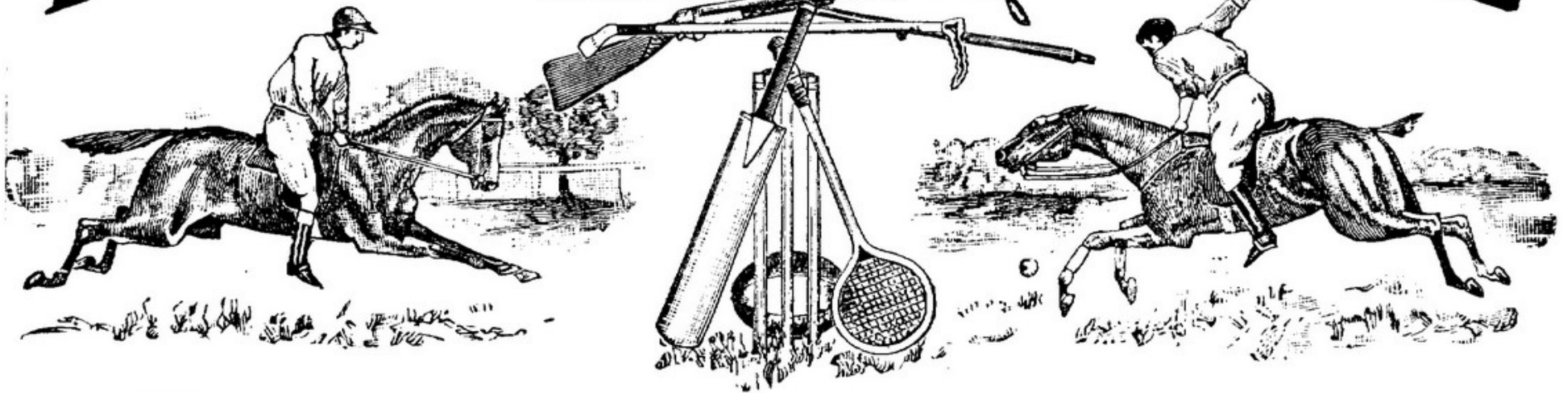


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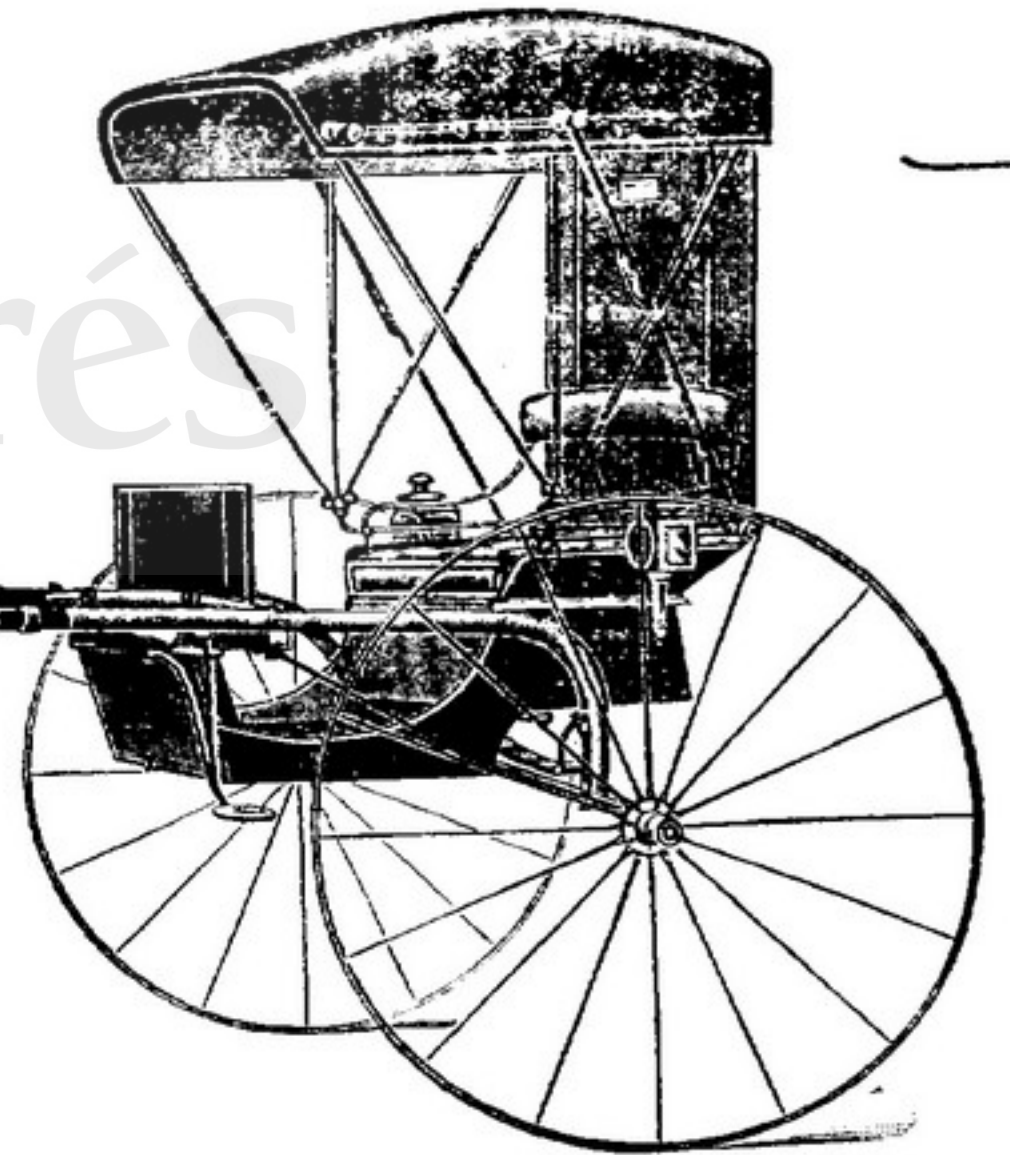
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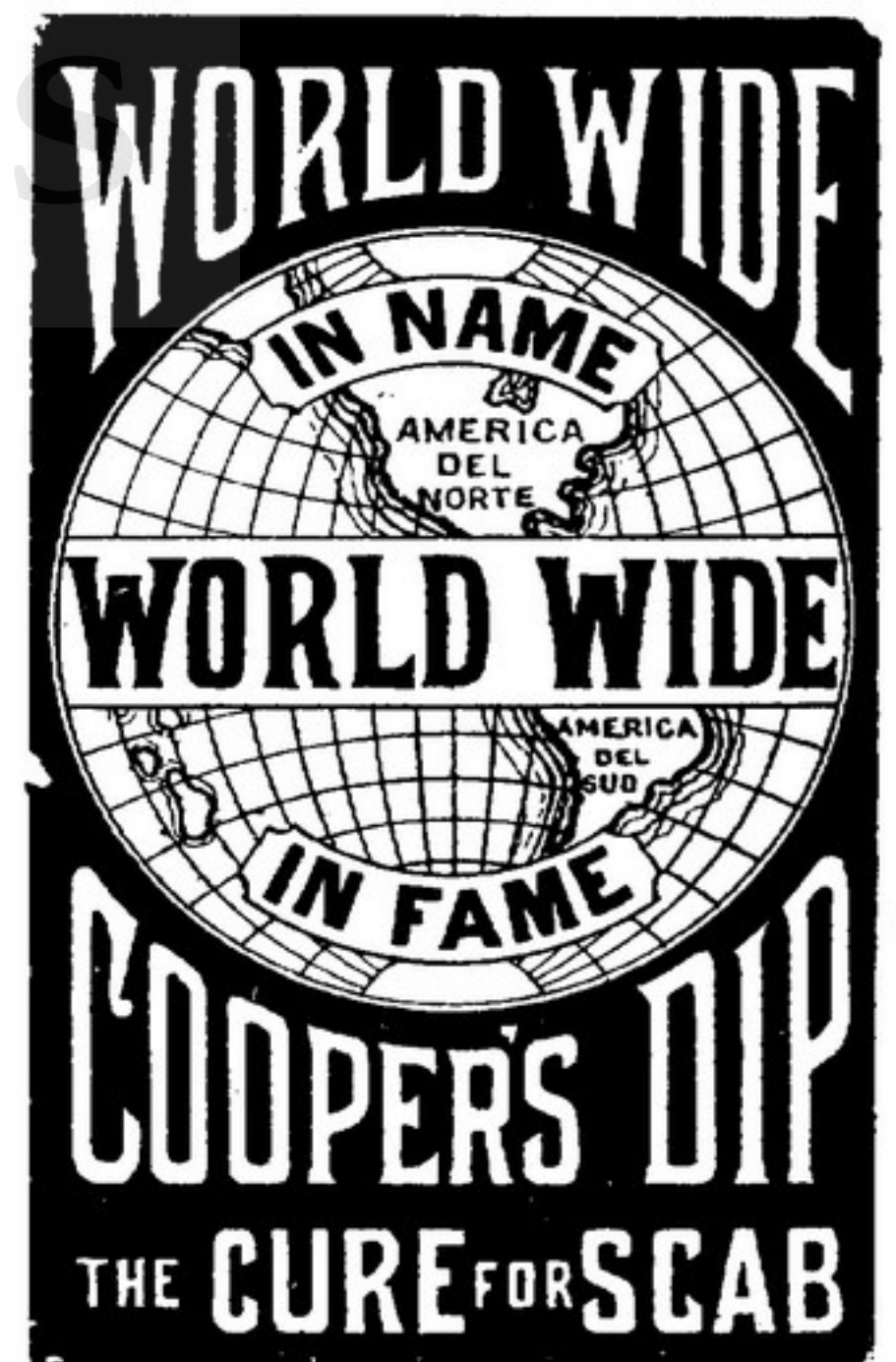
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RACING.

BELGRANO—JANUARY 14.

The morning was threatening enough to make it doubtful if the races would come off, but the clouds turned out to be light and only a few drops of rain fell, and those who carried umbrellas were glad to use them against the sun after the first race, as the afternoon turned out very fine. The attendance goes on improving and the cards keeping well-filled, the animation increases also, and we shall soon look for improvements in favour of the public, if the Club continues to prosper.

After two years struggling, the sister of Yerba Amarga, Alianza, at last earned a winning bracket with surprising ease, though from a very poor lot.

The maiden went to Westfalia, who only just managed to get in from Armenia, Condesa being close up, and the three making the best finish of the day.

The Premio Remate was easily taken by Lanza Seca, whose owners had to pay \$3950 to keep her, a circumstance we are glad to note, as it may help to keep horses of her class out of Selling Plates, where they are very much out of place.

Vulcano made the pace too hot for a good field in the mile handicap, the useful Palermo breaking a fetlock just when making his effort before reaching the post, which is a pity.

Royal, who has soared up to unexpected heights, won the 1200 metres in grand style carrying 62 kilos, and if he keep well should make a big shew this year, Ecarté with 63 kilos being unable to come near him.

Graco ran away comfortably with the young ones' mile, and a good race for the final 2000 metres, went in favour of Regalada, who wore down Destino and still was able to stall off a formidable challenge from Guttemberg.

The following are the details:—

PREMIO UROPO, for horses of four years and more that have been a year in the country and have not won more than \$3000. Weight 52 kilos, 3 kilos extra for every win, 3 kilos allowed to losers. \$1200 to first, 100 to second. 1600 metres.

Stud La Alianza's Alianza, by Exmoor—Nellie II., 4 y., 47 k. L. Cova 1
 Stud Calchin's Punilla, 4 y., 56 k. J. Mala 2
 Stud Oriel's Mandrin, 4 y., 56 k. I. Diaz 3
 Also ran—Bambola, Clavito, Falstaff, Quenotte, and Cosa Cerá.
 Dividends—Alianza \$25.40 win and 5.50 place, Punilla 4.85 place, Mandrin 3.40 place.

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

Stud Paysandú's Westfalia, by Azur—Wild Beauty, 52 k. M. Suarez 1
 Ecurie Rio de Janeiro's Armenia, 52 k. I. Diaz 2
 Ecurie Radamés' Condesa, 52 k. 3
 Also ran—Motin, Triunfo, 4 de Octubre, Masaniello, Americano, Aliance, Preferida, Tandilera, and Roulette.
 Dividends—Westfalia \$21.40 win and 5.15 place, Armenia 4.50 place, Condesa 5 place.

PREMIO REMATE, for all horses. The winner to be sold for \$3000. Those entered to be sold for less to be allowed 3 kilos for each \$500 reduction, 3 kilos extra for every win in a Premio Remate in 1899 or 1900. Weight, three years 57 kilos, four years and more 60 kilos. \$1500 to first, 100 to second. 1900 metres.

Stud Hirondele's Lanza Seca, by Remington—Acanthe, 5 y., 52 k. F. Olivera 1
 Ecurie Lomas' Rob Roy, 5 y., 51 k. H. Trejo 2
 Ecurie Júpiter's Tula, 5 y., 43 k. J. Feliú 3
 Also ran—Juncal, Uropo, Galette, Reyezuelo, and Lady Ortiga.
 Dividends—Lanza Seca \$8.35 win and 3.55 place, Rob Roy 4.45 place, Tula 4.55 place.

PREMIO CALVINO, handicap for all horses. \$1600 to first, 100 to second. 1600 metres.

A. Lincoln's Vulcano, by Ojo de Agua—Venus, 3 y., 45 k. J. Feliú 1
 Stud Floresta's Casuarina, 4 y., 41 k. J. Rivas 2
 Stud Semper Paratus' Union, 4 y., 40 k. F. Licieri 3
 Also ran—Cyrano, Abrojo, Tántalo, Palermo, Atalaya, and Lunfardo.
 Dividends—Vulcano \$32.65 win and 9.55 place, Casuarina 5.70 place, Union 7.85 place.

PREMIO EMIR, handicap for all horses. \$1500 to first, 100 to second. 1200 metres.

Ecurie Royal's Royal, by Tonic—Brandoria, 4 y., 62 k. P. Aguirre 1
 Ecurie Pacifico's Egipcia, 3 y., 45 k. F. Licieri 2
 Stud Temerario's Redoutable, 6 y., 55 k. G. Morales 3
 Also ran—Ecarté, Cepeda, Emir, Ameliana, Chingolo, Pólvora, Rivera, and Clamor.
 Dividends—Royal \$10.15 win and 4.45 place, Egipcia 5.10 place, Redoutable 13.40 place.

