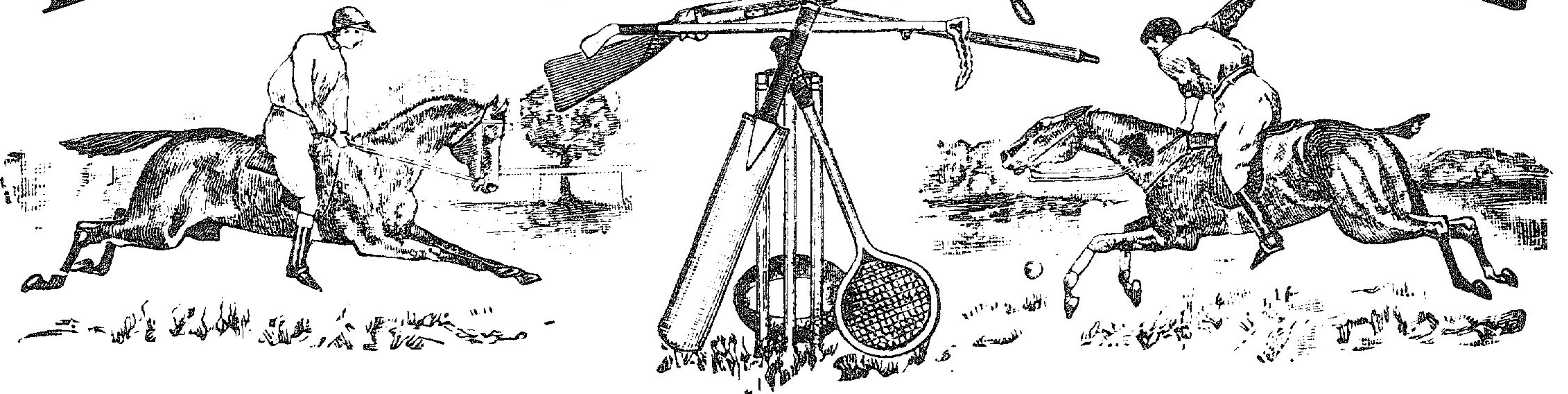


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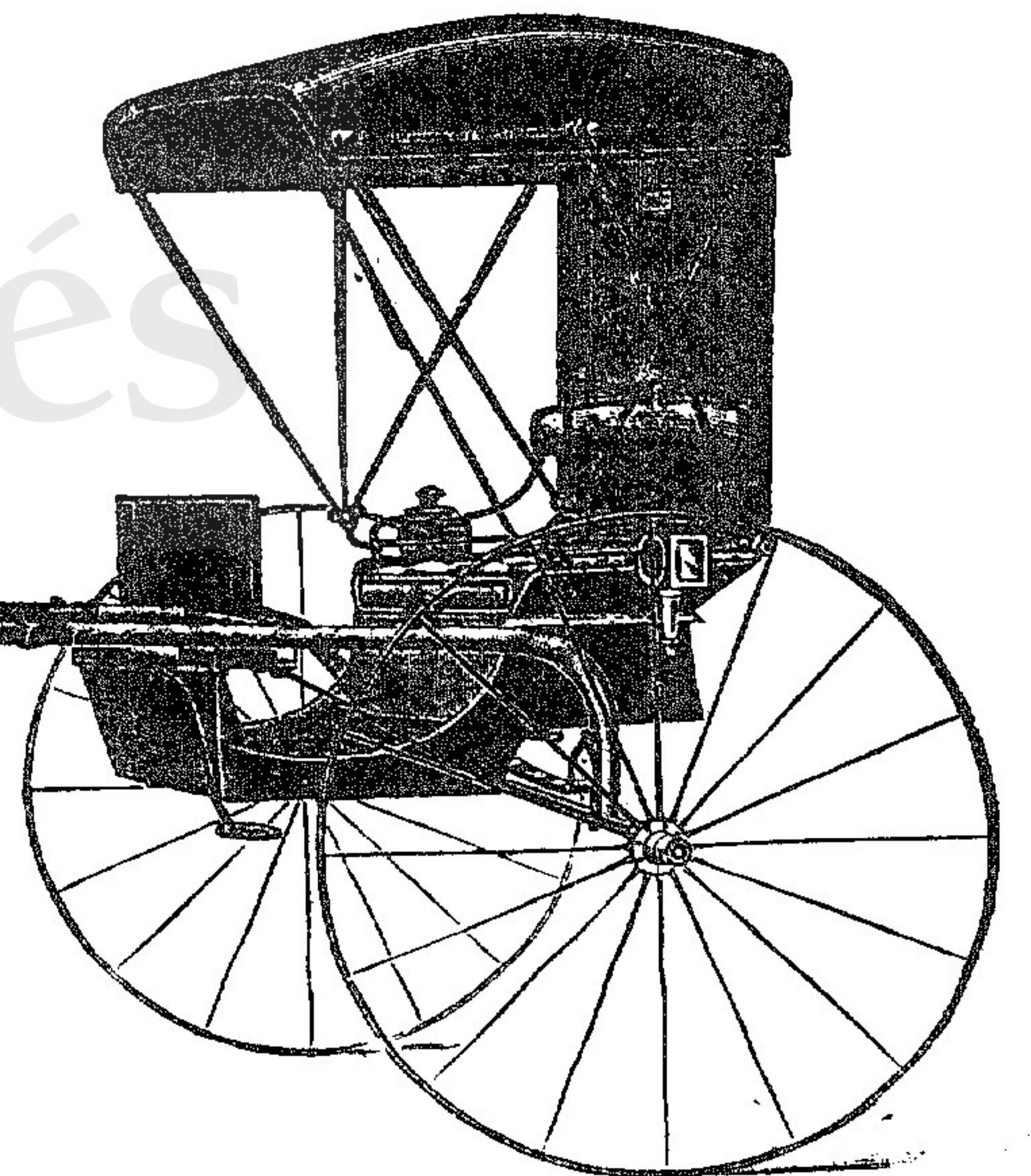
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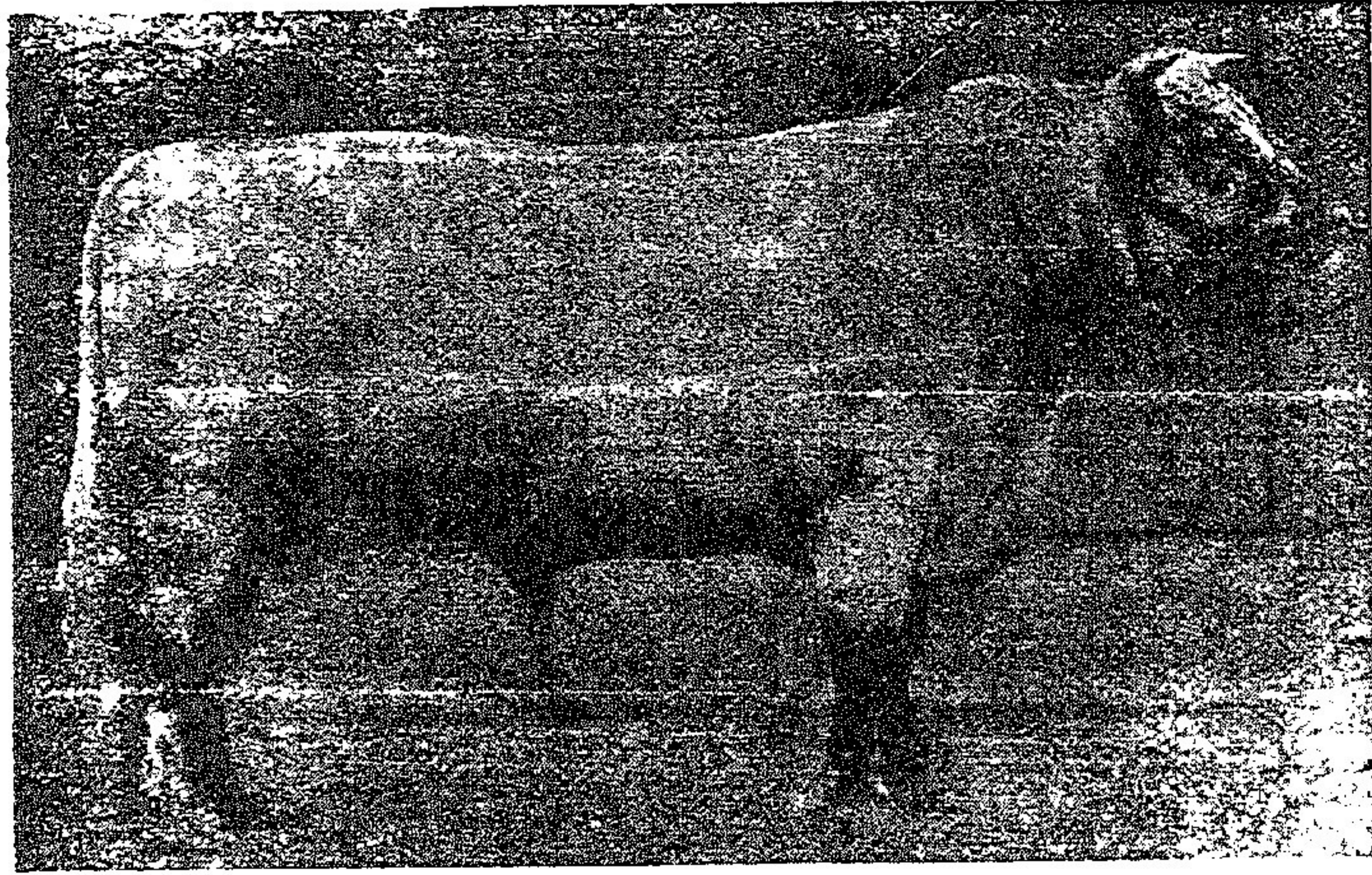
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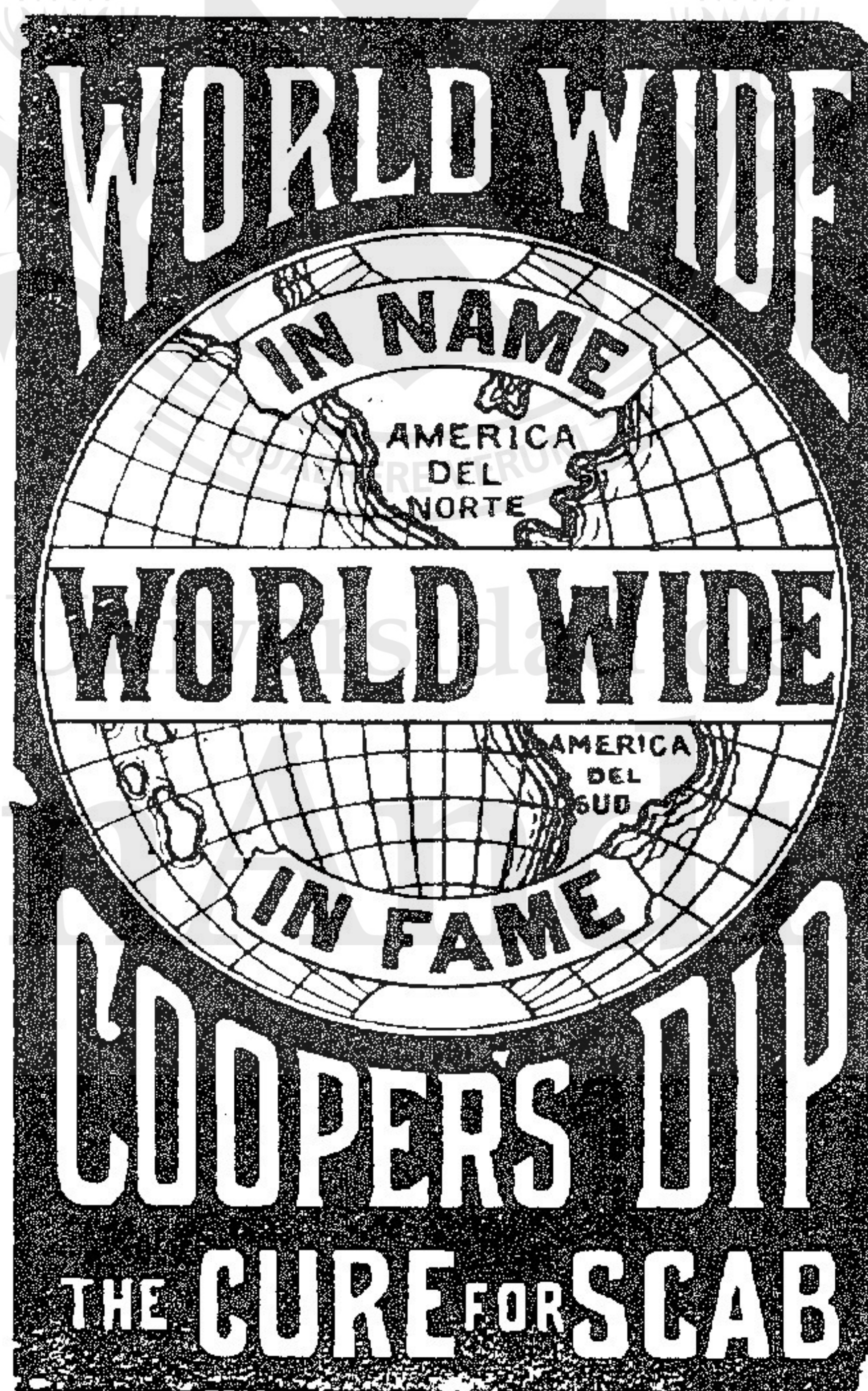
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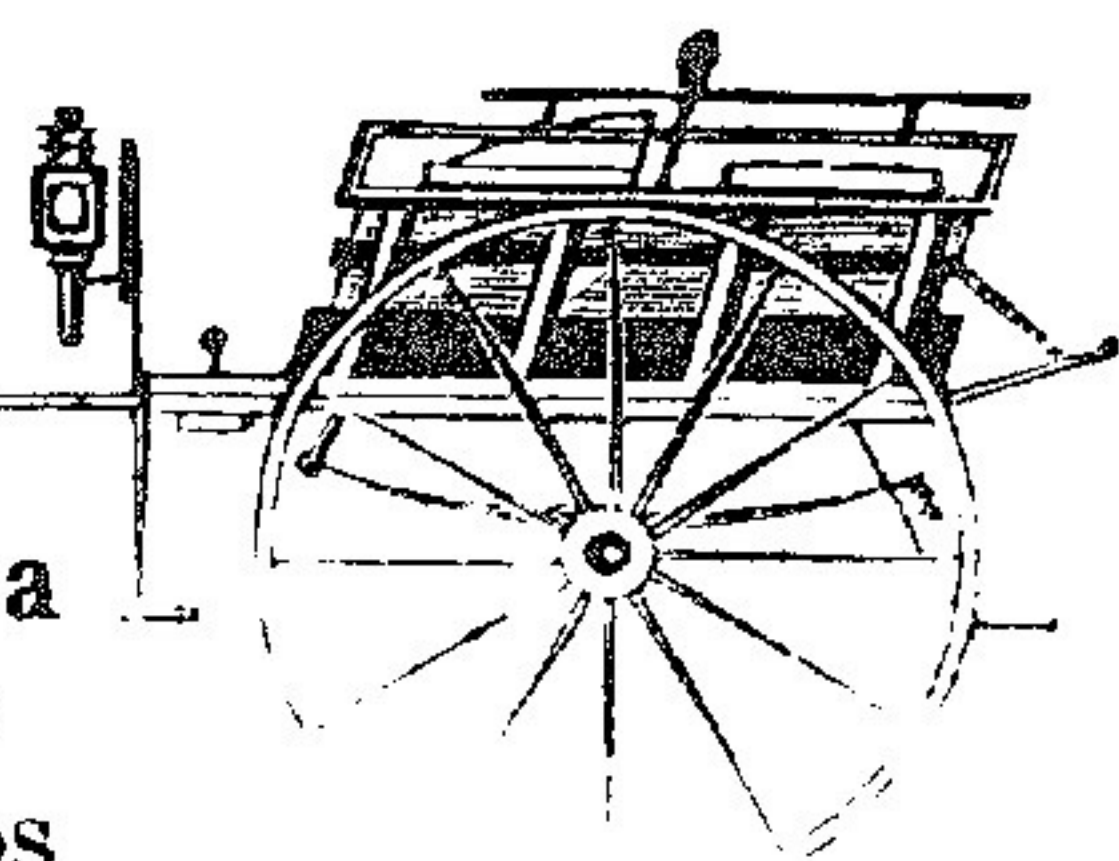
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River Plate Sport and Pastime

