tuberculine test. This will be unpleasant news for Argentine importers of live stock, who have up to the present had the B.O. as a market for animals which have failed to pass the test here.

The sale of Mr Benito Villanueva's racing stock, by Messrs. Funes, Lagos and Co., on Saturday last, resulted as follows:—

COLTS.	
Unitario, to F. Orezoli	\$5000
Palermo, to Stud Zubiaurre	4500
Mascarilla, to J. Larachaga	2400
Cabure, to Stud América	2200
Lules, to F. Fernandez	1500
Codihué, to J. Sanchez	1500
Cielito, to Ecurie Tapalqué	1200
Cacique, to Noritu	1600
Ayrol, to Ecurie Acebal	1200
Mallin, to Stud Ituzaingo	1200
Oruro, to J. Martinez	1000
Montul, to H. Varela Castex	1000
Arequito, to Juan Duggan	1000
Catrilo, to H. Varela Castex	1000
Santa Fé, to Cucullu	1000
Maçachin, to Madariaga	700
Chingolo, to J. Velasquez	600
Irala, to C. Guerrero	600
Ayacucho, to Stud Júpiter	600
Chavango, to Madariaga	600

FILLIES.	
Gaviota, to Stud Los Cardos	600
Milonga, to Ecurie Acebal	600
Bolivia, to Madariaga	450

The average price for the twenty colts was \$1520, and for the three fillies \$550.

Messrs. A. Bullrich and Co. sold on Friday last a Rambouillet ram from the Cabaña La Olivera, for \$6000, thereby lowering the record of \$4500 for the Cabaña Plomer prize winning ram.

An idea of the enormous amount of business done at the Rural Society's Show at Palermo, may be gathered from the fact that Messrs. Bullrich and Co. alone sold stock to the value of \$503,658. Between the other auctioneers who sold there and private sales effected, it will be well within the mark to calculate as much again, which will give a total of business done for well over one million dollars.

We have received the following letter from a camp subscriber:—

Dear *Sport and Pastime*.

Having changed my vocation, perhaps rather in a light-hearted manner without foreseeing all its difficulties, from that of a sailor to the life of an estanciero, I am finding occasionally some little difficulties (to be strictly truthful perhaps I might at once allow that "occasionally" is not exactly the word I should use) and at the present time there is a little difficulty cropping up in which you or some of your kind-hearted readers might bear a hand and give me a little information. Should anyone be kind enough to enlighten me on this point, it will give me courage in the future to apply for information on other points as they may arise, using a *nomme de plume*, of course, on account of my neighbours (a lubberly lot always wanting to advise me).

At the present time my difficulty is this, I have received from England a large package of garden seeds, unfortunately without any instructions as to how they should be sown, but according to Stephen's Book of the Farm, spring is the time to arrange the garden, so having no garden made I started last month to carve one out of the wilderness or to be more explicit out of the Pampa. With the aid of two horses, a new plough, a peon and my dog "Jack," I commenced the carving-out business cheerfully one morning after coffee. The peon drove the horses and I started to steer the plough and did so whilst it lasted, but from certain things that happened whilst I was hanging on to that plough, I came to the conclusion that the eminent firm of merchants in Buenos Aires, from whom I

bought it, had to put it mildly, "seen me coming." The plough appeared to be (it doesn't now) the ordinary instrument common to all farms; there was no outward evidence of its waywardness and it was only by personal experience that I found out how grossly I had been deceived. Except for a heavy list to port and from not answering her helm, showing an utter inability to keep a straight course, nothing serious happened for the first twenty yards or so, but after that she went down suddenly by the head and her stern, as suddenly rising, I was thrown violently forward, and turning a somersault landed under the heels of the horses with the shafts of the beastly thing falling on top of me. This was annoying and a little distrustful perhaps, but not seriously doubting as yet the capacity of my new plough, I gathered myself together for a fresh start, and not being quite certain as to whether my peon, who was driving, was not in some way to blame, I kicked "Jack," my dog, as a warning to all of us, and having in some measure relieved my feelings started again. (Bye-the-bye what a relief it is when things go wrong to turn round and find your faithful hound handy, at least for a bachelor). For a time I had trouble trying to keep her on an even keel and consequently made several short excursions in various directions with this object, but failing in this, finally concluded to let her go with whatever list she fancied and in this way we finally reached the end of the proposed garden line, at least it wasn't exactly a line perhaps, but anyhow we had gone far enough and started to return. Here the real trouble began for on rounding the corner she capsized completely, and falling on my shin bone caused me to lose my temper, so seizing the wretched thing I hurled it into an upright position and headed it straight for going back; the horses, however, being a bit nervous, started with a rush, and I instantly received a tremendous blow on the ribs from the starboard handle, this throwing me over to port a little I was brought up all standing by an awful blow from the port handle as she heeled over to starboard again, somewhere under the armpit, I think, anyway, I was picked up by the peon much shaken and in a state of collapse, whilst the horses, taking fright, bolted and were not stopped until they had broken both handles off and done various other damage reducing my new plough to an uncanny, weird looking implement, and it now lies neglected and forlorn in the potrero. After that experience I understood what my neighbours meant by advising me to have all my ploughing done by contract. I have since taken their advice on this matter, but anyway I am inclined to think ploughing is a passing beastly game.

As regards the seeds, however, which is my present difficulty, the first packet I found is labelled "Scotch Kale" and I am at once in a fog. What in the name of Agricola is Scotch Kale? and what is a Kale-yard? and has the latter any connection with the former? and if so how is it made? In the event of one not possessing such a property will an ordinary sheep-yard do? The subject is rather bewildering. Why should what is presumably a vegetable require a yard at all? I shall take it as a very great favour if you or some one of your many readers will kindly give me their experience in dealing with this apparently particularly riotous vegetable.—Thanking you in anticipation, I am, yours etc.,

MAORI.

To those interested in "the boy what pays the rint," the following cutting from *The Live Stock Journal* will be found worth reading:—

POINTS OF A GOOD BOAR

The oft-quoted remark that "the bull is half the herd" has at least equal appropriateness if applied to the boar and the herd of swine; it is therefore most essential that as many good points as possible should be embodied in the stock boar. The first essential undoubtedly is that he should be of a pure breed—that is, one which has been bred for a certain number of generations on certain lines or a standard more or less defined—and in order to be certain of this, and of the fixity of those good points of the boar which are apparent, an old-established herd should, as a rule, be visited and the choice of the boar be made after seeing the parents or other relations of the boar. Our reason for advising great care in making the selection is that in a newly-established herd, even though the owner may have won prizes with his pigs at the recent shows, a great variety of type is likely to be found to exist, and more frequently than not the prize animals may not have been bred by the owner of the herd, but bought from several other herds of greatly varying type. These animals may themselves be of prize-winning form and

character, yet their produce, when mated together, will often be very unlike their parents or each other. The mere fact of animals being owned or occasionally bred by an exhibitor does not necessarily stamp his herd as one of general excellence, although it has in times past been the fashion with many amateurs to immediately flock to make purchases from a herd which has been successful at a few shows, with animals mayhap picked up at a great price all over the country. Fortunately for the best interest of stock-breeders, the folly of this proceeding has been made patent.

It is a generally accepted opinion that the male animal exerts a far greater influence on the external points of the joint produce than does the female parent, the latter in turn influencing the internal portions to a greater degree. It therefore becomes necessary that in selecting a boar one should be sought for compact in frame, as long and deep in carcase as is possible, consistent with strength; well developed in the hind quarters, with a wide chest, ribs well sprung, deep flank, legs placed well outside the body, bone fine, pasterns short, neck muscular and fairly long, head of medium size, but wide between the ears and eyes, the latter being bright and lively, indicative of sexual energy, and all covered with as much fine, straight, and silky hair as possible.

From "Bruin's" article on Shorthorns in Australia in the *Live Stock Journal*, we clip the following paragraphs:—

VALUE OF THE BREED.

The Shorthorn has done well in Australia; from the cool climate, fertile soil, and ample rainfall of the western district of Victoria to the tropical regions of the northern cattle runs, the breed has proved its value, and where the conditions of life are at all suitable, it has given better returns than any other breed.

In the great thirst land of Central Australia, where the normal season is one of mild drought, and where not unfrequently severe droughts occur, when the sun-burned land assumes all the appearance of a desert, the Shorthorn fails, and is the inferior to both the Hereford and the Devon. Where the soil is poor and the pasture is scanty and of indifferent quality, the Shorthorn, being less robust than the Hereford or the Devon, does not thrive as well as the hardier and lighter-footed breeds. The Shorthorn suffers greatly when the drought is very severe, and when the change comes he is a long time in recovering. A Devon or a Hereford at such a time will be half fat before the Shorthorn had begun to mend. But with a good soil and a fair rainfall no breed will equal the Shorthorn for profit.

Shorthorn crosses are profitable animals on Australian pastures. Where the conditions of life are too severe for pure-bred animals, a cross of Shorthorn and Hereford or Devon proves extremely hardy and an excellent beef beast. Shorthorn and Ayrshire is a cross that is coming into favour with some intelligent dairymen, but cattle fatteners are not partial to any mixture of the Ayrshire. Though we have had Polled Angus cattle in Australia for a good many years, they are not in favour, and the cross with them and the Shorthorn is not liked as much by graziers and butchers as the cross of Shorthorn with either the Hereford or Devon.

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A TROT ROUND CAMP.

For some two months last autumn, I was travelling camp, with Merlo as my head-quarters, and during that time managed, as a necessary consequence, to see a good deal of country. Unfortunately I did very little business, as I was starting a new "line," and as the "clients" whom I sought were chiefly amongst the "tamberos," who, as all the world knows, are principally Bascoes, and therefore conservative to a degree, the fact was hardly a surprise to me. My time, however, was not wasted, at any rate as far as I was concerned, as I had the opportunity of seeing a good deal of several districts to which I was a stranger, forming some very pleasant acquaintances, and being able to realise very fully the enormous improvement which has taken place in the various breeds of the cattle of this country during the last few years. As is well known, the partido of Merlo is particularly favoured by "tamberos," and as the district is a big one, containing some very good pasture lands, the head of cattle is naturally large.

My route lay South, and I was very much struck by the excellence of the bulls, mostly pure bred Shorthorns, though some were French, which I saw at the numerous "tambos" at which I called. The criolla cow, too, is fast disappearing, and her place being taken by a good class of mestiza, which not only "fills the pail," but produces calves which supply the ever-increasing demand for good meat, not only for home consumption, but for export.

I stopped for two days at Puntevedra, a small camp town, distant about two and a half leagues from Merlo, and situated on the borders of the Matanzas district, a district the camps of which are almost entirely occupied by "tamberos." About a league from the town is a small estancia belonging to the Anchorena family, on which I saw some remarkably fine pure-bred Anglo-Norman colts, besides some very useful mestiza Shorthorns which the mayordomo told me he was going to break as "lecheras." Close to this estancia is one belonging to a rich Basco, Iturraldi by name, which, though also small, is well worth a visit if only for a sight of the fine Shorthorn bulls to be seen there, twelve of which were tied up when I called. They were all wide, square, shortlegged animals, with lots of quality. The cows on the estancia, too, are of excellent class, many pure-bred, and the calves which I saw all looked like export type. Señor Iturraldi owns land in various parts of the district, and in one of his potreros I noticed a point of very fine "store steers" which I was told he was preparing for export. I hear that he exports on his own account and has made very good prices in England with his cattle.