PREMIO PICQUART, for three-year-olds that have not won Classics. Weight 50 and 48 kilos, 3 kilos extra for every win. \$1800 to first, 100 to second. 1600 metres.

Stud El Plata's Graco, by Tissaphernes—Cinisca, 59 k. J. Sarthou 1
 Stud Oriel's Ascot, 53 k. I. Diaz 2
 Jorge Atucha's Princesa, 51 k. N. Sosa 3
 Also ran—Tres Arroyos, and Lidiador.
 Dividends—Graco \$5.10 win and 3.25 place, Ascot 2.90 place.

PREMIO OCTUBRE, handicap for all horses. \$2000 to first, 200 to second. 2000 metres.

Stud La Confianza's Regalada, by Havre—Suri, 4 y., 51 k. J. Olmos 1
 Stud San José's Guttemberg, 5 y., 60 k. P. Aguirre 2
 Ecurie Rio de Janeiro's Destino, 5 y., 56 k. I. Diaz 3
 Also ran—Florida, Chacabuco, Rob Roy, Aurora, and Reduccion.
 Dividends—Regalada \$11.15 win and 3.85 place, Guttemberg 3.70 place, Destino 4.05 place.

LAWN TENNIS.

B.A.L.T.C. v. LOMAS A.C.

In our report of the above match, in our last issue, we unfortunately gave the result wrong, as the match was won by Lomas. The actual result was as follows:

Lomas A.C. 8 matches, 20 setts, 176 games.
 B.A.L.T.C. 8 " 19 " 167 "

While regretting the error it is only fair to state that we were in no way to blame. Only one score was kept, and our figures were accurately copied from it at the courts. It was afterwards ascertained that the scores of one of the matches had not been entered, hence the mistake.

B.A.L.T.C. v. FLORES A.C.

The above match was played last Sunday at Flores and resulted in a somewhat easy win for the visitors by six matches to three. The following are the details of the score:

B.A.L.T.C.

E. S. Knight and H. L. Knight beat
 Foster and H. Tudor, 6-3, 6-5.
 F. Leitch and Ponce de Leon, 6-5, 6-2.
 E. Macadam and Hamilton, 6-3, 6-2.
 L. Corry-Smith and H. H. Woodgate beat
 F. Leitch and Ponce de Leon, 6-0, 6-2.
 E. Macadam and Hamilton, 6-0, 6-1.
 Foster and H. Tudor, 6-5, 6-5.

Flores A.C.

E. Macadam and Hamilton beat
 B. Goldsmid and Conder, 3-6, 6-1, 0-5.
 H. Tudor and Foster beat
 B. Goldsmid and Conder, 6-3, 6-3.
 F. Leitch and Ponce de Leon beat
 B. Goldsmid and Conder, 6-5, 6-3.

Total result—B.A.L.T.C. 6 matches, 13 setts, 98 games
 Flores A.C. 3 " 6 " 73 "

FIXTURES FOR 1899-1900.

JANUARY.

Sun. 21—Lomas v. Flores, at Lomas.
 Sun. 28—Quilmes v. Belgrano, at Quilmes.

FEBRUARY.

Fri. 2—Buenos Aires v. Belgrano, at Recoleta.
 Sun. 4—Lomas v. Santa Lucia, at Lomas.
 Sun. 11—Flores v. Belgrano, at Flores.
 Sun. 18—Quilmes v. Buenos Aires, at Quilmes.
 Sun. 25—Santa Lucia v. Quilmes, at Santa Lucia.

MARCH.

Sun. 4—Santa Lucia v. Buenos Aires, at Santa Lucia.
 Sun. 11—Lomas v. Buenos Aires, at Lomas.
 Sun. 18—Quilmes v. Lomas, at Quilmes.

APRIL.

Sun. 1—Santa Lucia v. Flores, at Santa Lucia.
 Sun. 8—Flores v. Lomas, at Flores.
 Sun. 15—Belgrano v. Santa Lucia, at Belgrano.
 Sun. 22—Lomas v. Belgrano, at Lomas.
 Sun. 29—Santa Lucia v. Lomas, at Santa Lucia.

CYCLING IN ENGLAND

December 15th, 1899

An odd story comes from Northamptonshire. A newspaper boy who resides in one of the neighbouring villages and rides out and home, recently found on his outward journey that something had gone wrong with his machine, and, so in disgust, he left it in a field by the roadside. Much to his surprise he found it there on his homeward journey in the evening. He felt more kindly disposed towards the derelict old crock on reflecting the many pleasant hours they had passed together, together, so he took it up tenderly and hied away to a blacksmith's where he spent all his pocket money in getting it repaired.

But the sequel is to come. A few days later, as the newsboy was about to rest, a knock came at the door, and the caller, a gentleman, asked him whether he would ride over to the town and deliver a letter as it was a matter of great urgency. He promised, and faithfully performed his mission. A few weeks later he was astonished to receive a cheque for ten pounds as a reward for his services. It seems that the party he had summoned was a lawyer who was urgently required to attend in order to make the last will and testament of the donor's maiden aunt. The lawyer, thanks to the old crock, was able to arrive in time and the gift was from the happy legatee of all her fortune.

It is difficult to gauge the future of the motor industry in England. On the Continent, especially in France, automobilism, apparently, is more popular. At the present time the best motor systems are of French origin, and on the banks of the Seine are great factories fitted with some of the finest automatic machinery in the world. There are two influential bodies in England whose object is to safeguard the interests and keep a watchful eye on all that pertains to this, the newest of British industries. These are known as the Motor Car Club and the Automobile Club. Unfortunately, there appears to be considerable rivalry among these foster parents as to which should be recognised as standing *in loco parentis* to the growing infant. This is a pity, as it would be better that there should be a sort of joint control rather than that mutual jealousies should sap the vitality of each. Automobilism, like cycling, seems likely to gain nothing by divisions and dissensions between its two governing bodies.

The Acetylene gas lamp for street illumination seems likely to eventually supersede gas, and will probably run electric lighting very hard, as it is so much cheaper as an illuminating agent. So far as cycles are concerned, in spite of the attractive brilliance of the new light, cyclists do not, in the main, seem to rise to the cry of "new lamps for old," and the old oil lamp with its many shortcomings and imperfections still holds the field. However, the oil itself leaves much to be desired, as the inside of the lamp unless kept scrupulously clean, is apt to become evil-smelling. But although there is a fortune for the man who can discover a clean burning oil which will give a white light, the improvement in the design of lamps of recent years has been very noticeable.

Mr Quinton Hogg, who, in the days of the now defunct Metropolitan Board of Works, a body whose declining days passed under a temporary cloud, and which has made way for the potent London Council, has delivered an excellent speech on the lessons taught by cycling. It was at the Polytechnic Cycling Club dinner that he delivered himself of some pregnant truths. He pointed out that one of the chief benefits of cycling is that it teaches confidence and self-reliance. He drew a graphic picture of the novice who approaches his first hill with fear and trembling, and who finds his courage, like Bob Acres, oozing away at the proximity of traffic, who, as he gains experience, develops resourcefulness and courage. He wound up by saying that cycling gives the rider the power to quickly perceive the necessities of a critical situation, and to exercise the most valuable of all mental gifts—that of presence of mind.

There is a benevolent gentleman who believes he has a mission in life, and that is to go up and down the country asserting the rights of pedestrians against cyclists. This may or may not be a Quixotic character to adopt, but ap-

parently he lacks the kindly qualities of the famous knight of chivalry, for his methods are unduly aggressive, if the case as disclosed at the police-court may be taken as a fair sample. The prosecutor, a cyclist, who happens also to be a barrister's clerk, and therefore in a position to ascertain gratis the law as to the rights of individuals, was riding down Middle Temple Lane when the self-elected champion of pedestrians, and sworn foe to the wheel and all its works, rushed at him, and cried with a loud voice: "You murderous pot-scavenging blackguard, take that!"

Accompanying this triumph of denunciation with a shower of blows, he incidentally knocked out two of the wheelman's front teeth. Thus fell the curtain on Scene I., with the wheelman bruised and vanquished: a barrister's clerk, mauled and assaulted within the very precincts of the Temple, the stronghold of the legal fraternity. But the champion's triumph was short-lived, for in Act II. the scene opens with the delinquent in the police-court to the charge of "assault and battery." However, the champion was not humbled, but declaimed, when asked whether he had any answer to the charge, that he had already saved the lives of many pedestrians when assailed by the murderous wheelman, and, so far from being subjected to the indignity of the dock, the thanks of the community was his due. The magistrate, however, brutally declined to be moved by this *brutum fulmen*, and, disregarding his mock heroics, fined him just like any common ordinary person.

It is somewhat late in the day for magistrates to declaim against cyclists, for neither flatteries nor denunciations will in any way affect the fact that cycling is by this time a pastime so deeprooted in the affections of the British people that the whole system of stipendaries and courts of limited jurisdiction, together with all the unpaid magistrates in the kingdom, is likely to disappear in one overwhelming holocaust, as that cyclists or cycling will be "one penny the worse" for the diatribes of irascible old gentlemen who sit in judgment. Hence, Mr Shiel's regret, publicly expressed from the bench, that he wished "cyclists were prohibited from using busy thoroughfares" was probably not intended to be taken as uttered *ex cathedra*, or as a wish in the least likely of fulfilment. Why, indeed, should cyclists not have rights as citizens, to the use of any public thoroughfares, busy or otherwise.

The recently published report of the Board of Trade on the public companies that have sunk on the rocks of financial adversity during the year just drawing to a close, is instructive though melancholy reading. Among the number cycle companies loom large. However, there are sighs that the worst is now passed, and it is confidently hoped that the new year will be one full of promise for the future of the trade. One fact stands out in apparently glaring inconsistency, amid this wreckage of hopes, and that is, that never has cycling as a pastime, been more popular than to-day, and there is unimpeachable evidence that it is an expanding popularity. Those companies who have weathered the storm will now overhaul their ships and make all trim and taut for the new season's voyage, and, in the words of Napoleon after the defeat of Sedan, "all may yet be re-established."

Just now, is the dull season in cycling circles, and this dullness is reflected in the pages of the cycling press. For cycling journalists can no more "make bricks without straw" than other people, and therefore, the small residuum of interesting subjects carried over from the cycling shows has been worked for all its worth. Some journals are able to fill up space by reporting the social functions of the various clubs, but this intelligence can possess but a limited interest. The fact is, that between seasons, there is very little to write about. The eternal free-wheel and brake question has been worn threadbare, and cannot, with a decent regard for the susceptibilities of readers, be made to do duty much longer. Of course, this is the opportunity for the writer, gifted with a vivid imagination to trot out some of his marvellous stories, with a strong cycling trend.

To do this successfully it is very necessary to seize upon some mythical story, or some story that has done duty in some other guise—to promptly fit it up with a wheel—and serve it up, piping hot in the columns of any

journal whose readers are likely to stand it. The "outside press" is frequently made the victim, as editors of papers, that are not class papers, are keenly alive to the value of good cycling "copy." Thus we have had the story of the two cyclists on tour, who put up at an inn, and being dead-tired, locked their machines in a stable and retired to rest. Thereafter there comes along two savoyards with a performing bear, who induce the innkeeper to allow them to stable the bear in the shed where the cycles are. Of course, the village thief has seen the machines carefully stowed away, but not the bear, and of course, when he breaks into the stable to purloin the cycles he is seized by *ursus major*.

This "bear story" has been going about for years, and it is quite time it was decently buried. Probably in a few weeks the season's stock of dog stories will be furbished up, trotted out and once more sent upon their melancholy round. In fact, we should not be surprised if the famous "handcuff" which originally saw the light in the *English Cyclist*, was copied into the *Daily Mail*, and from thence travelled all over the world, does not shortly return and after a rest and light change of raiment, depart on its errand, once again. For those who did not read the "hand-cuff story" it may be mentioned that the tale shortly, is that some cyclists at a popular hostelry and rendezvous, were much startled at the appearance of a dapper little man who, having dismounted, promptly produced a pair of hand-cuffs from his pocket. Visions of the sensational arrest of some cycling celebrity flashed through the minds of the astonished beholders. But the "darbies" were clapped on the machine, thus affording, at once, a security, and a warning to act as a deterrent to all larcenously inclined personages.

FOOTBALL.

RUGBY.

OXFORD v. CAMBRIDGE.

There must have been considerable doubt in the minds of many persons desirous of seeing this annual match at the Queen's Club, West Kensington, on December 13th. as to whether it would be played, as snow lay on most of the large open spaces in London and its suburbs, and a freezing wind had sprung up before mid-day. The ground, however, had been so well cared for that it was only a little slippery in places, and the conditions were very much more favourable for the players than the spectators. The attendance of the latter was, nevertheless, surprisingly good, though, of course, smaller than usual, amounting apparently to some 5000. They were rewarded for their trouble and fortitude by the sight of a game which, though one-sided, was very much prettier than is generally afforded by the contest. Much was expected of the Cambridge fifteen, which was reputed to be one of the best ever turned out by either University, and it quite fulfilled this promise. The forwards proved to be even superior to those which gained the victory for Cambridge last year by solid scrummage work, inasmuch as they were extremely clever at using their feet, at breaking up and reforming quickly when the ball seemed to be going from them, at wheeling, and finally, at dribbling down the ground in irresistible rushes; nor was there any deficiency of speed or tackling power to be observed among them. When near the line they made play for their half-backs, and thus turned their superiority to good account. A victory for Cambridge appeared probable, inasmuch as the fifteen had previously been undefeated, and, besides their success against Cardiff, they had accounted for Dublin University and drawn with Blackheath and the London Scottish, all of which clubs had been too strong for the Dark Blues. It is so seldom, however, that this kind of comparison affords a safe basis for prophecy in the case of University matches, and so often that the play is too tight to be very decisive, that the large score compiled by the Light Blues was regarded with not unreasonable surprise. Cambridge, besides their greater strength in forwards, had an advantage at back, inasmuch as Sagar was not only very nearly faultless in defence, but also supported his men by many long kicks into touch, while Grischotti, who had barely recovered from an injury, failed to do himself justice, and was in the first half so slow as to be tackled with the ball in his grasp more than once. Overwhelmed as they were by the Cambridge forwards, the Oxford half backs both played marvellously

well, but the three-quarters, Strand-Jones excepted, did not exhibit any great brilliancy, and Luce and Crabbie seemed to be somewhat easily outmanoeuvred by the not particularly subtle passing of their adversaries. On the winning side the half backs had so easy a task that it is not easy to estimate their achievements. The three-quarters, especially Cock, ran fast and passed safely, and if they did not stamp themselves as being very fertile in stratagems, it was, perhaps, because the simplest and most obvious tactics were found to answer well enough. Among the losing forwards Couper and Barry manifested great energy to the last minutes of a desperate struggle. The winners were so level, and combined so thoroughly, that not one of them distinguished himself above his fellows.