BUENOS AIRES, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1900.

SOCIEDAD HÍPICA ARGENTINA.

In almost perfect weather the second meeting of this club was brought to a most successful conclusion on Sunday last. A good many improvements were noticeable: firstly, the bands were conspicuous by their absence, for which we were all very thankful; secondly, the steeplechase course had been remade, and is now as good as one could wish for, all the jumps having been raised and stiffened, and a mud wall substituted for the hurdle on the far-side of the course. In the paddock the horses were not allowed to be tied to the trees, but as there were no posts or palenques this was rather a hardship on the grooms, who, therefore, had to hold them or walk them round all the time. We should suggest that a rich club like this might build a row of stalls, as at Palermo.

Racing commenced with the Premio Estimulo of 800 metres for ponies, at the start of which there was a good deal of crossing and bumping, owing to Mascarilla and Girondino coming right across the course. At the finish Mascarilla just got home from Girondino, and compensated his owner at last for his many disappointments, the pony always having been there or thereabouts, without quite getting home before. The cadets hurdle race, the Premio Pas de Quatre, was most amusing, as at the first hurdle all but one refused, and the riding was eccentric to say the least of it, one competitor jumped the rails at the third hurdle, and being unable to get out of the middle of the course, returned to the paddock on foot.

We then had a bit of trotting, and Elixir justified the good impression he created last time, by winning at his ease from Falucho, who was inclined to break, in fact once he galloped 200 or 300 metres. Before this race some excitement was caused by Chimischurri, who upset his sulky and bolted round the course till he was finally stopped by a vigilante, who caught him by the head and stuck to him most pluckily.

The officers' steeplechase, the Premio Cacique, was easily won by Lieut. Herran on Cacique, who is a very nice horse, and stood out by himself in the matter of condition, though he appeared lame behind.

The open steeplechase was somewhat of a farce, for of the three starters Epsom refused the third fence, so it was a match between the other two, who simply cantered to within 200 yards of the finish, when Ayacucho won hard held by half a length.

The final was a pony race of 1500 metres, called Premio Polo, and produced the best race of the day. Dorothy, who started very slowly, working her way right through her field and winning a fine race from Girondino by half a length, and crediting Mr A. K. B. Mackintosh with his first win.

This brought an excellent day's fun to an end. The attendance was distinctly good, though we noticed very few of the English contingent present.

The Committee, who deserve every credit for their arrangements, was composed as follows:—Lieut. Col. Isaac de Oliveira César, Rodolfo Bollini, Luis M. Doyhenard, Gmo. Paats (hijo), J. Ravenscroft.

The following are the details:—

PREMIO ESTIMULO, \$150 and \$50 to second, for ponies of 58 inches or less, which have not won a race. Weight for inches. 58 inches to carry 75 kilos, three kilos allowed for every inch less. 800 metres.

Mr H. Scott-Robson's Mascarilla, 75 k	F. Canevari	1
Mr A. A. Sasso's Girondino, 75 k	Owner	2
Mr M. R. Mackintosh's Nancy, 75 k	B. Bedford	3
Mr Schatz' Don Nuño, 75 k	G. Vayo	0
Mr Joliffe's Gatuno, 75 k	Owner	0
Mr R. Newbery's Bisturi, 75 k	Owner	0
Mr C. R. Thursby's Theodore, 75 k	J. Beazley	0

Mascarilla and Girondino came right across to the rails, and the former bumped hard into Nancy. Out of the scramble that ensued Nancy came away with Mas-

carilla, and the pair made the pace a cracker until a hundred yards from home, when Girondino appeared on the scene, but Mascarilla just managed to hold his own and win by a neck, Nancy half-a-length away third.

Dividend—Mascarilla \$8.45 and \$2.80 place, Girondino \$3.30 place.

PREMIO PAS DE QUATRE, for a piece of plate valued \$150 and \$50 to the second. A hurdle race for Cadets of the Ejército Nacional, riding horses of the line, which have not won. 2100 metres.

The 2nd Artillery Regiment's Matrero	Mr L. Vivanco	1	
The 9th Cavalry Regiment's Remonta	Mr. Campos	2	
Do.	do.	Inca	0
Do.	do.	Caijas	0
Do.	do.	Lancero	0
Do.	do.	Tercero	0
Do.	do.	Titan	0

All charged the first hurdle in a bunch, and refused, with the exception of Remonta, who got over with a scramble, and nearly unshipped his rider. Remonta then went off with a long lead, but his jockey did not appear to be at all happy, and allowed Matrero to catch him and win by a length. No third placed, as the horse that finished third went round a hurdle.

Dividend—Matrero \$3.90 and \$3.85 place, Remonta \$10.45 place.

PREMIO ELIXIR of \$300 and \$50 to the second, A trotting race in sulkies. Horses that have not run to be placed on the limit mark of the Handicap. 4000 metres.

Mr R. Bollini's Elixir, penalised 500 metres	1
Mr J. Tourreilles' Falucho, penalised 250 metres	5
Messrs Gismondi Bros.' Vandalo, penalised 500 metres	0
Stud Las Mercedes' Chimis-Churri, scratch	0

Chimis-Churri ran away before the start and took no part in the race. Elixir, who trotted in very nice form, caught Falucho in the last lap, and won at his ease.

Dividend—Elixir \$2.40.

PREMIO CACIQUE, a steeplechase for officers of the line, \$200 to first, 50 to second. Only for horses with the mark of the Ejército Nacional, which have served at least three months in the ranks; 75 kilos, 3 kilos extra to the winner of the Premio España. 2400 metres.

9th Cavalry Regiment's Cacique, 78 k	Mr Herran	1
Colegio Militar's Pulmari, 75 k	Mr Lamadrid	2
2nd Artillery Regiment's Puchito, 75 k	Mr Rojo	0
9th Cavalry Regiment's Caprichoso, 75 k	Mr Cano	0
Pebe, 75 k	Mr Baez	0

Cacique and Puchito made the pace very hot for the first round, when the latter fell, and Pulmari, who was some way behind, began to close on Cacique, but although he got to the latter girths in the straight, Cacique was able to easily hold his own, and win by a length.

Dividends—Cacique \$3.75 win and 2.45 place, Pulmari 3.25 place.

PREMIO AYACUCHO, a steeplechase, \$300 to first, 50 to second. Weight 75 kilos, 3 kilos extra to the winner of the Premio Jockey Club. 2400 metres.

Baron Peers' Ayacucho, 78 k	Owner	1
Stud Remember's Remember	Mr Brender	2
Mr H. Dugelay's Epsom	Owner	0

Epsom refused the third fence, and Ayacucho and Remember cantered along to the last bend, when the spectators were treated to a gallery finish, Ayacucho winning hard held by half a length.

Dividend—Ayacucho \$2.45 win.

PREMIO POLO, \$200 to first, 50 to second. For ponies of 58 inches or less, those of 58 inches to carry 75 kilos, 3 kilos allowed for every inch less. The winner of one race to carry 2 kilos extra, of two races 5 kilos, and of three races 7 kilos. 1500 metres.

Mr A. K. B. Mackintosh's Dorothy, 75 k	Mr B. Bedford	1
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Mr A. A. Sasso's Girondino, 75 k..... Owner 2
 Mr J. Canevari's Conejo, 78 k..... Owner 3
 Mr R. Newbery's Bisturi, 75 k..... Owner 0
 Mr C. R. Thursby's Theodore, 75 k..... Mr J. Beazley 0

Bisturi and Girondino cut out the work with Dorothy last till passing the stand, when Conejo went to the front and Dorothy improved her position. Round the last bend Girondino was leading with Conejo second and Dorothy coming up very fast third. All down the straight Girondino and Dorothy ran a ding-dong finish, but the mare staying the longer finally won a good race by half a length, a length between second and third.

Dividends—Dorothy \$10.50 win and 3.35 place, Girondino 4.05 place.

RACING.

PALERMO—DECEMBER 18.

The postponed meeting from Sunday came duly off to-day without a hitch, with a good course, and very pleasant weather, without sun, wind, mud, or dust. The first four races were well calculated by the talent, all winners and places being well supported, but the classic brought a rude awakening. The young ones were made favourites on the difference in weight, but, as usual, were not up to the mark, and Mlle. de Mezeray won a good race carrying the heaviest weight in the crowd and paid a dividend which can hardly be justified in reflection, as she is well-known to be speedy, and there was no quality against her.

Those old foes, Douglas and Memento, met in the opening mile for the first time on even terms, the son of Orville proving the better horse.

The three most fancied got in in the maiden, Venturosa getting the better of Loti by a head, Caligula close up.

The Selling Plate was won by Yerba Dulce after a hard finish with Canton.

In the 1700 metres, Patriota seemed to have the race in hand, but Polas just got through in time and shot past in the last twenty metres.

The long distance brought out a lot of eleven, who made a pretty race, all coming into the straight in a group, and Republicano shewed his heels in fine fashion to Eclat at the finish.

The final mile was a surprise on account of the poor form shewn by Ligera for some time, but there was evidently nothing the matter with her to-day.

The following are the details:

PREMIO GENERAL HORNOS, for horses of four years and more that have been a year in the country and have not won more than \$4000. Weight, 55 kilos, 2 kilos extra for every win. \$1000 to first, 100 to second. 1600 metres.

Mr Manton's Douglas by Orville, Carberry, 4 y, 57 k..... A. Diaz 1
 A. Lincoln's Memento, 4 y, 57 k..... A. Ruiz 2
 Ecurie Montevideo's Llama, 5 y, 55 k..... G. Palacios 3
 Also ran—San Martin, Roulette, Pájaro, and Gurupí.
 Dividends—Douglas \$6.75 win and 3.15 place, Memento 2.70 place.

PREMIO GENERAL PAUNERO, for three-year-olds that have not won. Weight 57 kilos. \$1800 to first, 150 to second. 1300 metres.

Ecurie Talisman's Venturosa, by Ojo de Agua, Venus, 55 k..... I. Diaz 1
 Ecurie Nautilus' Loti, 57 k..... J. Sarthou 2
 J. A. Fernandez' Caligula, 57 k..... A. Diaz 3
 Also ran—Chilecito, Tandil, Huracan, Obus, Azote, Arroz, Massena, Emirza, Conductorá, Preciosa, India Porteña, and Reliquia.
 Dividends—Venturosa \$10.35 win and 3.15 place, Loti 3.60 place, Caligula 3.15 place.

PREMIO REMATE, for three-year-olds. Weight 57 kilos. The winner to be sold for \$3000. Those entered to be sold for less to be allowed 2 kilos for each \$500 reduction, 2 kilos extra for every win in a Selling Plate. \$2000 to first, 200 to second. 1400 metres.