The estancia is prettily situated on rising ground and is surrounded by rich soft camp and alfalfares. The house is large and well built, and the galpones are really first class.

At about a league's distance from Punte Vedia, and on the Cañuelas road, is a branch factory of La Union Argentina Butter Manufacturing Company.

Leaving Punte Vedia early in the morning, I rode across the open camps to Marcos Paz, passing on my way two or three large invernadas, and several very pretty estancias. Many of the camps in this neighbourhood are swampy, and in some parts the roads are very bad. Passing through Marcos Paz, and at about a league distant in a South-East direction, is the estancia of General Bosch, which is considered one of the finest in the country, and from the little I saw of it, I should fancy very deservedly so. The camps, too, are of the very best, and are almost entirely rented by "tamberos," one of whom told me that though the rent was high it paid him, as the feed was so good that milk from his "tambo" fetched a better price than from any other in the neighbourhood.

All along the line to Las Heras and passing General Hornos, one sees nothing but "tambos" and invernadas, many of them composed of really good animals. Truly it seems that this country with its boundless pastoral resources should have a great future before it, if only in a dairy produce sense. In the immediate neighbourhood of Las Heras there are over a hundred "tamberos," many of them milking from eighty to a hundred and fifty cows, there are also several butter and cheese factories, the principal one being La Compañia Escandinavia.

At about a league distance from the town to the South-West is Mr. German Meyer's estancia, which is composed of about one and a half leagues of very good camp, and the potreros of which are occupied by large numbers of very high class novillos. Mr. Meyer's name is too well-known amongst breeders of export stock to need any comment from me, I will only say that if the "store steers" which I saw at his place were a sample of those generally owned by him, I should fancy that one would have to bid high for them when in condition for export. The house and offices, though small, are comfortable and well ordered.

Some two leagues further on is Mr. W. Casey's charming estancia El Durazno, and there, by kind invitation of its hospitable owner, I stopped for the night. El Durazno, with its large well built and handsomely furnished house, capital stabling, coach houses, strong and well constructed corrales, and marking "bretes," pretty quinta, and above all superlatively good camp is indeed a home which anyone may be glad to possess. The stock, too, are all of a high order, as indeed goes without saying. I need hardly add when speaking of the house of Casey that my stay, though short, was a very pleasant one and that I was sorry to leave in the morning, everything seemed so like "Home." I have knocked about this country a good deal sometimes getting good times and sometimes—and very often—the reverse, but since I have been in it never have I spent a pleasanter evening than I did at El Durazno. Long may its courteous owner live to enjoy and dispense his kindly hospitality!!

Still good things, as well as bad, must have an end, and I had to go, and so pushed on to Navarro over a road which in some parts was something frightful.

Navarro is a pretty sleepy little town, where there is nothing doing, except on Sundays, when it is generally pretty full of estancieros, many of whom are Irish, who come in to mass and the races. I heard there that a football club was going to be formed under the captaincy of Mr. L. Gahan, who has a pretty estancia close by. There are many very nice estancias in the partido of Navarro, and the camps though in some parts swampy are grassy and good. Mr. Carty's for example, just outside the town. This estancia is approached by a well-kept drive from the high roads, and is situated in a large monte of eucalyptus trees, I only had a passing view of it, but from outward appearance should fancy that it must be a very pleasant home. Close by is a large invernada owned by Mr. T. Duggan, and managed by Mr. Burns, by whose kind invitation I stopped the night. Mr. Burns, who has now been with Mr. Duggan for some years, was formerly in the province of Santa Fé, and as I, too, have been a good deal there, we naturally found that we had a good many mutual acquaintances and found plenty to talk about. I am told that Mr. Hughes, the cattle exporter, who rents a camp close by, has greatly improved the holding by careful draining and fencing, I did not, however, see his place as I left it to the left, taking the road towards 25 de Mayo. However, I got no further in that direction than Elvira, as I then turned back to Carboni and Lobos. At about three leagues from Elvira I passed the night at an estancia belonging to Miss Ester Rooney, who lives there with her three brothers. Here I received a most hospitable welcome, and an injunction always to call if in the neighbourhood. The estancia is about a league and a half in extent, and is composed of very useful camp capable of carrying a considerable head of stock. A few days previous to my arrival, I heard that Mr. Hughes had been there and purchased a large point of novillos, paying a good price. There are three large flocks of mestizo Lincoln sheep on the estancia, and those which I saw, appeared very healthy and clean. The house is roomy and comfortable, and the outbuildings and corrales are good. As my horses were somewhat tired, and were being well fed, and I was made very welcome, I did not leave until nearly midday.

On the road to Elvira, there is very little to see, and some of the camps are very swampy. At Carboni is a large branch establishment of the Escandinavia with several big "tambos" close by all of which supply it with milk. Along the road to Lobos are many invernadas and estancias.

I stopped the night at Mr. McKeon's, a very pretty place with an exceedingly nicely kept quinta, handsome house, and thoroughly good outbuildings of all description. Mr. McKeon was in Buenos Aires, but Mrs. McKeon most kindly made me welcome. On this estancia there is a large head of mixed stock. Another estancia close by is

San Marcos, the property of Mr. Edmund Quirke. I stopped thereabout three weeks before, when I went straight through Lobos to Salvador Maria, and on into the Guarda Monte district. San Marcos is indeed a nice estancia of about a league and a quarter in extent, and at the time when I visited it, was principally stocked with sheep and horses, both of very good class, though Mr. Quirke, who showed me great kindness, told me that he was intending to buy a large point of cows for *invernada* and "tambo" purposes, and as the camp is extremely good, I should think they would do very well on it. The house and out-buildings are extremely English in all their arrangements, and the grounds are excessively tastefully laid out, whilst flowers are to be seen in every direction. On the borders of the camp is a large and comfortable house, which is occupied by Mr. Quirke's manager. From San Marcos I pushed on to Salvador Maria, and from thence across camp skirting the estancia La Porteña—six leagues in extent and with a very large head of stock—arriving in the afternoon at Mr. P. Walsh's estancia. Here again I got a very hearty welcome. Mr. Walsh was just receiving a large point of novillos from the Pampa Central, some of which were very useful animals. The camp here is high and dry, and sheep do remarkably well on it, in fact the district is principally occupied by sheep farmers.

On the following afternoon I rode on to Mr. Molloy's estancia, where I stopped for two days, as the weather was bad and I was made so unreservedly and heartily welcome that I felt no backwardness in remaining, and here I should like to say that in all the districts which I have travelled, never have I met with such genial and ungrudging hospitality as in the South. Some years ago I was "doing" camp further South and shall never forget how much kindness I received amongst the Scotch and Irish estancieros.

Mr. Molloy has a large number of sheep on his estancia besides some very useful horses. His two sons are excessively fine horsemen, combining the "rough riding" qualities of the criollo with the patience of the good English horse breaker. Horses broken by them, whilst perfectly docile and well mannered, are still gay and bright, thus offering a strong contrast to the average criollo which, though undoubtedly hardy and good always gives, me at least, the idea of going because he is obliged to. The eldest son, when I arrived, was riding a very smart racing looking zaino, 15.2 four years old, which he told me he was preparing for the "cancha." Mr. and Mrs. Molloy, who have been in this country for some thirty-five years, told me many interesting yarns of their early experiences in it. From their estancia I visited some others, but as I went merely on business, I had no time to take much note of them. I worked back to Lobos passing the Arroyo Garcas which was very full, and which I had to swim, as though there is a bridge, it is just inside the wire of the Porteña estancia, the owner of which allows no one to pass by it. I slept in Lobos one night and then rode on to Mr. J. Geoghan's estancia, at about two leagues distance. This estancia is well worthy of a visit, being composed of good camp and having an exceedingly nice house, pretty quinta and thoroughly well constructed out-buildings, the Arroyo Garcas runs through the middle of the camp so that there is no lack of water. Mr. Geoghan has a very large head of mixed stock, all of good class. The estancia is about two leagues in extent. Another useful sheep camp in this neighbourhood is Mr. Keegan's.

As it was early when I left Mr. Keegan's I rode on into Navarro, where I stopped the night, and from thence in the morning on my homeward way to Zapiola—merely a station on the Southern Railway. Some little way from the station is a very nice estancia house belonging to Mr. P. Lawler and there I stopped and pleasanter quarters I could not have lighted upon. Mr. Lawler's camp is open but good, and his cattle and sheep certainly do credit to it, the latter especially are of particularly good class. Not far from Zapiola a Mr. T. Moore has a large estancia, but as I saw him at the station and told him my business, I did not reach there.

Mr. Moore is, I believe, a cousin of Mr. J. Moore's, on whose charming estancia, La Morada, I wrote some notes a short time since.

Between Zapiola and Las Heras, are two English estancias, but as their owners were both away, I did not stop, one of them appeared from the road to be a very picturesque place and the camps and cattle were undeniably good.

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HOME RACING.

THE ST. LEGER—SEPTEMBER 6.

ST. LEGER STAKES, of 25 sovs each, for three-year-olds; Old St. Leger Course (about 1 mile 6 furlongs 132 yards).

Duke of Westminster's b c, Flying Fox, by Orme—Vampire, 9 st	M. Cannon	1
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Mr Oswald's Scintillant, 9 st	F. Wood	3
Lord W. Beresford's Dominic II., 9 st	J. H. Martin	0
Mr H. C. White's Skopos, 9 st	L. Reiff	0
Mr J. W. Larnach's Victoria May, 8 st 11 lb	O. Madden	0

Betting—7 to 2 on Flying Fox, 4 to 1 agst Caiman, 33 to 1 agst Dominic II., 50 to 1 agst Victoria May, 300 to 1 agst Scintillant, and 500 to 1 agst Skopos.

The paddock inspection of the St. Leger horses was rendered more lively than usual through the activity which Scintillant displayed with his heels, and he, for one, was not mobbed. High spirits were the cause, and attention was drawn to the fact that he was a much improved colt, though this was no more than was to be expected. The same has to be said of the others, the appearance of Flying Fox and Caiman giving every justification for the confidence placed in them. Getting the field away was no easy matter. Flying Fox declined to line up with the others, and a man at his head was necessary to bring him to the scratch, from which he twice broke away. Scintillant extended his performance with his heels right through the parade and also at the post, but when the flag fell he behaved at his best. From the inside position, he went off with the lead, Skopos lying second, and Flying Fox and Dominic II., side by side, next. What Cannon's tactics were to be was soon made manifest. Flying Fox was sent into second place in a quarter of a mile, and before the quick ascent and descent was made he had headed Scintillant. In another quarter of a mile Dominic II. was pushed into second place and kept there as long as circumstances permitted. All this time Caiman, who had drawn the outside position, and Victoria May were the last two, Sloan playing the waiting game, till they were within about a quarter of a mile of home. Then Caiman was let go, but Flying Fox had not the least difficulty in maintaining his position, and Caiman tiring in the last hundred yards, Scintillant began to gain on him. Flying Fox was eased in the last few strides, winning by three lengths, a length separating second and third.