Such a one-sided game hardly lends itself to a detailed description, and even the large score of two goals and four tries hardly represents the superiority that the Light Blues displayed over their rivals, in this, the twenty-eighth match of the series.

The following were the teams:—

Oxford—W. Grischotti (Rugby and Brasenose), (back), *J. E. Crabbie (Edinburgh Academy and University), F. M. Luce (Cheltenham and Magdalen), J. Strand-Jones (Lampeter and Jesus), and *P. L. Nicholas (Monmouth and Keble) (three-quarters), *F. Kershaw (Cheltenham and Trinity), and *F. H. B. Champain (Cheltenham and Hertford) (half backs), *C. E. Barry (St. Paul's and Trinity) (capt.), *J. F. A. Swanston (Loretto and Trinity), *A. J. Chadwick (Rossall and Corpus), T. Couper (Fettes and Worcester), A. G. Cairns (Watsons and Trinity), D. D. Dobson (Cheltenham and Keble), R. Grellit (Bedford Grammar School and Hertford), C. E. L. Hammond (Bedford Grammar School and Hertford) (forwards).

Cambridge—J. W. Sagar (Durham and Jesus) (back), T. A. Cock (Marlborough and Trinity), *F. H. Jones (Bedford Grammar School and Emmanuel), and H. R. Palmer (Oundle and Trinity Hall) (three-quarter backs), *F. H. Fasson (Merchiston and Clare), and *A. Hacking (Giggleswick and Christ's) (half backs), *J. A. Campbell (Fettes and Trinity) (capt.), *J. R. C. Greenlees (Loretto and St. John's), *R. W. Bell (Durham and Jesus), † *J. Daniell (Clifton and Emmanuel), *N. C. Fletcher (Merchant Taylors and Queens'), C. T. Scott (Tonbridge and Sydney Sussex), G. H. Keeton (Oakham and Emmanuel), and D. R. Bedell-Sivright (Fettes and Trinity) (forwards).

† An International. * An Old Blue.

Referee—Mr Geo. H. Harnett (Hon. Sec. Kent County R.F.U.) Touch judges—Messrs E. T. Gordon (past president R.F.U.), and C. P. Evers (Oxford University).

CORRESPONDENCE.

Bahia Blanca, January 11, 1900.

To the Editor of *Sport and Pastime*.

Dear sir,—

Having noticed Mr Symons was no-balled for three consecutive deliveries in the match Quilmes v. Flores, would you be kind enough to let me know more or less the reading of the new rule on which the umpire placed his decision in the above case, as we have had several discussions in our matches re unfair deliveries.

Apologising for troubling you, and thanking you in anticipation, I remain, dear sir, yours sincerely,

CHARLES HOYLE.

The two rules referring to the no-ball question now read as follows:—Law 10—The ball must be bowled; if thrown or jerked either umpire shall call "no-ball." Law 48—If either umpire be not satisfied of the absolute fairness of the delivery of any ball he shall call "no-ball." For further details we refer our correspondent to our issue of December 6th.—(Ed. S. and P.)

FIXTURES.

RACING.

Jan. 21—Hipódromo Nacional, Belgrano.

CRICKET.

Jan. 21—Belgrano 2nd XI. v. Hurlingham "A," at Belgrano.

Jan. 21—B.A.C.C. v. Old Bedfordians, at Palermo.

Jan. 21—Lomas "A" v. Lanús, at Lanús.

Jan. 21—Quilmes v. Banfield, at Banfield.

LAWN TENNIS.

Jan. 21—Lomas v. Flores, at Lomas.

YACHTING.

Feb. 11—Y. C. A. Regatta for Ehlert and Mallet Cup.

BAT-FIVES.

FLORES ATHLETIC CLUB.

The above club has recently concluded perhaps the most successful bat-fives tournament ever held in this country. The list of entries was very large indeed and many hard and exciting matches were played. We have to thank the hon. secretary of the Flores A.C. for forwarding us the full results, which we regret to say we have not space to publish in full, except the Club Championship, which was well won by G. F. Elliot. We give below the semi-finals and finals of the other events.

OPEN DOUBLES.

Semi-final—

H. Hume and F. Foster (- 8) w.o. agst J. V. Holtum and W. Agar (scr).
B. G. Henderson and J. F. Macadam (+ 2) w.o. agst D. King and B. Guy (+ 6).

Final—

H. Hume and F. Foster beat B. G. Henderson and J. F. Macadam, 15-3, 17-15, 9-9 (losers retired).

OPEN SINGLES.

Semi-final—

J. V. Holtum (scr) beat H. B. Elliot (+ 3), 15-8, 15-10, 9-15, 15-6.
Rev. R. F. Handcock (- 12) beat F. Foster (- 12), 1-15, 15-9, 15-6, 15-3.

Final—

Rev. R. F. Handcock beat J. V. Holtum, 17-14, 6-15, 18-15, 15-2.

CHAMPIONSHIP.

Preliminary round—

L. Ponce de Leon beat E. H. Theobald, 15-9, 15-1, 15-6.
Rev. R. F. Handcock beat F. Foster, 17-16, 15-9, 14-17, 15-4.

First round—

L. Ponce de Leon beat H. Hume, 17-14, 15-12, 15-6.
G. F. Elliot beat R. F. Handcock, 15-9, 15-13, 2-15, 15-12.

Final—

G. F. Elliot beat L. Ponce de Leon, 15-9, 15-4, 15-9.

OPEN SINGLES—CLASS A.

Semi-final—

G. F. Elliot (- 1) beat B. G. Henderson (+ 5), 15-6, 15-7, 15-6.
J. V. Holtum (scr) beat H. B. Elliot (+ 5), 12-15, 15-10, 15-12, 14-17, 15-9.

Final—

J. V. Holtum beat G. F. Elliot, 15-6, 5-15, 15-12, 13-18, 15-11.

OPEN SINGLES—CLASS B.

Semi-final—

B. Guy (scr) beat R. Agar (+ 5), 17-14, 15-11, 15-4.
C. Davies (+ 5) beat A. Macdonald (scr), 11-15, 15-3, 11-15, 15-5, 15-8.

Final—

C. Davies beat B. Guy, 15-9, 15-4, 15-9.

CLUB DOUBLES.

Semi-final—

J. V. Holtum and B. Guy (+ 3) beat H. Hume and C. Forrester (+ 1), 15-11, 8-15, 15-9, 15-10.
E. H. Theobald and J. C. Bell (- 4) w.o. agst L. Ponce de Leon and E. B. Macadam (scr).

Final—

J. V. Holtum and B. Guy beat E. H. Theobald and J. C. Bell, 15-11, 15-5, 15-5.

At the conclusion of the tournament the prizes were gracefully presented to the fortunate winners by Mrs R. Agar.

GOLF.

MAR DEL PLATA GOLF LINKS.

The Mar del Plata golf links are situated about two miles south-east of the Bristol Hotel, on sloping ground between the high road and Grand beach. The course is a nine-hole one, and measures 2265 yards. The soil is sandy and covered by a good springy turf. The putting greens are fairly good and undulating, but as yet they are rather small, and this has been taken into account in fixing the "bogey" figures hereunder.

The first hole, or "punch bowl," is 285 yards. The tee is on a terrace on the high ground near the road and Cemetery. The putting green is so surrounded by ridges of ground as to give it the form of a bowl, hence the name. Near by is a ravine and the bluffs leading down to the beach. Bogey is five with the prevailing wind from the sea, but with a following wind, a good drive and an accurate approach, it may be done in four.

The second hole, or "hell," is 240 yards. The tee is on the edge of the bluff beyond the first hole, and the drive must be a good one and carry well to pass over a deep ravine and a big sand hill in a direct line to the hole. Bogey is four.

The third hole, or "rest," is 220 yards, and comparatively easy, giving the player who got into the difficulties of the preceding hole a chance to cool off. Bogey is four.

The "seaside," or fourth hole, is 300 yards. The tee is on a beautiful mound near the bluffs, affording one of the finest views of the links, beach and sea. The drive must carry 120 yards to clear a ravine. Bogey is five against the prevailing wind.

Hole number five, "lighthouse," is 160 yards, and the bogey is four. The drive must carry 120 yards to clear the old road, which is very broad, bare and hard at this point.

The "roadside," or sixth hole, is 300 yards, and lies, tee, fair green, and hole, between the old and new roads, all on high ground. Bogey is five.

"Fozzie," the seventh hole, is 120 yards and a beauty. It crosses the old road where it is deep and narrow with high banks. Bogey is three.

The eighth hole or "terrace," is 340 yards, and the bogey is five. The tee is on a mound in the centre of the field, and the putting green on a terrace on high sloping ground near the road.

The "home" hole, and last, is 300 yards, and finishes near the first tee. Bogey is five.

The views from all parts of the links are charming, the sea-air bracing, and every hole now varies from the preceding one, and there can be few, if any, more delightful links for the lover of good golf.

A meeting of those interesting in these links is to be held to-morrow at 5.15 p.m. in Mr T. S. Boadle's office, to which all are invited to attend.

A CHRISTMAS-DAY MATCH ON THE VELDT.

(From the *Golfer's Magazine*.)

"Is the bombardment still going on?" said the Major, wearily, as the War Correspondent entered the grocery store, and leisurely subsided into a bassinette which did duty as an arm-chair.

"Yes, I think so," was the reply in an indifferent tone, while the speaker's eyes rested mournfully on an empty soda-water syphon. "A shell came down my way as I came along."

"Shrapnel?" queried the Stock-broker, with a show of interest. He had been in the Jameson Raid, and was looked upon as an authority in artillery affairs.

"Can't say; didn't look round to see."

"Say, you men, this is Christmas Day." And the Policeman—he was in the Natal Police—stared thoughtfully on the ground. "No chance I expect, of any of Joe Lyon's puddings coming this direction."

The War Correspondent smiled pityingly. "No, my boy, they'll never get past the first line of communication."

Sarsmatoom was invested by the Boers. It was not a town of any consequence, and nobody knew exactly why it should have been bombarded, or why anybody should trouble to hold it; but a gradual conviction had come to the men in the place that they would not let the Boers take possession. A few of the Natal Police had turned up unexpectedly, some British infantry men had arrived there by accident, and the defence was in good hands. The Boers had guns sighted for 6000 yards, so that no damage was done, and beyond an occasional sortie in search of the enemy, and the regular appearance of a Boer herald summoning the garrison to lay down arms, there was nothing to break the monotony.

"Tell you what," said the War Correspondent, "if something doesn't happen soon, I am going off to Durban to buy a *Daily Mail* and find out what the enemy is doing with that battery on the hill-top over there; I can't stand this uncertainty."

"Keep your mind easy," said the Policeman, sooth-

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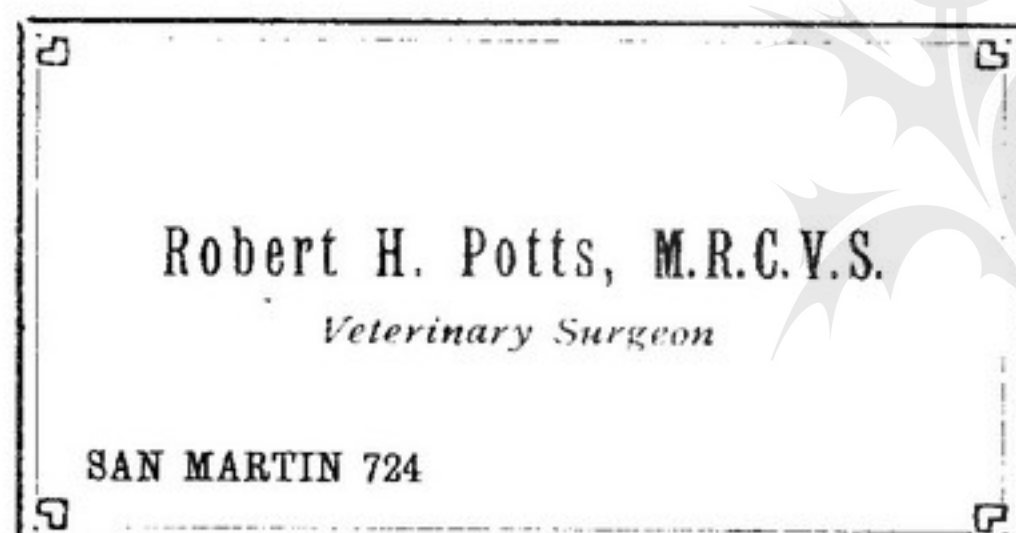
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ingly; "nothing is more fatal in this climate than over-worry."

"That's all very well; but I am not in the Police, I am a War Correspondent, and if I don't send home news my people will stop my salary."

"I was at St. Andrews last Christmas Day," said the Major, dreamily. "I had a splendid 98—"

"What!" ejaculated the Stock-broker.

"For the seventeen holes," added the Major, mildly. "I didn't count the Home Hole; I had such terribly bad luck."

"Let's have a game here;" and the War Correspondent sprang up excitedly; "anything but sitting half asleep, and it'll be a bit of descriptive for me. We can soon lay out nine holes on the veldt to the southward there—twice round for the Championship of Sarsmatoom. Perhaps the Boer Commandant may send down a messenger to tell us we are infringing the Rules of War, as he did last time we got a shell to carry up to him."

"Wonder if he knows anything about the New Rules of Golf, for I don't," the Policeman muttered, as they made their way to the open ground, accompanied by a few Kaffir "boys" to dig holes, and afterwards act as caddies.

For the next two hours there was plenty to do, laying out the course marking off the teeing-grounds, sticking captured Boer rifles in the holes as flagstaves, and drawing up some local rules. It was agreed to consider a live shell as a "hazard." The Stockbroker objected, and said that the history of the siege was against such an assumption; but the Major firmly declared that at Woolwich he was always told that live shells were to be avoided, and he could not allow his military training to be set at naught. Any party of Boers was to be regarded as "out of bounds;" and the War Correspondent affirmed that, hitherto, that had been the case. Any dispute on a point of the Rules was to be referred to the next Boer ambassador that came into the town. "He'll not, of course, know anything about golf, and therefore he won't be prejudiced," the Policeman observed, with more intelligence than was reasonably to be expected from him.

After a hearty lunch, for everybody felt cheerful at the prospect of some excitement, play was begun.