Ecurie Ben d'Or's Yerba Dulce, by Exmoor—La Devota, 47 y, J. Olmos 1
 Ecurie Nuevo's Canton, 53 k..... F. Persz 2
 Mr Manton's Cicuta, 53 k..... A. Diaz 3
 Also ran—Duende, Bella Eloisa, Criollita, Vizcachá, Pumh, La Bourboule, Nevada, Americana, Chaparrón, Volage, Batallón, and La Tinta.
 Dividends—Yerba Dulce \$7.30 win and 2.90 place, Canton 2.85 place, Cicuta 4.55 place.

PREMIO GENERAL PAZ, handicap for horses that have won more than one race, but not more than \$10,000. \$1800 to first, 150 to second. 1700 metres.

Petite Ecurie's Polas, by Esperanza—Corista, 3 y, 54 k..... I. Diaz 1
 Ecurie Erisionero's Patriota, 5 y, 52 k..... J. Paez 2
 Stud Las Rosas' Picquart, 4 y, 55 k..... F. Perez 3
 Also ran—Alvarado, Kruger, Atrevido, Florida, Cravate, and Pito Ce.
 Dividends—Polas \$9.15 win and 3.15 place, Patriota 3.30 place, Picquart 3.10 place.

PREMIO GENERAL LAS HERAS, for all mares. Weight for age, 3 kilos extra to winners of \$8 to 12,000, and 5 kilos of more, 3 kilos allowed to those that have run and have not won \$3000. \$5000 to first, 500 to second. 1600 metres.

Ecurie Hiren' Mlle. de Mezeray, by Clamart—Cayenne, 4 y, 58 k..... P. Garcia 1
 Stud Ontario's Queen Victoria, 3 y, 52 k..... P. Aguirre 2
 Ecurie Monarque's Ficha, 3 y, 52 k..... G. Morales 3

Also ran—Garua, Sargenta, La Nilson, Ultima, Sanary, Wasp, Morena, Doña Sol, Manda, Milady, Roseola, La Marleillaise, and Egipcia.
 Dividends—Mlle. de Mezeray \$90.30 win and 22.70 place, Queen Victoria 9.75 place, Ficha 5.60 place.

PREMIO GENERAL ZAPIOLA, handicap for all horses, limited between 62 and 50 kilos. \$2500 to first, 200 to second. 2200 metres.

Ecurie Belgrano's Republicano, by Progreso—Barcarola, 4 y, 53 k..... A. Diaz 1
 Stud Don Gonzalo's Eclat, 5 y, 57 k..... F. Perez 2
 Petite Ecurie's Bonaparte, 4 y, 50 k..... I. Diaz 3
 Also ran—Don Pepe, Bobby, Gonin, Lybia, Réve d'Or, Calvino, Lord and Nicolini.
 Dividends—Republicano \$13.25 win and 4.80 place, Eclat 4.20 place, Bonaparte 10.25 place.

PREMIO GENERAL SARMIENTO, handicap for all winners. \$2000 to first, 200 to second. 1600 metres.

Stud Guerrillero's Ligera, by Hervidero—Vanda, 5 y, 54 k..... F. Perez 1
 Ecurie Royal's Royal, 5 y, 61 k..... A. Diaz 2
 Stud Escocés' Muñeca, 4 y, 47 k..... F. Liceri 3
 Also ran—Juliano, Balcarce, Abrojo, El Alba, Aurora, Judío, and Araujo.
 Dividends—Ligera \$19.70 win and 6.15 place, Royal 4.25 place, Muñeca 7.60 place.

PALERMO—DECEMBER 23.

No fault could possibly be found with the weather, but a phenomenon appeared as the horses went out for the sixth race in the shape of swarms of the small gnats, which speedily shewed they could bite, and in a moment all the handkerchiefs and most of the hats in the crowd were flapping presenting a curious spectacle. The pest lasted out the day, and a repetition is not at all desirable. The racing was very good, and there were no big upsets, though one or two were nearly coming off.

The classic brought out a good field of ten, in which Pillito figured with 62 kilos, but Carina was so well let in with 51 kilos that the Stud Don Gonzalo was made favourite, and with good reason, as the pretty mare won easily. Juliano, who did the running keeping ahead of Pillito for second place.

The 1600 metres handicap was again taken by Le Sancy, the great grey being followed, as usual, by Royal.

The Stud Los Cardos was also successful in the maiden with Grimaud, who, though much fancied at the beginning of the season, has taken a whole year to emerge from the ranks of losers, and only just managed to scrape in by a head from Ivette.

The Selling Plate was easily won by Eva, whose bad luck last year has now been counterbalanced by four successive wins.

The long distance for young ones was an extraordinary race. The seven competitors cantered up the straight and the jockey of Ilimani finding no one would run, suddenly cleared out and put 100 metres between him and his field before his rivals realised where they were, and could not be caught again, though Alvarado got within half a length at the end.

In the last race, Picquart tried the same game, but did not succeed, and Canrobert won after a hard finish with Parva.

The following are the details:—

PREMIO ABRAHAM LINCOLN, for horses of four years and more that have been a year in the country and have not won more than \$5000. Weight 54 kilos, 3 kilos extra to winners of \$2 to 4000, and 5 kilos of more, Win in the present year count double. \$1600 to first, 100 to second. 1400 metres.

Stud La Noria's Morena, by Saumur—Mendiga, 4 y, 55 k..... R. Garrido 1
 J. B. Zubiaurre's Clásico, 4 y, 50 k..... G. Palacios 2
 Ecurie Hope's Inferno, 4 y, 57 k..... I. Diaz 3
 Also ran—Soliman, Le Pays, Satellite, Atico, Cecilia, Douglas, Cravate, Westfalia, Bucarelli, Cántico, Estopin, Llama, and Diana.
 Dividends—Morena \$15.85 win and 4.45 place, Clásico 2.99 place, Inferno 26.45 place.

PREMIO ECURIE RAYON D'OR, handicap for three-year-olds that have not won. Weight 57 kilos. \$1800 to first, 150 to second. 1300 metres.

Stud Los Cardos' Grimaud, by Gay Hermit—Golopine, 57 k..... S. Urrutia 1
 Mr Manton's Ivette, 55 k..... A. Diaz 2
 J. B. Zubiaurre's Machete, 57 k..... G. Palacios 3
 Also ran—Paladium, Azote, Avion, Abdiel, Rayo, Caligula, Temporal, Guazoubira, Loti, Nieve, Emirza, Monja, and Conductorá.
 Dividends—Grimaud \$7 win and 3.50 place, Ivette 6.50 place, Machete 5.65 place.

PREMIO A RECLAMAR, for all horses. Weight for age. The winner to be sold for \$3000. Those entered to be sold for less to be allowed 3 kilos for each \$500 reduction, 3 kilos extra for every win in a Selling Plate. \$1800 to first, 150 to second. 1700 metres.

Stud Monf's Eva, by Soukaras—Iva, 4 y, 49 k..... J. Olmos 1
 Hatteras' Brenus, 3 y, 54 k..... J. Feliú 2
 Stud El Derby's Calvino, 5 y, 55 k..... P. Aguilera 3
 Also ran—Dante, Porthos, Primero, Abeto, Mein Herr, Dinero, Cassio, and Coracero.
 Dividends—Eva \$7.40 win and 3.23 place, Brenus 4.10 place, Calvino 7.65 place.

PREMIO STUD DON GONZALO, for three-year-old winners. \$2000 to first, 200 to second. 2200 metres.

Stud El Derby's Ilimani, by Gay Hermit—Veta, 50 k..... C. Bustos 1
 Ecurie Argentino's Alvarado, 56 k..... J. Sarthou 2
 Ecurie Belgrano's Alcoran, 54 k..... A. Diaz 3
 Also ran—Polas, Doña Sol, Canton, and Charabon.
 Dividends—Ilimani \$19.20 win and 6.20 place, Alvarado 15.80 place.

PREMIO GENERAL ALVEAR, handicap for all horses that have not won a prize of \$20,000 or more during the year, limited between 62 and 50 kilos. \$5000 to first, 500 to second, 2000 metres.

Stud Don Gonzalo's Carina, by Exmoor—Donnina, 4 y, 51 k. J. Olmos 1
 Stud La Confianza's Juliano, 4 y, 51 k. J. Sarthou 2
 Stud El Derby's Pillito, 6 y, 62 k. P. Aguilera 3
 Also ran—Omnium, Republicano, León, Eclat, Senegal, and Réve d'Or.
 Dividends—Carina \$5.15 win and 2.45 place, Juliano 4.40 place, Pillito 3 place.

PREMIO STUD IRUZAINGO, handicap for all horses, limited between 62 and 52 kilos. \$2500 to first, 200 to second, 1600 metres.

Stud Los Cardos' Le Sancy, by Neapolis—Loberia, 5 y, 62 k. S. Urrutia 1
 Ecurie Royal's Royal, 5 y, 58 k. A. Diaz 2
 Stud Don Gonzalo's Piquet, 3 y, 53 k. F. Perez 3
 Also ran—Herr Thomas, Rivera, and El Alba.
 Dividends—Le Sancy \$4.80 win and 2.80 place, Royal 3 place.

PREMIO STUD MONEL, handicap for all horses. \$2000 to first, 200 to second, 2900 metres.

Ecurie Etoile's Canrobert, by Neapolis—Crinolette, 3 y, 47 k. J. Feliú 1
 Petite Ecurie's Parva, 4 y, 58 k. I. Diaz 2
 Ecurie Rivadavia's Lord, 4 y, 46 k. J. Olmos 3
 Also ran—Picquart, Regalada, Guamini, and Tenebroso.
 Dividends—Canrobert \$12.85 win and 5.75 place, Parva 3.35 place.

PIGEON SHOOTING

Quite a goodly number of shootists journeyed out to Hurlingham on Wednesday for the pigeon shooting. The weather was all that could be desired, with the exception of a fairly strong wind, which, however, a glance at the score will show, did not seem to bother the marksmen much.

About one o'clock proceedings were commenced with a sweepstake of \$5 each, 26 metres, one miss out. This was divided by Mr B. Cittadini and Captain Poker, who each killed five consecutive birds. Then a start was made for the "Premio Ensayo Mar del Plata," a kind of preliminary canter for the shooting that is to take place at the Argentine Brighton next month. Before starting this competition a "remate" was held, in which Mr B. Cittadini was made a hot favourite, being sold for \$35, whereas Mr A. Cardo the ultimate winner only fetched \$10, and Mr Llavallol the runner-up \$5. Odds of 13 to 3 were, as a rule, laid on the gun. In the shooting Messrs A. Cardo, A. Cambaceres, and Llavallol all killed their ten birds; Cambaceres, however, missed his eleventh, but it was not till the sixteenth that Llavallol failed to stop one within the boundary, and A. Cardo was left the winner with a sequence of sixteen. The following are the details:

Premio "Ensayo Mar del Plata," five birds at 25 metres and five birds at 27 metres, two misses out. Entrance \$25, the winner to receive a Silver Cup and 50 per cent of the entrance fees, the second to receive 25 per cent.

A. Cardo	1111111111111111	16
Llavallol	1111111111111110	15
A. Cambaceres	1111111110	10
"Cazador"	011111111	8
J. Correa	111110111	8
M. Quirno	011111111	8
B. Cittadini	111111100	7
Muzzio	11011110	6
A. Cabo	1011110	5
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The next tournament at Hurlingham will be for a gold medal and 75 per cent of the entries, the second taking a silver medal.

POLO

HURLINGHAM.

On Wednesday morning a very sporting match was played between "Willesden" and "Bedford Lodge," the former team composed of A. S. Willes (back), C. Mendl and C. Sanderson, and the latter of J. S. Campbell (back), B. Bedford and R. Leys. "Bedford Lodge" were favourites, and easily beat their opponents by eight goals to none, Bedford scoring four, Campbell two, and Leys two. Campbell was very safe at back, and to this fact may be ascribed the heavy score against "Willesden," as their side was composed of forwards, and they were all very weak on their back-handers, the consequence being that with both Campbell and Bedford hitting hard they were kept on the defensive nearly the whole game. Four quarters were played.

Friday morning saw eleven players on the ground shortly after six o'clock, and the following sides were arranged:—

T. Robson (back)	E. D. Drabble (back)
F. Balfour	H. Langworthy
J. Frost	C. Mendl
A. Sanderson	C. Jefferies

J. S. Campbell, R. Leys, and B. Bedford cutting in. There was only time for four quarters, but the ball was rattled about to a merry tune while they lasted.

Unfortunately Robson's side was a bit too strong for the other, and the game was not quite as even as we should have liked to have seen it. We were very pleased to see Langworthy once more on the polo ground, and notice that during his three years' absence he had lost none of his old dash. Frost, too, is new to us at this game, though his figure is familiar to all between the

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flags, but although we believe he is comparatively a novice, he shapes well, and would, no doubt, with practice, make a strong player.

The last game was unluckily brought to somewhat an abrupt termination by a nasty collision between Mendl and Leys, in which the latter was entirely to blame, mercifully no serious damage was done, though we hear the former got a nasty shake, and will be sore for some days. Accidents of this kind are very unpleasant, and every care should be taken to avoid them. Polo is sufficiently dangerous when played by experienced men, therefore beginners should be additionally careful. It is far better to lose an opportunity than to damage a player or pony.

NOTES ON ARGENTINE AGRICULTURE.