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NOTES.

Owing to lack of space and time we were only able, last week, to just touch upon the first meeting of the Cricket Championship Committee, and to give a list of the officers elected for this season. The most important business transacted was the revision of the old rules which were in force in the season 1897-98, and in another column we publish the rules, as they now stand, in full.

The changes, with the exception of two, are not of much importance, but these two exceptions may be drawn special attention to. The first is Rule No. 8, which now allows professionals resident in the country to compete in Championship matches. This, it is easy to see, must have been altered so as to allow Lacey to play for Hurlingham, and we are very glad of it. Always a trier from start to finish, courteous and well behaved, one is always glad to see Lacey in the field, either as an opponent or otherwise, in addition to which we quite fail to see that he is any more of a professional at cricket than he is at the numerous other games he excels at.

The other is Rule 12, and here we must confess ourselves to be at variance with the committee. It is a very difficult point to tackle, and whatever rule is passed we cannot see how the one man *one team* principle is to be enforced. At the same time, surely a rule drawn up on similar lines to that adopted by the Association Football League Committee, would not leave the opening for all sorts of possible complications as the existing one certainly does.

The Championship is now definitely arranged for, so that whatever may be said or written for or against it now matters little. As so much correspondence, however, has appeared in the daily papers, and as our camp friends may be somewhat mystified as to what it all means, we will place the plain facts of the case before them, and then let the matter drop altogether.

The various letters which have appeared, all anonymous, really do not bear on the point at all. The mere fact of the B.A.C.C. entering or not entering has nothing whatever to do with the success or otherwise of the Championship. In the season 1897-98 there was no talk whatever of the B.A.C.C. going in, and the competition was perfectly successful. Before the past football season had been concluded we strongly recommended the resuscitation of the Cricket Championship, and as far as we could ascertain the majority of our cricketers were unanimous as to the advisability of taking this move.

So matters remained until the first Secretaries' meeting, called solely for the purpose of discussing this question. What occurred then is now ancient history, suffice

it to say that the meeting was not unanimous as to the advisability of having a Championship under the old conditions. Why then this sudden change of opinion? Was it because the real interests of the game here were being considered? In our opinion most emphatically no. But let us see what *was* the cause.

As the day for the meeting approached, it became evident to many that, for this season at any rate, one of the clubs would be able to place an exceptionally strong team in the field, at all events as regards batting. To counteract this, and to weaken the team already referred to, it was decided to try and force the B.A.C.C. to enter, to be perfectly frank, the whole scheme was simply and solely an attempt to break up the Lomas team.

Our regular readers will remember that we had foreseen this for sometime, and had recommended the secretaries to try and come to some friendly arrangement, as in the Rugby Football Championship, by which the teams might have been, to a certain extent, levelled up. The attitude taken up by one or two of the representatives, however, at once upset all hope of this theory being carried into effect, and for a short period there was some danger of there being no Championship again this season.

We admit we were strongly in favour of the levelling up process, and still think it might have been carried through. But let us look at the matter from the Lomas captain's point of view. With the exception of one season the present captain has held that position since 1892. He has, by hard work and perseverance, got together a good all-round team, with which he has every hope of having a successful season. Just as he is about to see his efforts of the past seven years rewarded, he is asked to break up his team.

This is only looking at it from a personal point of view, but does not each captain owe a duty to his club and his fellow-members? There could, therefore, be only one way in which this levelling up of the teams could have been done, since this was at once nipped in the bud in the manner we have described, things must take their course. This is a plain statement of facts as they have occurred, and all arguments or threats about the old club entering for the competition are simply brought forward with the object we have mentioned. Another season matters may be arranged differently, meanwhile let all combine to make the present one an enjoyable and successful one.

With gold at its present rate, many of our cricketers will naturally find the expenses connected with the summer game somewhat heavy, and for this reason we are glad to see that the premier club has led the way and arranged for its lunches to be done at two dollars a head. It is to be hoped the lead will be followed by the other clubs.

The end of the cricket season at home has brought with it the usual long list of statistics and averages, and the last mails to hand are full of them. The County Championship fell to Surrey, as may be seen from the table we publish elsewhere for the benefit of our camp readers. The past season has been an exceptionally dry one, and scoring in consequence naturally high, which has brought about the usual demands for radical changes in the laws of the game.

It is interesting to note, however, three weeks after the commencement of the season, a county match was begun and finished, only 165 runs being made during the day. Again, a change of weather came on at the end of August, and once again placed batsmen at the bowlers' mercy. All sorts of plans have been brought forward with the idea of placing the ball on even terms with the bat, but not one of these schemes could be adopted without an exhaustive series of experiments. Some of them seem quite unlikely even to effect their purpose.

The running out of boundary hits, for example, while designed to tire the batsman, is much better calculated to wear out the fielding side. Other plans involving complex systems of scoring are open to the objection that they are quite revolutionary and unattractive. To alter the character of cricket would only be to create a schism, for a large section of cricketers, in spite even of the M.C.C., would adhere to the game of their ancestors in preference to counting points for maiden overs or deciding results by the rate of the scoring.

There is a good deal of influential support for the suggested change of the lbw law, but it might easily ruin club cricket, and would certainly impose a most invidious task on the umpires. To increase the size of the wicket or diminish the bat might either be futile or have too drastic effects on particular occasions. The problem is how to make run getting less easy on perfect wickets by patient play without making it almost impossible whenever there is anything in the pitch to help the bowler. This limitation is generally ignored in the new devices for reform, and it appears to be insufficiently appreciated by those who would modify the rules about the follow-on and the declaring of an innings closed.

Turning next to the chief features of the past season in England, it is clear that there has been a regrettable tendency to drawn matches. Out of the hundred and fifty arranged between the first-class counties no fewer than sixty have been left unfinished. The chief cause is universally admitted to be the general improvement in the wickets, but there have been unmistakable signs that the art of bowling has relatively, if not absolutely, declined.

Nor is this difficult to understand, for now-a-days far more encouragement is given to young professionals to aspire to fame as batsmen than as bowlers. The work is lighter, the rewards are greater, and the path to proficiency easier, while a score of fifty or a hundred impresses the imagination more than the generally more useful exploit of capturing half a dozen wickets at a cost of from fifteen to twenty runs each.

Drawn games are undoubtedly abstracting much of the interest from cricket, and it is quite certain that the game would never have gained its great hold on Englishmen if it had always been played as nowadays exhibited by the Australian and Notts elevens when they have won the toss and the ground is in perfect condition. Undoubtedly the best hope of remedy by any methods short of revolution lies in the encouragement of bowling.

An interesting bit of cricket news which our last mails bring us is that Ranjitsinhji had made arrangements to sail on September 13 by the Majestic to America, and would return about the middle or end of October. He found it difficult to secure a wicket-keeper, as most of the amateur keepers were unable to get away, and the team was to be solely composed of amateurs. The certainties were A. C. MacLaren, A. Priestly, G. Brann, C. L. Townsend, A. O. Jones, and K. S. Ranjitsinhji (captain). A. E. Stoddart, J. R. Mason, and C. J. Burnup were likely to go. H. Martyn and T. L. Taylor had been invited, but their University terms would probably prevent them going. It was expected that in all five matches would be played.

The Hurlingham Gymkhana meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 1st, when the Dewar Cup will be competed for. There will be some nine or ten events, a detailed list of which we will give in our next issue.

The Sporting Club at Palermo, which we have mentioned before as about to be formed, is now an accomplished fact, and the new club's premises will be built on the large tract of ground between the Rosario Railway's new branch and Belgrano. There will be at least three polo grounds, a large extent of stabling, a jumping school, a riding school, and in fact everything a lover of horses could wish for.

We hear that this new club has secured the help and services of Mr. F. J. Balfour, and if it be true, they are certainly to be congratulated, for we know of no one in this country more capable of looking after such a club than he. In addition to the work being exactly to his taste, his past and successful experience, as manager of the Hurlingham Club, should prove of valuable assistance in the formation of this one.

The clerk of the weather, who has been perverse enough this year, shewed his spite by threatening rain every day last week without a drop falling and then letting loose a downpour all Sunday morning and afternoon, just on purpose, apparently to spoil the Gran Premio Nacional, the Argentine Derby and principal race of the season. As if to rub it in still harder, at about four o'clock it cleared up beautifully and left the air tantalisingly fresh and pleasant. The race is so interesting this year and the rest of the card so well filled that the Committee resolved to transfer the whole programme to next Sunday, October 8, and the one that was ready for that day, including its Classic, the Premio Palermo, to Wednesday, the 11th inst.

Only fifteen colts and fillies have maintained their inscription in the great race, and as the list has been so thoroughly weeded out it is quite on the cards that fourteen of them may sport silk. Of these there are three that are predominant at this moment and that will be foremost in public opinion. Valero, Caprichoso, and Bonaparte. After these Cuñapirú, Vívora, and Etolo will have some backers, and Muñeca, Cosaco, Pillastre, Aurora, and Caramelo will be considered off chances. Clásico is an unknown quantity. Now will Valero run down Caprichoso or the reverse? Or will they exhaust one another and the best stayer among the crowd defeat them both on the post? That is the question, and a very interesting one, too, meaning no less than 40,000 shinplasters to the successful candidate, and a handsome remuneration to his supporters, if he happens not to be one of the favourites.

The meeting at Belgrano to-morrow will form a fitting introduction to the postponed one at Palermo, the "clou" being the Premio Hipódromo Nacional, 2200 metres, for all horses, weight for age. The prize is \$2500 with sixty per cent. of the entries added, which should amount to something worth running for, as they are numerous. The young generation is represented by Langosta and Vivaracho, while amongst the elders we find Omnium, Guazunambi, Eclat, Cyrano, Pas-si-bête, Filou, Cacique, Offembach, etc. Enough of these should put in an appearance to make a better race than we have seen on this course this year. Of the other races one has twenty-eight entries another twenty-five, and the other three are well filled, so there are enough to declare forfeit, enough to stay in their boxes, and enough to run.

We have received the third annual report of Belgrano Athletic Club, which was presented to the members at the general meeting held last Monday evening. The report is in every way most satisfactory, and the outgoing committee are to be warmly congratulated on their excellent year's work. During the past year no fewer than fifty-five new members have joined the club, truly a splendid record, so that the club now has two hundred and thirty-five members on its books.

This go-ahead club would probably have made even further progress except for the uncertainty, which has existed during the past year, with regard to the lease of the present ground. Owing to this uncertainty the committee very naturally felt disinclined to spend too much on improvements to the ground etc., and consequently only did what was necessary in this respect. It is to be hoped that this difficulty will be happily settled in the immediate future.

In cricket the club was not very successful last year, only winning a couple of matches out of the twelve played, but in football a brilliant record was obtained, and the club carried off the Association Cup. In lawn

tennis the club enjoyed a particularly active season, and both the tournaments held during the past year were exceedingly well patronised. It only remains for us to add that the club is in a sound condition financially.