"How's that for a tee shot?" said the Stockbroker, as he got away a beautifully clean-hit ball, and stood admiring the gutta soaring in the air.

But next moment a look of speechless agony came over his face; a Kaffir boy afar off had jumped, fielded the ball neatly, and came bounding up to the first tee in huge delight.

"Got him, Baas," he exclaimed, while his comrades gazed in admiration. The Stockbroker rose to the occasion, and thenceforth the balls were "taboo" to the Kaffirs.

When the balls were holed out on the first green, the Stockbroker had an 18, the others being on an ascending scale, to the Policeman's 24. But that was a difficult hole. Varying were the fortunes of the competitors for the next few holes. A nasty bit of brushwood made the Major's heart heavy; a cleft in the ground caused the Policeman much mental annoyance; the War Correspondent's ball fell in stony ground, and his caddie heard some exclamations which ought to be the exclusive right of the chief sub-editor when going to press. The Stockbroker was in an unholy state of joy until his ball sought refuge in a cuppy lie. Thirteen strokes did he count until he remembered that, under medal rules, he could lift the ball; and then he sat down and wailed sorrowfully. The sixth hole lay on the far side of a deep boulder-strewn valley. They had named the valley—Hell; and they all got down there. When darkness had set in, the colonel in command of the garrison sent out a "picket" and brought them home.

"All very well having a game of golf, you know," he said reprovingly; "but you must not allow your desire for recreation to lead you into taking unnecessary risks; the Boers might make a detour and carry you off prisoners. You can finish your game to-morrow."

"What about that Championship match?" said the Major next morning.

"Perhaps the Boers might assault the town;" and the Policeman looked at his blistered hands; "never do to be amusing ourselves with the enemy on the attack."

"No such luck. Come away; be men! Let us call first nine holes all even, and that will leave us one round for the honour of being Champion. Besides," he added warningly, as he saw traces of irresolution on the faces of the trio, "I have just been told that the womenfolks here are going to make this a washing day."

"That decides it," the Stockbroker declared defiantly; "I would rather play golf, even over *that* course, than hang out clothes. Oh, why didn't I sail for England, and not rashly determine to withstand the horrors of a besieged town."

At the first tee no Kaffirs were to be seen.

"See here, Major, where are our caddies? can't play without them, you know," and the Policeman's countenance wore a brighter look than it had done since the preserved apricots had given out.

"Stay there; I'll get 'em."

"Don't know what to say," said the officer on duty, "these Kaffirs have evidently bolted out of the way. Don't fancy your golf, I suppose. However, here are four Boer prisoners; they will be glad of a little variety. they have done nothing but smoke and eat since we got 'em; that was the day the shell broke the drug shop window."

Great caution was exercised in this round. There was no fearsome driving to carry bunkers; they went round them. This meant tolerably high scoring, but wisdom had been dearly bought by experience.

"We'll get home before nightfall to-day," the War Correspondent observed cheerfully, as they called a halt at the fifth hole and partook of luncheon.

"It is not, perhaps, what you would dub Hoylake golf, but this is not a Hoylake links."

The Policeman nodded; he had lit his pipe, and was in the humour to be sociable with even a Boer Commandant.

"How does the game stand?" the Major queried, as the Stockbroker sat figuring out.

"Oh, I'm ahead of you; how many strokes had you for that last hole, Policeman?"

"Don't know," was the placid reply.

"Didn't you count?"

"No; I forgot."

"This is a medal match, man."

"Is it?"

"Where's your caddie? Here, did you count how many strokes he took?"

The Boer—he was of German descent—shook his head phlegmatically, and said "nein."

"What! had that hole in nine. By Jove, Policeman, you beat us all there."

But the Policeman was fast asleep.

A shell hurtled past them, and immediately afterwards a muffled roar and crash was heard. "It's in Hell," the Major remarked gleefully, "and if any of it gets out of there it's more than we could do."

An ambulance party came up at the double with the Doctor. "Anybody hurt?" and he looked hopefully at the recumbent Policeman, but his face fell. "Singular thing how these shells never seem to fall where they will do any damage."

"Want something to do, Doctor?" said the Stockbroker. "Finish the game for the Policeman; he is hopelessly out of it, so you won't damage his card."

A yell from the War Correspondent—"He's off with my clubs!"—awakened all to the fact that one of the Boers had taken to his heels, and was off to rejoin his friends, laden with the spoils of war.

"Shoot, shoot!" shouted the Doctor, in a frenzy of excitement.

"Haven't any rifles; we came out to play golf."

The Doctor turned, disgusted, and went back to the town. "That only leaves you and me, Major," and the Stockbroker teed off.

He had a splendid drive, and immediately declared that the lunch had done him good. The Major had no chance. A well-played 16 gave the Stockbroker the next hole, and when "Hades" was carried from the tee the jubilation of the man on 'Change was unbounded. He holed out the nine holes in 191.

"Have another round," he said to the Major; but the latter had his gaze directed to an advancing horseman just appearing in sight. With the aid of his field-glass, he recognised that he was an officer, evidently of the British Relief Column. Cheers were heard from the town, and the Policeman was fully awake, while the War Correspondent danced about as if hung on wires.

The officer rode up; he was in one of the Highland regiments, and a lieutenant. The Colonel shouted a hearty welcome.

"Glad to see you; just in good time; but we could have held out for a few days longer at a pinch."

"Oh yes; our men will be up here in a couple of hours. Eh, who won that golf match?"

"I did," responded the Stockbroker, proudly. "Very close and exciting game," he added; "and the course is a bit rough, and wants knowing. But, I daresay, after a bit you will get along all right. I'll give you a game to-morrow."

"Thanks, awfully, old man; but I expect you will be too strong for me."

"I don't mind giving you a half; *that* will nullify my knowledge of the green."

"Very good; to-morrow, then; put my name down F. G. T.—t, B-l-c-k W-t-ch, you know."

But the Stockbroker had fled.

And that match never came off.

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Rose ev'ry man through the length of the land,
Cried to the chiefs of the nation to send them,
There by their brothers to fall or to stand.

Parched by the drought and the heat of the desert,
Scorched by the pitiless sun of the plain,
Stopped by impassable barriers of mountains,
Onward, still onward, without drawing rein.

Woe to the day that they crossed Modder River,
Caught in the wiles of a treacherous foe;
Woe that the flower of the army should perish,
Perish before they could deal a fair blow!

Gallantly charge they the first of their journey,
Little reck they to what death-traps they ride,
Steadily on to that long range of mountains,
Forward they sweep in their strength and their pride

Pause not to linger in vain lamentations
Over your comrades, though wounded or slain,
Let but the sight of them give you fresh courage,
Forward, men, forward, and at them again.

Wail for the men who were slain at Tugela,
Bury them deep in the sands of the flood,
Led to the ford not to fight but for slaughter,
Woe to the river all stained with their blood!

Desp'rate the stand that they made by the cannons,
Few who returned to the opposite side;
One of their number with band of true heroes,
Stuck to his gun until ev'ry man died.

Oh for the pain of it, sisters and mothers,
Weep your heart's blood for your loved who are
slain;

Oh for the shame of it, comrades and brothers,
Shed your life's blood to avenge them again.

Kneel for them, pray for them, people and churches,
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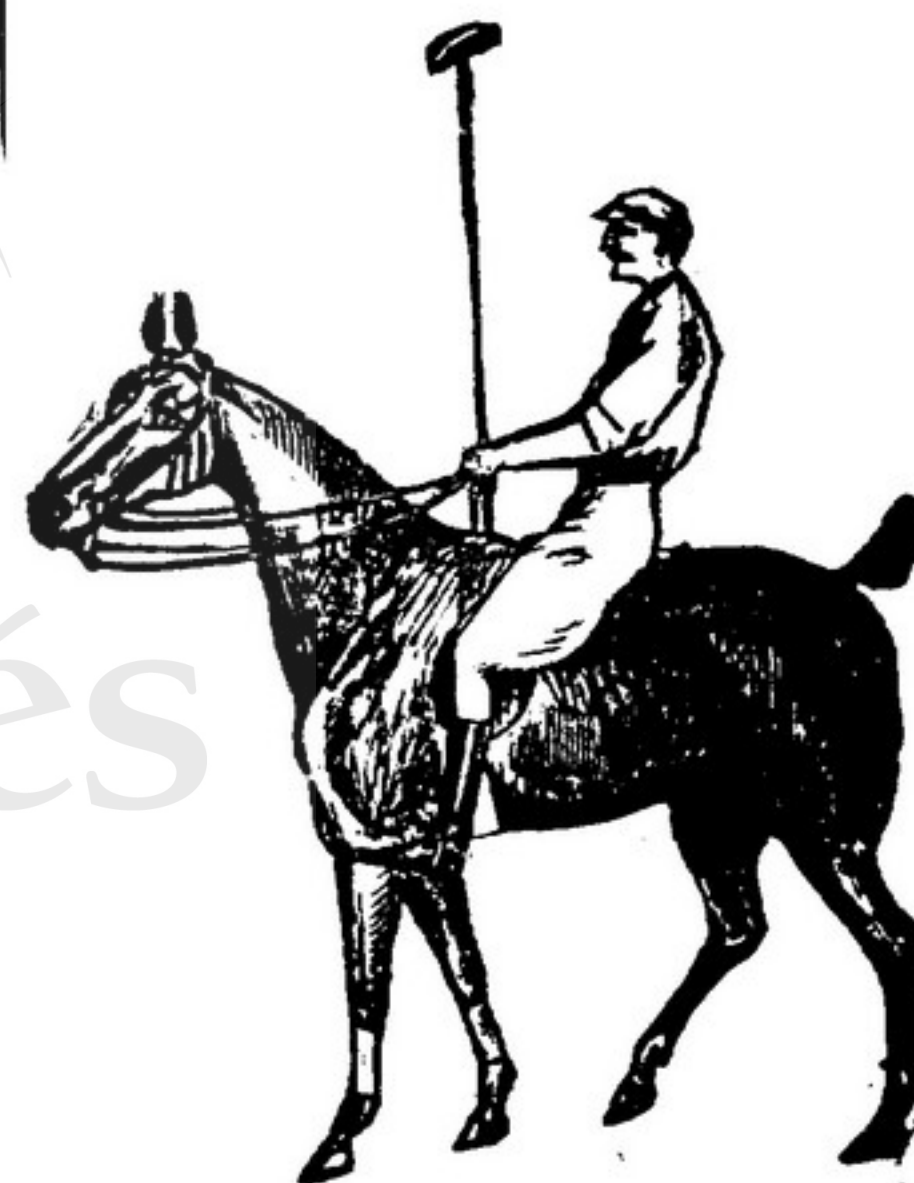
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NOTES.

We call the attention of our readers, and of our golfing readers in particular, to the interesting description of the Mar del Plata golf links which appears in another column under "Golf." The links are described by all who have played on them as charming, and we hear on good authority that they have undergone very great improvements since last season. All golfers interested in the matter are invited to attend a meeting to be held at Mr T. S. Boadle's office to-morrow afternoon at 5.15 p.m. for the purpose of exchanging opinions and ideas as the possibility of forming a club, etc.

We beg to offer our heartiest congratulations to Mr A. Macdonald on his engagement to Miss E. Smiles, which has just been announced. Mr Macdonald, as the Flores fast bowler, has been a prominent figure on our cricket fields for the past few seasons, and has done excellent work with the ball, although this season he has turned his attention more to batting, with excellent results, as the average list testifies.

He is also a very keen golfer and was an enthusiastic Rugby football player. We should be afraid to say how many golf prizes Miss E. Smiles has taken, but she is one of the best, if not the best lady player here, and is in fact very fond of every kind of sport. We beg to join their numerous friends in wishing them a long life of unclouded happiness together.

In our lawn tennis notes, this week, it will be seen that we have found it necessary to reverse the result of the match between the Buenos Aires L.T.C. and the Lomas A.C., which we reported last week, one of the matches having been altogether omitted. Instead of the Buenos Aires team having won by one sett and three games, as we stated previously, Lomas won by one sett and nine games. We need hardly say that our scores were taken from the only score-sheet kept, on which the match referred to did not appear.

As a matter of fact these inter-club lawn tennis matches, which promised so well, are proving most disappointing, and apparently entirely owing to the lack of support members owe to their various clubs. It is only a few days ago we were in the presence of a well-known player here, and a member of one of our largest clubs, and yet we heard him state that there would be considerable difficulty in raising a team of six or eight players for a certain match, as so many had refused to play.

As our readers know, this season an inter-club Championship was started, who at the present moment can tell how the various clubs stand in that Championship? We have expressed our willingness to publish a Championship table every week, showing the position of each club, but we cannot obtain any of the necessary details. In the match referred to above, when the mistake in the scores arose, there was no official notice posted of the match played at all, and it was simply owing to the forethought of one of the *visiting* players that the scores were kept. Naturally if matches are conducted in this slack manner, Championship games will never arouse the interest they should.

Last Sunday was another very busy day for our cricketers, no fewer than four matches being played, including three of the Championship series. The day dawned dull and threatening, and at one time it really looked as though we were in for a wet day, but after a rather sharp shower in the morning it gradually cleared, and the afternoon was all that could be desired. There are several matches down for decision next Sunday also, so that cricket appears to be going very strongly just now, a very desirable state of affairs, with the near approach of the important match next month.

Of last Sunday's matches, the one which affects the Championship competition more than any, was the one played at Flores between that club and Hurlingham, and a very interesting one it was, for first one side and then the other appeared to hold the upper hand. The scoring was low all-round and this in spite of a good wicket having been provided, but the bowling and fielding were distinctly above the average, the Hurlingham eleven particularly distinguishing themselves in this respect, and some very clever catches were brought off.

With only two wickets down for eighty-two runs, it certainly looked as though the Hurlingham team were in for a long score, but the tail cut up badly and the comparatively small totals of a hundred and twenty-three was all that the Flores players had to finally contend against. Small as it was it proved too large for the home players, who were all dismissed for ninety-seven runs. Unless something unforeseen occurs this result may put the Flores Club out of the running for Championship honours, which, as far as one can tell at present, will probably have to be fought out by the Hurlingham and Lomas teams.

At Quilmes, the present leaders in the Championship competition must have received quite a shock, as at lunch time all their bowling had apparently been mastered, and only three wickets had fallen for a hundred and six runs. But here again a collapse ensued, and all the rest of the team were dismissed for an additional forty-five runs. With the strong batting side at their disposal, the total was not a very awe-inspiring one, but there was the question of time to calculate, and the visitors had quite an anxious time of it for half an hour, but eventually won very easily.