Very few people in England know anything about the Argentine, except that it produces large quantities of corn and meat, which tends to keep the price of agricultural produce low in our own market. The Argentine is a country of vast dimensions, reaching from the Tropics to Cape Horn. It is divided into twenty-four provinces, many of which exceed the size of England. The population of the whole of the Republic is less than that of London, and of this number one-fifth live in the capital, Buenos Aires. This town, the finest, handsomest, and most luxurious in South America, is surrounded by the province of the same name, which, like its capital town, is the largest and richest in the country. Imagine then a vast tract of land, much larger than England, perfectly flat, composed of rich alluvial soil, covered with herbage as rich as that of the best grass lands of England, and you have some idea of the rich natural resources of this one province of the Republic. Over the whole vast

expanse neither trees nor hedges are to be seen, except when in small clusters they have been planted round the farmhouses or estancias, as they are called. You may wander, too, for many miles and dig for many yards without being able to find a stone of any description. At the present time the whole of this rich province is divided up amongst a number of large proprietors, each of whose portions is divided up into several large fields, and also separated from its neighbours by strong barbed wire fences. In the fields are to be seen thousands of cattle and sheep. The climate is so equable that the animals never need shelter. They are born in the open fields, grow there, and fatten there, and when ready are sent direct from the grass to market. On a great many of the farms the cattle are Shorthorn or polled, and it would be easy to pick many hundreds worth out here at less than ten pounds each that would do well at our Christmas fat stock shows.

The expense of raising cattle by the thousand is comparatively small. There are no buildings to pay for, very little for fences, nothing for corn and cake, and the labour entailed in looking after the herds is not great. To own a few square miles of this land is to be fairly sure of a comfortable income. The principal drawbacks to be considered are droughts, floods, and disease. Every now and again a drought comes, and the whole country is burnt up, and as there is no store of artificial food the animals have to die. At the present time floods are playing havoc with the land. Over many hundreds of square miles for the last few months, where the fattest of cattle used to graze, nothing but water can be seen, and large flocks of wild duck have replaced the cattle. The land is so flat and the rain has been so continuous that as far as the eye can reach the water lies some four, five, or six feet deep. The oldest inhabitant has been quoted months ago as never having seen such floods as these,

and since that time people have begun to wonder if this low-lying tract of country may not be returning to its previous state of sea or river estuary. At the best this year will be a heavy loss to all these low-lying farms. But the profits of the good years more than compensate for these small drawbacks. The diseases are those which are either parasitic or contagious in their origin. The former are likely to prove a source of much trouble in the future, as the estancieros, like many modern English farmers, forget the elementary axiom that no one species of life can live long on one spot without drainage or renewal of surface soil, whether the life be plant or animal, and the system of the country is not to alternate horses, sheep, or cattle in the fields, but to always have one class of animal there.

Of contagious disease in this province the one most prevalent is foot-and-mouth disease. During the summer and autumn months it has run through the flocks and herds, and though, being fortunately of a mild type, it has not caused a large percentage of deaths, its effect on the general condition of the animals is very marked, and the province will take some time to recover from its effects. Added to that, the disease is still rife in other provinces of the Republic, and with the approach and mild, warm weather there is a danger of a second outbreak of a more virulent type. One effect of the outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease here was the stopping of a very profitable trade which was assuming large proportions, namely the sending of fat bullocks and sheep alive to England. The danger of introducing disease to our flocks and herds caused the British ports to be closed to stock from the Argentine. In a conversation I had recently with the Minister of Agriculture in Buenos Aires, he expressed the hope that a *modus vivendi* would soon be found, so that animals could be again exported alive to England. Perhaps in a short time the English agriculturist may arrive at a similar desire, though by a different process of reasoning.

The danger of competition to be feared arises from the fact that whereas now to put a fat bullock into the slaughter-houses at Deptford or Liverpool the importer pays at least half the prime cost of the animal in freightage, some means will be devised to convey the carcass in a fresh condition for perhaps a tenth of the cost. The amount of frozen beef and mutton is increasing yearly, and there are experiments being carried out now by sterilizing the meat which promise to place the animals' carcasses killed here in England as fresh and sweet as they are when shipped. If this can be done and a bullock's carcass can be delivered in England for five shillings instead of the live bullock at five pounds the farmer here can sell his meat in England for less than he gets now, and still have as big a profit. There is no doubt that the fat animal here, either bullock or sheep, is as fat and of as good quality as the animal bred at home, and has had the advantage of always living out of doors. With careful arrangements for a proper inspection of live stock leaving this country, and careful quarantine in England until the animals are slaughtered, there would be very little danger of the conveyance of contagious disease. The other contagious disease, and which chiefly affects English agriculture, is tuberculosis.

Every animal landed in this country is subjected to the tuberculin test, and those which react are slaughtered. Up to the present some fifty odd animals have been killed, and only in one case has a post-mortem examination shown the test to be incorrect. Many of these animals had been tested in England and France, and before embarkation certified free from disease. As most of the animals imported cost large sums (often hundreds of pounds), this apparent discrepancy in the test is, to say the least, aggravating to importers, and many are inclined to lay the fault to the tuberculin test. The Minister and Director of Agriculture have kindly given me permission to see any animals that are tested while I am here, and although I have not been able to avail myself of the permission I hope to do so shortly. As far as I can gather, the test here is very carefully carried out, and I am inclined to think, from a very considerable experience in England, that it may not be the test that is wrong, but the method of applying it in England or France. Few people realise that tuberculin testing is a delicate physiological reaction, requiring great care in detail in its execution, and owners of animals sold for export are inclined to look upon it as a tax to be paid before the animals are shipped. Much loss could be prevented if the English and Argentine Governments—France has at present all its animals interdicted—could arrange to have all animals

officially tested in England before they are embarked instead of after the expense and inconvenience of conveying them here. Somewhat as set-off against the losses of foot-and-mouth disease and the floods during the last six months has been the enhanced prices of horses. When the war in South Africa began, the English Government began to buy horses here, as well as in other parts of the world. The country teems with horses, but there was no market for them. Many good useful riding horses were sold for some two and three pounds each, and thousands were sent to the slaughter houses for the price of their skin and fat. Since the English Government commenced buying some twenty-five thousand of these horses have been sent to South Africa for the mounted infantry. Although there are such large numbers of horses in the country it has not been easy to pick the numbers wanted by the Government. In the first place, the native idea of a good horse is one that he has ridden himself for some time, which suffers from chronic infirmities, is very poor in condition, and in make and shape may be described as having a head, four legs, and a body. When the English buyers have travelled some distance to see some hundreds of horses collected at a centre for them, of which they are assured there will be two or three hundred suited to their requirements, they may be able to get only ten or twenty. This, when perhaps a thousand horses are required at a week or fortnight's notice, often very largely handicapped the buyers. Again, the horses required had all to be ridden before purchase, and the number of good tamed or broken horses is small compared with the number of suitable animals running wild on the camp, waiting to be broken or killed for grease. So, too, the animals ordered to be purchased by the Government were the comparatively big and fat animals from the rich grass lands of Buenos Aires. The small, ugly, weedy, wiry ponies of the warmer provinces were not considered suitable. Unfortunately this very exceptional winter of perpetual rain and floods has reduced horses as well as other stock to a thin condition, and those horses which do carry any flesh or fat are often useless animals that have done nothing for months, but graze on flood grass, not a very fitting conditioning for a campaign. In spite of many adverse conditions horses have been bought, and horse owners in the country are being educated in a practical manner to the fact that defective eyes, bad joints, ugly colours in horses may make a pecuniary difference to them. At the same time, the uncertainty of War Office requirements, the thought that each cargo was the last has prevented owners breaking in, training and conditioning suitable horses, as they would otherwise do. If the Remount authorities chose to take the time and pains they could buy a greater number of quite good, whole-colour, mounted infantry cobs, at a moderate price. These cobs, when taught to eat dry food—hay and corn—and given time to condition and get used to the English way of bridling, of trotting, and of galloping, which are different to the Argentine way, would prove a very superior article to the soft, grass-fed, hurriedly-purchased animals sent into the campaign. But the two hundred thousand pounds of gold that they have brought into the country has helped to lessen the dreariness of the winter's agriculture, and has made a market value for horses where previously none existed. Already other European countries have commissions out here ready to purchase.

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ESTANCIA AND COLONY.

Last week the Minister of Agriculture telegraphed to the Sub-Prefect of Concordia to withdraw the prohibition against exporting Argentine live stock to the Banda Oriental.

According to latest advices from Bahia Blanca the camp fires are now over. A matter for sincere congratulation, for things were becoming very serious. Years ago it was the custom to burn camp, the idea being that the process both refined and sweetened them. But the era of wire fencing has done away with all this, and nowadays with the heavily stocked camps, and miles of wire fences, a camp fire is a disastrous matter to the estanciero.

Messrs Gibson Bros. last week received private telegrams from Liverpool giving accounts of the first sales of this season's wools from the River Plate held in that city on December 19th. The market was well attended and bidding brisk, nearly all the wool on offer being disposed of. This confirms the good opinion, expressed by Messrs Gibson in their recent circular, of the English markets; and they further expect that a maintenance of prices may be looked for, with perhaps a tendency to firmness at the beginning of the New Year. However, owing to the pressure of the balance of last year's clip good prices can scarcely be looked for at present, but it is of no small advantage, under existing circumstances, even to be able to find buyers at the ruling rates, and those who have this year taken Messrs Gibson's advice and sent their clips direct to the Liverpool markets have much reason for congratulation.

The Minister of Agriculture has received detailed reports of the maize crop from the various provinces of Buenos Aires, from which it is estimated that some 43,375 hectares under maize, have been visited, and have been found in excellent condition, with the exception of the partidos of Carmen de Areco, where the crop is only moderate, and Rojas, in which partido, we are sorry to say, it is decidedly bad.

As will be seen in our advertisement columns, the management of the Southern Railway have arranged for a reduction of their tariff of ten per cent and twenty per cent, respectively for maize and wheat. A circular to this effect was issued on Thursday, and the new tariff will commence on January 1st, 1901. This is a splendid example, which we sincerely trust the other railways will not be slow to follow, and ought to be a help to better prices for the growers.

The Government has received a communication from the representatives of the Hamburg and South American Steam-packet Company that the company is making the arrangements for the line of steamers to the South Coast.

During the week, Messrs A. Bullrich and Co. sold the following stock from the Sucesion Sr. Santiago Casey:—

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300 "	42 "	Samuel B. Hale and Co
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300 "	35 "	" "
300 "	32 "	Juan Elgarti
50 heifers	33 "	Julian Duggan
310 "	33.50 "	Eduardo Healy
100 steers	30 "	Subrie
190 "	31 "	" "
5 Durham bulls	300 "	Federico Roth and Co.
5 "	290 "	" "
5 "	270 "	Martin Guerrico
5 "	200 "	Carlos Diehl
5 "	260 "	" "
5 "	260 "	Juan Elgarti
50 mares, al corte	\$15 "	Saubidet
Total,	\$116,740 m%.	

An Italian, by name Miloni, claims to have discovered a more efficacious and cheaper remedy for the cure of the dreaded disease of carbuncle, than that of Pasteur. He

has addressed himself to the Italian Legation here, with the object of persuading the Argentine Government to give him and his household gods, a free passage to this country, a laboratory ready fitted up for his experiments, etc., when he arrives, and a salary for six months. In return for which he offers to make sufficient "serum" to cure all the stricken animals in the country, which can be given either to the estancieros, or sold at a nominal price. However, the Minister of Agriculture does not see the matter in quite the same light, and very pertinently replies that if Miloni has sufficient confidence in his discovery, the best thing he can do is to come here and experiment on his own account, as on those experiments will entirely depend the success of his enterprise.

In the number of the *Mark Lane Express*, of November 19th, there is an article headed "Notes on Argentine Agriculture," by our friend Mr. Harold Sessions, whom many of our Camp readers will remember as one of the veterinary surgeons attached to the Army Remount Commission out here. It is so interesting that we publish it *in extenso* in another column.

Messrs. Gibson have informed the Minister of Agriculture that of the 655 steers sent to Para in the steamer Romney in September 19 died from the heat after passing Cape San Roque, and of the 400 sent to the same place in the steamer Hermes only one died. The animals were not affected with any disease.

It is reported that the British Government intends purchasing 5000 mules in the Argentine Republic for use with their mountain batteries in South Africa. The said mules are to stand not less than one metre 20 centimetres in height, to be quiet in harness, and to be in such condition as to be ready for immediate service. Cordoba is mentioned as the most suitable district in which these animals can be obtained. The shipments, it is said, are to be made from Rosario in March next. Should the war continue as it is going on at present all these mules will be needed, and it would not surprise us if more horses were purchased before March.

Mr Frederice Miller, on Friday, shipped a fine lot of 73 horses to Liverpool, by s.s. Horace. Nearly all these horses were broken to harness, and among them were 22 mestizo Shires, and a fine lot of highly-graded Yorkshire coach horses, the former coming from the Curamalan estancia, and the latter having been purchased from Messrs Terrero and Lanus, of Videla Dorna. Many of these horses stood 16 hands, and there were several well-matched pairs among them, one pair having cost Mr Miller \$900 m% at auction. Taken all round, they were a fine up-standing lot of horses, and the best of their class that we have seen exported. We shall be very interested to hear the result of Mr Miller's experiment, and trust that the results may be adequate to the trouble he has taken in selecting the shipment. The Canadian and North American horses sell so well in the Liverpool market, that we see no reason why the Argentine, if the right sort are shipped, should not do just as well. Unfortunately, we fear that the right sort are very hard to obtain, and are so valuable out here that they cannot be bought at a price which will leave sufficient margin on the other side of the line.