The annual regatta, held under the auspices of the Union de Regatas, the programme of which we publish in another column, will take place this year on the 11th and 12th of November. Hitherto, with the exception of a few unimportant heats, one day has sufficed for this regatta, but this year the committee have decided to devote two days to it, an innovation which we sincerely hope will prove successful, although we must confess we are inclined to doubt the wisdom of it.

In previous years, as we have said, heats of not altogether general interest have been decided before the actual day of the regatta, with the result that from first to last the events to be decided on the great day itself have always been full of interest, and eagerly followed by all those interested in rowing. Not only this but with the one day set aside for the regatta, all those who could conveniently do so, kept that day free, with the result that there was an excellent attendance.

The holidays come so few and far between, that they are eagerly snapped up now-a-days by the various representatives of the different branches of sport, and it is very rarely that no fixtures clash on these occasions. Meanwhile from the rowing man's point of view we can understand the change being very welcome, and after all he is the one to be considered first. The committee, no doubt, had very excellent reasons for making the change, and we can only repeat that we trust it will prove thoroughly beneficial from every point of view.

At present everything points to this year's regatta being of exceptional interest, and most of those intending to compete are now in training. It greatly surprises us that more of our athletes here do not take up rowing. It is one of the few athletic contests here that is really taken up seriously. On a given date training is commenced and strictly adhered to until the regatta is over, and one has only to journey to the Tigre once or twice, while the intending competitors are in course of preparation, to note their splendid condition and to wonder why more do not indulge in this excellent pastime.

The Tigre Boat Club launched their new clinker eight last Sunday, when the following took their seats in the boat:—E. L. Duggan (bow), 2. F. Gahan, 3. H. Edye, 4. M. Kay, 5. F. Corry-Smith, 6. J. C. Bellamy, 7. Rosenthal (Teutonia), S. Kay (stroke). The captain of the club, Mr. P. H. Vargas, took the crew out for a trial spin, and everything proved very satisfactory. Although the above will not form the crew, it certainly contained the nucleus of the eight that will eventually do duty for the Tigre Club, and a very powerful one it should prove itself.

On Sunday next an interesting bat-fives match will be played at Hurlingham, between the home club and the Flores A.C. Each club will be represented by four pairs, and the match will be played on the American system, that is to say each pair plays every other pair the best of three games. Those players travelling from town are requested to catch the 9.30 a.m. train from Retiro. The teams may be found published in another column.

We would call the attention of our readers to the fact that the late Flores Secretary, Mr. Gwyn, owing to his absence from Buenos Aires, has found it necessary to resign his post, and it will be good news to the members of the club to hear that their former and capable Secretary, Mr. B. G. Henderson, Administracion, Once, F.C.O., has been persuaded to again continue the secretarial duties of the club. All communications, therefore, connected with club matters should in future be sent to Mr. Henderson at the address given above.

From telegrams received, we learn that the sports held under the auspices of the Córdoba Athletic Club proved a great success. Two bands of music were present on the ground, and representatives of all the leading English and Argentine families were present. We have received no details up to the present, but shall hope to have them in time for our next issue.

Now that the golf season has closed, and the cricket and boating fixtures have been made, our lawn tennis players are about to get to work in real earnest. On Friday next, the 6th inst., the secretaries of all the lawn tennis clubs are requested to meet at this office at 4.30 p.m. for the purpose of arranging inter-club fixtures for the coming season. It is to be hoped that all the clubs will be represented, as it saves much time and trouble afterwards.

Undoubtedly last season was a great success, and largely on account of these inter-club matches having been arranged, at the same time there were some who thought that too many fixtures had been arranged, and so a pleasure almost become a toil. It might be well if the secretaries this year would bear this in mind, and so please everybody. If vacant dates present themselves during the season, friendly matches can always be arranged at fairly short notice, although it is always well to have certain matches definitely fixed before the season proper commences.

The annual spring tournament of the Buenos Aires Lawn Tennis Club will be commenced on the 15th inst., on which day, by the way, the Club are sending a team of four pairs to Rosario to play the Rosario Club. The tournament referred to above will comprise five events, Ladies' Singles, Ladies' Doubles, Mixed Doubles, Gentlemen's Singles, and Gentlemen's Doubles. Entries will be received by either the Hon. Secretary, 25 de Mayo 268, or the groundman of the club, on or before Thursday, October 12th. Further particulars may be found under "Lawn Tennis."

We have received from the Hon. Secretary of the Polo Association of the River Plate a very neatly got up little book containing the rules and regulations of the Association, the rules and regulations of the game of polo, the rules of measurement, bye-laws, and other information interesting to Argentine polo players. These books, the cost of which is only fifty cents, may be obtained from the Hon. Secretary, 559 Piedad.

Last Sunday hardly proved an auspicious start for the coming cricket season, as the rain which had been threatening for days previously came down steadily from eleven o'clock on Saturday night to between three and four o'clock on Sunday afternoon. The Lomas ground was under water, so that it was quite impossible to play the first Championship match. It is to be hoped the rival captains will be able to find another date, for otherwise the match will have to be abandoned.

All followers of the game of lawn tennis will regret to hear of the death of Mr. Ernest Renshaw, which occurred on September 2nd, presumably through the breaking of a blood vessel in the brain, at the early age of thirty-eight. In his short life he has done much, in conjunction with his still more famous brother, Mr. Willie Renshaw, to popularise lawn tennis. The brilliant series of successes obtained by the latter from 1881 to 1886 caused the excellence of the subject of this notice to be somewhat overshadowed, for although he held the position of runner-up to his brother, it was only on one occasion, 1888, that he won the English Singles Championship outright. In Ireland, however, his successes in Single Championship honours were more numerous, and he won the Singles Championship of Ireland on four occasions, while with his brother he took off the Doubles Championship of England seven times.

The agents of Té Lipton in Buenos Aires have been guilty of a remarkably foolish piece of advertising in their announcement, made with every detail conducing to aid the deception, of the victory of the "Shamrock" in the first of the races for the America Cup. This is an event in which the deepest interest is taken by both sides, and when a bulletin, purporting to be a special telegram to the agents of the great tea merchant, was published broadcast, people read it, and trusting in the bona fides of the house representing him on this side, believed it. Of course, it is easy to play the fool with the public, which is always truthful, but there are certain occasions when good taste, to say no more, would have prevented any such very useless imposition. As an advertisement, it is of the kind which the engineer used when he was hoisted with his own petard. The feeling among sporting men in the city was not a pleased one and many irritated expressions were heard concerning the matter. The actual result was a win for the Columbia by half a minute.

R O W I N G .

UNION DE REGATAS.

We publish below the programme of the regatta to be held under the auspices of the Union de Regatas on November 11th and 12th. Entries should be sent in, accompanied by the corresponding fees, on or before the 21st October.

- THE PARRY CHALLENGE CUP, for eights; 2500 metres.
- PREMIO UNION DE REGATAS, for Senior fours; 2500 metres.
- PREMIO F.C. CENTRAL ARGENTINO, for Junior fours, in clinkers; 1500 metres.
- PREMIO F.C. BUENOS AIRES Y ROSARIO, for open fours, in clinkers; 1500 metres. Crews taking part in the Senior fours may not compete in this event.
- PREMIO RUDER-VEREIN TEUTONIA, open fours, in clinkers; 1500 metres.
- PREMIO MONTEVIDEO CHALLENGE CUP, pair oars, in clinkers. For those under 22 years of age.
- PREMIO B. A. ROWING CLUB, double sculls, in clinkers; 1500 metres.
- PREMIO TIGRE BOAT CLUB, Senior single sculls; 1500 metres.
- PREMIO COMPAÑIAS DE SEGUROS, Junior single sculls; 1500 metres.
- PREMIO PREFECTURA GENERAL DE PUERTOS, for Men-of-War boats of any nationality. Limited to six oars each boat. 1000 metres.

LAWN TENNIS.

BUENOS AIRES LAWN TENNIS CLUB.

The annual Spring Club Tournament will commence on the 15th October, comprising Ladies' Singles, Ladies' Doubles, Mixed Doubles, Gentlemen's Singles and Gentlemen's Doubles. Entries can be made up to Thursday evening, 12th October, to the Hon. Secretary, 25 de Mayo 268, or to the groundman of the club. Fee \$2 each event, or \$5 for three events.

The Buenos Aires Lawn Tennis Club are sending a team of four pairs to Rosario on the 15th October, to play the Rosario Club.

The hon. secretaries or match committees of all lawn tennis clubs are invited to attend a meeting to take place at this office, Piedad 559, on Friday next, October 6th, at 4.30 p.m., to arrange a card of fixtures for inter-club matches to be held during the coming season.

C R I C K E T .

CHAMPIONSHIP MATCHES.

At the meeting of the club representatives forming the Championship Committee for 1899-1900, the old rules were carefully revised and now read as follows:—

1. The name of this competition shall be the Argentine Cricket Championship

2. A Governing Committee shall be formed of one representative of each team entering the competition—five to form a quorum—who shall elect their president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer.

3. Each team shall subscribe the sum of \$10 yearly for necessary expenses.

4. Home-and-home matches shall be played by each team entering the competition.

5. Points shall be scored plus one for a win, minus one for a loss, and drawn matches will be ignored.

6A. The minimum time for each match started will be five hours' actual play, unless stopped by the elements, or decided in a shorter period.

6B. If on account of weather a match cannot be started the two clubs, if they like, may mutually agree on a future date.

7. Umpires for all matches shall be chosen from a list approved of by the Committee, unless the Captains mutually agree to the contrary.

8. Professionals, otherwise than those already engaged in the country, must not be played in the Championship matches.

9. Any team refusing to play on the originally fixed date shall be adjudged to have lost the match.

10. The results of all matches shall be returned to the Hon. Secretary by the Captain of the home team, within three days of the playing of the match.

11. The Committee shall have the right to order any two teams which may tie for the Championship to play a deciding match.

12. Any club entering two teams shall present to the Committee, for their sanction, two separate lists of their teams. Outside the men on those lists, any other member shall be eligible for either team, but in no case shall a man mentioned in list I. play for team II., nor *vice-versa*. No member may play for more than one club during one season. Any club playing a disqualified member shall be adjudged to have lost the match and shall have one point deducted from their total.

13. All matches shall be played under M.C.C. rules.

FIXTURES FOR 1899-1900.

OCTOBER.

- Sun. 8—Lomas A.C. v. Lomas "A," at Lomas.*
- Sun. 8—Flores v. Banfield, at Flores.*
- Sun. 15—Lomas v. Lanús, at Lomas.*
- Sun. 15—Flores v. Hurlingham, at Hurlingham.*
- Sun. 22—B.A.C.C. v. Belgrano, at Palermo.
- Sun. 22—Banfield v. Lomas "A," at Lomas.*
- Sun. 22—Flores 2nd XI. v. Belgrano 2nd XI., at Flores.
- Sun. 22—Hurlingham "A" v. Palermo, at Hurlingham.
- Sun. 29—Lomas v. Hurlingham, at Hurlingham.*
- Sun. 29—Belgrano v. Flores, at Flores.*

NOVEMBER.