The features of the match were the innings of Mr A. Anderson on the one side, and Messrs Prescott and Leonard on the other. None of them were really sound displays, but were all played at a time when runs were badly wanted. Mr Anderson, although hardly comfortable at first, again gave proof of his ability to rise to the occasion, and his last fifty runs were made without a semblance of a mistake. Mr Prescott and Mr Leonard both deserve great praise for their plucky batting, and in a

lesser degree Mr. Hooton also. The catch with which the last-named player dismissed Mr F. Jacobs, was worth going a very long way to see.

The Quilmes Cricket Club has certainly a very bright future before it. Thanks to the energy of one of the members sufficient funds have been raised to set up a wind mill, and shower baths, etc., are to be put up in the Club pavilion. In addition to this every effort is going to be made to have a good grass pitch there next season, and as they have a fine roller the outfield should also be made as good as any here. All the members seem very enthusiastic and anxious to support the club, which we trust will realise the brilliant prospects it has before it.

At Banfield, the match between the local club and Belgrano resulted, as was generally anticipated, in a victory for the visitors, for whom Messrs C. M. Belton and F. C. Wibberley were in best form with the bat. The experiment was tried of playing on a grass wicket, but hardly with successful results, as the two first innings of the teams, on which the match was decided, only realised a hundred and forty-nine runs, or an average of a little more than seven runs per wicket. Messrs Bartlett, Malm, and Lucas bowled well for their respective sides.

Lanus having found it impossible to meet their engagement with the Buenos Aires Cricket Club's second eleven, a scratch team was got together by Mr R. W. Anderson, and a great game ensued, the club just being beaten on time by a single run. Excitement, as may be imagined, ran high, and a better contested game, or a jollier day's cricket could not have been wished for. As the club fixtures do not seem to be very numerous this year, we hope to see more of these scratch games arranged, they are very enjoyable, and invariably provide a good day's cricket.

For the scratch eleven, Mr A. M. im Thurn, of football and boating fame, played two dashing innings, in the first of which he made two fine drives out of the field. Mr A. T. Spens showed that his long absence in the camp had not impaired his cricketing powers, for in addition to making top score in the second innings, his success with the ball had most to do with the victory his side obtained. For the Club, Mr Dowson carried his bat for a capital innings of forty-three, and Mr W. Goodwin treated the spectators to a dashing fourteen, putting on twenty-seven runs with Mr Dowson for the last wicket.

In spite of the numerous difficulties that had arisen the tour for the Northern Camps eleven has now been definitely arranged. The Southern Camp team which Mr J. McReid is getting up, naturally expressed a wish to play at Palermo against their Northern rivals, but the match is too near the North and South fixture to allow of this, so the Southerners have consented to play at Hurlingham, when it is to be hoped as many as possible will turn up, to witness, what we hope will prove to be, the first of a long series of annual matches.

The Northern Camps tour will commence on Monday and Tuesday, the 19th and 20th prox. with a two day match against the Rosario Athletic Club, at Rosario. On Wednesday and Thursday, the 21st and 22nd prox. the Northerners will meet their Southern friends at Hurlingham, while on Friday and Saturday, the 23rd and 24th prox. the Hurlingham Club will place a team in the field. These should all be good matches and will be a fine preparation for those chosen to play for the North on the following three days.

On December 5th, Mr F. E. Lacey, secretary to the M.C.C., presided at Lord's over the meeting which is usually held for the purpose of arranging the dates of matches for the next season. The attendance was fully representative, and the business in hand was got through with expedition. It is at this meeting that important questions affecting county cricket are often debated in order that the views of the representatives may be adequately brought to the attention of the M.C.C. On this occasion, however, no such topic presented itself, and there was accordingly no discussion. Even the question of the reform of the laws of cricket, which has aroused so much interest among persons not directly concerned with the game, was left untouched.

The programmes of most of the counties were nearly or quite filled up, and arrangements were made for a more than usually busy season, evidence being shown of a general disposition to play more matches than in previous years. Even Middlesex has a longer card—of twenty-two engagements—than before, and Worcestershire has augmented the magnitude of its operations by arranging matches with such formidable opponents as Lancashire, Middlesex, and Surrey. The club known as London County, though not organised in a geographical basis, and so not amenable to the rules of county cricket, has undertaken a number of matches with first-class counties, and it is considered possible that these may be reckoned as first-class, though this is evidently a case which may afford the M.C.C. committee no little perplexity, even if it does not demonstrate the futility of classification altogether. A programme has been drawn up for a team of South African cricketers, as well as a short one for a West Indian eleven.

The racing season at Hurlingham this year will not commence until Thursday, May 24th, when the first meeting will be held. These meetings are becoming so popular and are so thoroughly enjoyable that it is to be hoped our golf and football secretaries and others will try and avoid making important fixtures on the following dates, which have been fixed by the committee for race-meetings at Hurlingham: Thursday, May 24th, Thursday June 14th, Friday, June 29th, Wednesday, August 15th, Tuesday, August 30th, and Saturday, September 8th.

The horses left in as candidates for the big prizes this year are a small and select lot, and consist of Pillito and Yerba Amarga from 1897, and Valero and Langosta from last year, and if unfortunately the last-named becomes unable to stand preparation, there will only remain three perfectly sound horses that have shewn their superiority over their rivals. There are, however, a few others who may be able to compete with these, if properly rested and looked after. In short distances, Ecarté, Cacique, and Offembach will always be formidable, while Gonin shewed such unexpected improvement at the end of the year that he will still be worth looking after. Don Pepe, Orizon, and Coquimbo, are the best of the sons of Orbit left on their feet, and are still capable of getting higher, Royal, who has marked the best time in the past year in 1200 and 1600 metres, is an enigma, and may turn out the equal of anything that sports silk.

Among last year's colts three that have shewn first class qualities are Dictador, Bonaparte, and Caprichoso, all of which are capable of again doing great things if they can be got fit again. Three others that have shewn good constitutions and plenty of staying power are Leon, Pillastre, and Dominó, the brother of Pillito being the one we think most likely to get to the top of the tree. Among

the Montevideans, which were well in the front, Eúskaro is already on the way to other climes, Salto can no longer be considered sound, and Guazunambi has not come up to his early promise. The list of possibilities is not so bad as it looks at first sight, and there are great hopes of the new ones, several of whom bid fair to be well up to the mark. Our poor opinion of the 1898 class is born out by the fact that not one is left in as a probability in the list for honours in the season of 1900.

Under "Bat-Fives" may be found the final results of the various events recently competed for in the tournament held by the Flores Athletic Club. The Club is to be congratulated on the great success of the whole concern. The number of entries received must constitute a record, here, and yet the numerous matches were played off in good time, and without a hitch of any kind. All the arrangements were excellent, and some of the games were very well worth seeing. We regret that we are unable to publish the full details for want of space, but we give the more important ones.

Perhaps the most marked feature in the tournament was the surprise which the club championship provided. Mr L. Ponce de Leon occasioned considerable surprise by easily defeating Mr E. H. Theobald, after which he proceeded to knock out Mr H. Hume, two very fine performances for a young player. Then again Mr G. F. Elliot met and defeated the Rev. R. F. Handcock, another brilliant victory. Considering everything, the difficult task undertaken by the handicappers was extremely well done. Mr J. V. Holtum showed good form all through the tournament, and well deserved the prizes he carried off, but we hardly think he will be allowed in on the same handicap again. Altogether it was a thoroughly successful tournament and we shall look forward to the next one with pleasure.

The Oxford v. Cambridge Rugby football match, which was played on December 13th, resulted in an easy victory for the Light Blues by two goals and four tries to nothing. The Cambridge fifteen were a very much heavier lot than their opponents, whom they practically penned to their own own half the whole game, during which time play could not have been in the Cambridge twenty-five more than half a dozen times. The winners' pack of forwards are described as the best seen in this match for at least ten years. Of the twenty-eight matches played, Oxford have eleven to their credit and Cambridge ten, while seven have resulted in drawn games.

It is interesting to note that of the public schools represented in the two teams, Cheltenham supplied four, whilst Fettes sent three, as did the Bedford Grammar School which is rising into great prominence as a nursery for Rugby men. Altogether twenty-one schools were represented, but it is noteworthy that eight players came from Scottish schools and two from Welsh, so that the English International selection is limited. Only three out of the two teams were offered places in the North and South match.

CRICKET.

BATTING AND BOWLING AVERAGES.
SEASON 1899-1900.

There are numerous changes to record this week in the average lists. A. Anderson, thanks to his not out innings last Sunday, now takes first place. G. Elliot falls two places, J. O. Anderson one, Lacey five, Symons three, J. S. Campbell six, H. Lucas ten, Bardrick nine, and Torre

nine, while there are several minor changes, and C. E. Dickinson, W. Malm, and R. Levy all drop out of the list, their averages having fallen below 10. Among those who have improved their positions, in addition to the one mentioned, Wibberley rises three places, J. D. Campbell five, Prescott five, F. Jacobs two, and P. C. Sly four, while G. F. Earle, J. T. Huxtable, and S. U. Leonard appear for the first time.

In the bowling, with the exception of W. A. Campbell, all the first fourteen on the list were engaged last Sunday. Lacey changes places with Brooking, as do Spray and W. A. Campbell and Cowes and Knox also. Prescott falls five places and Torre four, while Rumboll rises three and Lucas two, and there are numerous smaller changes. H. B. Anderson and C. Knautd appear for the first time.

BATTING.					
	No. of Innings	Times not out	Highest score	Total runs	Average
A. Anderson	12	2	97*	350	35.00
R. W. Rudd	9	0	93	292	32.44
R. L. Halstead	8	2	120*	191	31.83
G. F. Elliot	10	1	63	274	30.44
J. O. Anderson	15	2	55	356	27.38
A. Macdonald	16	3	60*	312	24.00
F. C. Wibberley	11	1	59	233	23.30
E. D. Drabble	8	0	100	185	23.12
A. J. Symons	8	0	63	183	22.87
Lacey	8	2	43	135	22.50
J. B. Campbell	9	2	51	151	21.57
J. S. Prescott	9	1	49	170	21.25
B. B. Syer	15	3	53*	245	20.41
H. A. Cowes	7	1	43	120	20.00
E. L. Rumboll	17	1	42	319	19.93
F. H. Jacobs	8	1	50*	137	19.57
J. D. Shepard	13	1	45	225	18.75
D. Leighton	12	2	37	175	17.50
J. S. Campbell	10	0	50	174	17.40
T. Benson	8	1	52	117	16.71
J. T. Huxtable	5	0	33	82	16.40
D. Gibson	13	1	58	190	15.83
C. C. Alexander	13	1	41	184	15.33
C. H. Lomas	9	1	58*	120	15.00
R. A. Brooking	6	1	31*	73	14.60
P. L. G. Bridger	7	1	27	85	14.16
G. Henshaw	10	2	36*	113	14.12
R. E. Draper	7	0	48	95	13.57
J. H. Elliot	10	1	56	122	13.55
C. H. Benson	7	1	15	79	13.16
W. A. Campbell	11	5	32*	79	13.16
H. Lucas	14	1	41	171	13.15
J. V. Holtum	6	1	20	62	12.40
A. B. P. Boyd	6	1	32*	62	12.40
E. O. Morgan	7	1	31*	74	12.33
F. J. Bardrick	9	2	32*	86	12.28
P. C. Sly	13	1	35	143	11.91
S. U. Leonard	8	0	39	95	11.87
T. C. E. Fowler	8	1	31*	81	11.57
C. Gibson	11	1	46	115	11.50
H. Torre	8	4	15*	45	11.25
E. Luck	8	0	29	90	11.25
W. G. Brown	7	2	38	50	10.00
G. F. Earle	5	0	35	50	10.00

* Signifies not out.

BOWLING.					
	O.	M.	R.	W.	Average
Lacey	65.2	23	126	16	7.87
R. A. Brooking	171.2	73	314	38	8.28
G. F. Elliot	87.2	26	167	20	8.35
W. A. Campbell	139.1	28	351	41	8.56
W. B. Spray	98.3	37	206	24	8.58
T. V. M. Knox	201	55	414	48	8.62
H. A. Cowes	117.2	37	252	27	9.33
P. L. G. Bridger	68	21	147	15	9.80
H. Lucas	149.1	35	354	34	10.41
H. B. Elliot	117.4	23	338	32	10.56
E. L. Rumboll	127	35	323	28	11.53
R. Kingsland	96.2	14	278	23	12.08
G. L. Miles	87	17	248	20	12.40
J. S. Campbell	125.2	27	336	27	12.44
J. S. Prescott	119.3	37	330	26	12.69
H. Torre	135.3	41	284	22	12.90
W. G. Brown	43	11	113	8	14.12
H. J. Fraser	60	11	173	12	14.41
A. Macdonald	120.2	37	290	20	14.50
R. H. Bartlett	95	24	235	16	14.68
C. Knautd	42.2	11	104	7	14.85
J. O. Anderson	70	7	281	18	15.61
C. R. Tupholme	99	17	316	19	16.63

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Average
H. B. Anderson...	41.3	15	102	6	17.00
A. Campbell ..	100.2	18	291	15	19.40
T. Benson ..	140.2	29	389	20	19.95
W. Stirling ..	40	5	140	7	20.00
R. E. Draper ..	57	10	193	9	21.44
S. U. Leonard ..	61	14	174	8	21.75
J. H. Williams ..	51.3	11	157	6	26.16

CRICKET CHAMPIONSHIP.

The following table shows the position of clubs in the Cricket Championship:

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points
Lomas..	7	7	0	0	7
Hurlingham..	9	7	1	1	6
Flores..	8	5	2	1	3
Belgrano ..	9	4	4	1	0
Quilmes ..	8	3	5	0	-2
Lomas "A" ..	9	3	5	1	-2
Lanús ..	8	2	6	0	-4
Banfield ..	8	0	8	0	-8

Points are scored as follows: Plus one for a win, minus one for a loss, and drawn games are ignored.

LOMAS A.C. v. QUILMES A.C.

The above clubs met for the first time in the championship last Sunday at Quilmes. The morning was dull and threatening but the afternoon was delightfully fine and quite a number of spectators put in an appearance including many ladies. The home team were unfortunately without one or two of their best players but the visitors were well up to their full strength. So well did the first few Quilmes batsmen shape that at lunch time the score was 106 for only 3 wickets, and the present leaders in the championship were in anything but an enviable position. After lunch, however, wickets fell rapidly and the last seven only added 46. For the visitors A. Anderson, though very unsteady at first, played sound cricket afterwards and was unfortunate in just missing his century. Altogether it was a good and keen match although in the end Lomas scored an easy victory by 7 wickets, with 34 runs to spare.