The veterinary surgeons employed by the Minister of Agriculture to enquire into the new epidemic "actinomicosis," that is, at the present time, attacking our live stock, report that they are of opinion the disease is not a new one. The scientific name is not rare, and has not been invented by the Argentine veterinary surgeons as has been asserted. The disease has been known in this country for years under the name of "paperas," as it is generally called by camp men, and the technical name, "actinomicosis," which has caused so much surprise, dates back to the year 1877, in which it took its name from the vegetable parasite that was considered to be the cause of it. No serious result are likely to accrue from the outbreak, and it is not likely to, in any way, affect the live stock trade of the country, as the disease is little dreaded in Europe, where a small dose of iodine of potassium quickly effects a cure. What is likely to do more harm than the outbreak, are the exaggerated accounts that have been published in some of the papers.

Messrs John Hoare and Co., in their wool circular just received, report the London colonial wool sales of October-November series, 1900, as follows:—

The fifth series of colonial wool sales, which commenced October 9th, occupied 21 sittings, with average offerings of 12,101 bales. 254,123 bales were catalogued, of which 11,000 were withdrawn and 122,000 not offered. 76,000 were purchased for foreign account, including 5000 for America, 157,000 being retained for home consumption. There was a full attendance throughout, and competition, although at times irregular, was fairly well sustained for good wools, especially during the last few days of the series. The fall of from 10 to 15 per cent., registered on the opening night, for Merinos and Crossbreds, was further accentuated in faulty and medium wools which are, in the majority of cases, fully 20 per cent. below the rates ruling at the end of July. The lower grades of Crossbreds were always in keen demand and practically show no alteration from the earlier quotations. Merino lamb's wool sympathised with fleece descriptions, the fall not being quite so accentuated in superior parcels, but the demand was brisk and the majority of the offerings were readily taken at current rates. Crossbreds lambs, however, were not in favour; coarse faulty parcels at times being almost unsaleable. The sales of Punta Arenas and Falkland Island wools were exceptionally well attended, and well-grown light-conditioned flocks often sold at prices well above July purity, but heavier sorts were not so well competed for at a reduction of from par to 5 per cent.

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1.50 "	2.01 "	Do do do do
3.15 "	3.26 "	Do do do do
4.15 "	4.26 "	Do do do do
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NOTES.

Last week's edition having been all "sold out" by Thursday, we have, therefore, arranged to have printed some more photographs of the late J. J. C. Daniel, which can now be obtained by any of our readers, who wish for copies, at this office.

We propose to hold a plebiscite for the South eleven to play against the North next year, and we offer a prize of a copy of the photograph of the said eleven to those of our readers who send us the eleven names before January 12th, 1901, to this office. Only one list to each individual allowed. Afterwards we intend publishing the eleven as chosen, by this means, in this paper, so we hope it will be of interest to our readers, though it will in no way be intended as a hint to the Selection Committee.

Most interest in the cricket world was on Sunday centred in the match between Flores and Hurlingham, as the former had five points to their credit and the latter four. So had Hurlingham been able to defeat their opponents, these two clubs would have been bracketed together as leaders in the Championship competition. From the start, however, it was very manifest that Flores intended only to play for safety, as having won the toss they gave a "miss in baulk" and put a strong batting side like Hurlingham in, on a perfect wicket. The latter took full advantage of this and scored 228 for seven wickets. Garrod playing very well for 75. Unfortunately they did not get their runs quite fast enough, a fact, perhaps, due to the Flores fielding, which was very good.

Hurlingham having taken two hours fifty minutes to score 228, were cutting it as fine as possible, when they allowed their opponents two hours forty minutes to do likewise. For we well remember Messrs Jones and Elliot doing some phenomenal scoring on this ground. However, they never made an attempt on this occasion to try and get runs. Jones and Miller playing beautifully forward to half volley after half volley, and seeming afraid to hit the ball for fear they might hurt it. Finally Flores lost eight men for 143. G. Elliot playing a good not out innings of 40, and retained their lead in the Championship.

Now, is this prostitution of the game cricket? If it is, heaven help it! For the Championship will quickly ruin it, and there will soon be very few real sportsmen

playing. We well know that the Australians play the game in this manner, and for this reason we never care to go ourselves to see such a good game degraded. Now surely the principle object of every game is to try and win it, and the first principles that are instilled into us in the days of our youth (with a cricket stump for choice) are to always try and beat our adversary, if we can, and if we can't, to take a licking as if we liked it. Therefore, in cricket as in any other game, it should be played with the one object only—namely to win.

We can perfectly understand where it is a case of gate-money, to draw at any price game being played, and, of course, the Australians naturally wanted their matches to last the full time for the same reason. But here in this country, where the game is played by amateurs, surely the object is to try and prove which is the best side, and as the time is limited, each side ought to do its utmost to do so in that time. We do not mean to say they ought to take unnecessary risks, but when there is a chance, that chance ought to be taken. Now Sunday's match between Flores and Hurlingham can only be compared to a boxing match, where one of the competitors is continually clinching and going down to avoid punishment.

The pleasantest match on Sunday was that between B.A.C.C. and Lomas, and in strong contrast to the Hurlingham one. The Palermo ground was looking its best, and there was a good wicket, and a good finish, so nothing more could be wished for. Lomas won the toss and took first "knock," but could only total 146, which was not a very formidable total, Halstead, A. Anderson, and Brooking, being chief contributors. B.A.C.C., however, could not do as well, and were all dismissed, thanks to W. A. Campbell and Brooking, for 133, out of which Messervy, R. E. Anderson, and Ayling got 110 between them. Campbell had very good figures in the bowling line, getting five wickets for 26 runs only.

The oftener we go to the Club Hipico, the better we like it. The racing there is really very good and there is plenty of variety. On Sunday there was lots of fun, the hurdle race for cadets being one of the most amusing scenes we have witnessed for a long time. We fear we cannot congratulate the cadets on their horsemanship on this occasion, and they have evidently a deal to learn from their superior officers, who really gave a very good show in their steeplechase, setting the pace a "cracker," and the horses jumping really well.

That popular sportsman, Baron Peers, carried off the open steeplechase with his horse Ayacucho, from very weak opposition. He is a nice little horse, chesnut ticked with white, by Cormeilles out of Cazuela, and as he jumps well, he ought to be dangerous about the Ayrshire Cup time next year, if he can be kept on his legs—he appears none too sound. The steeplechase course has been built up and is now a very fair one, so as the prizes are good, we hope to see several of our Hurlingham men with chasers next year, and then we may have good entries for the Ayrshire Cup and National.

The pony races both provided fine finishes, Marcarilla just beating Girondino in the 800 metres, and Dorothy doing likewise to the same pony in the 1500 metre. Both these ponies were owned by Hurlingham men, and yet there did not appear to be half a dozen Englishmen on the course, a fact probably accounted for by the countless attractions elsewhere. However, the native Society patronise the meeting in good force, and the large stand

was well filled. Thank goodness there was no band! The "midges" were unbearable in the paddock and on the course, and gave the horses a very bad time.

In reply to sundry enquiries we may mention that the Sociedad Hipica Argentina has rented commodious premises in Calle Libertad. At present an excellent riding school is being constructed, with stables attached for the use of horses belonging to members of the Society, and we believe that horses will also be let out on hire. The offices will also be removed to the new premises as soon as possible, and there will be a restaurant, baths, billiard, and reading rooms. Also a suite of rooms will be devoted entirely to the use of ladies. So the Society do not intend to do things by halves, and evidently have the enjoyment and comfort of their members at heart. Therefore, we wish them all the success their efforts deserve, and advise those who have not already joined to do so at once.

The Racing Committee of the Club Hipico has been somewhat unduly criticised for not having taken more energetic measures in the case of the horse Cardenal, which ran twice at the first meeting of that club in the races for ponies under 58 inches, and won both times, though, to the general eye, he appeared to be nearer 60 than 58 inches. Comments on events which are only partially known to the public locally, and not to the majority of readers, are somewhat unfair and are apt to cause irritation in the minds of the readers who remain puzzled, and ask why details are not given from the first, so that they can form their own judgment. For this reason perhaps it would be as well to give the actual facts, and clear away wrong impressions that may have been formed by some, and leave the others in a position to judge for themselves.

The horse Cardenal, which is a well known *cáncha* horse, was offered on sale to several people, who refused to buy, as they were convinced he would not come under the standard. He was then offered to a man who said he would buy on the condition that he was sold with a Hurlingham Certificate. This was duly produced and the sale effected. When the time came to enter the ponies for the first race meeting, the purchaser asked the Secretary of the Club Hipico if the Certificate of the Hurlingham Club would be accepted, or if it would be necessary to have the pony measured again. The answer was that the certificate was valid. On the day of the race the owner presented his certificate at the scales and weighed out, but it was at once apparent in the paddock that there was something in the air, and one heard the general opinion expressed that Cardenal was over height. No objection was lodged, however, and the horse ran and won.

After the day of the race rumour became more defined, and it was said the certificate had been, obtained by fraud, as another horse had been measured instead of Cardenal, and the certificate transferred to him. The whereabouts of the other horse was also given in support of the statement. The Committee of the Club Hipico being extremely anxious to take the matter up, and make an example if the fraud could be proved, acted promptly on the information, and bought the horse said to have been measured to ensure its being brought up in evidence if required. Peculiar as is the marking of Cardenal this horse is almost identically the same, and that, together with rumours of its having been seen in Hurlingham on the day when the certificate was given, gave colour to the theory that there had been fraud. Cardenal, too, is manifestly over height, whilst the other horse goes under the measure exactly.

On investigation, however, the Committee of the Club Hipico found that the description of the animal and the mark given on the certificate of height correspond exactly to the horse Cardenal, and though the description might apply equally well to the other horse the mark is widely different, and could under no circumstances be confused. The Club Hipico is a young club, and most anxious to do what is right, and proceed energetically in the case of any suggestion of fraud. Out of courtesy to Hurlingham it had announced that the Hurlingham Certificate was valid, and, therefore, could not repudiate that certificate, in the hands of a third party, without being able to drive home the charge of fraud against the seller of the horse. This was rendered practically impossible, because the certificate given was so clear that it could not apply under any circumstances to the horse it was alleged to have been given for, while it corresponded accurately to Cardenal.

There still appears to be an undercurrent of opinion that a fraud has been practised; the *modus operandi* suggested is that the horse was brought up covered with mud, and that the mark was in consequence hard to decipher. That the official measurer allowed the owner to draw the mark for him, or to show a certificate with the mark on it, in which case the one shown was that of Cardenal, and not that of the horse measured. This, however, is theory, not altogether unsupported by evidence perhaps, but whatever the facts of the case may have been there are many people prepared to give evidence and swear that the horse actually measured was Cardenal and that his lameness on the day of the race was due to the preparation he had to undergo. The Committee of the Club Hipico was placed in a very unpleasant predicament. But there was only one course open to them, and that was to let the matter rest. As mentioned before there was no objection lodged, they did all in their power to investigate on their own account the rumours current, and could do no more.

To refuse the certificate before the race would have been equivalent to repudiating the Hurlingham official measurement, which it was announced would be sufficient—a most delicate thing to do. To disqualify the horse after the race was impossible, without bringing an accusation of deliberate fraud against the owner or seller and proving it, and this was impossible in the face of the certificate given by the official measurer and in possession of the owner. Either the certificate was in order, in which case it would seem as if the measurer had been somewhat lenient, or there was a deception carried out in the description on the certificate; in either case the responsibility lies with the official measurer of the senior club, and should not be imputed in any way to the executive of the Club Hipico. It was an unfortunate incident to occur at the first meeting of a new club, and originating as it did in circumstances completely out of its control. The Committee took the matter up with great energy and determination, but the certificate rendered further action quite impossible, and though there was just ground for irritation against the Hurlingham official measurer, for having placed them in such a trying position, their action in the matter has been considerate in the extreme.

The limited handicap, 2000 metres, on Sunday, brought out a field of ten, rather more than we expected and was principally interesting on account of Pillito, who remains an enigma for next year as this time although not able to concede eleven kilos to Carina in the conditional form the mare is in, at all events made an

able race, and showed no signs of decadence. Many people consider that the champion is getting too old, but as he counts as a six-year-old till August 1st next year that seems to us absurd, and we are rather inclined to think the horse has suffered this year from some slight internal trouble, and that he is quite capable of being at the top of the tree for one year more.

The Premio Clausura, the last classic of the year, is a mile for all horses, with penalties and an allowance to losers, which should bring out a large field of a poor class and will be interesting, principally to the watchers for big dividends, but the programme is very well filled and will doubtless be well attended if the present weather continue. The extra charitable meeting for the first day of the year has also entries enough to satisfy the constant turfites who cannot complain of their interests or pleasures not being cared for just at present.

The Belgrano Club will take advantage of the Jockey Club vacation to occupy all the feast days during January and February with their summer season for which we wish them luck. The Jockey Club begin their next season with the Premio Apertura for young ones, 1700 metres, with penalties and allowances to losers, on March 1st, 1901.

Four years ago, when the height of the polo pony was raised from 14 hands to 14.2 in., there was a great deal of discussion on the subject among polo players, and many maintained that for this country the 56 in. pony was all that was wanted, and that here, at any rate, he would never be ousted by his big brother. However fashion is a very strong factor, and the English market, perhaps a stronger one still. So shortly after the standard had been raised the nippy handy little fellow was discarded for the strong galloping 14.2 and often near 14.3 pony.

Now what is the result? That it has been proved conclusively to the best judges, that the pony of 56 or 57 in. can make rings round the big-fellows, at any rate on the polo field in this country. In England, where the grounds are like a billiard-table, and the game is faster and straighter, it is no doubt different. We do not mean to say that a good "big one" is not always better than a good "little one," but the point we wish to emphasise is that there are so few good big ones here, and there are quantities of good little ones. One can find a dozen of really fine playing ponies from 57 in. downwards for everyone of 58 inches.

