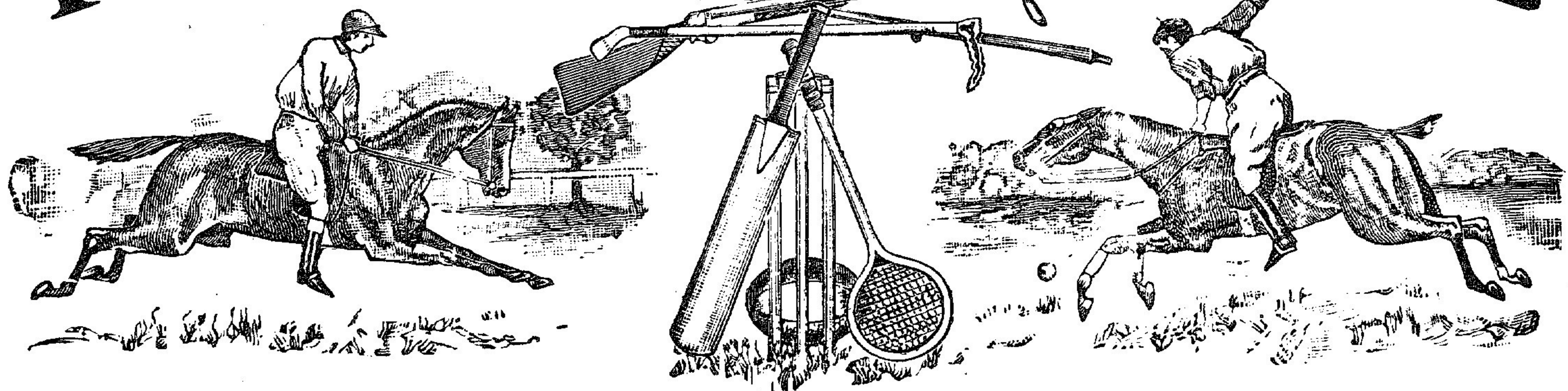


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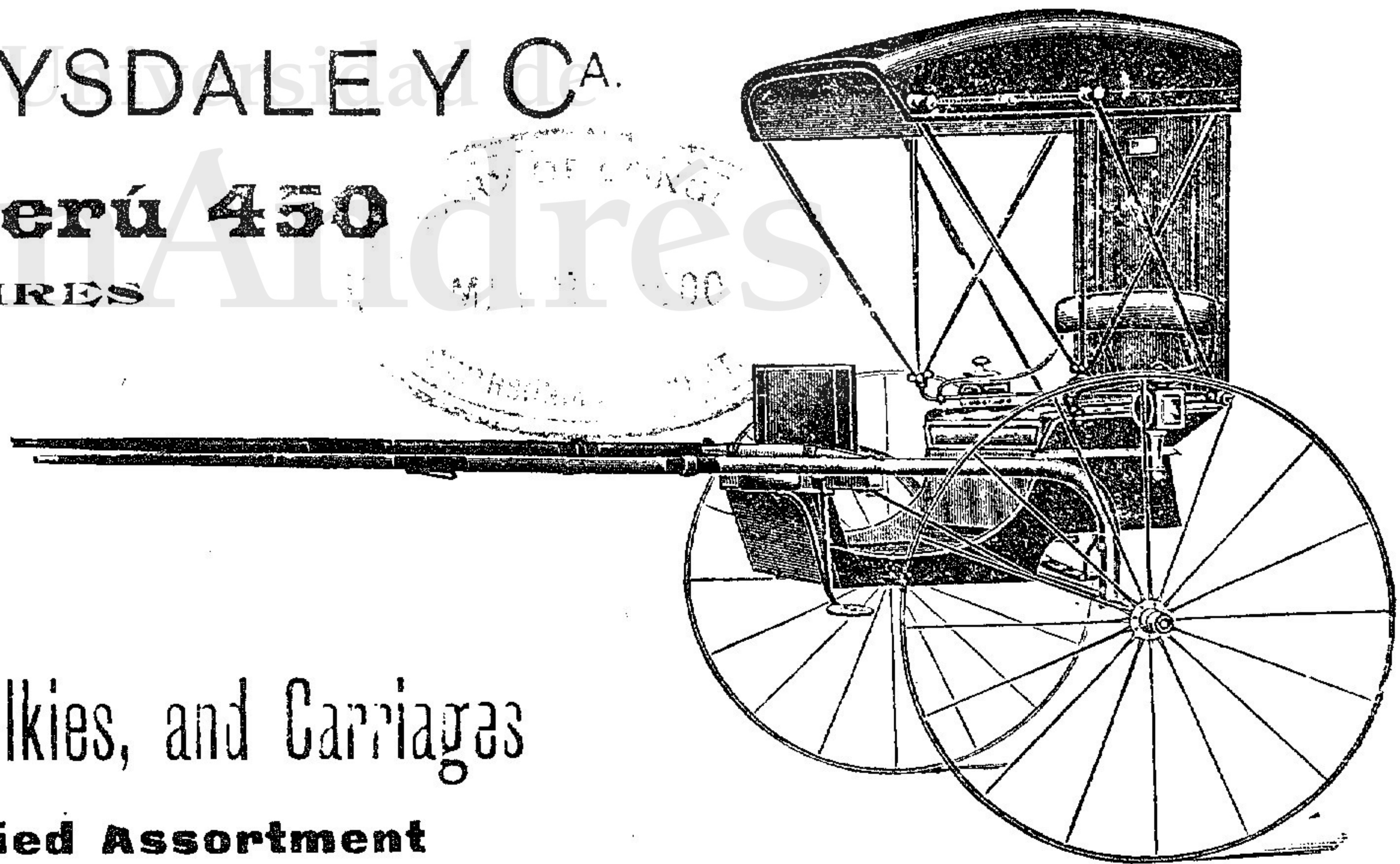
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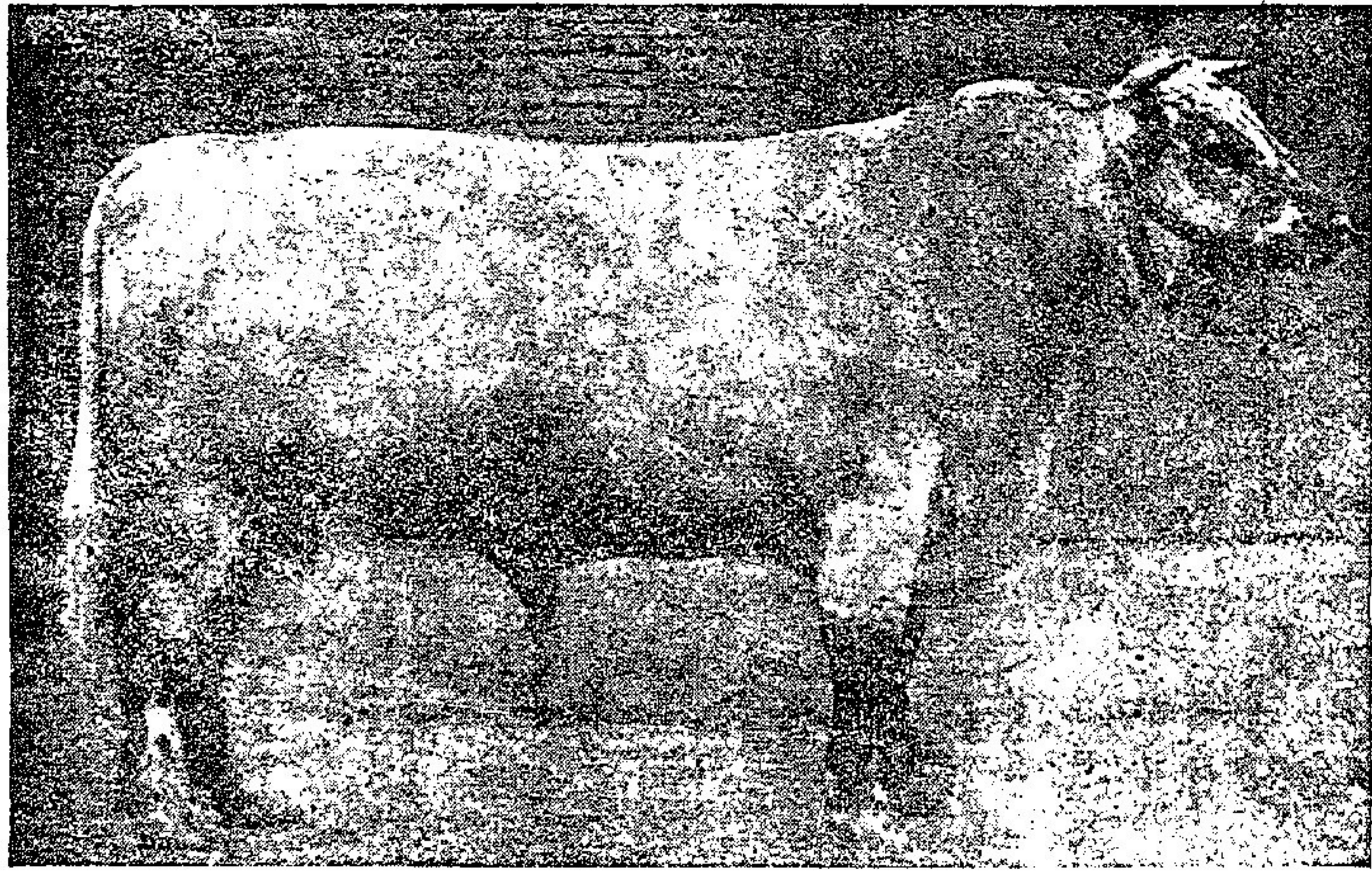
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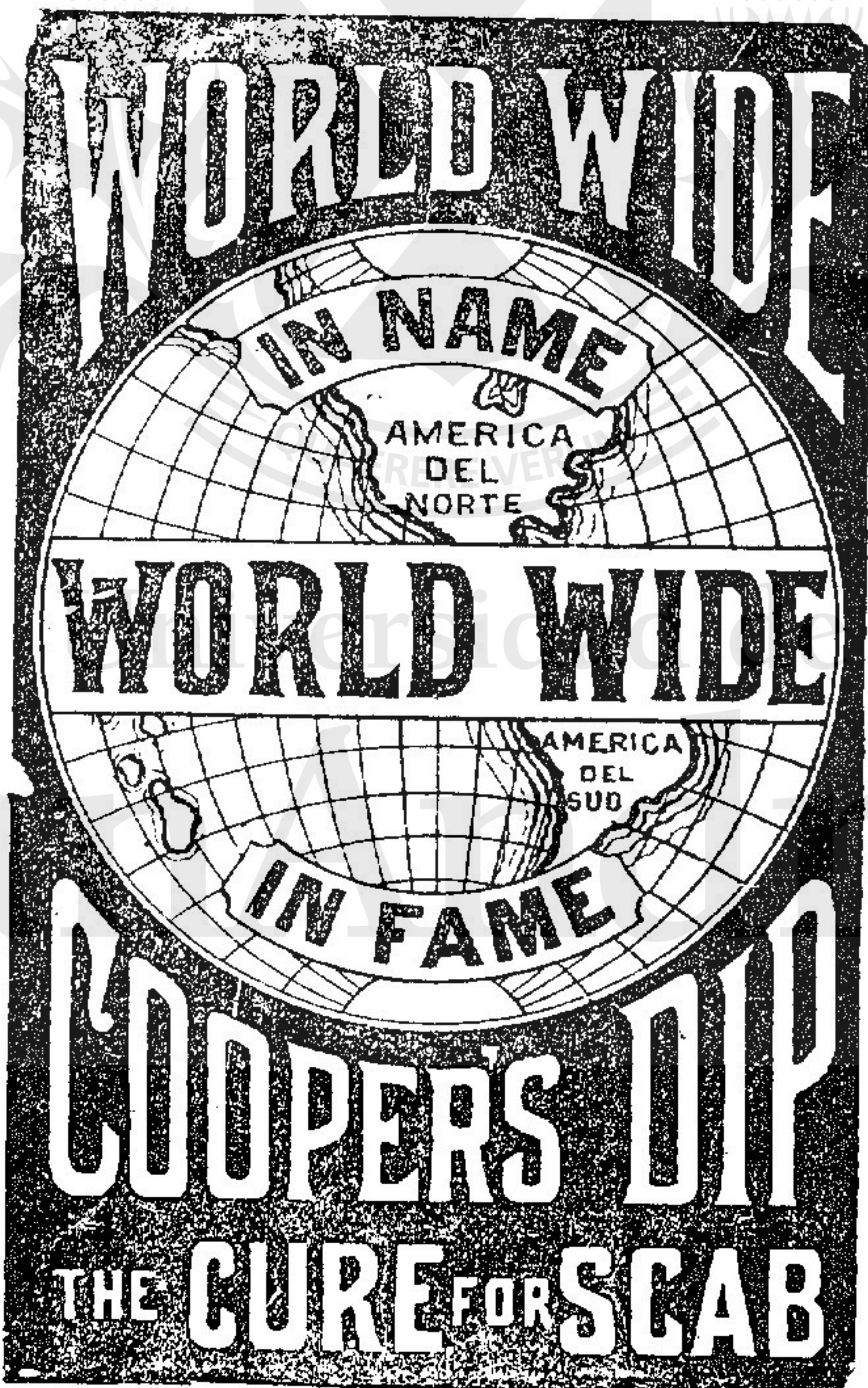
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# River Plate Sport and Pastime

BUENOS AIRES, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, 1900.