It is hardly necessary to state that the visiting captain won the toss, and having decided to take the field, Symons and Prescott opened the Quilmes innings to the bowling of Brooking and Cowes, the latter from the Pavilion end. Prescott, mainly by rather fortunate snicks to leg was soon busy, but with 16 up Cowes bowled Symons off his pads. Levy, who followed, saw 14 runs added and was then clean bowled by Cowes, so that 2 wickets were down for 30. Leonard now joined Prescott and runs coming rather too freely, H. Anderson relieved Brooking. Halstead failed to hold a very hard chance at point from Leonard, and later missed rather an easy one off the same batsman. Runs coming steadily Bridger gave Cowes a rest and later handed the ball to J. O. Anderson, Cowes coming over and relieving H. Anderson. This change brought about the separation as the slow bowler upset Prescott's wickets, the ball glancing off the batsman's pads. The outgoing batsman may have been a little lucky at times and was certainly beaten more than once, but his effort was a plucky and praiseworthy one. His principal hits were 2 fours, one three and 12 twos. With Hooton in the slow bowler got punished and Brooking had a turn but before an adjournment was made for lunch the score had been carried to 106 without further loss, Leonard being not out 39 and Hooton not out 12. The luncheon interval, instead of the customary 45 minutes, lasted for an hour and twenty minutes, and when a resumption was made one of the not out batsmen had not returned to the field, so Earle partnered Hooton. Bridger took over the bowling at the lower end, and with his first ball bowled Earle, making 4 wickets down for 106. Torre came next in time to see Leonard smartly taken at the wicket off Brooking with the total unaltered. His 39 runs were made by nice cricket, but he has a dangerous habit of getting too far out of his ground when making his forward strokes. He hit a four and six threes. Hooton having arrived now joined Torre and 15 runs were added before Brooking bowled Torre. Cunningham came next and was immediately let off at short slip off Bridger. With the total at 131 Bridger bowled Hooton, who had knocked up a lively 25. Jefferies helped to add 14 and then foolishly ran himself out. Cunningham was bowled by Brooking six runs later and Steed was caught at mid-off, Williams taking out his bat for four and the innings closing for 152,

a rather disappointing total after the excellent start made. Bridger obtained the best analysis taking 3 wickets for 30 runs.

With two and a half hours to complete the necessary five, A. Anderson and Rudd opened the Lomas innings, the attack being entrusted to Torre and Prescott. Runs came very slowly the bowling being straight and steady but gradually the batsmen began to open out. Levy, at deep long slip, might have caught Anderson off Torre but the chance was not easy, being high up, and later he gave Prescott a very difficult one-hand chance in the slips off the same bowler. Runs coming along at a good pace Symons took over the ball from Prescott and later Leonard was told off to relieve Torre. This latter change at once worked as Rudd was clean bowled hitting over a yorker and J. O. Anderson who followed was clean bowled with the third ball he received, so that 2 wickets were down for 59. With Jacobs in runs came at a much better pace and various changes were tried in the bowling, all of which proved unavailing, and it was not until the total had reached 129, that Jacobs was magnificently caught by Hooton on the boundary off a huge drive. The partnership had thus produced 70 runs of which Jacobs claimed 32. J. B. Campbell came next and the Quilmes total was soon passed and when time was called the two were still together, the total being 186. Anderson's 97 was, of course, invaluable, and was chiefly obtained by nice off-drives and some neat placing to leg. His score was made up of 6 fours, 5 threes, 15 twos and singles. Campbell played extremely nice cricket for his runs. Victory thus rested with Lomas by 7 wickets and 34 runs.

Full score and analysis:—

QUILMES C.C.		LOMAS A.C.	
A. J. Symons b Cowes.....	1	A. Anderson not out.....	97
J. S. Prescott b J. O. Anderson...	45	R. W. Rudd b Leonard.....	19
R. Levy b Cowes.....	0	J. O. Anderson b Leonard.....	0
S. U. Leonard c R. E. H. Anderson b Brooking.....	39	F. H. Jacobs c Hooton b Earle..	32
P. Hooton b Bridger.....	25	J. B. Campbell not out.....	21
G. F. Earle b Bridger.....	0	R. L. Halstead	
H. Torre b Brooking.....	5	R. E. H. Anderson	
E. Cunningham b Brooking.....	13	H. A. Cowes	
E. Jefferies run out.....	5	H. B. Anderson	did not bat
W. Williams not out.....	4	R. A. Brooking	
F. Steed c A. Anderson b Brid- ger.....	1	P. L. G. Bridger	
Extras.....	14	Extras.....	17
Total.....	152	Total.....	186

QUILMES C.C.				LOMAS A.C.					
O	M	R	W	O	M	R	W		
R. A. Brooking.....	22	6	43	3	H. Torre.....	16	3	33	0
H. A. Cowes.....	17	4	33	2	J. S. Prescott.....	19	6	47	0
H. B. Anderson.....	7	2	17	0	A. J. Symons.....	13	3	35	0
P. L. G. Bridger.....	15	5	30	3	S. U. Leonard.....	11	2	36	2
J. O. Anderson.....	6	2	15	1	G. F. Earle.....	6	0	18	1

HURLINGHAM v. FLORES A.C.

The return Championship fixture between the above clubs was played on Sunday last at Flores, where an excellent wicket had been prepared. Their former meeting, it will be remembered, resulted in a drawn game, but on this occasion the visitors won by 26 runs. The game all through was of a most interesting description and underwent many and various changes from time to time. Matters looked quite serious for Flores with only two of their opponents' wickets down for 82 runs, and yet Hurlingham were all out for a further 41 runs. Against such a total, the supporters of the home team naturally felt confident of adding another point to their Championship score, but it was not to be, the visitors all fielding up in great style actually dismissing the Flores team for only 97 runs, and thus gaining a well-deserved victory.

Hurlingham won the toss and decided to bat, Drabble and Willes being the first pair to face the deliveries of Knox and H. B. Elliot. Runs came slowly at first, but Drabble was just commencing to enliven the proceedings when he was taken at the wicket off H. B. Elliot, the total being 21. Rumboll took his place and a good stand ensued, in fact the only one of the innings. The new comer seemed to be considerably puzzled with H. B. Elliot's deliveries, and looked anything but comfortable with them, but Knox came in for considerable punishment which brought about the first change, Macdonald taking a turn with the ball. This failing to effect a separation, Knox resumed, and this was the turning point of the innings for in his first over he bowled Willes, who had batted very well for his 29 runs and had helped Rumboll to add 61 runs for the second wicket. Five runs later Rumboll had to leave l.b.w. to Knox, having scored a useful 35 in which were 4 fours. G. F. Elliot, who had previously relieved his brother, got Campbell caught for a single and

Lacey was finely taken at square leg for a similar score, so that five wickets were down for 90. Lacey and Thompson added nine for the sixth wicket, and then Knox bowled Lacey, so that six wickets were down for 99, at which period the luncheon interval was taken, the last four wickets only having added 17 runs.

On resuming, G. Elliot and Knox continued in charge of the attack and with excellent results. Knox bowling Anderson and Stuart besides getting Spray caught, while Elliot got Darch caught, so that with an addition of 24 runs only the whole side were out. Thompson, who batted well, carried his bat for a round dozen, and the innings closed for only 123, a very much smaller total than had been anticipated when the second wicket fell. Knox, who did not seem dangerous at first, met with astonishing success after going on a second time, and altogether obtained the excellent figures of seven wickets for 48 runs.

Flores commenced with Huxtable and J. Elliot to the bowling of Spray and J. S. Campbell. Runs came at a fast pace at once and Elliot had a slice of luck being caught off a no-ball, but it mattered little for at 18 he was out to a tame stroke off Campbell. G. Elliot came next, but six runs later Spray bowled him. Macdonald filled the vacancy and the score was doubled before Rumboll bowled Huxtable with a full pitch, for a useful and characteristic 18. Syer gave no trouble being taken smartly at mid-on from a hard drive. With Jones' arrival and the score still at 48, Macdonald was beautifully snapped in the slips by Drabble, so that five wickets were down for 48, not a very promising start. Mullins helped Jones to add nine for the sixth wicket before failing to stop one from Spray. Nixon saw the score raised to 71 and was then also bowled by Spray, and five runs later Campbell bowled Knox before that player had opened his account. With Jones and Holtum together a plucky effort was made to stem the tide of ill-success and the score was taken to 91 before Jones was well caught off Campbell for a dashing 29. H. Elliot saw the total raised to 97 and then Campbell bowled Holtum, the innings thus closing for 26 runs less than that of Hurlingham. All the bowlers tried obtained fair figures as may be seen from the analysis given below. The fielding all-round, but especially that of the visitors, was distinctly good.

Full score and analysis:—

HURLINGHAM				FLORES A.C.			
E. D. Drabble c Syer b H. B. Elliot	11	J. Huxtable b Rumboll	18	J. Elliot c Lacey b Campbell	9	G. F. Elliot b Spray	6
A. S. Willes b Knox	29	J. Elliot	7	A. Macdonald c Drabble b Lacey	7	B. B. Syer c Stuart b Rumboll	0
E. L. Rumboll lbw b Knox	35	J. S. Campbell	29	F. E. Jones c Willes b Campbell	29	C. W. Mullins b Spray	3
J. S. Campbell c Mullins b G. F. Elliot	1	C. W. Mullins b Spray	3	C. Nixon b Spray	6	T. V. M. Knox b Campbell	0
Lacey c Holtum b Knox	1	T. V. M. Knox b Campbell	0	J. V. Holtum b Campbell	9	H. B. Elliot not out	0
A. Lacey b Knox	8	H. B. Elliot not out	0	Extras	10	Extras	10
C. W. Thompson not out	12	Extras	15	Total	123	Total	97
G. S. Anderson b Knox	5	Bowling Analysis.					
W. B. Spray c Huxtable b Knox	0	Hurlingham					
J. T. Darch c Knox b G. F. Elliot	3	Flores A.C.					
J. Stuart b Knox	3	M R W					
Extras	15	T. V. M. Knox					
Total	123	4 48 7					
		H. B. Elliot					
		6 17 1					
		A. Macdonald					
		8 3 20 0					
		G. F. Elliot					
		16 6 22 2					

BELGRANO A.C. v. BANFIELD A.C.

This championship match was played on Sunday last at Banfield on an attempt at a grass pitch, which was rather risky to say the least of it. The scores and number of extras against the home side may give an idea of the bumpy nature of the wicket. Although the visitors failed to make a total of three figures their score of 98 proved sufficient to give them the victory by 47 runs.

Belgrano batted first and started badly for Botting, whom Shepard took in with him to open the innings was caught off Kingsland before a run had been scored. Belton filled the vacancy but with only eight up Bartlett bowled the visiting captain. Belton and Wibberley then improved matters somewhat and the score was carried to 42 before Bartlett got one past Wibberley who had made 18. Dickinson left at the same total also bowled by Bartlett, but Harvey helped Belton to add a further 40 runs to the score before the latter was caught off Kingsland for a capital innings of 27. Lucas took his place but was run out at once. Sly helped Harvey to add 11 runs and then saw him taken off Bartlett. The brothers Sly both found Bartlett not at all to their liking and Malm was run out, the innings closing for only 98 runs, of which 27 were extras. Bartlett bowled well and secured six wickets for 35 runs.

The Banfield innings requires very little description. Bartlett left at nine and then Quick and Lomas each obtained double figures, but nobody else could make any stand at all against the deliveries of Lucas and Malm and the whole team were dismissed for only 51 runs, of which Quick and Lomas claimed 29. Malm did very well with the ball as in five overs he took four wickets for only 10 runs, while Lucas secured four for 17. Belgrano then batted a second time and fared much better having scored 132 for seven wickets at the call of time.

Full score and analysis:—

BELGRANO A.C.				BANFIELD A.C.			
J. D. Shepard b Bartlett	6	R. H. Bartlett b Bell	4	J. H. Quick c Malm b Lucas	13	F. Hunt b Bell	1
H. W. Botting c Hunt b R. Kingsland	0	C. H. Lomas c Malm b Lucas	16	A. E. Hall c Belton b Malm	4	F. J. Bardrick b Malm	0
C. M. Belton c Quick R. Kingsland	27	F. Hunt b Bell	1	A. Woodwell lbw b Malm	0	E. Morgan c and b Lucas	3
F. C. Wibberley b Bartlett	18	A. E. Hall c Belton b Malm	4	G. J. W. Burton b Lucas	2	R. Kingsland b Malm	2
C. E. Dickinson b Bartlett	0	F. J. Bardrick b Malm	0	R. Kingsland b Malm	2	C. P. Knaudt not out	2
W. H. Harvey c Bardrick b Bartlett	10	A. Woodwell lbw b Malm	0	Extras	4	Total	51
H. Lucas run out	0	E. Morgan c and b Lucas	3	Total	51		
P. C. Sly b Bartlett	5	G. J. W. Burton b Lucas	2				
W. Malm run out	1	R. Kingsland b Malm	2				
A. V. Sly c Lomas b Bartlett	4	C. P. Knaudt not out	2				
W. M. Bell not out	0	Extras	4				
Extras	27	Total	98				
Total	98	Total (for 7 wks)	132				

Bowling Analysis.

Banfield A.C.				Belgrano A.C.					
R. Kingsland	16.4	5	34	2	C. P. Knaudt	11	2	39	2
R. H. Bartlett	12	2	35	6	R. H. Bartlett	12	2	44	1
C. P. Knaudt	4	2	2	0	R. Kingsland	6	3	5	1
					A. E. Hall	3	0	12	1

B.A.C.C. 2ND XI. v. MR. R. W. ANDERSON'S XI.

The Lanús club having failed to get a team together to play the B.A.C.C. 2nd XI. Mr Anderson stepped into the breach and took a team to Palermo. A very exciting match was the result as in the end the scratch eleven just won on time by a single run. F. Grant, for the club, and A. T. Spens, for the scratch team, bowled well.