The difference in price, too, is tremendous. A well-bred pony up to weight that looks at all like playing the game is worth at the present time from \$200 to \$400 m/n, whereas the little chap can be bought made and perfect from \$100 to \$200 m/n, and you will probably hit the ball three times on the latter for every once on the former. Now what is the cause of this state of things? Our own opinion is that the larger ponies are to a certain extent hot-house plants, *i.e.* reared under unnatural conditions, and, therefore, far more nervous and excitable than their smaller plebian brothers. This being the case he does not do well under the native method of breaking; also being more valuable he does not do the same work, and therefore does not get the same training as the other, who is reared under natural conditions, does anything from drawing water to "rodeo" work and is not whered with a mouthful of steel; does not get his head between his legs with a martingale, and last, but not least, his mouth made callous by good old British hands.

We often hear discussions among owners of horses on the subject of washing them. Some people argue that because the human subject is very much refreshed by a bath, the horse appreciates it, too; but the skilled stableman knows quite well that washing a horse, though it may cleanse the hair, does little to cleanse the skin, for which friction is needed, and a good dressing is of infinitely more importance than the use of water. In well-ordered hunting stables horses legs are not washed after hunting, but the feet are washed out and a rough bandage put loosely around the legs so as to dry the mud, which, by the time the horse is thoroughly dressed can easily be brushed out. If, however, water be used, it is of supreme importance that the horse should be thoroughly dried afterwards, or colds, mud fever, and swollen legs will result therefrom; but one occasionally sees a horse washed by a man and left to dry slowly. Only last week we noticed two wretched ponies being doused all over with cold water at about seven o'clock in the evening having just been brought in covered with sweat, then they were turned out to shiver all night! Although the day may be very hot, in this country the nights are often decidedly chilly.

After reading some of the recent letters on the present state of the Turf, we are surprised to find that their authors have a great deal to learn about racing. Even critics, such as those who are supposed to possess sound practical information, have lately shown the weakness of their hand. They have not thoroughly studied essential points of detail. With reference, for example, to the practice adopted by jockeys of preventing an opponent from coming up on the inside, many childish statements have been made. The fact is that a jockey is sure to close in upon a rival who attempts to take the inside position near the rails when there may not be quite room enough, and if a jockey did not do so he would consider himself—and would be considered by many others—a fool. Amongst these professionals the saying is common that no one ought to try and take the inside berth unless it is a thousand to three on his getting there. There is no question of sentiment in the matter, no element of doubt. If a jockey lets another come up on the inside and thus perhaps loses the race, he is not congratulated by his employers. Punters who have backed his mount, loudly proclaim that he has not sense enough to mind the step. Jockeys who try to get through on the rails know the risks they run, and they often have to pull back to avoid a catastrophe.

"The repeating shot gun," writes an English exchange, "an American invention not hitherto acclimated in this country, is, however, occasionally spoken of, and the greedier class of sportsmen, who are not even satisfied with the rate of slaughter afforded by a pair of good English double-barrel ejector guns, seem to be meditating the use of this death-dealing 'pump' gun from the States. I sincerely hope that these murderous weapons may never find favour in this country. They are unsportsmanlike in extreme; they encourage wild and reckless shooting; and I am glad to note that even in the United States they are being tabooed by all fair-minded gunners. 'Manufacture of the 'pump' gun (*i.e.*, the magazine-repeater) is not debarred by law,' says an American writer, 'but use of one debars a person from affiliation with sportsmen.' And again, 'this device of the evil one—in addition to permitting the butcher who carries it to send six charges into a bevy in three seconds—is cheap. It is becoming common through certain sections of the west and south, mainly on that account.' I trust and believe that no real English sportsman will ever

degrade himself by the use of a weapon shunned by all the better class gunners of North America; but with certain pheasant slayers of the present day, even in England, there is scarcely any telling to what lengths they may not proceed in the insane accumulation of big bags."

Sir Thomas Lipton's presence in Glasgow, and his visit to the Meadowbank Shipbuilding yard, where was constructed Thistle, the two Valkyries, and all the most noted boats designed by G. L. Watson, who has been commissioned to design Shamrock II., has given rise to a large crop of rumours in Clyde yatching circles. To these, however, small importance can be attached. Shamrock I. has been docked at Greenock to see if the report as to metallic action having set in in her hull are true, and till this has been well ascertained the material of which the new challenger is to be built will remain undetermined. Lightness of upper portion of hull and deck, which latter was of aluminium, were largely relied upon in the last challenger; but this time dependence upon success will chiefly lie in the lines of the craft itself.

We are requested to mention that a cricket club has been started in Barracas under the auspices of the Barracas United Cricket Club, with the Rev. J. W. Fleming as Hon. President. Among members may be found Messrs Duncan Tilley, Bridgman, Williams, Oates, Cordis, Perkins, Allen, Francis, Cornish, and many others. Should any of the second elevens wish, the B.U.C.C. would be highly honoured by giving them a game. Secretary's residence, 647 Santa Adelaida, Barracas.

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CRICKET.

ARGENTINE CRICKET CHAMPIONSHIP.

The positions in the list remain the same as last week, the only match that has been played being Flores and Hurlingham, which resulted in a draw, and therefore counts nothing to either side.

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points
Flores	6	5	0	1	5
Hurlingham	6	4	0	2	4
B.A.C.C.	3	1	1	1	0
Lomas	4	2	2	0	0
Quilmes	1	0	1	0	-1
Belgrano	4	1	3	0	-2
Banfield	6	0	6	0	-5

BATTING AND BOWLING AVERAGES SEASON 1900-1901.

There have been a good many changes during the week in the batting, several new names appearing, while one or two disappear from the list, and very few have improved their figures.

In the bowling Spens appears at the head of the list, and Macdonald drops down sixth. Knox, who is third, has really the best figures.

	BATTING		Runs	Average
	No. of Innings	Times Not out		
R. Leys	7	2	439	87.4
B. Bedford	5	2	240	80
F. E. Jones	7	0	430	61.3
J. O. Anderson	7	0	345	49.2
A. Anderson	5	2	96	32
C. W. Thompson	6	0	173	28.5
E. L. Rumboll	9	0	256	28.4
H. A. Cowes	6	0	140	23.2
B. B. Syer	8	1	136	19.3
C. H. Lomas	7	1	103	17.1
E. D. Drabble	7	0	115	16.3
P. L. G. Bridger	7	2	82	16.2
E. D. Ayling	7	0	112	16
R. Halstead	6	1	76	15.1
R. E. Anderson	8	0	119	14.7
T. Greene	6	2	65	13
G. Hopkins	5	1	51	12.3
H. Anderson	5	1	51	12.8
H. Lucas	6	0	71	11.5
A. Robinson	7	0	78	11.1
W. Bend	5	0	56	11.1

	BOWLING				Average
	O.	M.	R.	W.	
A. Spens	41.1	15	71	10	7.1
J. Stuart	25	2	76	10	7.6
T. V. M. Knox	69	19	178	23	7.17
H. B. Elliot	72.3	13	215	26	8.7
G. C. Barnard	47	13	102	11	9.03
A. Macdonald	69.4	21	164	18	9.6
R. Leys	46	10	112	11	10.2
R. Brooking	79.3	30	167	16	10.7
H. Cowes	74.3	19	170	15	11.6
J. S. Campbell	76	14	231	20	11.11
R. Kingsland	36	2	135	11	12.03
H. Lucas	57	17	181	14	12.13
R. E. Hunt	75	18	253	16	15.13
E. L. Rumboll	88	18	194	10	19.4

FLORES v. HURLINGHAM.

These two clubs met at Hurlingham on Sunday to decide their postponed Championship match. As usual Lacey provided them with a perfect wicket, and as the weather could not have been pleasanter for the game, everything was in favour of a great contest.

Flores won the toss, and put their opponents in, so from the start it was evident they had no intention of fighting to a finish, if it could be avoided.

Hurlingham sent in Leys and Rumboll to face the bowling of Macdonald and H. B. Elliot. At first play was a bit slow, both batsmen showing great caution, especially Leys, and the bowling, without appearing difficult, being very steady. With the score at 46, Leys was caught off Elliot for 12, Spens being out for a duck, Garrod became Rumboll's partner. Now things became a little more lively, the new comer playing pretty well, and treating the bowling with scant respect. Rumboll

was the first to go, having played a very useful innings of 48 before he was bowled by G. Elliot. C. W. Thompson took his place, and played steadily, while Garrod did the scoring. With the score at 142 Thompson was dismissed by J. Elliot for 10. With Drabble and Garrod together the score rose rapidly, till it amounted to 167 at the luncheon interval, the former being not out 10 and the latter 75. On resuming H. B. Elliot's first ball got Garrod caught by Nixon. The outgoing batsman had played a fine innings of 75, including one six and six fours, in his best form. Drabble added 15 more to his total before H. B. Elliot found his wicket. For a short time Wilson and Campbell made things merry, the latter quickly hitting up 19, when, with the score at 228, he was clean bowled by G. Elliot, and Hurlingham declared their innings closed with seven wickets down, Wilson being not out 20, a useful innings.

It was 250 when Flores went in to bat, and there were just two hours and forty minutes to play, so that it was quite possible to hit off the runs had they cared to force the game. But from the start it was very evident they had no such intention, and only wanted to make a draw. Stone-wall tactics were adopted, short runs never attempted, and the play became most monotonous and uninteresting to the spectators.

The first pair of batsmen were Jones and Millar, Spens and Leys starting the bowling. After half-an-hour's play there was only 10 on the telegraph board. Things then became a trifle better, and Jones did occasionally hit out. With his score at 14 Jones should have been caught, and he was again let off at 17, two very grave mistakes on the part of Hurlingham. With the score at 53 Jones was at last caught by Spens off Garrod for an invaluable innings of 38. Millar and G. Elliot continued to defy the bowler, but Campbell at last hit the former's wicket, and he retired with 25 to his credit, having been one hour and forty minutes at the wickets. His innings probably saved the match for his side. Macdonald, who attempted to imitate Millar's tactics, was soon clean bowled by Rumboll with only 3 to his name. However, when Syer joined G. Elliot, the cricket improved greatly, both batsmen playing well, till Syer hit a slow one from Leys into Anderson's hands. After this the game again became deadly slow, but although J. H. Elliot, Mullins and Hayward did little, they managed amongst them to play out time, so that at 5.39, with G. Elliot and Nixon together, the score stood at 143 for eight wickets, and the match ended in a draw.

Full score and analysis:—

HURLINGHAM				FLORES			
E. L. Rumboll b G. Elliot	48	F. E. Jones c Spens b Garrod	38				
R. Leys b H. B. Elliot	12	A. A. Miller b Campbell	25				
A. Spens b Macdonald	0	G. F. Elliot not out	40				
J. R. Garrod c Nixon b H. B. Elliot	75	A. Macdonald b Rumboll	3				
C. W. Thompson b J. Elliot	10	B. B. Syer c Anderson b Leys	15				
E. D. Drabble b H. B. Elliot	25	E. S. Robson c Leys b Spens	2				
G. L. Wilson not out	20	J. H. Elliot b Leys	1				
J. S. Campbell b G. Elliot	19	C. W. Mumns b Garrod	4				
G. S. Anderson		C. Hayward b Garrod	2				
J. Stuart	did not bat	C. S. Nixon not out	1				
J. T. Darch		H. B. Elliot did not bat					
Extras	19	Extras	12				
Total	228	Total	143				

BOWLING ANALYSIS				BOWLING ANALYSIS					
Hurlingham	0	M	R	W	Flores	0	M	R	W
Macdonald	15	0	65	1	Spens	16	6	25	1
H. B. Elliot	19	4	61	3	Campbell	9	5	14	1
G. Elliot	8.2	1	36	2	Leys	12	3	32	2
Miller	7	0	25	0	Anderson	3	1	14	0
J. Elliot	4	0	22	1	Garrod	10	4	14	3
					J. Stuart	5	1	11	0
					Rumboll	7	1	21	1

B.A.C.C. v. LOMAS.

The match between the above clubs at Palermo on Sunday was a very pleasant game, and attracted quite a number of spectators who were well rewarded by a most interesting finish, Lomas just winning by 13 runs.

Lomas won the toss and went in, Rudd and Bridger going first to the wickets. Both were dismissed without scoring by Messervy, and at 24 Cowes was caught, his own score being 19. However, Halstead stayed, and on being joined by A. Anderson they raised the total to 68 before the former was caught and bowled for a freely played 35. Nobody did much till Brooking joined A. Anderson, and started hitting about him in great form, and quickly added 33. At lunch the score was 140 for eight wickets.

On resuming the Lomas innings was soon over, six more runs only being added, so the total came to 146, A. Anderson being not out with a careful 25, sixteen of which were singles.

B.A.C.C. made a poor start, losing Hall and Grant with only 5 on the sheet. However, when R. E. H. Anderson and Messervy got together they quickly rattled up 46 before the former was caught for a useful 30. The next three wickets only produced 9 runs, and things looked bad with six wickets down for 55, but Ayling and Messervy improved matters and put on 42, when Messervy was bowled by Brooking! he had played good cricket, 39 made without a chance. Ayling continued to score till he had the bad luck to be bowled off his pads for a valuable contribution of 41, and the innings closed for 133, or 13 less than the Lomas total.