- Sun. 5—B.A.C.C. v. Flores, at Flores.
- Sun. 5—Lanús v. Lomas "A," at Lomas.*
- Sun. 5—Banfield v. Belgrano, at Belgrano.*
- Sat. 11—Lomas "A" v. Quilmes, at Quilmes.*
- Sat. 11, Sun. 12—B.A.C.C. v. Lomas, at Palermo.
- Sun. 12—Lanús v. Belgrano, at Belgrano.*
- Sun. 12—Flores 2nd XI. v. Banfield 2nd XI., at Flores.
- Sun. 19—B.A.C.C. v. Hurlingham, at Hurlingham.
- Sun. 19—Lomas "A" v. Belgrano, at Belgrano.*
- Sun. 19—Banfield v. Lanús, at Lanús.*
- Sun. 26—Belgrano v. Lomas, at Lomas.*
- Sun. 26—Lomas "A" v. Flores, at Flores.*
- Sun. 26—Lanús v. Hurlingham, at Hurlingham.*
- Sun. 26—Banfield v. Quilmes, at Quilmes.*

DECEMBER.

- Sun. 3—Lomas "A" v. Lomas A.C., at Lomas.*
- Sun. 3—Flores v. Lanús, at Lanús.*
- Sun. 3—Belgrano v. Hurlingham, at Hurlingham.*
- Fri. 8—Hurlingham v. Banfield, at Banfield.*
- Fri. 8—Quilmes v. Lanús, at Lanús.*
- Sat. 9, Sun. 10—B.A.C.C. v. Rosario, at Palermo.
- Sun. 10—Flores 2nd XI. v. Hurlingham 2nd XI. ("A" team) at Hurlingham.
- Sun. 17—Lomas v. Lanús, at Lanús.*
- Sun. 17—Hurlingham v. Quilmes, at Quilmes.*
- Sun. 17—B.A.C.C. 2nd XI. v. Flores 2nd XI., at Flores.
- Sun. 24—Banfield v. Hurlingham, at Hurlingham.*
- Sun. 24, Mon. 25—Lomas v. Flores, at Lomas.*
- Mon. 25—Quilmes v. Belgrano, at Quilmes.*
- Sun. 31—Flores 2nd XI. v. Lanús 2nd XI., at Lanús.

JANUARY.

Dec. 31, Mon. 1—B.A.C.C. v. Rosario, at Rosario.
 Mon. 1—Flores v. Quilmes, at Quilmes.*
 Sat. 6—Belgrano v. Lomas "A," at Lomas.*
 Sat. 6—Quilmes v. Hurlingham, at Hurlingham.*
 Sat. 6—Flores 2nd XI. v. Banfield 2nd XI., at Banfield.
 Sun. 7—Quilmes v. Lomas "A," at Lomas.*
 Sun. 7—Belgrano v. Lanús, at Lanús.*
 Sun. 7—Flores 2nd XI. v. Belgrano 2nd XI., at Belgrano.
 Sun. 14—Quilmes v. Lomas, at Quilmes.*
 Sun. 14—Hurlingham v. Flores, at Flores.*
 Sun. 14—Belgrano v. Banfield, at Banfield.*
 Sun. 21—B.A.C.C. v. Old Bedfordians, at Palermo.
 Sun. 21—Lomas "A" v. Lanús, at Lanús.*
 Sun. 21—Quilmes v. Banfield, at Banfield.*
 Sun. 28—Hurlingham v. Lomas, at Lomas.*
 Sun. 28—Flores v. Belgrano, at Belgrano.*

FEBRUARY.

Fri. 2—B.A.C.C. v. Lomas, at Lomas.
 Fri. 2—Quilmes v. Belgrano, at Belgrano.*
 Fri. 2—Flores 2nd XI. v. Lanús 2nd XI., at Flores.
 Sun. 4—Lomas v. Belgrano, at Belgrano.*
 Sun. 4—Lomas "A" v. Hurlingham, at Hurlingham.*
 Sun. 4—Flores v. Banfield, at Banfield.*
 Sun. 4—Lanús v. Quilmes, at Quilmes.*
 Sun. 11—B.A.C.C. v. Flores, at Palermo.
 Sun. 11—Lanús v. Banfield, at Banfield.*
 Sun. 11—Hurlingham "A" v. Palermo, at Hurlingham.
 Sun. 18—Quilmes v. Lomas, at Lomas.*
 Sun. 18—Hurlingham v. Belgrano, at Belgrano.*
 Sun. 18—B.A.C.C. 2nd XI. v. Flores 2nd XI., at Palermo.
 Sun. 25, Mon. 26, Tues. 27—North v. South, at Palermo.

MARCH.

Sun. 4—Flores v. Lomas "A," at Lomas.*
 Sun. 4—Hurlingham v. Lanús, at Lanús.*
 Sun. 11—B.A.C.C. v. Hurlingham, at Palermo.
 Sun. 11—Lomas "A" v. Banfield, at Banfield.*
 Sun. 11—Lanús v. Flores, at Flores.*
 Sun. 18—Lomas v. Banfield, at Banfield.*
 Sun. 18—Quilmes v. Flores, at Flores.*
 Sun. 25—B.A.C.C. v. Belgrano, at Belgrano.

APRIL.

Sun. 1—Hurlingham 2nd XI. v. Flores 2nd XI., at Flores.
 Sun. 8—Hurlingham v. Lomas "A," at Lomas.*
 Thur. 12, Fri. 13—Lomas v. Flores, at Flores.*
 * Championship Matches.

ENGLISH COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP.

The following is the table showing the positions the various counties held at the conclusion of the County Championship:

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points	Percentage
Surrey	26	10	2	14	8	66·66
Middlesex	18	11	3	4	8	57·14
Yorkshire	28	14	4	10	10	55·55
Lancashire	25	12	6	7	6	33·33
Sussex	22	7	5	10	2	16·66
Essex	20	6	6	8	0	—
Warwickshire...	20	4	5	11	-1	-11·11
Kent	19	6	8	5	-2	-14·28
Gloucestershire .	20	5	8	7	-3	-23·07
Hampshire	20	4	8	8	-4	-33·33
Notts	16	2	4	10	-2	-33·33
Worcestershire .	12	2	5	5	-3	-42·85
Leicestershire...	18	2	8	8	-6	-60·00
Somerset	16	2	8	6	-6	-60·00
Derbyshire	18	2	9	7	-7	-63·63

A match arranged between Lancashire and Kent, but never actually begun, owing to rain, at Whitsuntide, is not counted.

According to the rule laid down by the M.C.C., "one point shall be reckoned for each win; one deducted for each loss; unfinished games shall not be reckoned. The county which, during the season, shall have, in finished matches, obtained the greatest proportionate number of points shall be reckoned champion county."

Barker Memorial School Athletic Club.

THE ANNUAL SPORTS

Will be held on the School Ground

On Wednesday, November 1st.

Any Parents or Friends wishing for tickets should apply to any Member of the Athletic Club Committee.

H. S. CHAPPELL, Hon. Sec.

BAT-FIVES.

HURLINGHAM v. FLORES.

The above match will be played next Sunday at Hurlingham. Train leaves Retiro at 9.30 a.m. The following are the teams:

Hurlingham—A. H. Howard, J. S. Sheehan, R. A. Sumner, P. Clarke, J. Ravenscroft, M. G. Fortune, E. L. Rumboll, R. P. Sidebottom.

Flores—F. Foster, E. H. Theobald, H. Hume, L. Ponce de Leon, W. Agar, J. F. Macadam, M. L. Runciman, J. V. Holtum.

THE PAST RACING SEASON AT HURLINGHAM.

The past racing season at Hurlingham was unusually short, only five meetings being held altogether. In many ways it has been a memorable one, however, and the class of ponies running has improved to an extraordinary degree, whilst in the steeplechases run during the season we were treated to really good races in which there was a minimum of casualties. To begin with the ponies on the flat, the first meeting brought out three new ponies in Salvato, Curioso and Tero. The first two each won a race in a way that led us to think they were very high-class ponies, whilst Tero, who was evidently unfit on this occasion, won two events at the next meeting with great ease. At the third meeting, however, appeared one of the best ponies we are ever likely to see; Mr Furber's Dice Box, a thoroughbred pony by Jupiter out of Medea that had won the Derby and other classic races as a three-year-old in Montevideo, where he was bred. This pony proved himself so superior to anything he met that he won all the four pony races on the card, a performance never we should think equalled in this or any other country. Both Tero and Curioso were behind Dice Box in the last of his four races, in which he carried 82 kilos, giving five kilos to Tero and ten to Curioso. After thus sweeping the board and establishing such a record Mr Furber in a very sporting way, decided not to run Dice Box at Hurlingham again.

At the fourth meeting Abanico won a couple of races for Mr Sidebottom, and Tero earned another winning bracket, as he also did at the last meeting in the Ladies' Bracelet, but he was lucky to get this as we are convinced he was beaten by more than a head. We do not at all like disputing the judges' decision, but being in a better position than even he, and having also the assurance of Tero's jockey that he did not win, we take the liberty of doing so on this occasion. At this last meeting two other new ponies appeared. The one was Espingarda, a little thoroughbred mare that has won a race or two under Jockey Club rules, and the other a pony of a very different stamp, Pepperbox, a big weight-carrying pony that won both the races he appeared in. Probably Espingarda under a light weight is as good a pony as Dice Box, but she has not his power of carrying a big weight. On her first and only appearance she had to carry 85 kilos, and was placed second to Tero in the Ladies' Bracelet.

There were three hurdle races and one steeplechase for ponies during the season, and of these Colinita won two, Try Over and Nancy deadheaded for the other hurdle race, and Kenneth won the steeplechase. Colinita, at weight for inches, was undoubtedly the best pony over hurdles, but we expect Kenneth will take a lot of beating over jumps next year. This is only a four-year-old pony, but he won the steeplechase very easily and is a beautiful jumper, so his future career is very promising. Try Over and Nancy are both good ponies, the latter is a very powerful useful mare that gallops very strong.

Without counting a private sweepstakes over the steeplechase course, the Grand National Ayrshire Cup and one hurdle race were all that were provided of the most popular sport at the Hurlingham race meetings. Emprestito won the hurdle race, which came before the two big events, so easily that it was thought Mr Samson had every chance of winning his cup outright this year, but Speculation, who made his first appearance this year in the National, once more proved his superiority over all other chasers, and won both this and the Ayrshire Cup. Vengador pressed him very hard in the National, in fact it was either's race, but in the Ayrshire Cup the old horse was decidedly fitter and he won very easily, and so secured the Cup for Mr Barry. Mr Drysdale's horse, who had won the private sweepstakes before referred to, ran very well in both the big sweepstakes, and is a very different horse to what he was last year.

The Committee without doubt lost the opportunity they had this year of having a steeplechase at every meeting held during the season, and so making racing at the club more popular with the public. Never before have so many horses been seriously trained and schooled for the National and Ayrshire Cup, and besides the club stable there were three other establishments at Hurlingham where horses and ponies were trained. There were enough horses this year to form two classes for jump races, and as these are undoubtedly the events which draw the public and the dollars to the club we cannot understand why the Committee had so few of them, especially as the going was so good all through the season.