The following are the scores:—

Mr. Anderson's XI.				B.A.C.C. 2nd XI.			
A. im Thurn c Stokes b Grant	24	F. B. Percy c Phillips b Spens	0	J. J. Dowson not out	43	R. H. Morgan run out	0
H. C. Pjews c Cumming b Kingsland	2	R. H. Morgan run out	0	P. Grant b Spens	1	J. E. Croll b Spens	0
B. J. Summer b Kingsland	0	J. E. Croll b Spens	0	D. J. Stokes b Spens	6	C. W. Cumming b Spens	12
J. H. Loos b Croll	7	C. W. Cumming b Spens	12	D. Kingsland b Spens	2	W. Goodwin c Bagley b Anderson	14
R. W. Anderson c Grant b Croll	12	D. Kingsland b Spens	2	Extras	8	Extras	8
A. T. Spens b Grant	5	Extras	5	Total	63	Total	86
M. Bagley not out	4	Total	63				
J. G. Dunn b Grant	3						
R. L. Phillips b Grant	1						
H. H. Leng (absent)	0						
Extras	5						
Total	63						

B.A.C.C. 2ND XI. v. MR. R. W. ANDERSON'S XI. (continued)

Mr. Anderson's XI.				B.A.C.C. 2nd XI.			
c Croll b Kingsland	18	F. B. Percy c Phillips b Spens	0	J. J. Dowson not out	43	R. H. Morgan run out	0
b Kingsland	7	R. H. Morgan run out	0	P. Grant b Spens	1	J. E. Croll b Spens	0
not out	11	J. E. Croll b Spens	0	D. J. Stokes b Spens	6	C. W. Cumming b Spens	12
b Kingsland	1	C. W. Cumming b Spens	12	D. Kingsland b Spens	2	W. Goodwin c Bagley b Anderson	14
c and b Dawson	4	D. Kingsland b Spens	2	Extras	8	Extras	8
lbw b Kingsland	22	Extras	5	Total	63	Total	86
run out	3	Total	63				
not out	17						
c Grant b Kingsland	0						
b Grant	9						
Extras	4						
Total	96						

B.A.C.C. 2ND XI. v. MR. R. W. ANDERSON'S XI. (continued)

Mr. Anderson's XI.				B.A.C.C. 2nd XI.			
c Croll b Kingsland	18	F. B. Percy c Phillips b Spens	0	J. J. Dowson not out	43	R. H. Morgan run out	0
b Kingsland	7	R. H. Morgan run out	0	P. Grant b Spens	1	J. E. Croll b Spens	0
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c Grant b Kingsland	0						
b Grant	9						
Extras	4						
Total	96						

ROSARIO. ROSARIO A.C. v. CORDOBA AND ROSARIO Ry. The above match was played at Plaza Jewell on Sunday, January 7th, resulting in a victory for the Club by 63 runs. Unfortunately the scores reached us too late for publication last week.

Full score and analysis:—

ROSARIO A.C.		CORDOBA and ROSARIO RY.	
W. S. Penman c Dorning b Martin	44	G. Brown c Pixton b Knight	32
W. D. Gardom b Martin	25	M. Lowndes c Kirk b Gardom	2
H. Middleton b Martin	5	H. Dorning st Middleton b Kirk	45
W. A. Robinson b Dorning	29	F. Martin b Kirk	0
J. A. H. Beamuont b Martin	31	C. Jewell b Knight	6
L. Jacobs c Lowndes b Dorning	8	F. Coutts b Knight	2
A. H. Knight b Dorning	3	W. Lowe b Kirk	1
A. Leunda b Martin	19	C. Doubell b Knight	2
P. W. Pixton b Dorning	1	G. W. Hamill not out	9
H. Kirk b Dorning	4	H. Kean c and b Knight	0
H. H. Spicer c Dorning b Martin	4	C. H. Doherty b Knight	3
J. Goodfellow not out	0	G. Schaub b Knight	0
Extras	6	Extras	14
Total	179	Total	116

BOWLING ANALYSIS.				C. and R. Ry.					
Rosario A.C.	o	M	R	W	C. and R. Ry.	o	M	R	W
H. Dorning	21	1	86	5	W. S. Penman	12	2	44	0
F. Martin	24	1	56	6	W. D. Gardom	6	1	23	1
H. Kean	2	0	7	0	H. Kirk	12	5	17	3
W. Lowe	4	0	23	0	A. H. Knight	8.3	0	18	7
G. Brown	1	0	1	0					

Kean bowled 1 wide and 2 no-balls.

ROUND THE TOWN.

What with the Boers of the Transvaal, the Boas of the Tigre, and the Bores of every-day life, life seems hardly worth living just now.

Considerable discussion is going on concerning the unfinished Colon Theatre, which the Municipality is to take in hand and finish. Some people say that the present edifice should be pulled down and a new and better design begun and finished, others say that the bricks and mortar already put up are quite good enough and strong enough, while others want to make an avenue passing from the Plaza, thus killing two birds with one stone. From a careful but totally unprofessional inspection of this building, we incline to think that those who say it ought to be pulled down are right, for the brick work is giving way in many places and the whole show looks very dicky indeed. The most sensible communication on the subject has been received from the great Empresario Ciacchi who says, very wisely, that if the forty odd holders of proprietary boxes are not got rid of it is no use building the theatre, for no Manager would be found enterprising enough to take the place with such a burden hanging on to him. In fact, as it stands, the whole affair is in as pretty a muddle as could be wished for.

When it is considered that the Municipality of Buenos Aires is not remarkably flush just now it seems rather diotic, to put it mildly, for them to burden themselves with such an enormous and useless expense as the finishing of the Colon Theatre will entail. Buenos Aires possesses in the Opera-House one of the finest theatres in the world, and yet, owing to circumstances, this house is a bit of a white elephant to the owner despite the fine prices paid by the Ferrari Opera Troupe during the season. Out of the season the Opera is used only occasionally for concerts, for meetings, for some of the performances by the Choral Union, and such functions, so what on earth such a theatre as the Colon, when it is finished, will do, only the Municipality can tell. That it can ever return a dividend on the cost of building, etc., is impossible, and the Government is too hard-up to give any subsidy, or at least to do so honestly. The vagaries of the Municipality are many and costly, but if they should proceed to the finishing of the Colon Theatre it will be a criminal waste of public funds and a regular job all through.

In spite of the hot weather we have been enduring for the past week or two the theatres in town are well filled, and the Politeama with its Opera Company at really popular prices, is doing a rare business. Both the senior Ferrari and the soprano Sra. Botti have caught on and are great favourites, especially in Puccini's "Boheme," which was given for four consecutive nights to good houses, an almost unexampled run for an opera in this city. The company all round is a very fair one and at the price charged deserves the support it receives.

We beg to join the many friends of Mr. A. Macdonald, of the New Zealand Insurance Company, in their congratulations to him on his engagement to Miss Ethel Miles of Lomas. It is a good example and one well worth following, and we hope ere long to be able to extend similar wishes to many of our bachelor friends, although they are leaving the ranks very rapidly and but few of the "old guard" remain.

We have received a neatly printed circular from the Lomas Academy, stating that the Principals of this Establishment are now Messrs. R. L. Goodfellow and R. W. Rudd. The school is situated at the corner of Colombes and 11 de Setiembre and every care has been taken to make it thoroughly healthy. The boarding-house, stands on its own grounds, about four squares from the school building, and everything has been done to make it thoroughly suitable for the purpose. One of the best points about the prospectus is that the Boys have the use of a gymnasium, fives court, and have access three times a week to the Lomas Athletic Club ground for cricket and football, under the superintendence of one of the masters. The fees seem reasonable and we wish the school every success.

The beating of tom-toms and other sounds, which prelude the opening of the feast of Carnival, can now be heard in various parts of the city, and from the notices which appear daily in the papers the comparsas, etc., this year promise to be equal to if not superior to those of the past. The Concejo Deliberante, the Municipality and Chief of Police have had a set-to over the question of the use of "pomos" (stupid instruments of a barbarous period), in which the Chief of Police has gained the day and prohibited the use of these water squirts. Serpentinatas are to be allowed but these do no harm and make pretty play, so that the Chief of Police deserves a vote of thanks for his decided action. Without "pomos" or any water throwing the Carnival of Buenos Aires might be made a really cheerful and jolly festival, and we trust that the edict of Dr. Beazley will not be as it has too often been, merely a dead letter, as the pomos have been directly responsible for many broken heads and even worse encounters.

The concert organised by the Wives of the Employees of the Port Works, in aid of the Fund for the Widows and Orphans of the British Troops in the Transvaal, was a decided success from all points of view. Prince George's Hall was well filled, although many who bought tickets did not turn up. Some of the audience brought the smaller members of their families, but though the voices of the infants were occasionally raised the little ones behaved themselves remarkably well. The evening opened with a short piano solo by Mr Stanley Brock, who also obliged in the second part. Mr E. Lesslie-Wilson then sang "Queen of the Earth," reaping considerable applause, which was also given to Mme. de Franc for her solo. Mr R. H. Morgan followed with a stirring recitation of an incident in the American War, which was received so well that he had to appear and give an encore, which took the form of a humorous rendering of a verse of "When other lips." In the second part Mr Morgan recited Kipling's "An Absent Minded Beggar," each verse being interrupted by great applause culminating in a recall after the last. Professor Pini played a selection, which consisted of a Scotch air with variations introducing an imitation of the bagpipes, which was also encored. Mr Masterton in the first part gave a comic song "Take 'em off," which greatly pleased the audience, and for an encore sang "Stars," which was not perhaps as good as the former. In the second part this gentleman gave "It'll take a lot of that to upset me," and in response to an encore "Tut-tut," a song concerning the mistakes made by a deaf old uncle, which was very gleefully received. Mrs Showler sang very sweetly and well "Adieu Marie," with "She wore a wreath of roses" as an encore. It is some time since we have had the pleasure of hearing this lady in public, and her voice seems to have improved and gained in strength. Mr Magrane was encored for both of his contributions—"Jack's the Boy," and "The Old Brigade"—singing Morgan's "Sons of England" with much spirit as his second encore the audience recalling him for this and on repetition joining in the chorus. Mr. Pete Sterling danced with wonderful nimbleness and briskness a hornpipe, and was doubly encored by the delighted audience who insisted on him giving a few of the steps of a Highland fling before they would let him depart. Professor Petrucci played a couple of selections on the mandoline, which instrument he handled with much skill, but we imagine that the tone of a single mandoline is hardly strong enough to fill Prince George's Hall to the entire satisfaction of an audience. During the interval the Hon. W. A. C. Barrington, Her Majesty's Minister, made a few remarks thanking the audience for the kind way in which they had come forward, as well as Messrs. Mc-

Queen and E. Lesslie-Wilson, who had been practically responsible for the arrangements, etc., of the concert, for their hard work. The evening closed with a general singing of "God Save the Queen" and three cheers. We understand that the result of the evening will be the very handsome addition of about a thousand dollars to the fund and we beg to say Bravo! to the ladies who initiated the affair, the ladies and gentlemen who so kindly assisted, and those who by buying tickets made the evening such a success.

ESTANCIA AND COLONY.

The Sociedad Rural of Bahia Blanca will hold their next Agricultural Show on the 18th and 19th of next month. Intending exhibitors should apply for space before the 10th of February.

It is said that the new Mataderos at Liniers will be inaugurated on the 1st of March next. "Veremos."

According to Messrs Erausquin and Co.'s circular, the total number of animals, horned stock, that entered the Corrales de Abasto during the past year, was 656,266 head, and the number killed to supply the city with beef was 491,379 head, the balance having been sold for saladero or invernada purposes, and a small proportion for export.

In sales of live stock the following are reported:—

Sr. Rodolfo Taurel has purchased from Don Pedro Ordoqui, 600 mestiza Durham cows, al corte, at \$42 each. These animals are from his estancia Martin Fierro, in Capilla del Señor.

Sr. Aquiles Caneveri has purchased from Sr. Ataliva Roca, from his estancia San Francisco, in the partido of Junin, 1300 cows al corte, mestiza Durham. The price is kept in reserve.

Messrs Ansades and Pleunet have purchased from Don Carlos Arevala, from his estancia in Junin, 600 mestiza Durham cows, al corte, at \$25 each, for his estancia Los Bearnese, in Venado Tuerto.

At Messrs Funes, Lagos and Co.'s 4th remate-féria held last week at Muñiz, F.C.P., the following prices were obtained:—

Novillos, from \$32 to 65 each; cows, from 22.50 to 62.50; cows al corte, from 21 to 24.50; heifers at 40; bullocks at 48; calves from 14.50 to 18; potros from 53.50 to 59; mares al corte, at 11.50. The total sales amounted to \$32,746.80.

The sale is reported of 1200 novillos of three years, export class, for invernada, from an estancia in the partido of Tandil, at \$50 each.

The sale is reported of 320 mestiza Durham cows, al corte, todo lo que pisa campo, all tamberas, from a tambo in the partido of San Vicente, at \$43.

We have been favoured with a copy of the *Live Stock Journal Almanack* for 1900, which is, as usual, perhaps we should say, more than usual, brimfull of interesting reading matter, to say nothing of the breeders tables, and other matter in tabulated form, indispensable to owners and breeders of live stock. There are some fifty special articles, most of them accompanied by beautiful illustrations. We strongly recommend all estancieros to secure a copy of the work, which is published at the very modest figure of one shilling.

Her Majesty the Queen's Hereford steer which was champion at the Norwich, Birmingham, and Smithfield Fat Stock Shows, has been sold to a butcher at Cardigan, for £150.

Sr. Miguel Camuyrano has purchased four leagues of camp on the South of the province of Córdoba, and bordering in the province of San Luis, at \$25,000 per league. Sr. Enrique Norrens has also purchased two leagues adjoining the first-mentioned camp and at the same price. We understand that both owners intend putting the whole of their property under alfalfa, and stocking with cattle only, and that the cattle will all be of a quality to breed export novillos from.

In our last week's issue we referred to the purchase by Messrs P. and G. Hughes of that fine specimen of the Hereford breed, Iron King, a three-year-old bull. The bull has been standing for some days at Messrs Funes, Lagos and Co.'s yard and has been very much admired,

and were our opinion asked on the subject we should say he is as fine a Hereford as has ever been imported into the Argentine Republic. The importers, have, we understand, bought him out to the order of Don Gregorio Villafañe, who has acquired him at a very long figure.

Sres. Stegman Hnos have sold to Messrs Parker and Fraser, from their invernada at Salado, 600 novillos for export at \$43 gold each, deliverable on waggons. The animals are reported to be exceptionally good in quality.

Messrs José and Bernardo Garay have sold 1600 novillos from their estancia Labocó, in the Pampa Central, to Sr. Carlos Villate Olaguer, at \$26 each.