Full score and analysis:—

LOMAS				B.A.A.C.			
R. W. Rudd c R. E. H. Anderson		A. Lace b Brooking	0				
b Messervy	0	F. Grant hit wkt b Brooking	3				
P. L. G. Bridger b Messervy	0	F. Messervy b Brooking	39				
H. A. Cowes c Ayling b Hunt	19	R. E. H. Anderson c A. Anderson					
R. L. Halstead c and b R. W. Anderson	35	b W. A. Campbell	30				
J. B. Campbell b Hunt	4	R. E. Hunt b W. A. Campbell	0				
A. Anderson not out	25	D. J. Stokes b Brooking	2				
T. M. Green b Hunt	10	D. Leighton b W. A. Campbell	0				
T. Flint c Lace b Hunt	4	E. D. Ayling b Campbell	41				
R. Brooking c R. E. H. Anderson		R. W. Anderson b W. A. Campbell	9				
b Knox	33	C. W. Cumming b T. Flint	0				
W. Flint c R. W. Anderson b Knox	10	T. V. M. Knox not out	4				
W. A. Campbell st R. E. H. Anderson b Messervy	0	Extras	5				
Extras	6	Total	133				
Total	146	Total	133				

BOWLING ANALYSIS				BOWLING ANALYSIS					
Lomas	0	M	R	W	B.A.C.C.	0	M	R	W
Messervy	11.5	3	38	3	Brooking	18	8	35	4
Hunt	9	0	40	4	Cowes	23	4	31	0
Ayling	4	0	14	0	W. A. Campbell	10.2	0	26	5
R. W. Anderson	6	2	15	1	Bridger	5	1	11	0
Grant	5	0	14	0	Greene	9	6	16	0
Knox	4	0	19	2	T. Flint	2	1	9	1

B.A.C.C. v. H.M.S. SAPPHO.

Quite a number of spectators assembled to witness this match at Palermo on Sunday, in spite of the unpropitious state of the weather, the fair sex supplying the major portion. "Jack" and the marines were also there in force, so the ground had quite a homely aspect. The club proved a bit too strong for the sailors, though the latter really did very well, their fielding being truly remarkable.

The sailors batted first, but with the exception of Loftie and Fisher did little, and only scored 72. B.A.C.C. replied with 97 for 5 wickets, when they declared. At their next effort the Sappho men did not do so well, only making 66, to which Damant, Fisher and Parsons alone contributed double figures. This left B.A.C.C. 42 to get to win, and they lost five men in doing it, so won by five wickets.

Full score and analysis:—

H.M.S. SAPPHO				B.A.C.C.			
Damant run out	9	1st inn		c Dowson b Stokes	19	2nd inn	
Keen b Lace	0	b Knox	6	st R. E. H. Anderson	2	b R. W. Anderson	0
Seddon b A. Anderson	8	b R. W. Anderson	0	b Knox	1	b Knox	0
Loftie c P. H. Holland b A. Anderson	35	b Knox	0	c Stokes b Knox	11	c Dowson b Stokes	16
Scougall c A. Anderson b George	0	b Knox	0	b Knox	7	b Knox	0
Saunders b George	0	b Knox	0	not out	0	Extras	4
Fisher b Knox	11	Extras	1	Total	66	Total	72
Parsons b Knox	0	Total	72	Total	66	Total	72
Taylor b George	5	Total	72	Total	66	Total	72
Cockerell not out	3	Total	72	Total	66	Total	72
Rosoman b Knox	1	Total	72	Total	66	Total	72
Extras	1	Total	72	Total	66	Total	72

B.A.C.C.				H.M.S. SAPPHO			
Rev. H. B. George c Cockerell	9	1st inn		not out	12	2nd inn	
D. J. Stokes c Saunders b Cockerell	36	b Cockerell	9	c Taylor b Scougall	5	c Taylor b Cockerell	0
H. H. Woodgate c Parsons b Cockerell	4	c Taylor b Cockerell	0	b Fisher	3	b Fisher	10
A. Lace b Fisher	19	b Fisher	10	Extras	6	Extras	6
P. H. Holland b Cockerell	4	Extras	3	Total	45	Total	97
J. J. Dowson not out	20	Total	97	Total	45	Total	97
M. Hankin not out	2	Total	97	Total	45	Total	97
T. V. M. Knox		Total	97	Total	45	Total	97
R. E. H. Anderson	did not bat	Total	97	Total	45	Total	97
A. Anderson	did not bat	Total	97	Total	45	Total	97
R. W. Anderson	did not bat	Total	97	Total	45	Total	97
Extras	3	Total	97	Total	45	Total	97

BOWLING ANALYSIS				BOWLING ANALYSIS					
H.M.S. Sappho—1st	0	M	R	W	2nd inn	0	M	R	W
Lace	6	1	27	1	R. W. Anderson	7	2	23	2
A. Anderson	8	1	26	2	Knox	7	1	22	6
George	5	0	12	3	Stokes	2.4	0	6	2
Knox	2.2	0	6	3	Woodgate	2	0	12	0

B.A.C.C.—1st inn				B.A.C.C.—2nd inn					
Fisher	11	1	87	1	Fisher	11	1	57	4
Cockerell	11	1	57	4	Cockerell	11	1	57	4

QUILMES v. UNITED BANKS.

This match was played at Quilmes on Sunday last, and resulted in a win for the home side by six runs, with three wickets to spare.

The following is the score:—

UNITED BANKS		QUILMES	
S. Leonard b Prescott	0	J. S. Prescott c Leunda b Leonard	40
A. Campbell b Torre	23	D. Duncan c Leunda b Campbell	19
A. Mayne b Prescott	0	P. Hooton not out	48
G. Barnard run out	43	H. Torre b Mayne	0
S. Renison b Williams	4	J. H. Williams b Barnard	6
F. Steed b Williams	8	E. Cunningham c Paul b Barnard	2
F. Oakley c Jeffries b Torre	2	E. Jeffries c Leonard b Mayne	0
S. Paul b Prescott	4	T. Murray c Leonard b Barnard	2
H. Roberts c Williams b Prescott	15	W. Williams not out	0
J. Leunda not out	5	E. T. Steed did not bat	0
E. Charman run out	1		
Extras	13	Extras	9
Total	118	Total	126

CORRESPONDENCE

To the Editor of *Sport and Pastime*.

Dear Sir,—

In your last edition you published in your Notes the views of a correspondent on the subject of the Selection Committee for the North and South cricket match. I must say that I think his remarks concerning last year's Selection Committee are not only most uncalled for, but also most unjust. Now it is after all but a thankless task to serve on that Committee, and if having done their best, the gentlemen who formed it, are to be criticised anonymously in the manner they have been, all I can say is you will find it a very hard job to get anyone to serve on it again, and I don't blame people for being "unwilling to serve in that capacity." On one point, at least, your correspondent is in error. Mr Vibart was left out of the team by no fault of the Committee's, as he was asked to play in my hearing before he played for the Southern v. Northern Camps. In what way did the spectators behave disgracefully last year? I was present on all three days, but failed to notice anything extraordinary, in fact thought I had seldom seen a more impartial crowd. One thing I am certain of, and that is your correspondent does not express the views of the majority of the cricket-loving public in this country; and therefore my advise to him is to stick to football, and not write to your worthy paper.—Yours truly,

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SAILING.

A club race was sailed on Sunday last under the auspices of the Tigre Sailing Club, producing eight starters. The weather was exceptionally favourable, a steady pampero wind, with a high river and smooth water, enabled the boats to show their best qualities, and a very fast race was the result, Snapper, the first boat to arrive, covering the 6 mile course in 1 h. 18 m. 42 s.

The boats were started by Mr. Kimball, Vice Commodore of the Club, who was acting as officer of the day, at 1.11 p.m., and immediately crossed the line with the wind abeam on the starboard side, Snapper first, followed by Hortensio and Beryl, the rest being close behind. Snapper and Hortensio quickly drew away, and Beryl was passed by Emerald, Blanche, and Doreen. After passing the island Beryl set her spinnaker as a baloon jib, which materially increased her pace, and she considerably lessened the distance separating her from the advance boats of the fleet. Doreen and Emerald lost considerably by steering too wide a course, losing some of the effect of the strong current which was running down, and which was taken advantage of by the other boats, which hugged the shore. The post off San Isidro was rounded in the following order:—Snapper, Hortensio, Blanche, Emerald, Doreen, Beryl, Pearl, Onyx.

In gybing round the post Onyx capsized, and Pearl, who had rounded and was well away on the reach home, put about to render assistance, thus losing a very fair chance of saving her time. Blanche, a very smart little boat, belonging to Lieutenant Watson of the Sappho, was rather heavily handicapped, but being an unknown craft the committee were obliged to put her back. She, however succeeded in showing her heels to Emerald, the sailing club crack:—

The following are the official times:—

		Handicap	Corrected Time
1. Beryl	W. G. Mackern	-13 min.	1 16 25
2. Hortensio	E. Mackinlay	-5 "	1 18 8
3. Snapper	G. Ellington	+4 "	1 22 42
4. Doreen	J. S. Lea	-4 "	1 24 9
5. Emerald	G. B. Pearson	scratch	1 27 32
6. Blanche	Lieut. Watson	+4 min.	1 29 23
7. Pearl	G. L. S. Wood	-20 "	did not
8. Onyx	H. P. Woodhouse	-20 "	finish

A handicap race, open to all comers, will be sailed over the club course on Sunday next, 30th inst., for a prize kindly presented by Mr G. Ellington. The entries should be handed in to the Honorary Secretary, Mr W. G. Mackern, Piedad 402, before mid-day on Friday, 28th inst.

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It was a dull autumn afternoon, and I was drowsing over the *Army and Navy* in the deserted ante-room, when Major Talbot Champneys Bing (commonly known as "Tommy" Bing) entered hurriedly, wearing the battered expression of one who has been to Blackpool.

He strode—I should say tittupped, for he was a little man with short, fat legs—to the bell, and rang it violently. "A large brandy and a small soda, please," he commanded, and then began to fuss up and down the room, kicking unoffending chairs and stools out of the way.

"Hullo, Tommy," I cried, waking up, "what's the matter—just met your tailor?"

Tommy gulped down his peg, ordered another, and plumped into a chair before replying.

"Jack, old man," he said, mopping his round chubby face, "I'm in the deuce of a mess!"

"Oh, Tommy!" I said reproachfully, "at your age, too; I'm ashamed of you!"

"Oh, don't be a silly ass!" he snapped testily; "I don't know what you mean. Look here, you know Miss Mangles?"

"Yes," I assented, growing very interested, for Miss Mangles had made a considerable impression on my none too susceptible heart.

"Well," continued Tommy, "as I have only a year to go for pension, I have been thinking of settling down and getting married, and I—er—thought that Miss Mangles—"

"The dickens you did!" I ejaculated, annoyed at the idea of an old fogey like Tommy (he was quite five years my senior) pretending to a young pretty girl like Violet—er—Miss Mangles.

Tommy was far too much engrossed with his tale to heed my interruption, and he went on rapidly.

"I went down to Lucknow Lodge this afternoon, and—"

"Popped and were refused. Well, well, old chap, cheer up; you never were cut out for domestic bliss, you know," I said, secretly relieved.

"Not a bit," said Tommy, "I wish you wouldn't interrupt."

I apologised, and he resumed.

"I am rather old-fashioned in these matters, and I considered that it would be more in keeping with propriety if I first obtained the mother's consent before approaching the daughter. As I was saying, I went down this afternoon, saw Mrs. Mangles by appointment, and—"

Tommy paused, shifted about in his chair, took a drink, and finally said uneasily:

"I—J—er—look here, Jack, you won't laugh, will you?"

"Not the ghost of a cachinnation," I asseverated solemnly. "What did the Sergeant-Major say—bit snorty, eh?"

"The Sergeant-Major," I may explain, was the irreverent term by which Mrs. Mangles, the widow of a distinguished Indian officer, was known to all and sundry in our small garrison Society.

"Er—I—she—Mrs. Mangles, that is—oh, dash it!" spluttered Tommy, "she thought I was proposing to her—and, oh, Lord, she accepted me!"

Here Tommy gave vent to a most dolorous howl, and I, despite my promise, went off into roars of laughter as a vision of the Sergeant-Major, tall, Iron-Duke featured, and domineering, embracing our dear, fat little Major flashed across my mind.

"Oh, it's funny, devilish funny, isn't it?" growled Tommy, regarding me with great disfavour.

"Well, what happened?" I queried after a pause.

"Happened? he repeated savagely, "nothing happened. I bolted out of the house as fast as I decently could. Probably she took it for excess of joy," he added bitterly.

"What are you going to do then?" I said, shaking with laughter at the sight of his wrathful face.

"Do?" he snorted, "do? What's the use of asking silly questions? What the devil *can* I do?"

"You might write a polite explanatory note," I was suggesting, when he bounced up and regarded me fixedly through his eye-glass.

"Jack," he said intensely, "I may be an ass, even an abysmal ass, but if you imagine for one tenth part of a second that I am going to tell her she was mistaken

—well, you can jolly well tell her yourself, that's all," and he plunged down again, and sat fuming and glowering.

I wasn't undertaking any any ambassadorial functions, and said so frankly.

"But what are you going to do?" I persisted; "marry her?"

"I suppose so," he replied shortly. "and by the way, Jack," he added, with a touch of that good feeling which always distinguished him, "as that's the case I don't know that I ought to have told you anything. However, you won't give it away, will you?"

"Not a whisper," I said seriously, "and let me offer you my heartiest congratulations, old chap."

Tommy winced, but answered firmly, "Thanks, old friend, let us take a drink!"

That evening at mess the "bubby" wine came round with "Major Bing's compliments, sir," and in due course Tommy struggled to his feet, very red in the face.