## GOLF.

### MAR DEL PLATA AUTUMN HANDICAP.

On last Wednesday night twenty odd golfers went down to Mar del Plata to spend the Easter holidays on the charming golf links at that seaside resort, and compete for the handsome cup presented by F. Henderson, Esq., General Manager of the Great Southern Railway. The links were found in excellent condition, the turf was short, springy and beautifully fresh and green, owing to the recent rain, and the weather was most delightful.

The following programme was arranged by the Committee for the competition for the Henderson Cup:—

First day, Friday, April 13, 2 p.m.—Stroke competition, 18 holes under handicap, the eight competitors making the lowest nett scores qualifying to play off the competition in match play on the following days, with two-thirds of handicap allowed in the stroke competition, disregarding fractions of a stroke.

Saturday, 10 a.m.—First round (18 holes) of match play by the eight qualifying on Friday. Same day, 2 p.m.—Four winners of morning match to play semi-finals, 18 holes.

Saturday, 2 p.m.—Final of 18 holes.

The result of the stroke competition on Friday to qualify was as follows:

	1st round	2nd round	Total	Handicap	Nett
W. A. Agar ..	46	46	92	scr	92
H. Beckett, jun. ..	45	47	92	scr	92
W. Flint ..	50	46	96	-4	92
R. A. Sumner ..	48	49	97	-5	92
E. H. Theobald ..	52	51	103	-10	93
J. C. Bell ..	55	58	113	-18	95
H. Hume ..	46	49	95	scr	95
J. Ravenscroft ..	51	54	105	-10	95
H. G. Tollemache ..	51	50	101	-6	95
F. J. Bennett ..	57	53	110	-10	100
T. Drysdale ..	60	52	112	-12	100
A. R. Ingles ..	61	52	113	-12	101
C. S. Clarke ..	55	53	108	-6	102
W. Parker ..	57	63	120	-18	102
T. T. Watson ..	49	53	102	scr	102
F. Henderson ..	55	52	107	-3	104
J. Ballantyne ..	60	57	117	-12	105
R. H. Smiles ..	57	50	107	-2	105
J. N. Drysdale ..	64	63	127	-18	109

J. C. Gibson (-12) and H. S. Munro (-18) did not hand in cards, and J. W. Besserer (scr) was too ill to play on that day.

Four players having tied at 95 nett for the three last places the tie was played off early on Saturday morning, and that proved to be one of the most interesting features of the competition. It was agreed to play three holes, that number permitting each of the tying competitors to have about the due proportion of his handicap. The four, Messrs Bell, Hume, Ravenscroft and Tollemache, started off together, followed by quite a gallery of interested golfers and friends, and the contest was so close that it was uncertain up to the last green, when Mr Bell missed a difficult put and lost his chance of remaining in the matches. The result of the play off of the tie was as follows:

J. C. Bell ..	21	-3	18
H. Hume ..	16	-0	16
J. Ravenscroft ..	16	-2	14
H. G. Tollemache ..	15	-1	14

The result of the match play was as follows:—

Saturday, 10 a.m.—W. A. Agar (scr) beat R. A. Sumner (-3), 5 up and 4 to play.

H. Hume (scr) beat E. H. Theobald (-6), 5 up and 4 to play.

Hugh Beckett, jun. (scr) beat H. G. Tollemache (-4), 5 up and 3 to play.

W. Flint (-2) beat J. Ravenscroft (-6), 1 up, 19 holes.

Saturday, 2 p.m.—W. A. Agar (scr) beat H. Hume (scr), 3 up and 2 to play.

W. Flint (-2) beat Hugh Beckett, jun. (scr), 1 up, 19 holes.

Sunday, 2 p.m.—W. A. Agar beat W. Flint, 2 up and 1 to play.

The final was a very close match, first one having the advantage and then the other, and it was followed on the second round of 9 holes by a large number of interested spectators, among whom were seen the following ladies and gentlemen:—Mrs J. Drysdale, Mrs Bell, Mrs Lockwood, Mrs O'Connor, Mrs Ravenscroft, Miss Bell, Miss A. Bell, Miss Wigg, and Messrs Henderson, J. Drysdale, J. C. Gibson, T. Drysdale, W. Riddle, J. C. Bell, Smiles, Tollemache, Ballantyne, etc.

The many golfers who did not reach the final in the competition for the Henderson Cup did not in the least lose interest in the game. On Saturday afternoon a sweepstakes was arranged under handicap, which resulted as follows:—

	1st round	2nd round	Total	Handicap	Nett
F. J. Bennett ..	51	55	106	-6	100
J. N. Drysdale ..	66	52	118	-18	100
J. C. Bell ..	64	56	110	-9	101
C. S. Clarke ..	50	53	103	scr	103
R. A. Sumner ..	49	52	101	+2	103
J. C. Gibson ..	53	60	113	-9	104
T. Drysdale ..	57	57	114	-7	107
H. S. Munro ..	61	67	128	-18	110
W. Parker ..	60	60	129	-10	119

As seen, Messrs Bennett and J. N. Drysdale tied for first place, and it is rumoured that the prize got tangled in the "wheel."

Many matches were arranged and played, among which were the following:—

On Thursday Hume beat Beckett 2 up. On the last round of this match Beckett made the record of the links, doing the 9 holes in 39 strokes.

On Sunday Watson beat Smiles 8 up and 7 to play. Besserer and Watson beat Tollemache and Smiles 4 up and 3 to play. Watson and Smiles beat Besserer and Tollemache 4 up and 2 to play.

On Sunday morning a four-ball match was played, Agar and Beckett playing the best of their two balls against the best of Besserer and Hume, and the match was halved. Watson won an 18 hole match against Theobald, 4 up and 3 to play, completing the two rounds in 92 strokes. In the afternoon, Beckett beat Besserer 2 up in a 9 hole match; Hume and Watson halved a similar match; and Beckett and Hume beat Besserer and Watson 2 up in a 9 hole four-ball match.

The great success of the meeting was due to a very large extent to the untiring energy of Mr T. T. Watson. No one could have worked harder or taken more trouble in looking after the course and all the arrangements for the competition.

According to *Land and Water* a rather nice point regarding the rules was raised the other day on the Broadstone Links, near Wimborne, which may be of interest to some of our readers. The writer of the golf notes in question gives his opinion on the point, which we also reproduce, but we should like to have other opinions from any of our readers who think differently.

Here are the particulars of the nice point. After driving from the tee the player found his ball in a position where the rules entitled him to lift and drop it. This he proceeded to do, without observing that he was close to a small brook. The ball rolled into the water, and after a search, was discovered some hundred yards down stream, having floated placidly with the current. The course of the brook was towards the putting green, and the spot where the owner arrested the travels of his ball was within easy approaching distance. He claimed that under Rule 23, he was entitled to drop the ball at the point it had reached, without penalty, and as a matter of fact, his contention was allowed and he played his easy approach



it is to be hoped, with satisfactory results. The provisions of Rule 23, which might be supposed to apply to the case, run as follows: "If a ball *in motion* be stopped or deflected by any agency outside the match . . . it must be played from where it lies." In this instance the ball was clearly in motion, since it rolled into the stream, but no permission is given to lift and drop, so according to this paragraph, and supposing it applies, the ball should have been played out of the water. Further on we read: "If a ball lodge in anything moving, a ball shall be dropped as near as possible to the place where the object was when the ball lodged in it, without penalty."

This, I presume, was the regulation on which the player founded his claim, but I fear it will not hold water. As the flowing current was the "object," the ball should have been dropped again at the original place, as near as possible to the point where it entered the water. Then, how about hazards? Any water, except casual water—of which we have had plenty lately—constitutes a hazard. Rule 15 seems to apply to this case: "If a ball lie or be lost in water the player may drop a ball under penalty of one stroke." But this again scarcely seems to deal with running water and a travelling ball. I am of opinion that the ball should have been dropped at the point where it entered the water, without penalty.

The following letter and editorial reply, which we take from *Land and Water*, may prove of interest to some of our readers, especially as we have witnessed an exactly similar occurrence on one of our courses here.

#### A LOST BALL AND PERMISSION TO PASS.

Sir,—I shall be much obliged if you will give me your opinion on the following point of golf rules or etiquette. Having lost my ball with my tee shot I gave up the hole (No. 3), I and my opponent being passed meantime by the next match. We walked on to No. 4 teeing ground—the match that had passed us being still engaged on the putting green about 100 yards distant—and struck off. My adversary loozled his drive, and the delay thus occasioned enabled the match that had passed us at No. 3 hole to reach the next teeing ground. They then claimed that they were entitled to pass us again, and after some argument we allowed them to do so. I shall be glad to know if their contention was correct.

R. G. C.

Permission to pass once given cannot be recalled. R. G. C. and his adversary acted wrongly in trying to get ahead of the match that had already passed them.—Ed.

## POLO.

### VENADO TUERTO.

The Venado Tuerto Polo Club opened its season with a practice game on Monday, the 8th. Nine players were on the ground, and a very fair game resulted in a win for Mr Bury's side by four goals to three. The ground promises to be very good this season, as the gramilla sown last year has come up well. There were no new ponies playing, but several members have some likely youngsters coming on.

The sides were as follows:—

Mr C. Hinchcliffe's	Mr J. L. Bury's
1. C. Kennard	1. R. Foster
2. R. Versturn	2. A. Macdonald
3. H. C. Foster	3. H. St. John
C. Hinchcliffe (back)	J. L. Bury (back)
	with A. Paull cutting in.

### LA COLINA POLO CLUB.

The above club held its first meeting of the season on Sunday, April 8, and a very enjoyable practice game was played. Playing members do not seem so plentiful as in previous years, and the ponies are hardly in condition yet. The ground is in good order although somewhat "grassy." The sides were:

Bloxum	Le Rosignol
Goodbody	Oldham
Hoare	Hawes
Jacobs	Brown

The annual tournament of the club has been fixed for June 9th and 10th, and we hear that Curamalan, the present holders of the Cup, are very keen practising hard, and have a strong team this year.

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Should there be more than forty entries for the Gentlemen's Singles Handicap, this event will be divided into two classes—an A and B class. Players entering for the event will be placed in their respective classes by the Handicapping Committee. Prizes of equal value will be given to each class.

The best of three sets (the third to be an advantage set) will be played throughout the Tournament in all Handicap events.

In the event of the number of entries being very large, the Committee will arrange for the necessary preliminary rounds to be played off to the convenience of players before the Tournament.

The Club Courts will be at the disposal of competitors on and after the 10th of May. Competitors' tickets, admitting player and a friend, may be obtained from the Hon. Secretary.

No competitor will be allowed to play until his entrance fee has been paid.

Entries will be received by the Hon. Secretary at Calle 25 de Mayo 175, Buenos Aires, up to 6 p.m. of Saturday, 5th May.

The Draw will take place at the *Sport and Pastime* office, on Monday, 7th May, at 4.30 p.m.

The Tournament will be held under the Rules of the Lawn Tennis Association (of England).

Slazenger's Championship Balls will be provided by the Club.

The Committee reserve to themselves the right of refusing any entry.

Visitors' tickets, available for the three days of the Tournament, may be obtained from the Hon. Secretary, in exchange for visiting card signed by a competitor or a member of the Buenos Aires Lawn Tennis Club.

B. G. GOLDSMID, Hon. Sec.

Buenos Aires, February, 1900,

Calle 25 de Mayo 175.



RACING.

BELGRANO—APRIL 14.

After two days enforced idleness the sporting public turned out in unwonted numbers to discuss the excellent Bill of Fare provided on the pretty Belgrano course. An unexpectedly beautiful day after the threatening south-east wind and slight rain of the previous evening, enhanced the pleasure of the outing, which was combined with large fields and some good racing.

Twenty of what may be called the clodhoppers of the turf, came out for the 1300 metres and were launched after the \$1200, with more success than might have been anticipated. The final was a good tussle between Rataplan, Cepeda, and Westfalia, who finished in the order named.

The maiden was generally considered an easy thing for Tres Arboles, a splendid colt from over the river, who fully bore out the good opinion formed of him, and won easily, though he got off last from of bad start.

The veteran Tom Pouce gave the field in the Selling Plate, which he duly won and could only have lost if he had gone lame.

The Classic mile ended in an easy and unexpected win for Aurore from Royal and Lybia, the favourites, Offembach and Graco, never promising to interfere with the contest.

The 1200 metres was carried off in extraordinary style by Judea, who shot way like a rocket at the finish from La Negra and Rataplan.

In the long distance, Anona raced all by herself to the paddock, but there compounded, where she was passed by Judio, Punilla, and Selim, the useful son of Gloriation winning comfortably.

The meeting wound up with the best struggle of the day between Maravilla and Austerlitz, who raced all up the straight together, the game mare winning in the last twenty metres by a neck.