As it is our duty to look after the interests of the sporting public, and as the public's money is handled by the Hurlingham authorities who have the racing in charge, we cannot close these notes without a protest against the very unbusinesslike way the meetings were managed this year. Up to the last meeting it was not even known decidedly under what rules racing at Hurlingham was carried on. One steward informed us that, as the club was affiliated to the Jockey Club, racing at Hurlingham was carried on under the senior club's rules, which for the pony racing was of course practically impossible. Another said that the Jockey Club rules were those in force, but where they failed the Hurlingham rules were used. Eventually on the last programme of the season appeared the notice that racing was carried on at Hurlingham under Hurlingham Club Rules, which were recognised by the Jockey Club. Another point about which the Committee laid themselves open to complaint was the careless wording of their programmes. These programmes were throughout printed in Spanish only, and not as heretofore both in English and Spanish, and we were told that in several races which were advertised as sweepstakes the added money or prize only would be, and we believe was, given. Now such mistakes as these were excusable ten years ago when there were very few men with a practical knowledge of racing in the country; but the public can't be expected to stand them nowadays. Although the Hurlingham Club is affiliated to the Polo Association races were advertised for ponies which "hayan jugado en polo," others for "petizos de polo," and only for the Polo Association Cup was it laid down that ponies had to be qualified according to rule. Consequently there were questions on each occasion, questions that it should never have been necessary to raise. Another very serious mistake the Committee made was allowing the National to be started from the wrong place and so run over a course about four hundred metres too short. We know, none better, the difficulty there is always experienced here in getting disinterested members to take on the various duties of starter, judge, handicapper, etc., etc., but what would a handicapper at home say if at one meeting he was asked to start the horses he had to handicap for the next. In fact racing, if open to the public, their money and their horses, cannot be conducted too strictly, and those in charge should be men who know the reading of the rules so well that nothing has to be left in doubt when a question of any sort arises. We have often been told that these race meetings at Hurlingham do not now leave the club a margin for profit, and so long as they are not conducted in a businesslike way we can understand this. If the meetings are to become more popular we would recommend the holding of as many steeplechases as possible, the giving of more added money so as to bring out more better class ponies and so circulate more money. At present owners run for their own money only, and though there will doubtless always be a few sportsmen to be reckoned on who will continue to enter their ponies and horses under any circumstances, a club that has to be so bolstered up, though it may continue to exist, will never become the flourishing affair we hope Hurlingham is destined to be. Galloway races might too be included in the programmes, and we are sure they would fill well and bring profit to the club.

We think the raising of the weights to 85 kilos was a questionable innovation, and one which will tend to spoil the entries, as most owners realise they only ruin a good pony's temper by racing him under such a burden, besides risking breaking him down. Rather divide ponies into two classes, by doing which we shall have more racing, and the prizes better distributed. Hurlingham at present has pony racing and steeplechasing all to itself, and with judicious management may continue to do so. The meetings there are invariably most enjoyable functions, and we have only aired a few grievances of the real supporters of the meetings, the owners of horses and

ponies racing at them, in the hope that next year they may be more enjoyable and popular than ever.

We give below a list of winning owners, horses and ponies, and jockeys, during the season just over:

WINNING HORSES ON THE FLAT.

	Races
Mr Sasso's Misterioso	1
Mr T. Jefferies' Frigate	1

WINNING HORSES OVER HURDLES OR STEEPLECHASE COURSE.

Mr Barry's Speculation	2
Mr Samson's Emprestito	1

WINNING PONIES ON THE FLAT.

Mr F. Furber's Dice Box	4
Mr E. Lambruschini's Tero (now Zorro)	4
Mr P. Sidebottom's Abanico	2
Mr Franks' Pepperbox	2
Mr A. Sasso's Curioso	1
Mr E. Toscano's Salvato	1
Mr M. Orrego's La Bruja	1
Mr H. S. Robson's Harkaway	1
Mr Lacey's Try Over	1

WINNING PONIES OVER HURDLES OR STEEPLECHASE COURSE.

Mr J. S. Sheehan's Colinita	2
Mr Mackintosh's Nancy	1
Mr Lacey's Try Over	1
Mr J. N. Drysdale's Kenneth	1

WINNING JOCKEYS.

	Rides	Wins
Mr F. J. Balfour	12	8
Mr J. Canevari	12	4
Mr F. Daniell	8	3
Mr F. J. Bennett	4	2
Mr A. Sasso	7	2
Mr H. Schwind	7	2
Mr F. Canevari	3	1
Mr Willes	3	1
Mr Vayo	8	1
Mr R. Leared	9	1
Mr B. Bedford	11	1
Mr Pico	12	1

In all there were seventeen pony races on the flat (and these averaged only 740 metres), two flat races for horses, four jump races for ponies, and three for horses.

RACING.

BELGRANO—SEPTEMBER 28.

Although the wind was blowing strongly from the East for the fifth day in succession for a wonder no rain arrived to spoil the meeting. The course was in first rate condition, and as the grass saved us from the dust, the coolness in the air caused by the wind, was far preferable to the closeness at Palermo the previous Sunday. There was a large attendance and plenty of animation, and the average was up to the standard in the dividends, two favourites and a semi-favourite rewarding the confidence of the backers, while three outsiders kept up the balance on the other side. Three of the races brought out all the horses coloured, and there were only eight desertions in the others, the smallest fields consisting of ten runners and the largest of seventeen.

Querandie had an easy win in the opening mile, in which he left his field standing at the finish.

Corzo, in the Maiden, arrived in front of several who had finished before him previously.

Evangelina, as on Sunday, nearly succeeded in cutting down her field in the selling mile, there being again only one to reach her, Abrojo doing the trick this time.

Offembach shewed his quality by taking top weight into first place in the 1300 metres in exceptionally good time.

Rivera disposed of a hot favourite in Graco, in the mile handicap for youngsters, and Lunfardo comforted a good many by taking the final 2000 metres though run to a neck by Caseros, who might have reversed the order if he had come a little sooner.

The following are the details:—

PREMIO PALERMO, for horses of 4 years and more that have been a year in the country and have not won more than \$4000. Weight 52 kilos, 3 kilos extra for every win, 3 kilos allowed to losers. \$1200 to first, \$100 to second. 1600 metres.	
Ecurie Sans Souci's Querandie by Amazon—Polly, 4 y, 58 k..S. Urrutia	1
Stud Las Violetas' Empeñoso, 4 y, 49 k.....F. Liceri	2
Stud La Aurora's Libertador, 4 y, 55 k.....S. Gomez	3

Also ran—Ocaso, Le Destrier, Catarata, Cariñosa, Astro, Soult, Engañador, Canario and Punilla.

Dividends—Querandí \$6.20 win and \$3.10 place, Empeñoso \$5.25 place, Libertador \$12.55 place.

PREMIO JUDEA, for three-year-olds that have not won. Weight 54 and 52 kilos. \$1400 to first, \$100 to second. 1200 metres.

Ecurie Belgrano's Corzo by Camors—Mundana, 54 k.....S. Urrutia 1
Ecurie Guerrillero's Pajaro, 54 k.....J. Mala 2
Stud Princesa's Piadoso, 54 k.....J. Olmos 3

Also ran—Zouave, Bohemio, Selim, Salvator, Triton, Canet, Blucher, Chato, Pensamiento, Serafina, Gacela, Eléctrica, Indescripción and Troya.
Dividends—Corzo \$28.55 win and \$7 place, Pajaro \$3.55 place, Piadoso \$6.85 place.

PREMIO REMATE, for horses of four years and more. 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 in 1899. Weight 60 kilos. \$1300 to first, 100 to second. 1600 metres.

Ecurie Júpiter's Abrojo, by St. Honorat—Cereal, 5 y, 51 k...F. Olivera 1
Stud Necochea's Evangelina, 4 y, 46 k.....J. Feliú 2
Stud Ninfa's Soliman, 5 y, 54 k.....P. Aguilera 3

Also ran—9 de Julio, Olavarría, Galette, Yanguetrá, Jeannette, Rosalvina, Soverano, and Pampero.
Dividends—Abrojo \$38.50 win and 6.10 place, Evangelina 3.60 place, Soliman 3 place.

PREMIO DAFNE, handicap for horses of four years and more. \$1500 to first, 100 to second. 1300 metres.

Stud Ituzaingó's Offenbach, by Offenheit—Glenshee, 4 y, 60 k...J. Rivero 1
Stud Carhué's Huapi, 5 y, 54 k.....S. Urrutia 2
Stud Stiletto's Palermo, 5 y, 51 k.....N. Sosa 3

Also ran—Quenotte, Guina, Calliao, Ameiana, Siria, Casuarina, Querandí, and Yapeyú.
Dividends—Offenbach \$6.20 win and 3.50 place, Huapi 5.80 place, Palermo 4.15 place.

PREMIO MCNECA, handicap for three-year-olds that have run. \$1800 to first, 100 to second. 1600 metres.

J. B. Zubiaurre's Rivera, by Gay Hermit—Guadiana, 48 k.....J. Rivas 1
Stud El Plata's Graco, 53 k.....A. Zalazar 2
Stud Modelo's Valcheta, 46 k.....J. Feliú #3

Also ran—Rústico, Coracero, Poignard, Hortensia, Seida, La Cocarde, Volador, and Chicago.
Dividends—Rivera \$27.75 win and 4.80 place, Graco 2.65 place, Judea 3 place, Valcheta 8.45 place.

PREMIO DON PEPE, handicap for all horses. \$1800 to first, 100 to second. 2000 metres.

Ecurie Titan's Lunfardo, by St. Anthony—Blue Pill, 4 y, 47 k...J. Feliú 1
Stud San Gregorio's Caseros, 5 y, 54 k.....S. Urrutia 2
Stud Recuerdo's Octubre, 4 y, 48 k.....M. Valdez 3

Also ran—Friolera, Doblete, Rob Roy, Chingolo, Plátano, Victoriosa, and Punilla.
Dividends—Lunfardo \$11.80 win and 4.35 place, Caseros 6.70 place, Octubre 5.20 place.

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WINTER TIME TABLE

Leave Once for Caballito and Flores

A.M.: 6.00, 6.30, 7.15, 8.30, 9.00, 9.30, 10.00, 10.45, 11.40.
P.M.: 12.30, 1.30, 2.30, 3.15, *3.45, 4.15, 5.00, 5.30, 6.00, 6.30, 7.00, 8.00, 9.15, 10.30, 11.30, 12.30.

Leave Flores for Once

A.M.: 5.59, 6.39, 7.19, 7.49, 8.19, 8.49, 9.20, 9.49, 10.19, 10.49, 11.20.
P.M.: 12.04, 12.49, 1.49, 2.49, *3.34, 4.14, 4.49, 5.34, *6.09, 6.34, 7.24, 7.54, 8.24, 9.19, 10.34, 11.19, 11.59.

Leave Caballito for Once

A.M.: 6.03, 6.43, 7.24, 7.23, 8.23, 8.53, 9.53, 10.23, 10.53.
P.M.: 12.08, 12.53, 1.53, 2.53, 3.38, 4.18, 4.53, 5.38, *6.13, 6.38, 7.28, 7.58, 8.28, 9.23, 10.38, 11.23, 12.03.

* Sundays and Feast Days.

David Simson, General Manager.