"Gentlemen," he said in a strangled voice, "I have the honour to announce my engagement to Mrs Mangles!"

Except to me, it was lyddite; but after the first moment of stupefied astonishment, we rose and cheered, and drank their healths, and sang, "For they are jolly good fellows," which was appropriate in view of the lady's masculinity, and generally made a rumpus.

But we were not destined to see much of Tommy's couriership. Three days later Mr Kruger issued his notice to quit, and in another week we were on the way to Capetown. I pass over the parting scenes, but may mention that Violet and I came to a satisfactory understanding, and that the Sergeant-Major's farewell gift to Tommy was a bullet-proof vest, which the infuriated recipient wished to hurl into the sea, so we took it from him and put it on Fido, the regimental bear—an allusion to Tommy's girth which annoyed him, and apparently Fido also, as he clawed it off and ate it, becoming very thoughtful for three days afterwards!

They marched us up and they marched us down. They put us in armoured trains, and bucketed us about in luggage trucks. They sent us to take impossible positions—and we took them. We surprised and were surprised—more frequently the latter. We were alternately scorched and frozen, parched and soaked. We had only hard tack to eat, and not much of that. We fought and we bled, we blistered and swore, we endured all the ancient and several modern plagues of Egypt, and at the end of two months we were incredibly ragged and disreputable, but in rampant health, and without an ounce of superfluous flesh on our bodies. Poor Tommy, indeed, looked quite lost without his corporation, but he was immensely cheery, and even the post-bag could not damp his spirits.

So far, he and I had come through without a scratch, but—

A slight oversight on the part of the Intelligence Department brought us temporarily to a standstill on the banks of Allan Water—I mean Modder River—where we lay and waited for reinforcements. Now, it is no excuse for what followed, but I may state that we were, one and all, possessed with the fixed idea that the Boers would never attack under any circumstances, and consequently we looked upon the outpost duty the general made us do as rather farcical.

One night Tommy and I were on adjoining picquets: It was a clear, starlit night, and, therefore, according to the rules of the game as prepared by our Intelligencers, utterly impracticable for a night attack. My subaltern was a depressing kind of idiot, and, though it was very risky, I got so bored with him and my surroundings that I sauntered over to Tommy's lair. He had some whisky, "commandeered" from goodness knew where, and we were chatting away merrily when bang, bang, went all along the line, and a babel of cries rose on the air: "*Allemachtig huistoe, verdomde rooineks! Courage, mes enfants. En avant. L'univers nous regarde! Potztausend, Donnerwetter, Vorwärts, Würst und Lager!*" Such were the yells that smote on our amazed ears.

I wasn't hit, and didn't stop to see who was, but sprinted to my picquet. There was a very pretty fight in progress when I arrived, and, by the Lord Harry, the Boers had bayonets. However, there was no time to be astonished, so I grabbed a rifle from a stricken corporal (we had given up wearing swords), and waded in. I had just given an animated Gaul point three in the waistcoat,

when—biff—the sky fell on my head, and, like Abner Dean of Angels, the subsequent proceedings interested me no more.

When someone had kindly put the firmament back in its place I awoke to the fact that I was in the field hospital, and that some one was telling me not to speak or move. I didn't want to do either. Then they explained to me that the great night attack had failed after a desperate struggle, that the general did not know whether to be pleased or furious, that I was full of holes, and that Tommy was also grievously wounded. After a time they sent us down to Wynberg, and there we lay in hospital whilst the weary, leaden days dragged on, and our wounds obstinately refused to heal.

Tommy and I were lucky in having a small ward to ourselves, but I don't know that it was altogether an advantage—it encouraged visitors ("inquisitors" we use to call them). I have no doubt these people meant well, but we objected strongly to being made a raree show of for a pack of strange females, with, to put it mildly, primeval notions of good breeding. However, there was nothing to do but grin and bear it, for they were absolutely pachydermatous, but there were two who were peculiarly offensive.

One was a lady (by courtesy) novelist and the other a well-known *divorcée*, who posed as a Misunderstood, though the jury had found little difficulty in understanding her. There was no getting away from these two. One morning, about three weeks after the polyglot attack, we were lying in bed idly chatting.

"Oh, dear" sighed Tommy, "I suppose these awful women will be here again this morning. Gad, it would be a relief to see someone else."

"Even Mrs. Mangles?" I suggested maliciously. "Certainly," said Tommy stoutly; "she's a lady anyway, and doesn't write indecent books like that ginger-haired creature. She brought me her last book yesterday, 'The Manderings of a Passionate Soul.' I've only read two pages of it, but I should say 'Sappho' was the 'Young Girl's Sunday Reader' to it. It positively hummed!"

There was a sound of nearing footsteps.

"Here they come!" said Tommy, with a despairing groan.

The door opened, and the nurse ushered in—the Sergeant-Major and Violet! When I had satisfied myself by ocular demonstration that it really was my darling, I raised my head, and, lo and behold! the Sergeant-Major had her arm round Tommy's neck, his head reclined on her capacious bosom, and he was sniffing audibly, whilst the redoubtable good lady was crying unrestrainedly.

Fortunately for the Sergeant-Major's self-respect, the Passionate Soul and the Misunderstood came undulating in. The conflict was short and decisive. Of course, Mrs. Mangles could never have been guilty of such a thing, but there was something about the Passionate Soul's gait as she scurried down the drive which suggested that she had made the acquaintance of—another sole.

"Now, Talbot," said Mrs. Mangles, when she returned triumphant. "I can quite understand what you have been suffering at the hands of these ghouls. I am going to take you and Arthur away."

And she did, to a villa at Minzenberg, where, with the tenderness of a mother and the skill of a physician, she nursed us back to health and comparative soundness.

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Sun. 6—*Belgrano v. Quilmes, at Belgrano.
Sun. 6—*B.A.C.C. v. Hurlingham, at Palermo.
Sun. 13—*B.A.C.C. v. Banfield, at Palermo.
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FEBRUARY.

Sat. 2—*B.A.C.C. v. Lomas, at Palermo.
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SECOND ELEVEN.

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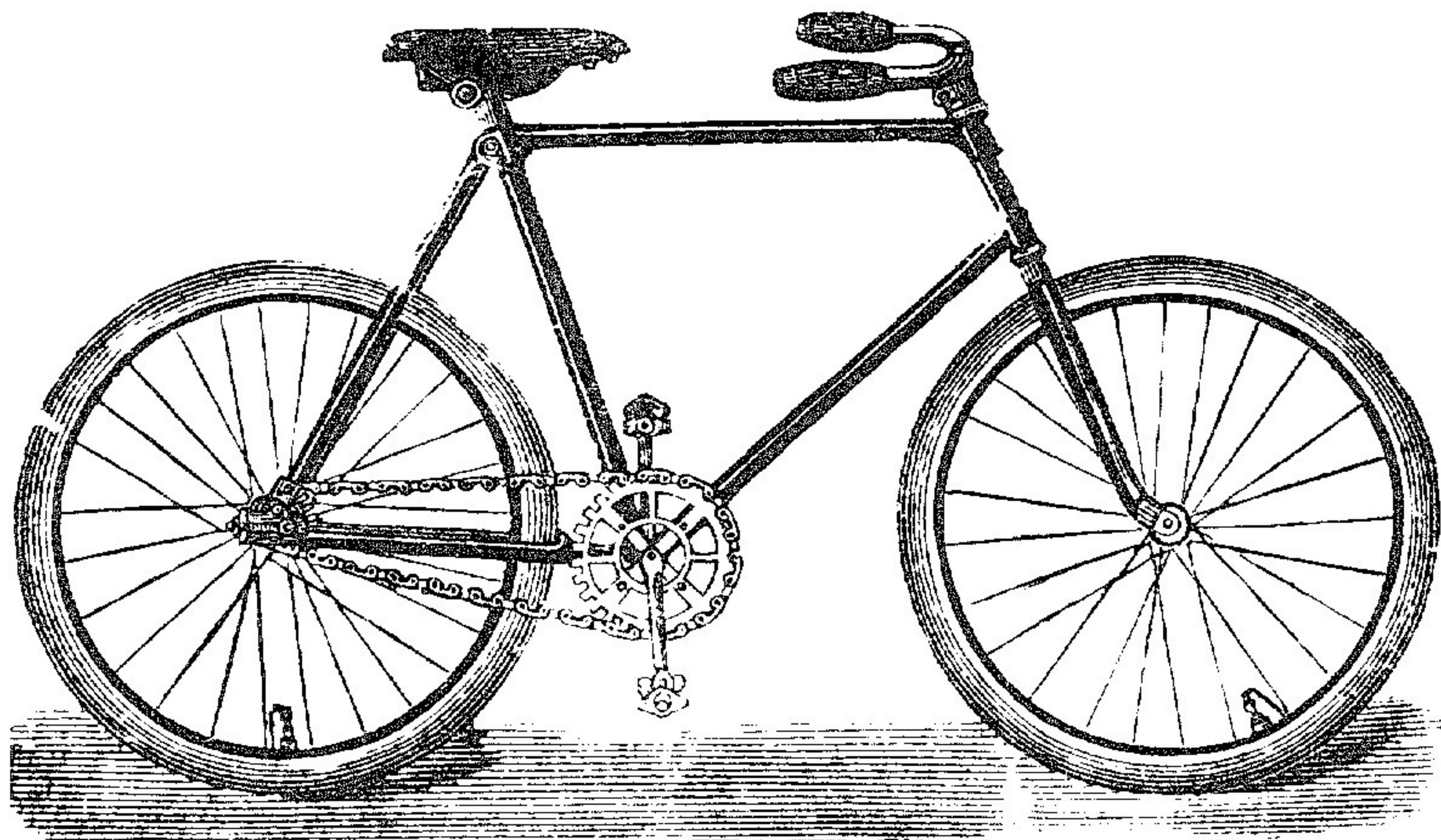
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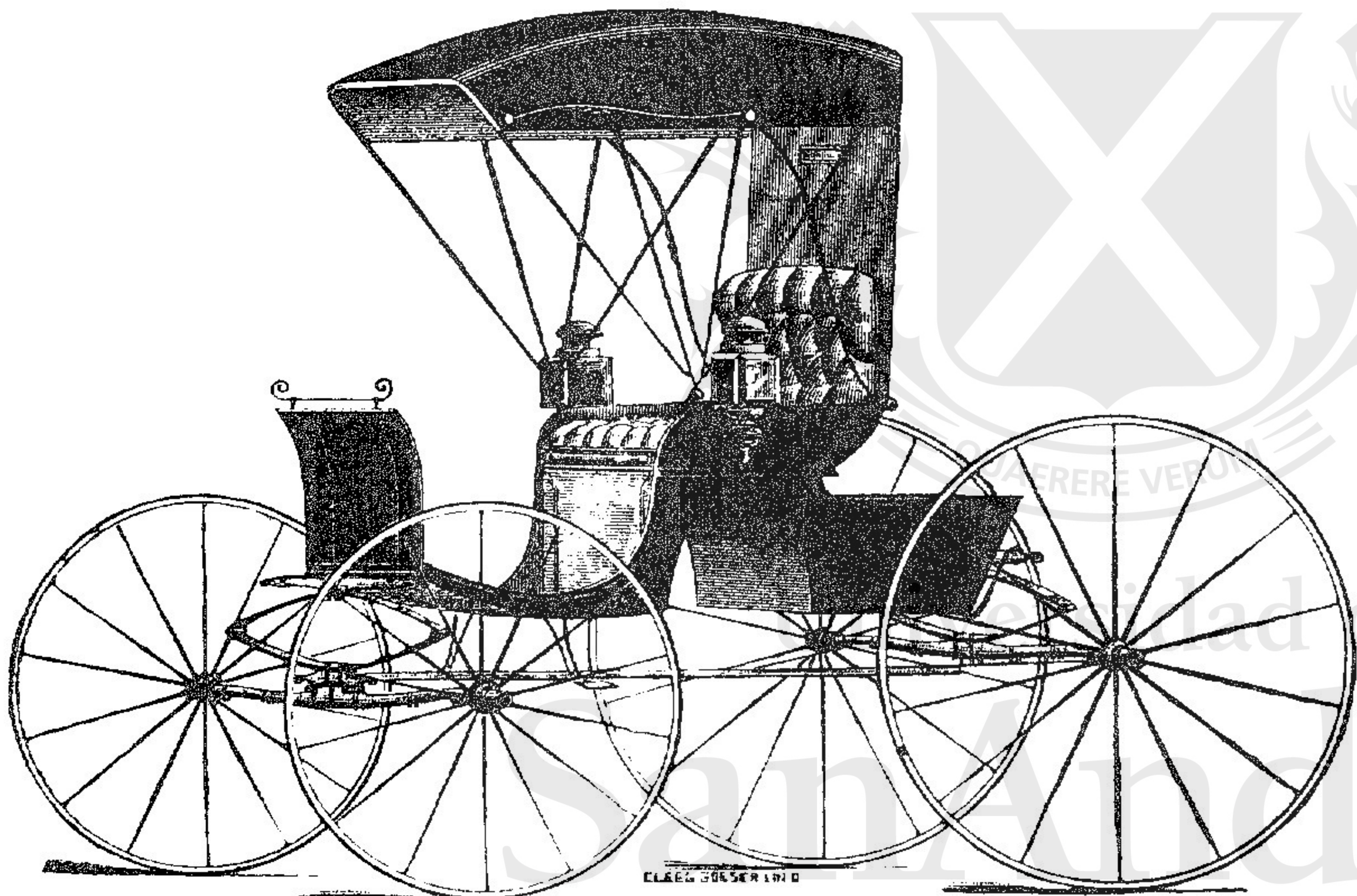
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