The following are the details:—

**PREMIO BOLIVAR**, for horses of three years and more that have been a year in the country, and have not won more than \$4000. Weight, 54 kilos, 3 kilos extra to winners of one race, and 5 kilos of two, 3 kilos allowed to losers. \$1200 to first, 100 to second. 1300 metres.  
 Stud El Derby's Rataplan, by Neapolis—Rescue, 3 y, 57 k... P. Aguilera 1  
 Ecurie Royal's Cepeda, 3 y, 55 k... N. Sosa 2  
 Stud Paisandú's Westfalia, 3 y, 55 k... F. Olivera 3  
 Also ran—Clásico, Damieta, Rancagua, Corzo, Ventura. 5 de Abril, Chermidor, Salvator, Gurupi, Spartacus, Contenta, Roulette, Llana, Fruseria, Orchata, and Reina del Salado.  
 Dividends—Rataplan \$12.65 win and 5.35 place, Cepeda 4.50 place, Westfalia 18.10 place.

**PREMIO SAINT MIRIN**, for two-year-olds that have not won. Weight 54 kilos. \$1500 to first, 100 to second. 1000 metres.  
 Ecurie Cerés' Tres Arboles, by Progreso—Italia, 54 k... J. Olmos 1  
 Stud San Gerónimo's Monja, 52 k... F. Perez 2  
 Stud Latino's Antonina, 52 k... J. Gordillo 3  
 Also ran—Vertiente, Carlomagno, D'Artagnan, Cachafaz, Iniciacion, Itima, Irlanda, Sibila, and Guapa  
 Dividends—Tres Arboles \$9.80 win and 4.75 place, Monja 7.35 place, Antonina 7.90 place.

**PREMIO REMATE**, for horses of three years and more that have been a year in the country. The winner to be sold for \$3000. Those entered to be sold for less to be allowed 3 kilos for each \$500 reduction. Weight for age, 3 kilos extra for every win in a Selling Plate in 1899 and 1900. \$1400 to first, 100 to second. 1600 metres.  
 Stud Oriel's Tom Pouce, by Neapolis—Rotonde, aged, 57 k... F. Perez 1  
 Stud Criollito's Juncal, aged, 57 k... F. Olivera 2  
 Ecurie Pergamino's Kaolin, 4 y, 45 k... J. Feliú 3  
 Also ran—Frontin, Bal Masqué, Mandrin, Infierno, Victoriosa, Eléctrica, Atico, and Triunfo.  
 Dividends—Tom Pouce \$4.75 win and 2.85 place, Juncal 3.75 place, Kaolin 8.25 place.

**PREMIO GLORIA**, for all horses. Weight, three years 52 kilos, four years and more 56 kilos, 3 kilos extra to winners of \$6 to 12,000, 5 kilos of \$12 to 20,000, and 7 kilos of more than \$20,000, 3 kilos allowed to winners of less than \$4000. \$3522.50 to first, 652.50 to second. 1600 metres.  
 Stud Oriel's Aurore, by Gay Hermit—Dawn, 3 y, 53 k... F. Perez 1  
 Ecurie Royal's Royal, 4 y, 59 k... A. Saavedra 2  
 Stud Gordon's Lybia, 3 y, 47 k... F. Liceri 3  
 Also ran—Offembach, Graco, Vesper, Guamini, Infantine, Bebé, Riftera, and Serafina.  
 Dividends—Aurore \$22.85 win and 5.85 place, Royal 5.45 place, Lybia 4.45 place.

**PREMIO NOE**, handicap for horses of three years and more. \$1600 to first, 100 to second. 1200 metres.  
 Ecurie Belgrano's Judea, by Soukaras—Javeline, 3 y, 47 k... F. Gomez 1  
 Stud Criollito's La Negra, 4 y, 45 k... J. Feliú 2  
 Stud El Derby's Rataplan, 3 y, 46 k... L. Cova 3  
 Also ran—Ogler, Vivaracho, Porthos, Lidiador, Corsaria, Siria, Densora, Iowa, and Coracero.  
 Dividends—Judea \$15.55 win and 4.70 place, La Negra 7.50 place, Rataplan 4.55 place.

**PREMIO KEIR**, handicap for all horses, \$1700 to first, 100 to second. 2000 metres.  
 Stud Amianto's Judio, by Gloriation—Cornelia, 3 y, 51 k... J. Feliú 1  
 Stud Calchin's Punilla, 4 y, 47 k... J. Olmos 2  
 Stud Rosarino's Selim, 3 y, 48 k... H. Trejo 4  
 Also ran—Florida, Caseros, Sentirel, Union, Anona, and Victoriosa.  
 Dividends—Judio \$9.75 win and 4.55 place, Punilla 5.55 place, Selim 2.20 place.

**PREMIO SAINT ANTHONY**, handicap for all horses, limited between 62 and 50 kilos. \$1800 to first, 100 to second, 1600 metres.  
 Stud Las Pitas' Maravilla, by Neapolis—Marinera, 3 y, 55 k... R. Garrido 1  
 Ecurie Pergamino's Austerlitz, 5 y, 54 k... J. Sarthou 9  
 Stud Laprida's Laprida, 4 y, 50 k... M. Coll 3  
 Also ran—Duque, Emir, and Aboukir.  
 Dividends—Maravilla \$6.50 win and 3 place, Austerlitz 3.40 place.

PALERMO—APRIL 15.

The weather being all that could be desired, the card the same, the course first rate, and a select field for the Classic, a large crowd assembled, and there was plenty of animation and it was well kept up throughout the afternoon. The races were all good although there was no very close finish.

Seventeen turned out for the Premio America which has always furnished a fine struggle and did not belie its reputation on this occasion. At the paddock it seemed anybody's race, but when Dictador appeared to have got the upper hand, Alarife came with a grand rush on the outside and speedily decided the matter in his favour, Don Pepe third well up. The names of those behind shew this as a surprising performance on the part of the son of Avril and account for the high dividend in a race of well known horses.

In the opening mile, Spartacus was at length enabled to score a win in the able hands of F. Perez, the favourable opportunity making him give the field.

In the young ones' 1000 metres, Tres Arboles proved unable to concede three kilos to Creso and Tirano, the brother of Tántalo getting home with some difficulty.

Picquart made the pace too hot for his five moderate competitors in the 2200 metres, Araujo getting close at the finish, but being too done up to pass.

The upset in the Classic was followed by a bigger one in the 1300 metres, Dalila coming first from Westfalia and Casa Blanca, all three outsiders, especially the winner.

Ovacion and Maravilla stood out from the long distance, which was a pity, but did not prevent a good race, Caramelo and Orizon making a strong pace, but leaving the finish to Dinero and Guttemberg, the latter going stronger at the end and winning by a length.

The public made no mistake in backing Veneno for the final, and his victory completed a very pleasant meeting.

The following are the details:—

**PREMIO HAVRE**, for horses of three years and more that have been a year in the country, have run more than once, and have not won more than one race. Weight 57 kilos, 3 kilos allowed to jockeys who have never won. \$1600 to first, 100 to second. 1600 metres.  
 F. Saravia's Spartacus, by Aquiles—Hellena, 5 y, 57 k... F. Perez 1  
 Stud Gordon's Guirapirú, 3 y, 57 k... M. Suarez 2  
 Ecurie Corrales' Charlatana, 3 y, 55 k... R. Garrido 3  
 Also ran—Cassio, Corzo, Oro, San Martin, Longfellow, Blucher, Serafina, and Modista.  
 Dividends—Spartacus \$5.10 win and 2.95 place, Guirapirú 5.25 place, Charlatana 6.15 place.

**PREMIO NAPOLEON**, for two-year-olds. Weight 52 kilos, 3 kilos extra for every ordinary win and 5 kilos for a Classic. \$1800 to first, 150 to second. 1000 metres.  
 Stud La Confianza's Creso, by Stiletto—Fortuna, 52 k... F. Olivera 1  
 Ecurie Pacifico's Tirano, 52 k... G. Morales 2  
 Ecurie Cerés' Tres Arboles, 55 k... J. Olmos 3  
 Also ran—Magenta, Santa Elvira, Qbús, Carlo Magno, Gravina, Camaleon, Bambino, Roland, La Bourboule, Winnipeg, and Doña Sol.  
 Dividends—Creso \$11.80 win and 3.70 place, Tirano 6.15 place, Tres Arboles 3.45 place.

**PREMIO A RECLAMAR**, for horses of three years and more that have been a year in the country. Weight for age. The winner to be sold for \$3000. Those entered to be sold for \$2000 to be allowed 3 kilos, and for \$1000 6 kilos. Those that have run more than twice and have not won \$3000 to be allowed 3 kilos, if entered at lowest price. 3 kilos extra for every win in a Selling Plate. \$2000 to first, 200 to second. 2200 metres.  
 Stud Don Gonzalo's Picquart, by Asturian—Soledad, 3 y, 52 k... F. Perez 1  
 Ecurie Cerés' Araujo, 4 y, 54 k... I. Diaz 2  
 Stud America's Florete, 4 y, 54 k... R. Garrido 3  
 Also ran—Lidiador, Mandrin, and Chicago.  
 Dividends—Picquart \$7.80 win and 3.70 place, Araujo 3.40 place.

**PREMIO AMERICA**, for all horses. Weight for age. \$5000 to first, 500 to second. 1600 metres.  
 Stud El Derby's Alarife, by Avril—Intervention, 5 y, 60 k... P. Aguilera 1  
 Ecurie Dollar's Dictador, 3 y, 56 k... R. Garrido 2  
 Stud Oriel's Don Pepe, 5 y, 60 k... F. Perez 3  
 Also ran—Bohemio, Tabaré, Dominó, Royal, Calvino, Leon, Graco, Muñeca, Offembach, Congo, Le Sancý, Oribe, Cacique, and Langosta.  
 Dividends—Alarife \$32.25 win and 8 place, Dictador 5.05 Don Pepe 3.10 place.

**PREMIO OFFENHEIT**, handicap for horses that have not won more than \$8000. \$1700 to first, 150 to second. 1300 metres.  
 Stud Dalila's Dalila, by Amazon—Novela, 3 y, 49 k... J. Olmos 1  
 Ecurie Paysandú's Westfalia, 3 y, 50 k... F. Olivera 2  
 Ecurie Orange's Casa Blanca, 3 y, 53 k... J. Insaurralde 3  
 Also ran—Thetis, Union, Punilla, Lidiador, Satélite, Judea, Corsaria, Volador, Rataplan, Iowa, Lavinia, Nebraska, Orchata, and Armonia.  
 Dividends—Dalila \$47.15 win and 10.95 place, Westfalia 6.45 place, Casa Blanca 6.85 place.

**PREMIO THE LADDIE**, handicap for all horses, limited between 62 and 50 kilos. \$2500 to first, 200 to second. 2500 metres.  
 Stud San José's Guttemberg, by Havre—Crusty Girl, 5 y, 50 k... J. Olmos 1



Ecurie Argentina's Dinero, 4 y, 52 k.....	G. Morales	2
Ecurie Belgrano's Omnium, 4 y, 60 k.....	J. Ribero	3
Also ran—Orizon, Caramelo, Abeto, and Regalada.		
Dividends—\$11.35 win and 6.55 place, Dinero 5.90 place.		
PREMIO ORBIT, handicap for horses that have not won more than \$8000, \$2000 to first, 250 to second. 1700 metres.		
Stud Yuqueri's Veneno, by Neapolis—Vendetta, 5 y, 53 k.....	C. Cardoso	1
Stud Don Gozalo's Bobby, 4 y, 50 k.....	J. Sarthou	2
Ecurie Azur's Sentinel, 4 y, 44 k.....	F. Liceri	3
Also ran—Duque, and Chacabuco.		
Dividends—Veneno \$3.75 win and 2.80 place, Bobby 4.20 place.		

## CYCLING IN ENGLAND

March 16th, 1900.

It seems that the two shows, the Stanley and the National are, despite the efforts which have been made to make one winter show suffice, to be held as heretofore at the close of the year. *The Cyclist* took an active part to bring about the discontinuance of the dual show, but, although so strongly posted in trade circles, its influence was not sufficient. In a leading article dealing with the question the editor lays down the proposition that, when an industry is established, shows become a menace rather than an assistance, and this is a dictum with which few will be disposed to quarrel. It seems a pity that some *modus vivendi* cannot be discovered whereby the Stanley and the National authorities should join forces so that a united show should be held. But one difficulty is that it is almost impossible to find a building sufficiently central, with sufficient floor space to render this possible. Another difficulty is that the Stanley Club feels itself strong enough to be independent and to run alone, and does not seem inclined to foster the idea of co-operation.

For some time past there has been an invertebrate agitation among certain members of the Cyclists' Touring Club for an amplification of the warning found upon the danger-board. All cyclists are familiar with the stereotyped expression "To Cyclists.—This hill is dangerous," or "Ride with caution." These two formulas are the only ones so far extant. It has been suggested that some concise form of words should show wherein the danger lies with regard to the more important warnings. There may be many reasons, such as a level crossing or a water-course, or abrupt turnings etc, but whether the cyclist flying along would stop to read an explanation is another matter. The hackneyed, "This hill is dangerous," which is flashed upon the wheelman seems sufficient for the purpose. If the wheelman is familiar with the hill he will know wherein the element of danger lies, and may disregard it or not, as he thinks fit. But the stranger who determines to take the warning and dismount does not need to be told why he should wheel his machine. He will know all in due course.