LOMAS ATHLETIC CLUB

ATHLETIC MEETING

TO BE HELD AT

LOMAS, on WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1st, 1899

(Under the Auspices of the A.A.A.R.P.)

PROGRAMME:

OPEN EVENTS—

- 1.—100 YARDS, Handicap.
- 2.—120 YARDS, Handicap.
- 3.—220 YARDS, Handicap.
- 4.—440 YARDS, Handicap.
- 5.—880 YARDS, Handicap.
- 6.—MILE, Handicap.
- 7.—HIGH JUMP, Handicap.
- 8.—LONG JUMP, Handicap.
- 9.—PUTTING THE SHOT, Handicap.
- 10.—BOOT-LACING RACE.
- 11.—VETERANS' RACE, minimum age 40 years (handicap two yards for every year). No one will be accepted for this race who has entered for any other event on the programme. Entries will be accepted on the field, and there will be no race unless six competitors start.
- 12.—BLINDFOLD RACE.
- 13.—KICKING THE FOOTBALL (Rugby).

MEMBERS' EVENTS—

- 14.—100 YARDS, Handicap.
 - 15.—440 YARDS, Handicap.
- #### F.C.S. EVENTS—
- 16.—RACE, open to Members of the Administration, Plaza and Local Staff
 - 17.—RACE, open to Members of the Soda Works and Traffic Department.

BOYS' EVENTS—

- 18.—110 YARDS, Boys under 14.
- 19.—440 YARDS, all Boys attending School.
- 20.—HIGH JUMP, Boys under 12.

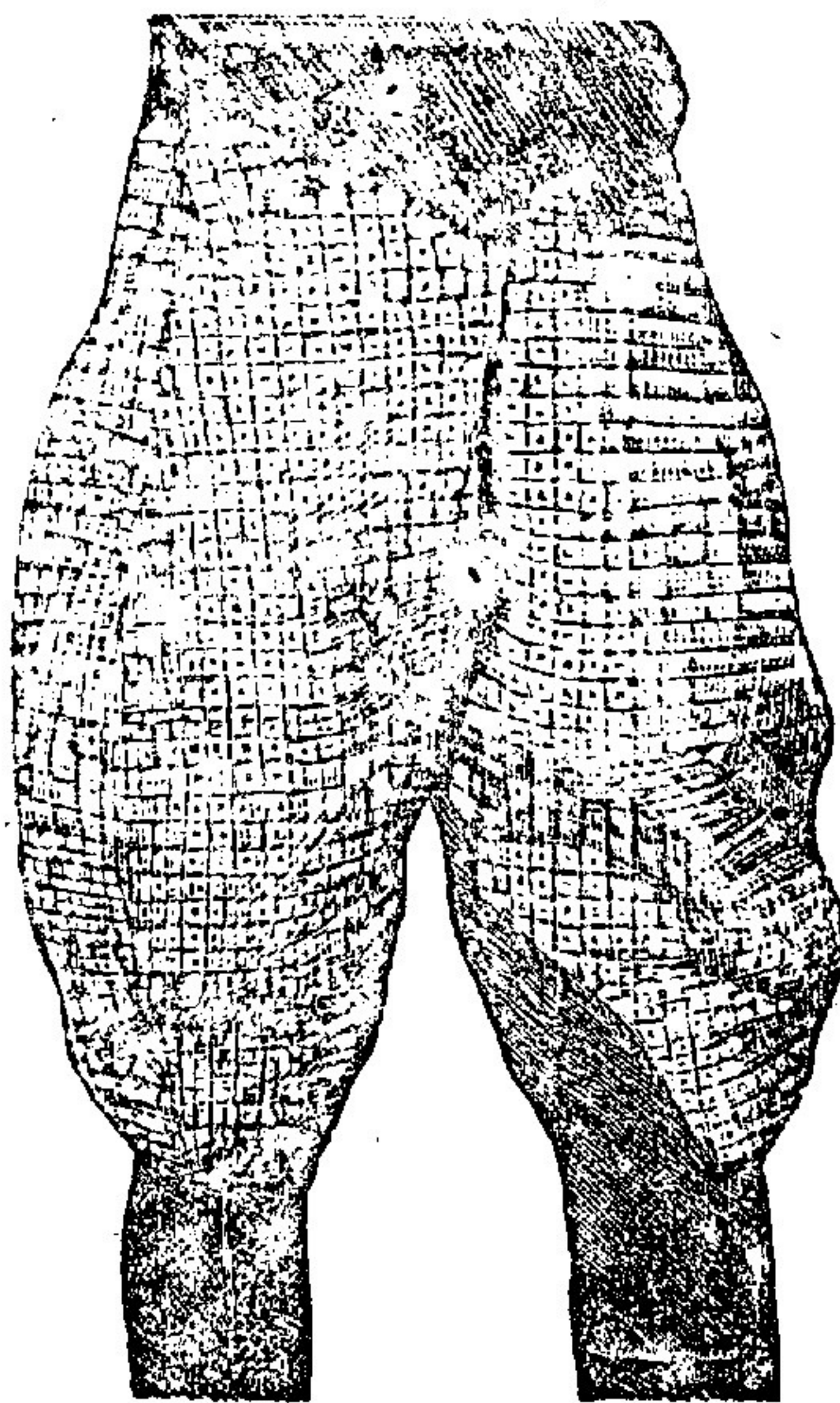
CYCLING EVENTS—

- 21.—1 MILE, Championship of L.A.C. The winner will hold the Mackern Cup for one year.
- 22.—2 MILES, open to members of non-affiliated clubs.
- 23.—5 MILES, open to members of non-affiliated clubs.

Entries close on SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14.
Entrance Fee—\$2 for each event; Boys, \$1. Members of the Lomas Athletic Club may make a general entrance on payment of \$10.
Handicappers: The Amateur Athletic Association of the River Plate.
Entry forms may be obtained from Mr. J. O. Anderson, Piedad 559, or from the Hon. Sec. of the Lomas Athletic Club, Lomas Academy.
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ROUND THE TOWN.

The end of the dancing season practically came to a close with the Bachelors Ball at Prince George's Hall—which is rhyme as well as reason—last Wednesday, and a first class finish it was too. Just the kind of finish that all seasons whether racing or anything else should have, leaving us all with a desire for more and not with a "Well, thank goodness, that's over." As a vehicle for enjoyment the Bachelors Ball was, we may truthfully allow, the most successful of the season, while artistically it took very high rank. The Hall had been lavishly illuminated with bunches of tastefully arranged lights, while the colours of the various athletic clubs of the Republic adorned the walls all around. Both the floor and the music were perfect, and the supper was good, and there were no restrictions as to the number of times this was partaken of, or any janitor over the distribution of the half bottles which help to make a dance go fizz. The centre of the floor was occupied by a prettily arranged erection of plants which, while keeping the dancers in their places, broke up the severity of the long vista and brightened matters considerably. All who were present enjoyed themselves immensely and many fair lips were enthusiastic in their praise of the gay and gallant bachelors who had so kindly provided this close to a good season.

Would it be fair to mention in this connection that some of the dresses had been seen before at some of the Cinderellas, or is this looking at matters with too searching and observant an eye? Never mind we are such admirers of the fair sex that whether they come in old or new dresses they always look dainty and delightful, and we should not be surprised to learn that the bachelors ball will be responsible for the falling away from the ranks of the givers of the feast.

As Sunday was a holiday, it followed that the rain which had held off during the week should come down in a steady and relentless downpour on that day, thus depriving the poor of a holiday and preventing the playing of several cricket matches, including the first of the Championship fixtures between Lomas and Banfield. With the full card which has been issued it will be difficult to fit this in, and it is to be hoped that the Clerk of the Weather will be kind during the remainder of the season as otherwise there will be a snag up of postponed fixtures.

We understand that the production of the the "Geisha" has been fixed for the 4th of November, the *locale* being the Opera House, which, though large, will we imagine be found none too extensive for the audiences. It is seldom that such interest has been exhibited in any of the performances by our amateurs, and the desire to obtain boxes etc is so great that it has been decided to auction off the option to the boxes and possibly the stalls as well. All who have seen the "Geisha" describe it as a really delightful entertainment, the sort of piece that one can see four or five and even more times with almost the same pleasure, as the music is pretty, the dresses pleasing and the dialogue and business of the performers, funny and clever. Of course we cannot expect our amateurs, clever though they be and well looked after as they are, to come up to the production of London, but we have little doubt from the names in the cast that the piece as given here will be well worth seeing for itself, and without any reference to the fact that the proceeds are for charity. The Committees of the three societies interested have formed a Sub-Committee for this work and under such energetic supervision there should be nothing to complain of. It rests with the singers and actors to make an artistic success of the performance, as the Committee mentioned is a guarantee of a business one.

The Quilmes Minstrels gave another of their really excellent performances at Belgrano the other evening, which was thoroughly enjoyed by a fairly large audience. They adapted some of their jokes to local celebrities and generally were funny and amusing. One of their jokes concerned the difference between the man who dyes the wool on a lamb's back and the unvarnished brother of the Bones, and it was decidedly comic to watch the faces of some of the audience as the expected answer was to be given and the same faces when the difference was stated to be "one is a lamb dyer and the other—my brother." On Thursday the same troupe goes down to Barracas, and gives the Barracasians a show, the evening to conclude with a dance. The ticket for both functions is only \$3. and at this figure there should be plenty of takers.

Our genial old colleague made the announcement of the amalgamation of the *Buenos Aires Herald* and the *Times of Argentina* in its usual happy vein, likening the event to a marriage in the Editorial Bus. Some curiosity was expressed to see the new number of this combination, a quaint one when the varying lines of the policy are taken into consideration, and we must honestly confess that the first number has very considerably disappointed our hopes, partaking as it does of a mixture of the *Herald* news with some of the *Times* type and advertisements thrown in. It is, of course, unfair to judge by first numbers, as these are always lacking in some essential point, but then the public always will judge by first numbers, and the first amalgamated number has not caused any serious flutter. Perhaps under the new regime the paper may be vastly improved, although the style of journalism in vogue here and that in North America is somewhat different.

News has been received, although not confirmed, of the outbreak of hostilities between Great Britain and the Boers, and the township of Dundee is said to have been taken with a slaughter of 37 Britishers, and the town occupied by the Boers' forces. With the pacific spirit displayed by the British Government, and the terribly unfortunate experiences which the British arms have met with in the Transvaal, it is hardly to be wondered at that the Boer leaders, and the great mass of the Boers, imagine that patience is pusillanimity, and that they have only to attack once or twice to obtain a decisive victory. It will be a sad awakening for them, as should the news prove true the war will have to be carried on to the bitter end, and this end can be but one, the practical annihilation of the Boer element in the Transvaal. There will be no more "Peace with dishonour" allowed to the British Government by the people, even if the members of the Government show themselves favourable to such a course, which in the light of recent events we greatly doubt.