The Government has decided to hold the Exhibition of dairy products and machinery from the 20th to the 27th of May inclusive, and the Rural Society have fixed upon the same dates for the Horse Show to be held at Palermo. It will be remembered that some time back the Rural Society determined for the future to hold the Show of Fat Stock at the same time as the Horse Show, so that there is reason to believe that between the three branches of agriculture we should see a very good show in May next.

Mr W. H. Drysdale has purchased from Sr Carlos Saavedra, from his estancias in Olavarria and Azul, 1700 novillos of export type, of two and three years. In this business two prices were paid to wit \$45 per head for novillos of two years and up, and a special lot of three years, and up made \$60 per head. The stock goes to Mr Drysdale's estancia in the partido of 9 de Julio.

News from the north of the province of Santa Fé is anything but good, the drought is very severe and crops and herds are alike suffering. Cattle and sheep are very thin, and grass worse than scarce in many places.

The sale of Messrs P. and G. Hughes' Lincoln and Shropshire rams on Thursday last week, by Messrs Funes, Lagos and Co. was well attended, and prices for the Lincolns must have been decidedly satisfactory for the owners, ranging from \$280 to 1170, and giving an average for the 36 rams sold of \$518.33.

The rams offered were well up to the mark and for several of the animals competition was very keen, notably for those from the Brocklebank and Dudding flocks. The three Lincoln ewes, winners of the championship for the best pen of Longwool Shearling ewes, at Maidstone and at many other important shows at home last season, were knocked down to Sr. C. Zemborain at \$380 each.

For the Shropshires, of which there were nine, there was small interest, the prices ranging from \$160 to 200 one ram, the best, remaining unsold.

The buyers were Messrs Guiraldez, Acebal, Tuckerman, Muspuru, Madariaga, Hughes and Co., Repetto and Co., Sewell, Gimenez Paz, Luro, J. B. Hale and Co., Elizalde, Iraizoy, Echaves, Salaberry Lalor and Bercetche, Eivart, White, Yeomans Wolterboer, Fernandez Lopez and Deyseef and Real de Agua.

The following purchases of novillos for export have been made lately by Messrs Bossio and Camuyrano, 2200 novillos from Comandante Urquiza's estancias Las Palmas and Fontezuelas, 1500 novillos from Messrs José and Narciso Ocampo's estancia San Miguel in Pergamino, and 1400 novillos from La Curumalan Estancia Company's invernada in Arrecifes. The prices for these animals vary from \$35 to 44 gold each.

The same exporters have purchased from Sr. Martin Donos' estancia, in Olavarria, 500 export novillos at \$85 each, and 100 novillos export class, for invernada, from an estancia in the partido of 25 de Mayo, at \$60 each.

The Curumalan Estancia Company, Limited, has rented from the Sra. Catalina Lopez de Bustos, one league of camp, in the partido of Arrecifes, on a contract for three years, at \$17 per square per annum.

Business in the wool market has continued dull during the past week, as if buyers and consignatarios had not recovered from the effects of the holidays, but though business has been decidedly slack, it cannot be said that prices have declined appreciably. The fact of the matter is that few good parcels are offered, consequently the prices quoted appear to show a fall. Prices in Europe continue to be good, and though there may be slack weeks and a want of interest at times, we fancy that there can be no real fall in prices here for the remainder of the clip, and we should not be at all surprised to see a reaction

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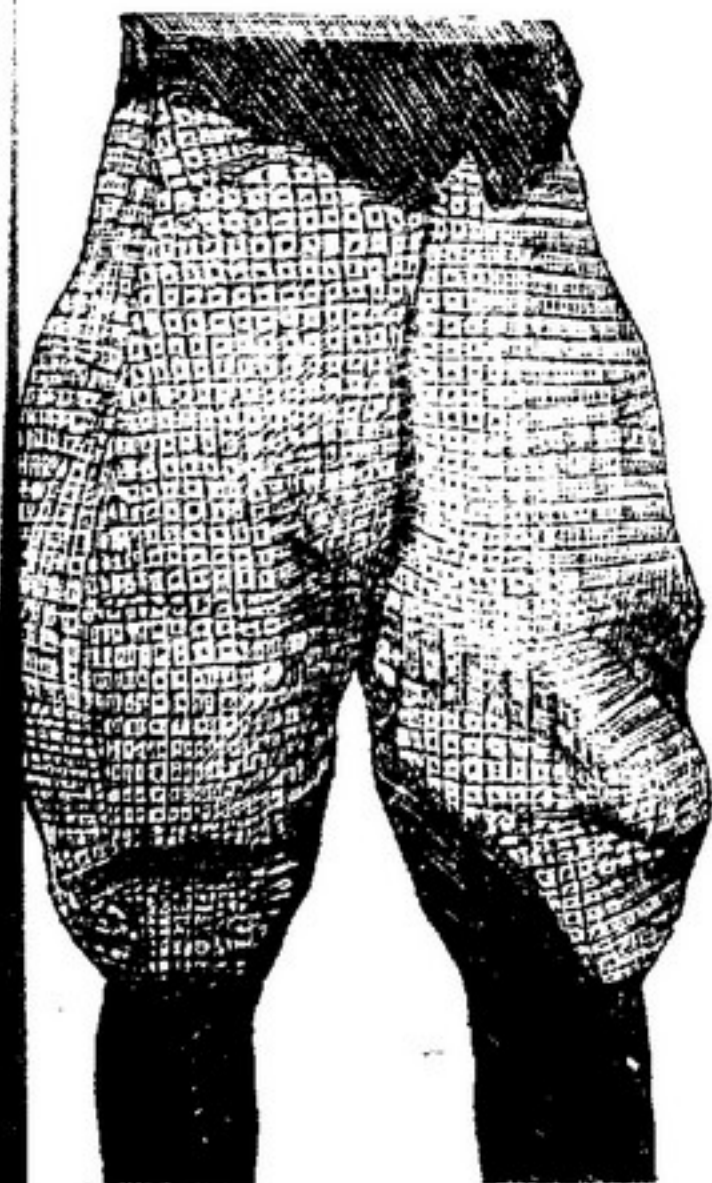
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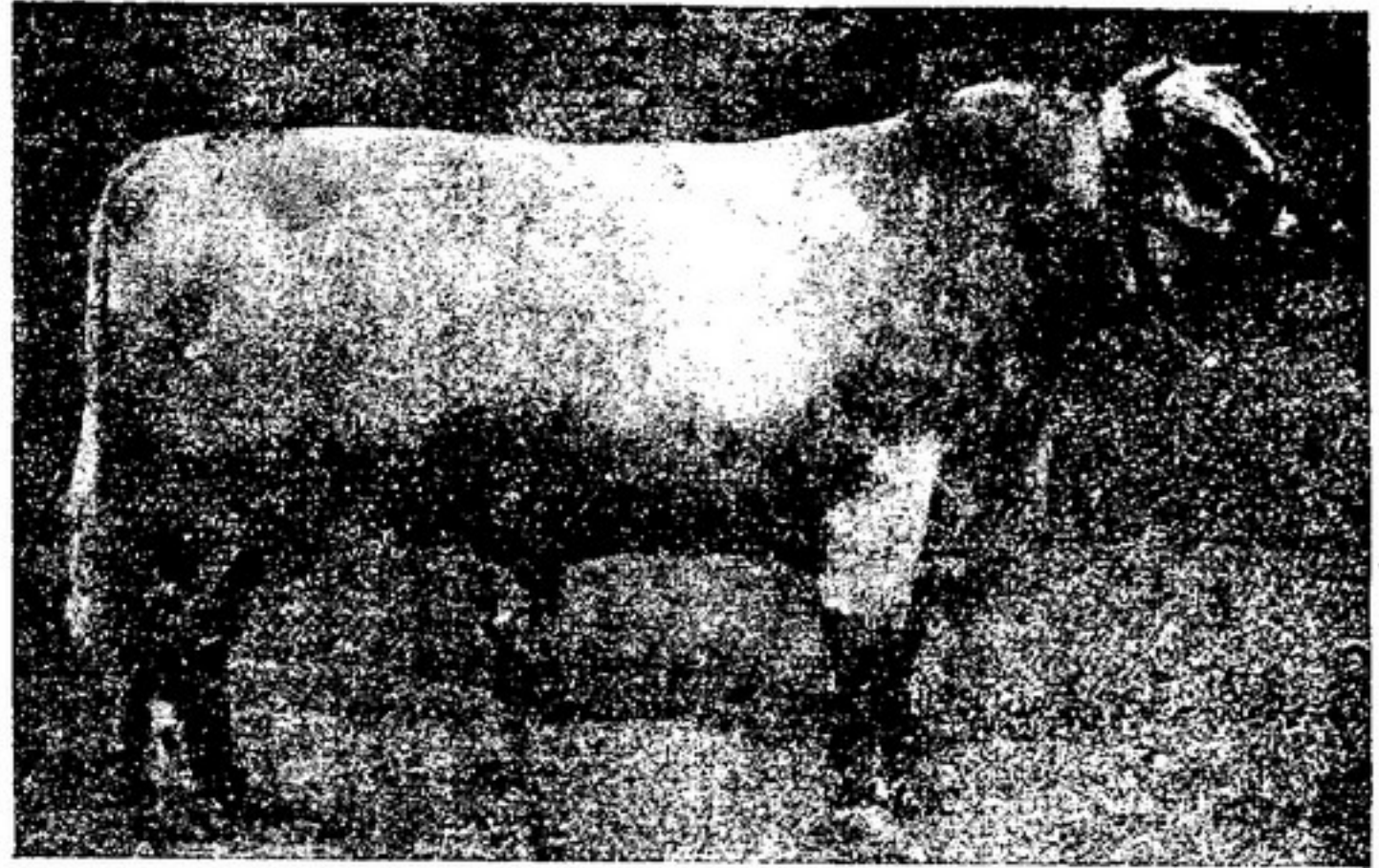
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The remate-féria held by Messrs Alchourron Bros., on Sr. Manuel S. Aguirre's estancia Santa Narcisa, in the partido of General Belgrano, gave the following results:—

740 novillos for invernada, mestizos and criollos, from \$64.50 to 30; 1526 vacas al corte para cria é invernada, from 25.50 to 16; 350 vaquillonas mestizas, from 51.50 to 30.20; 6550 mestiza Lincoln sheep, al corte, from 2.90 to 2.70; 1130 capones mestizos Lincoln, for invernada, at 3.65; Lincoln rams, from 105 to 51; Durham bulls, from 310 to 270; potros at 28; horses at 15.50. The total of the sale amounted to \$96,505.

In our last issue, we mentioned in these columns that Mr James Church, the well known importer of Lincoln sheep, had a select lot of rams of the herd mentioned, which would be offered at auction towards the end of the month. The rams are now at Messrs Funes, Lagos and Co.'s yard, and we will take the risk of being accused of exaggeration, when we say that it is the best lot of Lincoln rams of this magnitude, that has ever been offered for sale in this country. There are, of course, some exceptionally fine animals in the lot, but it is such a nice even lot after taking out the two or three special animals, that there is no tail end to it. That the animals will realise big prices, goes without saying, or Argentine breeders do not want good sheep. Mr Church should make top price and top average for this season.

We read that Messrs G. Kelsey and Co. sold last week a parcel of wool, fine, from the estancia Yapeyú, in Entre Rios, at \$16 the ten kilos. It is not stated whether the wool was washed or not.

Efforts are now being made by those interested to improve the quality of the beef herds in Canada by the introduction of pedigreed Shorthorn and other cattle from Great Britain. It is a remarkable fact that Shorthorn cattle not only thrive in Canada, but that they actually improve in constitution and quality. A huge specimen of the Canadian cross-bred oxen, named Royal Canadian Duke, will be shown at Paris. This animal has been bred and reared at Bow Arrow, near Brandon, Manitoba, and is probably one of the most remarkable fat oxen ever exhibited. The following were his dimensions, taken on the 16th November last year:—Length from tip of nose to butt of tail, 10ft. 10in.; girth round the heart, 9ft. 7in.; height at shoulders, 5ft. 8in. It has not been thought advisable to finish fattening him, in view of his projected Atlantic passage, but at the date when the above measurements were taken his weight was close upon 3,500lbs., and it is anticipated that it will tip the scale at 2 tons by the time he is exhibited at Paris, besides being a marvel of symmetry and good quality. Royal Canadian Duke bears testimony to the breeding value of the natural grasses and the healthful climate of Western Canada.

A camp subscriber sends us the following interesting cutting from a home paper:—

"A noteworthy milking record has been established by the Red Poll cow Crocus, which belonged to the famous Norfolk dairy herd at Whitlingham. She gave birth to her third calf on May 11, 1890, since which date she continued uninterruptedly in milk till September 28, 1899, a period of over nine years, her milk yield in the last week of her life being at the rate of 43 3/4 lbs., or nearly 4 1/2 gallons. During the nine years four months that she was continuously in milk she yielded altogether 59,428 lbs., or nearly 23 tons of milk. Over the last five years the average quantity of butter fat in her milk was as high as 4.3 per cent. Her live weight when sent to market, after being on grass feed for the last six months of her life, was 10 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lbs. In the nine years since her last calving she gave something like 45 times her own weight in milk, and her average production during that period was 5403 lbs. of milk, or considerably over 500 gallons per annum. For a moderate-sized cow this is a remarkable performance which has aroused much interest among the breeders of Red Polls."

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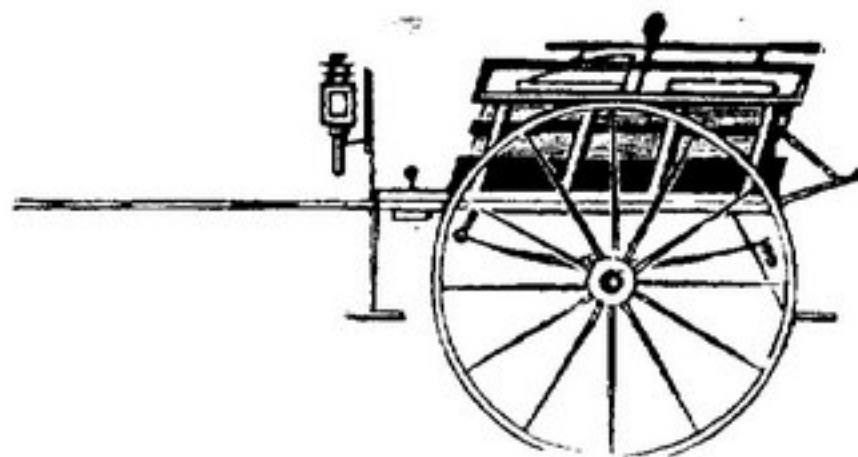
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