It is as well that the War Office has at last decided to recognize the utility of soldier-cyclists and to offer some official encouragement to those ardent cyclists who wish to be enrolled in cycle companies and battalions. It will put an end to the somewhat wearisome clamour and depressing platitudes about the supine policy of the War Office, and its cold-blooded neglect of the soldier-cyclist. The pity is that these thick and thin advocates have, in their possibly laudable desire to see more soldiers a-wheel, overstated the case in language neither characterised by temperance nor logic. Still the pleasurable task of "going all out" for the War Office has been a congenial pastime for the off-season and has been productive of a goodly crop of copy with which to while away the dull monotony of mid-winter. The Under-Secretary for War spoke in terms of pleasant indulgence in referring to the grant of £50,000 annually to furnish a capitation of £2 for every volunteer cyclist who qualified. This should mean the equipment of 25,000 volunteer-cyclists throughout the country.

We have left the wet weather with the interminable slush and sense of desolation and depression behind and now the roads are hard and dry enough. But unfortunately, we have, as usually happens in mid-March, run into the area of bleak nor'easters and freezingly cold winds. A few days warmer weather may tempt the cyclist to discard some of his warmer winter clothing but this should not be. Those who value their health should take care to wear a sufficiency of warm woollen clothing

a wheel and be very particular to keep out of draught when heated. This advice is given every year but is frequently disregarded. With finer weather, cyclists have lain dormant all the winter have re-appeared poured out their thousands on the great main roads. The desire of everyone to put in plenty of work so as to get for Easter is every-where apparent. Many free-wheelers have been seen but these are no use in face of contrary winds.

The Surrey Bicycle Club have determined to hold the Spring Meeting at the Crystal Palace instead of at the Oval, where it is rumoured the supervision of some of the officials of the London centre is not so embarrassing as it has been found to be at other South London tracks. The real reason, however, for the change of venue is that owing to the cricket fixtures at the Oval the Spring Meeting, if held there, must have been held at an earlier date than was deemed prudent. It is natural that one or two extremists of the Surrey Club, a club which some time ago fell under the ban of the Union, should imagine that less harsh treatment is meted out at Sydenham. All cyclists are familiar with Lacy Hillier's tributes against the London Centre for its action in relation to the Surrey County Club, whose habitation was Heald Hill, and his suggestion that the Palace track was among the "highly favoured."

An interesting case as to the rights of pedestrians on the roadway, has recently been decided at Newcastle where a cyclist had to pay thirty guineas and costs damages for colliding with a walker. The cyclist stated that he rang his bell, and that he was lame and could therefore ride more than five or six miles an hour. The same reason apparently prevented him from effecting a speedy dismount when he saw that a collision was imminent. It was admitted that the pedestrian was walking on the wrong side of the road. Mr Justice Bingham held that there was no right or wrong side of the road, for the pedestrian. He might walk indiscriminately on either side of the road, and it was the duty of the cyclist to avoid him. This may be the law, but it is rough on the wheelman. It is held that the cyclist has the same liabilities as the driver of a vehicle. But fancy a man meaning along aimlessly in the middle of a road where traffic abounds, and calmly asserting that the bus drivers and cabmen should avoid him. His life would not be worth five minutes purchase.

It is authoritatively stated that an influential Trades Union has given notice to all its members that those fortunate enough to possess bicycles are by no means to use them upon their employer's business. Any infringement of this rule is to be visited with a penalty of two pounds. Although on the first blush this seems an arbitrary and unreasonable exaction, in reality it is not so, as a moment's reflection will show that the man who uses his machine to get about on his master's business can get through twice as much work in the shape of journeys where it is not practicable to travel any other way, than the man who has to trust to "shank's mare." This naturally depreciates the value of the services of the man who has not a machine, or, having one, does not care to use it for the benefit of his employer. The man who places his machine and his riding ability unreservedly at the service of his master, unwittingly does injury to his fellow workmen.

Great disappointment has been experienced in the ranks of many anti-cyclists at the circumstance that the recent Budget contains no mention of a tax upon cyclists. In many quarters it was assumed that a sorely-pressed Chancellor of the Exchequer would have sacrificed a cyclist to a certain splenetic clamour and enforced an annual tax. Fortunately, if he ever had any such ill-better feelings have prevailed. For with the cycle industry only slowly emerging from its depression, it would have been about the last straw. It would be a shame to tax cyclists just for the sake of gratifying a small section of the community. Taxation would mean registration and all the irksome restraints upon freedom involved there. The cyclist may therefore breathe freely again. For, in a time of great National emergency when augmented sources of revenue are sorely needed the cyclist escapes. He may well expect exemption in more prosperous financial times.



FOOTBALL.

ENGLISH ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

The table up to March 19th was:

	Matches Played	Won.	Lost.	Drn.	Pts.
Don Villa.....	28	17	6	5	39
Shefffield United.....	26	14	2	10	38
Liverhampton Wanderers.....	26	12	5	9	33
Derby.....	25	13	9	3	29
Nottingham Forest.....	26	11	8	7	29
Shefffield Wednesday.....	26	11	9	6	28
Newcastle United.....	25	10	9	6	26
Shefffield Wednesday.....	26	10	10	6	26
Shefffield Wednesday.....	25	9	9	7	25
Shefffield Wednesday.....	27	10	12	5	25
Shefffield Wednesday.....	25	8	10	7	23
Liverpool.....	27	9	13	5	23
Shefffield Wednesday.....	27	9	13	5	23
Shefffield Wednesday.....	27	8	12	7	23
Shefffield Wednesday.....	25	8	12	5	21
Shefffield Wednesday.....	25	8	13	4	20
Shefffield Wednesday.....	24	9	13	2	20
Shefffield Wednesday.....	26	4	15	7	15

RUGBY.

IRELAND V. WALES.

The last of the International matches was played at last on March 17. The Welsh players had previously beaten England and Scotland, while Ireland had been defeated by England and drawn with Scotland. The Welsh side differed in one respect from the original selection, Boyd's place being taken by Selwyn Biggs. Boyd stood on the Irish side, being also on the injured list, and J. Fulton came in as full back. Sealy's place in the pack was taken by T. A. Harvey. These changes scarcely seemed to strengthen the side, but still the Irishmen gave a capital exhibition, and it was only the superiority of the Welsh three-quarters that earned the victory for the visitors.

The ground of the North-East Agricultural Society at Belfast, was in splendid order, and there were over 7000 spectators. The game was a hard fight between forwards; the tackling on both sides was very sure, little was seen of the brilliant combined runs for which Welsh three-quarters are reputed. The visitors sadly infringed the offside rule, and it is worthy of note that they were penalised ten times in the first half. Nicholls was the shining light amongst the winning backs, both in attack and defence. Davies and Llewellyn also played very well, and both Biggs and Phillips were very clever, addicted to offside play. Hellings, Hodges, Bryce, and Bancroft were the best of a hard-working lot of forwards, Bancroft made but one mistake.

The Irish half-backs outshone the opposing pair, and Magee gave a glimpse of his best form. The three-quarters were weak, for, though they tackled extremely well, their passing was not so good as it might be, and their passing was slow and often badly timed. Fulton played much better than was to have been expected of him. The forwards quite rehabilitated themselves, and J. Ryan, M. Allen, Little and Harvey were the most serviceable. The Welsh forwards commenced in very business-like fashion, quickly breaking up the first scrummage, they rushed to the Welsh twenty-five. Magee and Ferris each made two tries, and the visitors' defence had an anxious few minutes. Campbell threw away a good chance by failing to make a pass, and Doran erred in the same way. Still Ireland kept up the pressure, Magee being prominent. Kicking into touch was of great service, but the three-quarters missed passes repeatedly.

The Welsh forwards made some ground, which was gained through infringements by Biggs and Phillips, and in one of the penalty kicks Irwin essayed to bring off a try. Smart play by Biggs drove the Irishmen back, and Hodges and Bryce led a rush of the forwards, which was only stopped by Ferris inside the home twenty-five yards. Two even scrummages were fought out here, and from one of these Phillips stole away and passed to Nicholls, who was nearly in when Allison ran across and collared him. The Welsh backs were now seen to advantage, and the pretty passing was seen. Trew, by failing to hold a pass from Nicholls, lost what looked like a certain try. Then the game underwent a change, and the Irish forwards burst away to the other end, where Little tackled Bancroft with the ball, but Nicholls effected a timely save.

Early in the second half Wales gained the upper hand. The forwards, combining well and dribbling cleverly, gradually drove Ireland back, and the line must have been crossed but for the splendid tackling of Allison, Magee, Doran, and Ferris. Magee got in a useful kick to the centre, but from the ensuing scrummage Bryce came away and passed to Nicholls, who went through to Fulton before sending the ball to Davies, who gained a try, which Bancroft failed to convert. In a desperate effort to prevent this score, J. Ryan fell heavily on Davies, who was hurt, and had to retire, his place at three-quarter back being taken by Hodges. This reverse seemed to rouse the Irish players, who now carried all before them, and penned their opponents within ten yards of the line for a considerable time. Magee, Little, the Ryans, and Harvey made dashes for the line, only to be grassed with unerring regularity, and the defence was simply impregnable. Magee was leading his men brilliantly, and once he passed smartly to Doran, who made a good effort to break through, but was held by Llewellyn a foot outside, and after ten minutes of this kind of play the match ended in favour of Wales by one try to nothing. Of the fifteen matches played previous to Saturday, Wales has won eight and Ireland six.

Wales—W. J. Bancroft (Swansea, back), W. Llewellyn (Llwynypia and London Welsh), E. P. Nicholls (Cardiff), G. Davies (Swansea), W. Trew (Swansea) (three-quarter backs), S. Biggs (Cardiff), L. Phillips (Newport) (half backs), J. Blake (Cardiff), W. Hodges (Newport), G. Boots (Newport), W. Bryce (Aberavon), B. Williams (Pontyminster), F. Millar (Mountain Ash), R. Thomas (Swansea), R. Hellings (Llwynypia) (forwards).

Ireland—J. Fulton (North of Ireland, back), E. F. Campbell (Monkstown), B. Doran (Lansdowne), J. B. Allison (Queen's College, Belfast), I. Davidson (North of Ireland) (three-quarter backs), L. M. Magee (Bective Rangers and London Irish), J. J. Ferris (Queen's College, Belfast), (half backs), A. D. Meares (Wanderers), C. E. Allen (Derry and Liverpool), P. Nicholson T. A. Harvey (Dublin University), S. T. Irwin (Queen's College, Belfast), M. Ryan, J. Ryan (Rockwell College), T. Little (Bective Rangers).

Referee—Mr Adam Turnbull (Scotland).

ASSOCIATION.

IRELAND V. ENGLAND.

On March 17th, for the first time on record, the Association match between Ireland and England was played in Dublin at Lansdowne-road. Twelve months ago England defeated Ireland by thirteen goals to two, but on the above date there was a marked improvement in the form of the Irish players, who made a good fight. There was one change from the original selection on each side, James Pyper replacing Gara in the Irish team, while Holt took Forman's place in the visiting eleven.

With bright sun behind them, Ireland were the first to attack. Robinson was called upon to list out a few minutes after the start. Smith and Priest eased the pressure, and a good run by Turner endangered the Irish goal, and Sagar shot over the bar. The football shown by both sides was first class, but the English forwards combined much better than the Irish, and gradually gained the upper hand. Johnston sent in a hard shot which glanced off Cochrane into the net, and this gave England the lead. Sheehan then made a splendid dribble, and muddled to James Pyper, who thus had a good opening, but failed to make any use of it. The Englishmen came away in brilliant style, and Smith sent the ball out to Sagar, who completely beat the Irish goal-keeper with a shot at a sharp angle. Ireland pressed, but were repulsed by Needham, and Smith made a very bad miss right in front of goal. From this point the play was very even.

Shortly after the interval, the visiting forwards, led by Turner and Smith, were becoming dangerous, when the former was pulled up for offside. However, England renewed the attack, and Sagar sent in a shot, which Reilly just managed to list out. John Pyper and Cochrane drove the English back, and James Pyper was afforded another chance of scoring, but again failed. There was an improvement in the combination of the Irish forwards, who again and again beat their opponents' back. Cabtree was very useful at this period, and once he stopped Sheehan very cleverly when it looked as if nothing could prevent him from scoring. There was no getting past Oakley, Cabtree, and Robinson, however, and England left off winners by two goals to none.



Ireland—Reilly (Portsmouth, goal), John Pyper (Cliftonville), Cochrane (Distillery) (backs), J. M'Shane (Cliftonville), Goodall (Derby County), Magennis (Linfield) (half-backs), Geo. Sheehan (Bohemians), J. Campbell (Cliftonville), James Pyper (Cliftonville), Kerns (Distillery), J. M'Allen (Linfield) (forwards).