While our brothers are preparing for a life and death struggle in Africa, some of us here are preparing for dramatic performances and enjoyment. The first production which should call the attention of the public of Buenos Aires will be that of "Sweet Lavender," by the Buenos Aires Dramatic Club, which will be given within a fortnight or so, probably about the 20th of this month. "Sweet Lavender" has been seen so many times, and it has been played in so many languages, that it almost seems a work of supererogation to write anything more concerning it; but as this is the first time of playing it here, we may say a word or two. "Sweet Lavender," as its name almost implies, is a delicate tale of domestic comedy and love, with a slightly tragic note thrown in. The chief interest of the play lies in the character of Dick Phenyl, the great-hearted, weak creature, who even while giving way to his terrible temptation, and indulging in his vice, draws laughter and tears from the audience. The plot of the play centres round Lavender and Clement Hale, whose love story is the cause of many happenings, but the secondary interest of the humorous lovers is almost as strong. Indeed, in the play Pinero has most wonderfully balanced all the parts outside of the leading and principal one.

The scene of operations chosen for this production will in all probability be the Odeon Theatre, quite the best for amateur work, but here again the difficulty which seems inseparable from such shows, has been met with. Arrangements had been made for the production about the 20th and all was going well when suddenly the ogre appeared in the person of one who had a call of some kind on the theatre, and insisted on his term commencing at once. This, of course, threw out the arrangements but it is hoped that a little diplomacy, accompanied perhaps by some few shinplasters of the realm, may work the necessary alteration in this gentleman's necessities to enable the performance of "Sweet Lavender" to be given. The Club has secured for this production a very strong cast, indeed in many ways the strongest which has been got together for some time and, we hope to see a performance, which though it cannot hope to make us forget eccentric and dear old Edward Terry, quaint Miss Victor, and beautiful Maude Millet, will yet enable us to once more renew our acquaintance with a very delightful and clever play.

TWO MEN IN A BOAT ON THE LIMAY.

(BY ONE OF THEM.)

From the cliff which I have mentioned to the top of which we climbed, we viewed the spot. It was a magnificent sight, and even at that distance one could scarcely hear the other speak, for the roar of the boiling water below was tremendous. It was evident that our small ship would not live an instant if taken through. There was only one way open and that was to drag her round through the shallower water, and then striking the deep water again among the boulders try, by hook or by crook, to get her through them. It was of no avail, however, her cargo was too much for her, and so reluctantly we made our camp and sat down to wait the arrival of someone by whom we might send a message for horses to carry our cargo, and at the same time find a "vaqueano" for this part of the river. There was a track running alongside the river with plenty of hoof-marks both of horses and mules, so we felt pretty sure that someone would pass before long. As luck would have it, a man on a mule shortly afterwards came down to the river bank from a side track among the hills, but the Captain was cooking, and I occupied with the boat, so that he was some distance away before we spotted him. I ran and shouted till I could run and shout no more, but could not attract his attention, and soon he disappeared in the distance down stream.

Our disgust can be imagined, stranded thus in a part of the country we did not know, and without horses. There was only one thing to do, and that was to go and look for some one. Accordingly before daybreak next day I was off down stream following the road taken by the man on the mule the day before. After walking about nine miles at about 8.30 a.m., I came to the house of a Frenchman called Gafet. He was out at "rodeo," but I interviewed his wife, who was no doubt surprised at seeing such an outlandish looking figure turn up on foot at such an hour. She pointed out the road to a "boliche" about a league further on, and for this I "made tracks." I found another Frenchman, who was most hospitable, and lending me a horse, himself accompanied me back to Gafet's. By this time the "patron" had returned and he supplied me with a peon, "vaqueano" for the river, and another horse. Valdez (such was the peon's name) and myself then rode hard back to our encampment, such a ride! It was full gallop up hill and down dale over the worst bit of road I ever saw, in many places a slight slip would have sent us and our horses several hundred feet down into the river. On our way, Valdez kept regaling me with tales of the adventures he had had bringing log rafts down the river, pointing out this place and that as "muy feo," and calling my attention to various heaps of timber and logs piled on the river's edge, which he was kind enough to inform me were the remains of various rafts in which he had been wrecked, barely escaping with his life. A nice prospect for the Mackinlay, thought I! About half way back, to my surprise, we met a peon with a "tropilla" and a pack mule laden with our cargo. It appeared that an Argentine friend of ours on his way to Chile, had come up to our encampment, and finding the Captain there had stayed to keep him company, kindly sending our goods along on one of his mules. This was highly satisfactory, and shortly after this unexpected meeting we reached the encampment ourselves and found the Captain and Don Manuel taking midday mate. The latter two then took over the horses and rode back to the "boliche" while Valdez and myself took the Mackinlay down through the bad places.

It was an exciting journey and but for Valdez's knowledge of the river, we should not have got through. I never saw a man more at home with the water than him, he was just like an other, slipping about from rock to rock and in and out of the boat as if the river were his natural element. Our plan when we came to any very bad water was as follows:—He sat in the stern with the steering sweep while I paddled with one oar only, pulling for all I was worth when he gave the signal. "Woggolly" was the word he used, "Woggolly con fuerza." I reckon it does not belong to any known language, but it certainly expresses the sound of an oar working quickly in the rowlocks. If the place was too bad to pass thus, then at a given signal I jumped out on the rocks that line the bank, and he steering and I holding on for all I was worth to the rope, let her slowly down between the rocks.

(To be continued.)

FIXTURES.

RACING.

Thursday, Oct. 5—Hipódromo Nacional, at Belgrano.
Sunday, Oct. 8—Hipódromo Argentino, at Palermo.

CRICKET.

Sunday, Oct. 8—Lomas A.C. v Lomas "A," at Lomas.
Sunday, Oct. 8—Flores v. Banfield, at Flores.

ATHLETICS.

Wednesday, Nov. 1—Annual Athletic Sports, at Lomas.
Wednesday, Nov. 1—Barker Memorial School Annual Sports, at Lomas.
Friday, Dec. 8—Championship Athletic Sports, at Flores.

ROWING.

Nov. 11 and 12—Union de Regatas, at Tigre.

LIST OF CLUBS WITH THEIR SECRETARIES.

ATHLETIC CLUBS.

AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION OF THE RIVER PLATE—*Blue and White*—E. Danvers, Piedad 475.
BANFIELD—*Maroon and Old Gold*—R. G. Campbell, Montes de Oca 932.
BARKER MEMORIAL SCHOOL—*Blue and Gold*—H. S. Chappell, Las Golondrinas, Lomas de Zamora, F.C.S.
BELGRANO—*Black and Gold*—J. R. S. Fox, Avenida de Mayo 748.
CENTRAL ARGENTINE RAILWAY—*Red and White*—R. H. Chamberlin, Almacenes, F.C.C.A., Rosario.
CORDOBA AND ROSARIO RAILWAY—H. Dorning, Almacenes, F.C.C. y R., Rosario.
CORDOBA—J. C. Bowden, Gerencia, F.C.C.C., Córdoba.
ENGLISH HIGH SCHOOL—*Red and White*—A. Costa, Santa Fé 3590.
FLORES—*Magenta, Black and Blue, with narrow White Stripes between*—B. G. Henderson, Estacion Once, F.C.O.
LANUS (F.C.S.)—*Dark Blue*—F. W. Fothergill, Plaza Constitucion, F.C.S.
LOBOS—*Blue and Red*—H. Wilson, Rivadavia 639.
LOMAS—*Lincoln Green, Scarlet and Gold*—R. L. Goodfellow, Lomas Academy, Lomas de Zamora, F.C.S.
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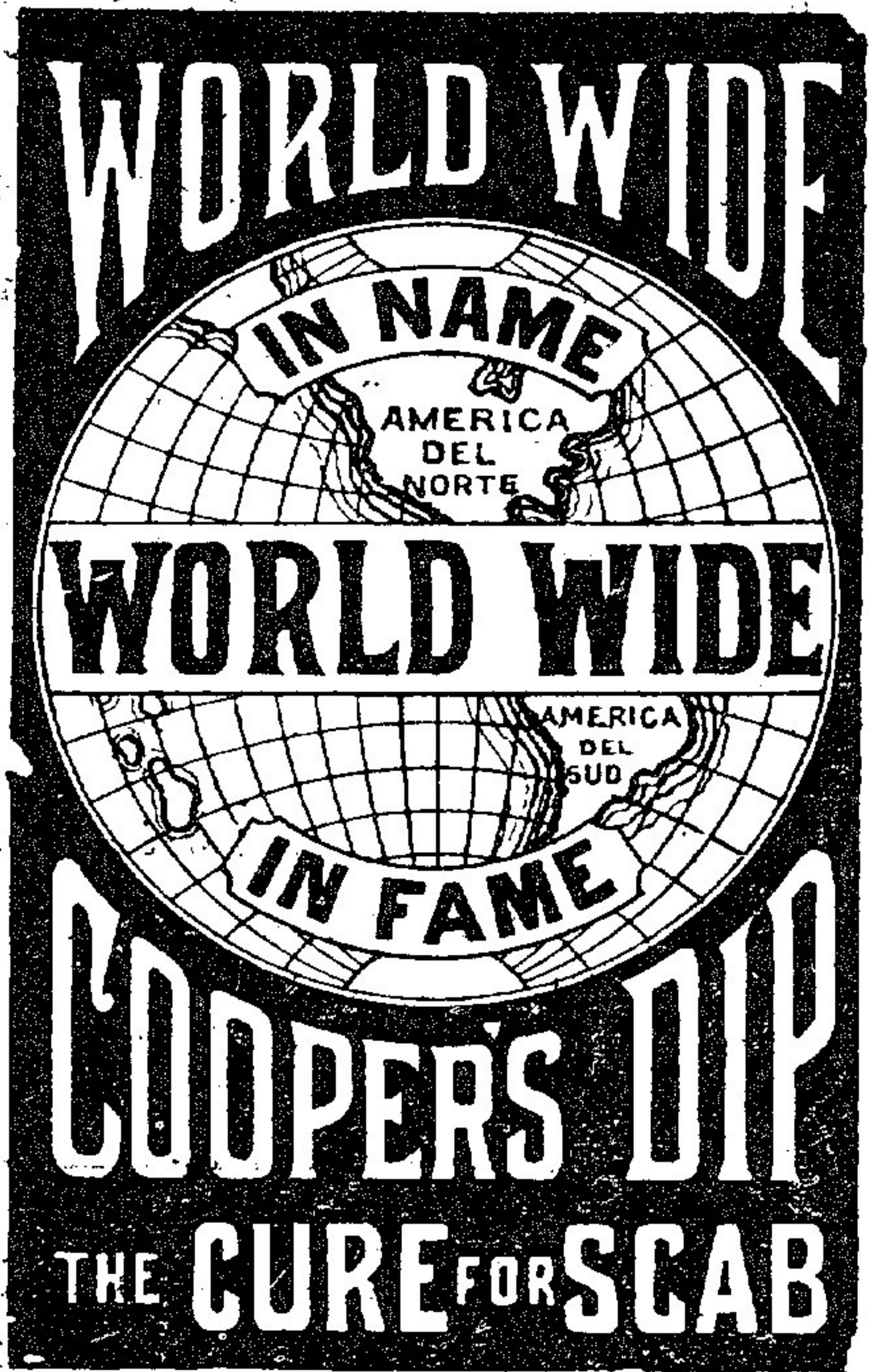
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