England—Robinson (Southampton, goal), W. J. Oakley (Corinthians), Caabtree (Aston Villa) (backs), Johnston (Sheffield United), Holt (Reading), Needham (Sheffield United) (half-backs), Turner (Southampton), Cunliffe (Portsmouth), G. O. Smith (Corinthians), Sagar (Burnley), G. O. Priest (Sheffield United) (forwards).

Referee—Mr Marshall (Third Lanark, Scotland).

## CRICKET.

### ENGLAND XI. v. REST OF AUSTRALIA.

A very interesting match was played at Sydney, N.S.W., last month between the team which visited England last year and the Rest of Australia, the proceeds going to the South African funds. Darling won the toss, but on a good wicket his team started very badly. Six wickets were down for 100 runs, but Noble and Iredale put a better appearance on the game, and the former made a good 94 without a chance. However, they were all out for 237, and the Rest passed that score with only five wickets down, Graham being responsible for 73, and Stuckey, for 88. Then Laver was put on, and met with astonishing success, recalling his performance at an important point in the Lord's test match last year. The last five wickets only added 13 runs, and Laver took in all 4 for 30. In their second innings, though Worrall was unable to bat, the touring team did much better and put together exactly 400, Noble making 58, Darling 72, Hill 69, and Gregory 68. In their second innings the Rest were quite outplayed, and could only make 205, of which Hopkins put together 62. A clue to the Australians' success last year is to be found in the bowling analysis, for, though Howell was not playing, they had at least five effective bowlers on their side. Full score:

AUSTRALIAN ELEVEN		1st inn	2nd inn
J. Worrall	c Stuckey b Saunders	8	Absent
V. Trumper	c Jarvis b Windsor	41	c Stuckey b Windsor
C. Hill	c Windsor b Saunders	7	c Windsor b M'Beath
M. A. Noble	c Evers b Saunders	94	c and b Reedman
J. Darling	c Stuckey b Eady	4	c M'Beath b Hopkins
S. E. Gregory	c Evers b Eady	0	c Evers b Jarvis
H. Trumble	b Saunders	5	c Hopkins b Saunders
F. Iredale	b M'Beath	38	c Hopkins b Saunders
F. Laver	c Eady b Saunders	25	c Mackenzie b Jarvis
J. J. Kelly	not out	7	c Graham b Saunders
E. Jones	c Graham b Saunders	0	not out
	Extras	8	Extras
	Total	237	Total
			400

#### BOWLING ANALYSIS.

First Innings.—C. Eady, 71 runs, 2 wickets; J. Saunders, 90 runs, 6 wickets; E. A. Windsor, 17 runs, 1 wicket; A. M'Beath, 11 runs, 1 wicket.

Second Innings.—F. Jarvis, 14 runs, 2 wickets; A. Hopkins, 20 runs, 1 wicket; J. Reedman, 33 runs, 1 wicket; E. A. Windsor, 77 runs, 1 wicket; A. M'Beath, 51 runs, 1 wicket; J. Saunders, 96 runs, 3 wickets; C. Eady, 00 runs, 0 wickets.

REST OF AUSTRALIA		1st inn	2nd inn
F. Jarvis	b Noble	4	c Laver b Noble
A. C. K. Mackenzie	c Worrall b Noble	9	b Noble
H. Graham	c Jones b Noble	73	lbw b Laver
H. Stuckey	st Kelly b Trumble	88	b Jones
J. Reedman	b Laver	40	c Darling b Trumper
A. Hopkins	b Trumper	17	b Trumble
E. A. Windsor	c and b Laver	35	lbw b Laver
C. Eady	b Jones	4	b Trumble
H. Evers	not out	1	b Jones
A. M'Beath	c and b Laver	0	c Iredale b Trumble
J. Saunders	b Laver	7	not out
	Extras	10	Extras
	Total	281	Total
			205

#### BOWLING ANALYSIS.

First Innings.—E. Jones, 98 runs, 1 wicket; M. A. Noble, 72 runs, 3 wickets; H. Trumble, 50 runs, 1 wicket; F. Laver, 30 runs, 4 wickets; V. Trumper, 21 runs, 1 wicket.

Second Innings.—E. Jones, 57 runs, 2 wickets; M. A. Noble, 32 runs, 2 wickets; H. Trumble, 19 runs, 3 wickets; F. Laver, 64 runs, 2 wickets; V. Trumper, 0 runs, 1 wicket.

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## HUNTING.

### HURLINGHAM DRAG HOUNDS.

Not among the least of the many attractions at Hurlingham during the holidays should be numbered the several runs with the hounds.

The pack this year may be said to have been put on a completely different footing, as a new draft of four couples, principally composed of old hounds, has been brought out from the "Pytchley," having recently arrived in first-class condition, this new addition bringing the pack up to ten couples.

On Thursday the meet took place at the Rural Tramway Station at 7 a.m., when, notwithstanding the early hour, a considerable number of people were out.

The hounds were laid on on the Common near Mr. Howard's Quinta. Immediately taking up the scent, they ran at a great pace round the Common almost down to the river, when, swinging suddenly to the right, they jumped into Pavo's camp on through Chicolas, finishing in the lane near the stable.

On Friday, Saturday, and Sunday the hounds were also out, giving us a good gallop each time, and, from all appearances, it would seem that the pack this year is considerably more even and faster than any hounds we have yet seen at Hurlingham, and the Master, Mr. Thursby, and Mr. Preston, should be congratulated on the result of their untiring efforts in getting the pack together.

Among those out on the different days we noticed Mrs. Howard, Mrs. Bedford, Mrs. Garrod, Miss Waddle, Miss Huxtable, Messrs. Thursby, Preston, Willes, Jefferies, Harnett, Simpson, Brewster, Hodson, Sheehan, Sidebottom, Winthrop, Bedford, and the Hon. W. Barrington.

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## RIVER PLATE SPORT AND PASTIME

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, 1900.

## NOTES.

The Annual General Meeting of the Buenos Aires Football Club was held on Tuesday evening last at The Criterion—the Hon. W. A. C. Barrington presiding. The business was not of a very important nature, the balance-sheet showing the club to be in a sound financial condition. The election of officers and committee for the ensuing year resulted as follows:

Hon. President—The Hon. W. A. C. Barrington.

Vice-Presidents—Messrs. D. J. Stokes and R. W. Anderson.

Captain—Mr J. C. Bellamy.

Members—Messrs. J. O. Anderson, M. F. Gilderdale, A. J. McMorran, L. Corry-Smith, W. R. S. Baikie and F. Leitch.

The Annual General Meeting of the Albion Football Club, Montevideo, was held on the 21st ult. and was well attended. The annual report of the outgoing committee was of a very exhaustive nature and was eventually warmly applauded and carried. The club has every reason to be proud of the good work it has done, especially in football, and chiefly owing to the enthusiasm of the members the natives have taken very kindly to the game, and it is roughly estimated that something like between twenty and thirty native clubs were founded last year.

The election for the new committee to serve for the ensuing year resulted as follows:

President—Mr J. Sardeson.

Vice-President—Mr W. J. Maclean.

Hon. Secretary—Mr H. C. Lichtenberger.

Hon. Treasurer—Mr J. Stewart.

Football Captain—Mr C. B. Poole.

Football Vice-Captain—Mr A. H. Smith.

Cricket Captain—Mr G. H. Calder.

Lawn Tennis Captain—Mr P. E. Davies.

Members—Messrs. A. J. Davie, D. W. Fraser, W. L. Poole and F. Cutler.

Thanks to the efforts of the Albion Football Club we are very pleased to note that a League has been formed, which is to be known as "The Uruguay Association Football League," and which will be run on the same lines as our League here. The following committee, composed of two delegates from each affiliated club, has been formed:

President—Mr P. D. Chater (C.U.R.C.C.)

Vice-President—Mr H. C. Lichtenberger (A.F.C.)

Hon. Secretary—Mr L. Deagustini (D.F.K.M.)

Hon. Treasurer—Mr F. Real de Azúa (U.A.C.)

Members—Messrs A. R. Robuck (C.U.R.C.C.), A. J. Davie (A.F.C.), F. Trenkle (D.F.K.M.), Gaspar Swinden (U.A.C.)

If the quarantine regulations allow of it we sincerely hope to see all our clubs in the first division sending over teams this year. It is one of the jolliest trips imaginable and the hospitality of the "Albions" is proverbial; but above all, every extra team that goes across helps to stimulate the interest in football on the other side, and for this reason, if for no other, every effort should be made by our players to meet our friends across the water in friendly rivalry.

The last Rugby Football International match was played at Belfast on March 17th, between Wales and Ireland, when after a hard struggle the Welshmen came off victorious by the narrow margin of a try to nil. Thus "gallant little Wales" have won the triple crown, and is the only nation with an unbeaten record in the Rugby International Tournament. On this occasion the superiority of the Welsh three-quarters over those doing duty for Ireland undoubtedly had most to do with the eventual result, for the forwards were very well matched. We give a full account of the game in another column.

In Association England had by no means a walk-over in their match with Ireland, and although the Irishmen were eventually beaten by two goals to none, the game showed more promise for Irish Association football than any previous International. From start to finish there was plenty of excitement, and in mid-field play the Irish were quite as good as their opponents, although they lacked the polish of the latter when they go to the opposite goal. In the second half Ireland was certainly the better team, and the forwards should have scored more than once.

With regard to the wish we expressed that we should be glad to hear any news of "Our Boys" at the front, we have to thank Mr. J. G. Walker for his kindness in forwarding us a letter which he has received from his son, and which he has very kindly given us leave to use. It is very pleasing to hear that one of the chief officers appointed to generally look after and send off to the front "Kitchener's Horse" writes: "The best that came to our net were twenty-five from Buenos Aires with their own horses," etc.

That our small contingent has not been having the easiest of times is very obvious from Mr. Walker's letter, but we must let him speak for himself. He writes on February 16th from near Jacobsdal, on Riet River, as follows:—"You will be glad to hear that we have got through our first engagement with more or less safety. On February 14th, at 4 p.m., Norman and Edgar Jacobs, Corporal Traill and Francis escorted our Colonel and Adjutant from Elslin to the force on the Riet River at Watersval, in the Free State. Two hours later Hill, Allan, Clark, Wedderburn, Staunton and self, with twelve or fifteen others of foot regiments, and three or four more horse, under a Major, took a convoy, arriving half way at Randan at one o'clock next morning.

"We left again at five o'clock and got near the Riet River, then we followed the telegraph, and should have gone on to the telegraph house but we heard big guns and saw that the camp was being shelled, and the Commander said we should go to the nearest pass, which we did, or at least started. Hill and Wedderburn were sent



on to see what was up, we others being right and left scouts. When they got fifty yards off fire was opened on them and they rode back in a hailstorm of bullets, we also being under fire. Hill was wounded in the leg, but not otherwise hurt badly I think.

Our men then formed a laager and the Major sent Staunton, and me off to the camp to get reinforcements. We were properly bombarded by the Boers on Kopjes overlooking the camp. We got over the river and the commanding officer told me he had only got two hundred men and couldn't send a man, the laager being under shell and rifle fire, so they sent us back to tell the convoy to come along slowly and encamp opposite the camp, so we started, but had not gone a mile when we met one of the mounted men who told us that the Boers had come out in force and captured them, but no one had been hit or killed I think. We then went back and reported.

Edgar Jacobs was holding the horses of the rest of our men who were in the firing line with the Highlanders and other odd men. We unsaddled in the valley of the river under the bank, and then volunteers being asked for to take ammunition, we went. I was in front and we had a most exciting time as we were marks for the Boers. I wandered on and missed the others, and only found the firing line about two and a half miles off, just leaving off as it was sunset. The Colonel of the regiment K.O.S.I. told me too late to get back, so I stopped there and this morning marched another six miles here, our others turning up a few hours later having been shelled out of the camp, and we are still here where a large camp has been formed.

Staunton's and my horses were the last to get out from the laager, but both turned up here this morning. My saddle and everything they couldn't rescue as they had no time, besides they thought that I was either wounded or killed, but I hope to be able to get one here. The convoy being captured, I suppose our squad F cannot join us. They say Kimberley is more or less relieved. It will thus be seen from the foregoing that our gallant little band lost no time in getting under fire. We shall anxiously await any further news of them, and trust that the bad news we have received of one or two of them will after all prove unfounded.

Since writing the above Mr Walker has received another letter from his son, dated February 20th, from Modder River camp, from which he has very kindly allowed us to extract the following. "We left Jacobsdal yesterday morning at four o'clock and got here (I don't know the name of the place). In the afternoon, the remainder of our troops and the rest of the Squad, came along and so we joined on. Our captain thought we six had all been killed, as some black driver of our small convoy gave in that report."

He also mentions in his letter that Norman Jacobs' horse was drowned while out scouting the day before he wrote. Now we consider this the best news of "our boys" that we have yet received, and, judging from the letter we have just quoted from, it would appear that at the time of writing none of them had been killed or taken prisoners. It has been explained how the rumour got about, so before long we shall hope to receive news that all are well. All our readers will feel grateful to Mr Walker for his kindness and forethought in allowing us to make full use of his son's letters.

The following is reported to be a true story of the late gallant officer, General Sir William Symons, killed at the battle of Glencoe, South Africa:—When he went out to the Transvaal previously, at the time of the Zulu War, he took with him his two retriever dogs, in view of getting some sport in the veldt. When orders came to go to the front, the dogs were, of course, left behind in camp. This they resented, bolted, and followed the troops; but, feeling guilty and disobedient dogs, they lurked behind them. They were fed by the men, but never appeared till the first gun began. Then they knew their time was come, raced to the front, ranged before the men, looking for the game which never came. Then, quite disgusted, they stood and glanced over their shoulders at the troops, saying as plainly as possible, "Never saw such bad marksmen! All those cartridges and not one bird!" At last, furious at the poor sport, the two dogs fought each other in their disappointment.

To-morrow one of our best known sportsmen, in the person of Mr Arthur Lace, will join the ranks of the Benedicts. As an old footballer and as one of our keenest cricketers Mr Lace is well-known in our sporting circles among which he is deservedly popular. We beg to join his numerous friends in wishing him all good luck and prosperity for the future.

As may be seen from the notice that appears in our advertisement columns the La Colina Polo Club has fixed the 9th and 10th of June for its annual tournament, which is to be played on the club ground at Santa Isabel. The winning club will hold the beautiful Cup—presented by Mr C. H. Krabbé last year and now held by the Curamalan Polo Club—for a year, and it has to be won three times by any polo club before becoming the absolute property of same. Clubs wishing to compete should advise the Hon. Secretary, Mr H. E. Oldham, San Anselmo, La Colina, F.C.S., before the end of May.

Great good fortune with regard to the weather, and favourable conditions in other respects, made the Meetings—at Belgrano on Saturday and at Palermo on Sunday—as pleasant and successful as could be desired. The Classic on each course was productive of a surprise, the Stud Oriel carrying off the Premio Gloria with Aurore, who was not considered capable of competing with Offembach and Graco, but the favourites were not in the running, the second and third places being filled by two other outsiders in Royal and Lybia. There was nothing else worthy of note at Belgrano, but our anticipations about the number of horses that will appear this year are fully borne out by the repeated full programmes, and there will probably be more big dividends this year on both courses than we have ever had before.

The Premio America, like the Premio Gloria, is a 1,600-metre race, and the field was a brilliant one, including such celebrities as Dictador, Domino, Royal, Leon, Alarife, Offembach, Congo, Le Sancy, Don Pepe, Oribe, Cacique, and Langosta. The public settled on the Stud Oriel pair, presented in splendid condition, Dictador and Dominó coming second and Leon third in opinion. Everyone was pleased to see the good show made by Dictador, but, after he had got rid of everything else, he was unable to resist the post rush of Alarife, who came like a whirlwind. It is not the first time the son of Avril has performed a feat of this nature, and he seems to have the peculiarity of being at his best only in the finest company.



So far the young generation has produced only one candidate for classic honours in Germinal. This son of Stiletto seems to possess all the qualities necessary for a first-class racer, but, of course, must be seen over longer distances to confirm the favourable opinion he has created. Delice and Catriel won the only races they have appeared in, but cannot be classified on one performance. The rest have run in the usual in-and-out manner at the commencement of a season. The Premio La Madrid, on the 22nd at Palermo, is another 1,200-metre for young ones, in which Germinal is not entered, but perhaps some others of the numerous lot entered may show good promise.

Originality, especially in dealing with its hunting intelligence, is a prominent feature of the "Daily Mail," as witness the following gem which illuminated its columns one day last month: "Some hundreds of persons who were in the Corporation Park at Blackburn witnessed the novel spectacle of a stag dashing over the wall of the park with a pack of hounds in close pursuit, and presently standing at bay in the large lake which ornaments the grounds. The animal had been *unearthed* by the Pendleton Hunt at Whalley."

The following anecdote which appeared in *Pearson's Magazine* may bear repetition:—An Englishman and a Scotsman played a match for a sovereign and were "all square" at the finish. The Englishman drove off grandly, played a good second, and lost his ball. After a long and fruitless search, he yielded to temptation and surreptitiously dropped another ball. This was too much for the Scotsman, who jumped up in a fit of virtuous indignation:—

"Dod man! 'Tis a new ain, as ye've been let fa'

For theerty guid minutes I've sat on your ba."

Rather a long period for searching, half an hour, but this is said to be "A true story," nevertheless.

Mr K. J. Key, the Surrey captain, has sent in his resignation to the Committee, and it is understood that the post will be offered to D. L. A. Jephson, the old Cambridge Blue, who has done good work for Surrey, both by his batting and his lob bowling. Mr A. C. MacLaren has been appointed secretary to the Lancashire Cricket Club, an office whose duties will leave him free to play for the county throughout the season.

## CRICKET.

SEASON 1899-1900.

### PART III.—PERSONAL.

In this, the last portion of our summary of the past season we intend to deal solely with individual players, and contrary to our usual custom, we shall commence first of all with the bowlers. The bowling generally, we are inclined to think, has been better this season, and we were glad to notice that more attention has been paid to the placing of the field, especially of those fieldsmen behind the wicket on the off side. We consider that the position which is mostly misunderstood by our bowlers is that which third-man should occupy. We are now, of course, referring to our fast and fast medium bowlers. These good people apparently prefer saving a few singles to several fours, and will insist on bringing up their third-man much too close to the wicket. The averages obtained all round are better than usual, and we hope that this may be the first sign of a general improvement.

The largest number of wickets again fell to T. V. M. Knox, and his figures are distinctly good, as he secured 76 wickets during the season at a cost of ten runs apiece. He is still rather too much inclined to "peg away" at the wicket, and might, with advantage, vary his length and pace more.

G. F. Elliot obtained the lowest average, taking 41

wickets at an average cost of 7.95. He is undoubtedly a very useful change bowler, but it must be admitted that his delivery when sending down his fast ball is not above suspicion, and we would like to see him rely less upon this ball and more on his slow leg-breaks which have, at times, proved most effective.

H. A. Cowes, who comes next in order, has done sterling work for Lomas this year, for which club, in conjunction with R. A. Brooking, he has stood the brunt of the bowling. He uses his head far more than he used to do, and he gives every promise of becoming a really good bowler.

W. A. Campbell, the youngest bowler figuring in the Championship matches, had a very successful season, for in this, his first season in first-eleven cricket, he obtained the excellent average of 9.38, and secured 59 wickets, a very good record.

H. B. Elliot began the season well, but towards the latter part seemed to fall off somewhat. He has a wonderful leg-break, and very often comes across with his arm in a very awkward manner. He has proved himself a most useful change bowler.

R. A. Brooking put in a lot of useful work and was always capable of keeping up an end throughout an innings, but we should like to see a little more change of pace and length. At the same time it must be remembered that many catches were dropped off his bowling, especially in the slips, and this to a great extent helped to spoil his figures. He bowled extremely well in the North and South match and fully justified his selection.

W. B. Spray spent his first season among us and is now practically our only fast bowler. With the wicket helping him at all he is a most dangerous bowler. He, however, would never be able to last for any length of time, as he takes far too much out of himself with a very tiring delivery. He unfortunately hurt himself in the North and South match and had to retire. We shall hope to see him playing regularly next season.

J. S. Prescott proved very useful to Quilmes and bowled steadily throughout the season, taking 39 wickets at an average cost of 11.12.

A. Macdonald at the commencement of the season apparently devoted most of his attention to batting and with good results except that his bowling seemed to suffer. Later on, however, some of the old sting appeared to return, and he proved a very useful change for the Flores team more than once.

These were the bowlers who did most of the work last season, but, of course, does not nearly exhaust the list of trundlers, but we have not the space at our command to deal with all of them.

The principal incident connected with the bowling of the past season was, of course, the no-balling of A. J. Symons by the umpire at the batsman's end, this being the first known case of the new rule being enforced. We have gone into the whole matter in such detail in previous issues that we need not comment on the incident further.

Coming next to our batsmen and their records, we find that J. O. Anderson has again scored the largest number of runs, being the only batsman to score over a thousand runs. He has now accomplished this feat four out of the five seasons he has played here.

Coming next to those who have scored over 500 runs, A. Anderson heads the list. He played one or two very sound innings during the season just concluded, but it struck us that he was hardly as safe as he has proved himself to be in former years. This we consider due to the lack of patience which has characterised his play previously, and which has so frequently stood him in good stead. His play on the leg side was distinctly weak at times, but he was as powerful as ever when punishing loose balls on the off-side.

R. W. Rudd batted consistently well right through the season, and we were disappointed not to find a long score after his name in the big match. His batting was always neat and correct, and considering his height, it is wonderful how cleverly he always keeps over the ball.

E. L. Rumboll is another batsman who was in good form all through the season and he played some capital innings. He was unlucky in not getting a "century" as on one occasion he only missed it by a single run. He plays equally well all round the wicket and is at present quite one of our most useful cricketers.

Of those who scored 300 runs and over, Lacey takes first place. This player is so deliciously keen on everything appertaining to the summer game that everyone was gratified to see him in such good form. In our opi-



nion, he batted better this year than ever, while he also bowled with far more success. He obtained the highest batting average of the season, 43.50, for fifteen innings, five of which were unfinished.

A. J. Symons, who comes next in order, has batted consistently well throughout, and this he has done with little or no support. Times without number he saved his team from a regular break-down, and it is mainly owing to his efforts that Quilmes takes the place it does on the list of clubs.

J. R. Garrod, who comes next, we saw only too little of. The little we did see, however, was quite sufficient to induce us to believe that with very little practice he would be as brilliant and dangerous a batsman as ever, while few will ever forget his fielding for the North. He scores with equal ease on both sides of the wicket, and making full use of his fine reach he is always a thorn in the side of our bowlers.

B. F. R. Bedford is another dashing bat and we can only once again express regret that he failed to give the Northerners a taste of his undoubted hitting powers. He is rather too anxious to score when he first gets to the wickets, but when set is quite the most attractive batsman we have.

E. D. Drabble is another brilliant batsman, and if not always quite orthodox, is a very useful bat and he has many excellent strokes in front of the wicket. He scores at a great pace and treats all bowling alike—with but scant respect.

G. F. Elliot has played some good innings this season, but is a very uncertain bat, and is just as likely to fall a victim to a "soft" one as he is to remain in and play our best bowling to further orders. He has a fine drive which might with advantage be utilised more.

B. B. Syer was not so successful as usual with the bat, but every now and then he gave us glimpses of his old form, and was as strong as ever on the leg-side.

A. Macdonald started very well and showed a very strong defence during the first part of the season. His best innings was played at Flores on a rather awkward wicket, when he stood up to Spray's fast deliveries in masterly style and won the match for his side.

This ends the list of those who scored three hundred runs and over during the season, and of necessity several good bats, who failed to score that number of runs, must be left out. In conclusion we trust that one and all will unite to keep up the interest at present taken in the summer game, so that we may look forward to even more successful results next season.

(Concluded.)

## ESTANCIA AND COLONY.

We must claim the indulgence of our readers this week if our Estancia notes are somewhat meagre for the holidays have sadly interfered with our work generally, while our principal camp correspondent is away where neither the postal or telegraphic service can be conveniently utilised.

The main topic, we might say the sole topic of conversation during the past week has been the "Fiebre Atosa." The closing of the English ports is a terrible blow to all, and they are very many, connected with what may be described as our greatest industry. Only those interested have perhaps yet realised what this closure of the ports means. At one fell swoop it throws a great many people completely out of employment, while with the indefinite closing of the English ports, so must our live stock export trade with England be indefinitely closed down.

Unfortunately the disease is spreading very rapidly, but we must be thankful that it has presented itself in so mild a form, the mortality being very small, averaging, more or less, about two per cent.

There is very little change to report as regards the wool market. Very little business was done last week and sales were slow. Fine cross wool may be quoted at \$6.50 to \$7.40, and coarse cross from \$5.70 to \$7.60.

We see from the official statistics published recently in England that during the two months ended February 28th the value of living animals imported for food was £1,454,061, as compared with £1,211,801 in the correspond-

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ing period last year. The number of oxen was 69,890, against 61,277; of these 45,519 were from the United States, 18,980 from the Argentine Republic and 5,035 from Canada. The number of sheep and lambs was 112,180, against 100,725; the United States sending 27,877, the Argentine Republic 81,849, and Canada 1,380.

From the same source we learn that the number of cattle exported from England during the months of January and February was 306, against 173 in the first two months last year. The value was £10,186, against £4,675, so that last month has shown a decided improvement. The number of sheep exported during the first two months was 1,196, as compared with 1,350 last year the value being £15,382, against £16,637.

In the last *Mark Lane Express* to hand, under the heading "Increasing foreign demands for pedigree stock," some interesting details are given. The export of sheep and lambs fell off considerably in 1899 as compared with 1898, but the export of cattle, on the contrary, showed an increase. Commenting on this, the article in question contains the following:—

"The decline in sheep exports was very strongly marked in respect to the Lincolnshire breed. The trade had been so active in 1897 and 1898 that the South American market for Lincoln sheep had become overstocked, but only temporarily so, we are happy to state, for since the opening of the present year the demand has been greater from Buenos Aires than ever it had been known before, and one leading breeder of the noted lustre wool variety has declared that the dealers have denuded his flock so much that he will have nothing either to exhibit or sell for some time until his new crop of lambs gets sufficiently matured to serve the object.

"Argentina has become the promised land of several other breeds of sheep besides Lincoln. The country appears to be a perfect El Dorado for both sheep and cattle, and a development of its resources would appear to be quite in its infancy. There is scarcely an improved long-wool breed extant in this country but is deemed eligible for South America, and the prices of Lincolns have become so high that no doubt numerous Argentine flockmasters welcome the lower-priced rams of other breeds. They are all alike wanted, we believe, for crossing purposes, if not to raise purebred flocks. The first volume of the Devon Long-wool Flock Book has just been issued, and the frontispiece thereto is that of a grand lot of lambs, owned by Messrs C. and F. Hinchcliff, Estancia La Gama, Santa Fé, Buenos Aires, a highly successful cross from Merino ewes by a Devon Long-woolled ram. The heads and countenances are pre-eminently Devon. The fleeces appear to be grand ones, and an admirable mutton carcase has been contributed by the Devon cross.

The Shropshire and Oxtordshire breeders, however, declare that their breeds will naturally come more and more into request, to raise the quality of the grazing sheep of the Argentine Republic, which are now being sent in such rapidly increasing numbers to British markets. Shropshires have long been in demand in Australia and New Zealand, to fulfil the same object, and a recent shipment by Messrs Alfred Mansell and Co., per ss. Lake Huron, of thirty-two in-lamb Shropshire ewes, to Mr Bradshaw, of Canada, may, perhaps, be regarded as indicative that that breed is destined to be propagated extensively in Canada and the United States.

"Turning to cattle, the high prices for bulls at the Shorthorn Birmingham Show and sale shows that we must expect high prices, at least for the Shorthorn breed, throughout the ensuing summer. Of the 447 bulls offered by auction at Birmingham, most of the best were secured by Mr MacLennan and Mr Miller for Buenos Aires. The latter gave 510gs. for Mr Dyke's Duke of Barrington 53rd, 460gs. for Lord Lovat's Shylock, 270gs. for his Encombe, 260gs. for Mr Gowling's Cock o' the North, 170gs. for Mr Henderson's Esquire, 120gs. for Mr J. A. Preece's Duke of Barrington 60th, 115gs. for Lord Sherborne's Sherborne Duke, 110gs. for Mr J. Beach's Bristol Boy, and 100gs. for Mr R. Clarke's Mosshawk. Mr MacLennan bought Mr J. W. Barnes's Masterpiece for 250gs., and Mr Arthur Hiscock's Dorset Prince for 200gs."

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## ROUND THE TOWN.

We note that our weekly contemporary *The Review of the River Plate* announces the retirement of its Senior Editor, Mr. Maitland S. Edye, from that honourable position. Mr. Edye has been connected with the "Mustard Plaster" ever since we can remember it, and his trenchant style and hard hitting in his articles have always been relished by his readers, more especially as such hard hitting was always on the side of right and justice. We are pleased to note that the *Review* will not altogether lose Mr. Edye's services and that we shall still have the pleasure of reading his sensible articles therein.

The clerk of the weather behaved splendidly during the holidays, and it would have been difficult in any country in the world to have enjoyed three more perfect days than those of Holy Week. The churches were crammed on both Thursday and Friday, and it was almost a shock to see how many women there are in Buenos Aires whom we so seldom have the pleasure of seeing. Though all of them were intent on religious duties, yet the dresses were taking and we noticed that at the church doors, where crowds of young men had congregated, that there was just a little extra tilt of the head, just a little extra preening of leathers and plumes generally, which was not altogether unconnected with the presence of the stern sex. The presence of so many fair damsels made the dirty old streets of Buenos Aires like a flower garden, and we could not help wishing that Holy Thursday came, say once a fortnight, for it seems hardly proper that these girls should be kept indoors so strenuously during the remainder of the year.

On Saturday will be produced the performance of "The Geisha" by the Choral Union to which all are looking forward. The rehearsal on Monday showed that the piece will go with the same swing as before, while the interludes in the way of dances have been much improved, so much improved that it seems almost like a second edition, instead of a reproduction. The box office opened at Messrs. Robert Grant and Co. on the 17th inst. on which day an extra charge was made for the right of selection, the regular box office being open on the day following. The usual arrangements for running of late trains on all the suburban lines have been made, and the audience will be able to enjoy itself until the end without any fear of missing their trains. The opera is a long one, a little too long perhaps in some ways, so that we trust that a punctual start will be made by those in charge, even if the audience be a small one. It is hard, perhaps, to expect a curtain to go up when the house is not well filled, but those who take the trouble to come early should be as much considered as those who come late. If the actors would only set the example of raising the curtain at the advertised time, whether an audience was assembled or not, we feel sure that ere long people would find that 8.30 prompt meant 8.30 prompt and not 8.50 as is now too often the case. The result is that many of the audience arrive late knowing that they will still be in time, and thus a premium on laziness and lateness is put on, and the opera extended to a needlessly late hour. We have to be at work next day, Ladies and Gentlemen of the "Geisha," so please begin in time!

Two of our well-known cricketers will this week join the ranks of the majority and qualify for places in the married team for the future. Mr. A. Lace, more popularly known as Don Arturo and Miss Stella Blagden, will be married at St. Saviour's Church on Thursday afternoon, and in the evening, Mr. W. Harvey and Miss Inez Cabral will enter the bonds. We wish them both the best of good luck in every way, long and unbroken happiness and plenty of the gifts of this rather cruel old world.

The season this year promises to be theatrically a very good one for at all the theatres good companies are either playing or contracted for during the temporada. In addition to the usual grand opera at the Opera House, there is a smart French company at the San Martin, and a good German company is coming to the Odeon, while Tina di Lorenzo, the fascinating Italian actress, will have a season at the Victoria. This should give theatregoers plenty to choose from in the way of evening amusements, and it seems a pity that the promised English Opera Company will not come out as this would just have completed the circle.

Rafael Castro is what might be described as a broth of a boy entirely. This person was one of a party enjoying itself in a house in Calle Talcahuano, which, however, made such a row that the police marched in and marched off all the convivial. When the little lot got to the police station, the usual examination of pockets, etc., went on, but Mr. Castro decidedly objected to the proceeding, probably guessing that some of his valuables might not find their way home again if they once strayed into the polis' pockets. Consequently, when his turn came, he objected by planting the policeman one on the jaw which much upset that official. Then the boss came to the aid of the vigilante, but Castro let him have one from the shoulder as well which knocked him out of time. He then made a bolt for it and when the guardian of the portals tried to interfere, he let out a right and left which sent the blue spinning, and started off down the street followed by whistles and shouts. These attracted the usual crowd of policemen, and after coursing for about five squares, Castro was met by another blue who squared up to him dodging his first smack and thus giving the crowd time to get up and do the Roberts cum Cronje trick. Like Cronje, Castro was surrounded but not defeated, and looking for the weakest spot in the cordon he made another dash for liberty, but was borne down by a superior weight of metal and had to surrender unconditionally. This is a fine and proper spirit and it is a pity that there are no more Castros in this city who use their fists instead of a beastly knife when they get into a row. Let us hope that Castro will be treated as leniently as his prototype Cronje after his famous surrender.

We have heard many reasons for the various reverses with which the British Army have met with in South Africa, but the gentleman who insisted the other day that "All officers have had dozens of champagne to drink, in fact a special ship was freighted to take this stuff and how can men fight full of champagne," deserves a medal for stupidity. The photographs of the mess tables of our officers at the front do not look as if champagne was a matter of every day occurrence, but our friend refused to believe that he was not quite correct in his idea.

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## HIS LAST RACE.

On a certain morning in late December two men were seated in an inner room of a small public-house, situated on the outskirts of the big northern city of Merepool. Although they were the only occupants of the room, they sat close together, and talked in subdued tones, as if dreading the advent of some possible listener. One, an undersized person, with a sharp, ferret-like face, clearly belonged to the great army of rogues which infests every important race meeting. They are in the habit of describing themselves as touts, but in reality desperadoes of the worst type—ripe for any villainy, provided there is money in it. The other, in externals at least, appeared to be a gentleman; tall and darkhaired, with small eyes, nearly black, and set rather too close together. The difference between the two men was so marked as to suggest forcibly that the business in which they were engaged was not such as would bear the light of day.

In response to some remark from his queer associate, the young gentleman faced him angrily, exclaiming: "Confound you! Is the horse to run, and win, after all your promises? What have you done for all the money you've had of one?"

"I have done everything I could, Mr Harding," returned the other, sulkily; "but they never give you a bloomin' chance at that stable nor the shadder of one?"

"You mean you have failed, Grimes; you may as well admit it."

"I don't say as I've failed, neither. As I told you, I done my level best to get at Saladin, but that ain't to say as it's a walk-over for him—not by long chalks."

"What! you've something in reserve, then?" said Harding, eagerly.

"Yes," replied Grimes, with a self-satisfied smirk; "I fancy I've got a little dodge up my sleeve as'll about settle the joker's hash. It'll be a risky job, too, and'll cost a good few quids; but as long as you find the coin I'm willin' to take the risk."

"Well, out with it," said Harding.

"It was a piece of the purest luck as I ever happened on the idea, but I think it'll go like one o'clock."

"Yes, yes—get on!" broke in the other, impatiently.

"I'm a-goin on, if you'll on'y let me," rejoined Grimes with slow deliberation. "I must tell the tale in my own way. On'y yesterday I knocked across an old pal o' mine, and as he's in the same line of business as myself, I told him all about this little Saladin job, and how everything had come off crabs up to now."

"You didn't mention my name, I hope?" interrupted Harding.

"What do you take me for?" returned Grimes. "I ain't no bloomin' blab-mouth. No, sir; I just hinted as I'd got the thing to do, and that my paymaster was a free-handed, liberal gent."

"H'm!" grunted Harding, with obvious discontent; "rather too much so for all the return I've had."

"You wait a bit, sir; a little patience and all will come right. Well, as I was sayin', my pal—Bob Brown he calls hisself—he says to me, 'Why not settle the bloomin' gee-gee in the race itself? Then your friend can get the last penny out of him.' You see, sir, he thinks as you're in the bookmakin' line. So I arks him how the trick could be done."

"'Very simple,' he says; and he takes me to his diggins's, and shows me this."

Grimes went to a corner of the room, and returned with what appeared to be a stout walking-stick, with an unusually large knob. "With this 'ere article, Bob told me, he settled a hoss on his own trainin'-ground, and nobody never know'd how it happened."

"What is it?" asked Harding.

"This, sir," replied Grimes, with an air of modest pride, "is a hair-gun of the very latest pattern, powerful enough to kill a man at fifty yards. The knob unscrews, see! That's where the hair is pumped in, and the ferrule comes off as well, when you want to use the gun, so as to let the bullet pass. Now, a chap could take his stand at some quiet spot near the rails, and plug Saladin as he went by, as easy as winkin'."

"But won't there be any report?" inquired Harding.

"No more than strikin' a match; and who's to notice it? The clatter of the hoofs'll drown what little sound there may be, and if there's any bystanders about they'll think nothing of a suck in a man's hands. Besides, as Bob suggests, he can go with me to work the gun, and, just as he pulls the trigger, I'll strike a few lucifers again

my pipe; nobody'll never hear nothing else. Of course, it won't kill the hoss right off, perhaps not at all, but it'll cripple him so as he won't hardly be able to raise a gallop."

"And what will your friend require for his services?"

"Oh! Bob'll be satisfied with a hundred—same as me."

"What! another two hundred pounds, after all I've paid already? Oh! ridiculous."

"Very well, guv'nor, if you think so," rejoined Grimes, meekly; "but I thought you'd do anything almost to keep this Mr Somers from winning the big steepchase."

"So I would, d—n him! He shall never win it!" broke out Harding, venomously. "Go on, Grimes; you shall have the money."

"Thankee, sir; I know'd you'd never let a trifle like that stand in your way. Well, sir, Bob, who is a man of experience says the best spot for our business would be just against the last fence, before coming on to the flat. You see, if Saladin is as good as they make him out, he'll most likely be leadin' a few lengths when they've reached there—that is, of course, if he stands up—and after four miles hard galloping he won't be movin' so extry fast—Besides, if you've noticed, even the best jumpers dwell a little on landing, if it's on'y for the fraction of a second. That'll be our chance, and it's a thousand pounds to a hayseed that we wing him, anyhow."

Harding gave his unqualified approval to the cruel crime suggested by his soulless confederate, and before they parted he paid Grimes a hundred pounds, the balance to be handed over when the shameful deed had been accomplished.

Alfred Harding and Jack Somers were near neighbours in Daleshire, but it could by no means be said that they were friends. Somers viewed the other with contemptuous indifference, while in Harding's mean soul raged all the envy, jealousy, and hatred of the unsuccessful rival. For Somers had beaten him at all points; in the hunting field, in racing, and—bitterest blow of all—in love. Now, he believed, he saw his way—through the instrumentality of the ruffian Grimes—to administer a crushing blow to the man whom his warped mind regarded as his deadliest enemy. In the previous year's Great Raintree Steeplechase, Jack Somers, riding his own horse, Saladin, had been most unluckily defeated, but this time it was generally believed, success looked as certain as anything in racing well could do. He had backed his horse heavily, and Saladin was now a good favourite. Thus Harding hoped to deal his enemy a double blow—to thwart his dearest ambition, and at the same time involve him in heavy pecuniary loss.

The great race was all but over. Saladin and his rider had safely compassed the long, tiring Raintree course, bristling with formidable obstacles, and victory was now near at hand. Between the last two fences the splendid bay had said good-bye to the only two of his opponents, who seemed to threaten danger, leaving them toiling along many lengths in his rear, to all appearance hopelessly beaten.

"Only one more fence," thought Jack, "and then an easy ride in."

Saladin cleared the jump in his own faultless fashion, but at the moment of landing his rider felt the horse quiver, as if he had sustained a shock, or something had given way. "Good heavens!" he exclaimed; "what's wrong?"

For a few strides Saladin galloped on, but then began perceptible to flag. Poor Jack! Defeat to come thus unexpectedly when victory was so nearly within his grasp. Saladin must have broke down badly. Oh! was it possible he could last home?

"Go on, old boy; go on!" he cried, and the brave animal dashed forward once more. But alas! the effort was brief, and his pace soon slackened. His breath came in quick, sobbing gasps; total collapse was evidently but a matter of moments.

Jack threw a glance over his shoulder. The jockeys on the two beaten horses, realising that something had gone wrong with the favourite, were plying whip and spur with all their might, and coming up hand over hand. The bay's strides grew slower and feebler, his breathing more laboured. The winning post was but twenty yards off, but the foremost of his rivals had drawn almost level; in another stride he would be in front. Then Jack Somers did a thing he remembered with remorseful regret to the last day of his life; he dug in the spurs, and struck his failing mount twice sharply with the whip. The noble thoroughbred, game to the last, sprang forward for a few



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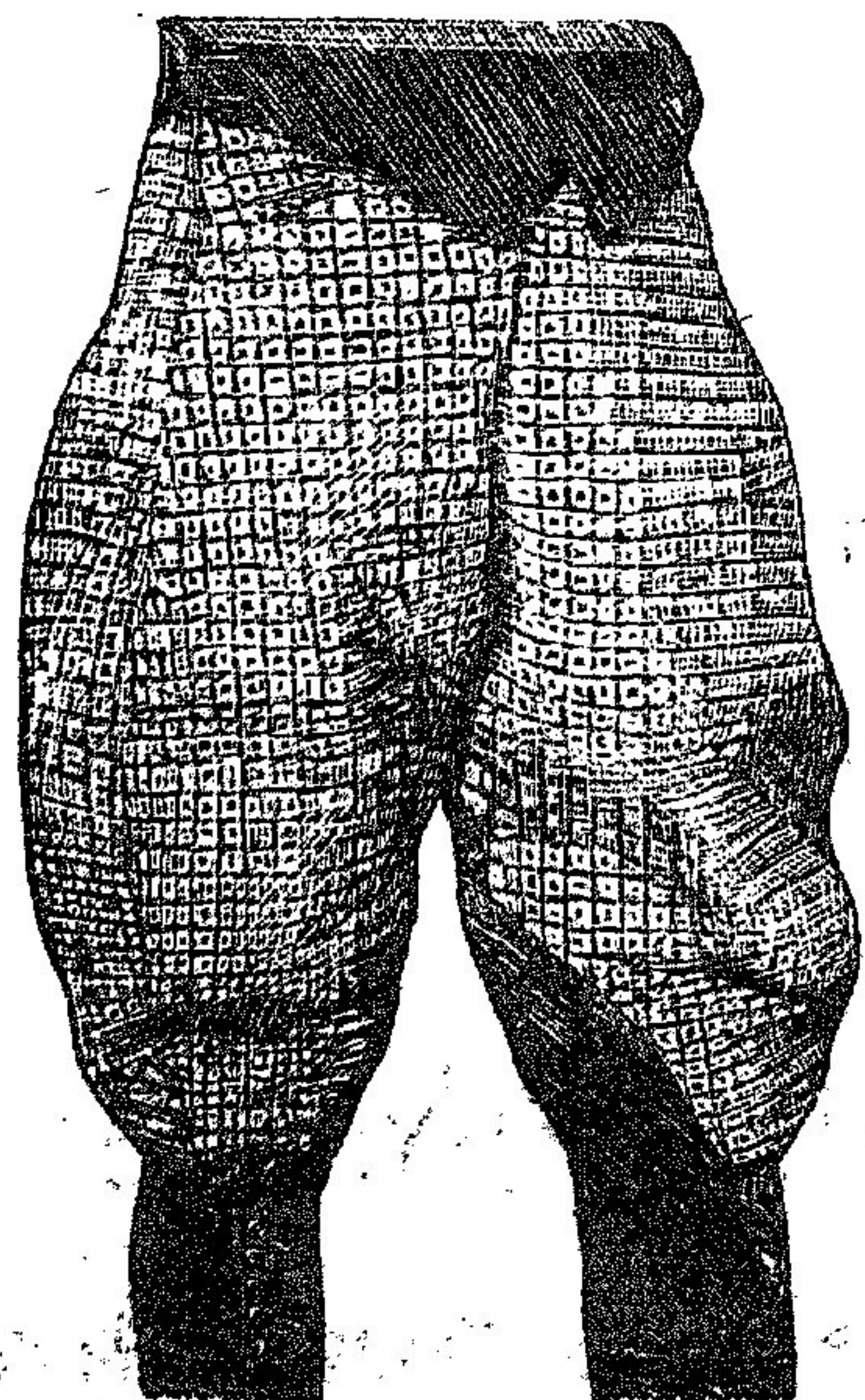
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One of Jack's numerous friends had rushed out of the paddock on witnessing Saladin's fall, and now touched him on the shoulder. "Come along," he said; "the poor beast is past help. But you must weigh in at once, and baulk the villains who instigated this infamous outrage."

Almost mechanically, Jack, assisted by his friend, removed the saddle and carried it to the weighing-room. The scales were soon passed, and with the consent of the stewards the name of Saladin was inscribed on the long roll of winners of the Great Raintree Steeplechase.

And Arthur Harding raged and cursed in impotent fury as he witnessed the miscarriage of his vile plot.

### "FROM SEA TO SEA."

BY RUDYARD KIPLING.

"I have been forced to this action," says Mr Kipling, "by the enterprise of various publishers, who, not content with disinterring old newspaper work from the decent seclusion of the office files, have, in several instances, seen fit to embellish it with additions and interpolations." So he publishes in self-defence, lest worse befall.

I think everyone will be glad to read these earlier journalistic efforts of Mr Kipling, and they are not likely to lead to any such animated controversies as have lately been carried on about later Kiplingana. They show Mr K. in the making. If his political creed is not quite so definitely formulated, and if one meets occasional crudities of expression, there is nevertheless stamped on every page the same individuality that we see, for instance, in his latest descriptive effort, "A Fleet in Being." These papers were contributed to Indian journals and are almost entirely notes of travel in India, China, Japan, and America. Mr K. puts a girdle round the earth in a little less than a thousand pages. That he is strong, vivid, racy; that he never stops to speculate, or to waste time in sentiment or in elegance of style, goes without saying. He is finding out for himself the method of the new journalism, as Mr G. W. Stevens found it out in England. Its merit, of course, is that it has an object, and it achieves that object to admiration. It means to make you see what the author saw, and feel what he felt. And it certainly does so; and this not only gives it the first quality of a work of art, but teaches you a great deal about the world into the bargain. There is not a paragraph which does not arrest attention; but after reading the book as a whole, the lover of books of travel may perhaps feel the need of some relief from the insistence of this very knowing and alert young man. He may not turn unwillingly to the older travellers, and ask for some sign of the culture which is not engrossed in the present, but knows the past, and looks forward to the future; which is interested in art, history, folklore, and is able to illuminate what it sees by applying to it the lamp of knowledge and reflection; and which can find time to cultivate the graces of a leisurely finished style. But what Mr K. gives us is so good of its kind that we must not complain, and these vivacious sketches, which reveal so masterly an insight into the actual life of many diverse peoples, make a welcome addition to the K. Library.

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Sun. 13—Flores v. Hurlingham, at Hurlingham.

Sun. 20—Monthly Shield Competition, at Rivadavia.

Sun. 27—Monthly Competition, at Lomas.

## LAWN TENNIS.

## APRIL.

Sun. 22—Lomas v. Belgrano, at Lomas.

Sun. 29—Santa Lucia v. Lomas, at Santa Lucia.

## MAY.

Sun. 6—Flores v. Quilmes, at Flores.

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June 29—Polo Association Cup.

August 15—Ayrshire Cup.—Entries to close on June 30th; half forfeit if declared by July 31st.

August 30—Lady's Bracelet.—Entries to close on July 31st; half forfeit if declared by August 15th.

August 30—Directors' Cup.—Entries to close on July 31st; half forfeit if declared by August 15th.

September 8—Argentine Grand National Steeplechase.—Entries to close on July 31st; half forfeit if declared by August 20th.

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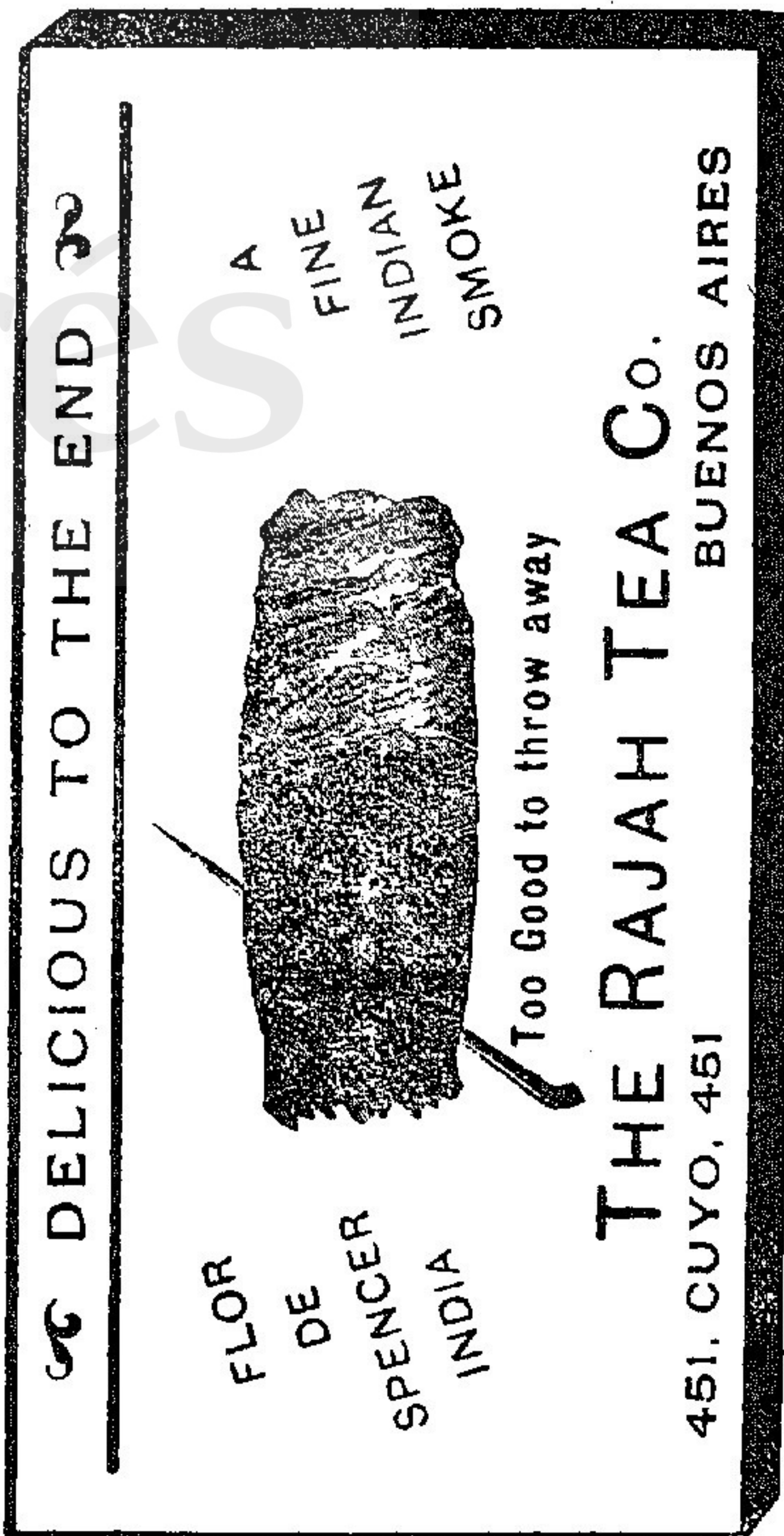
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