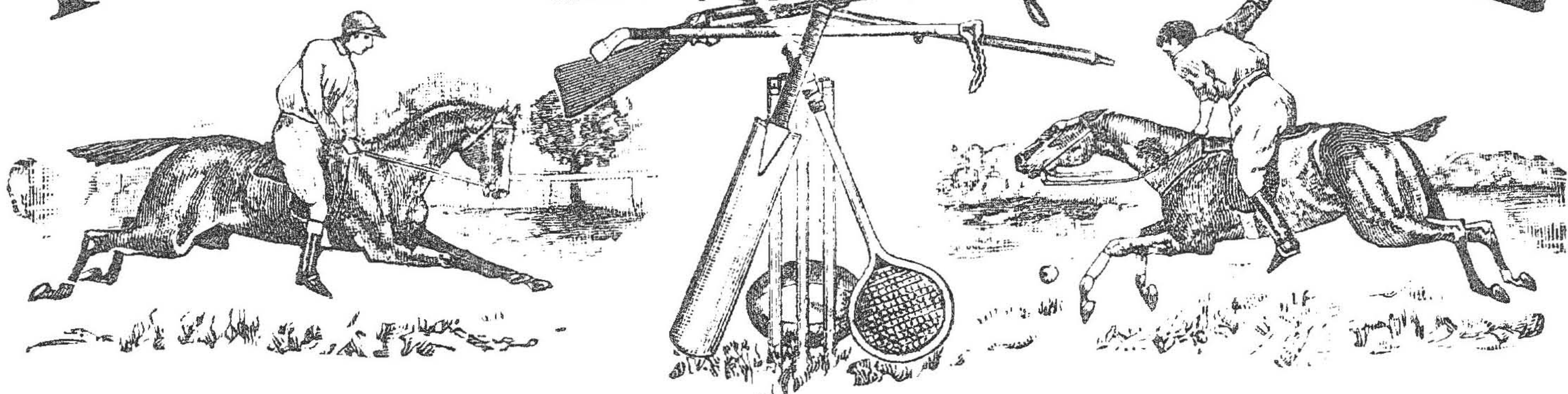


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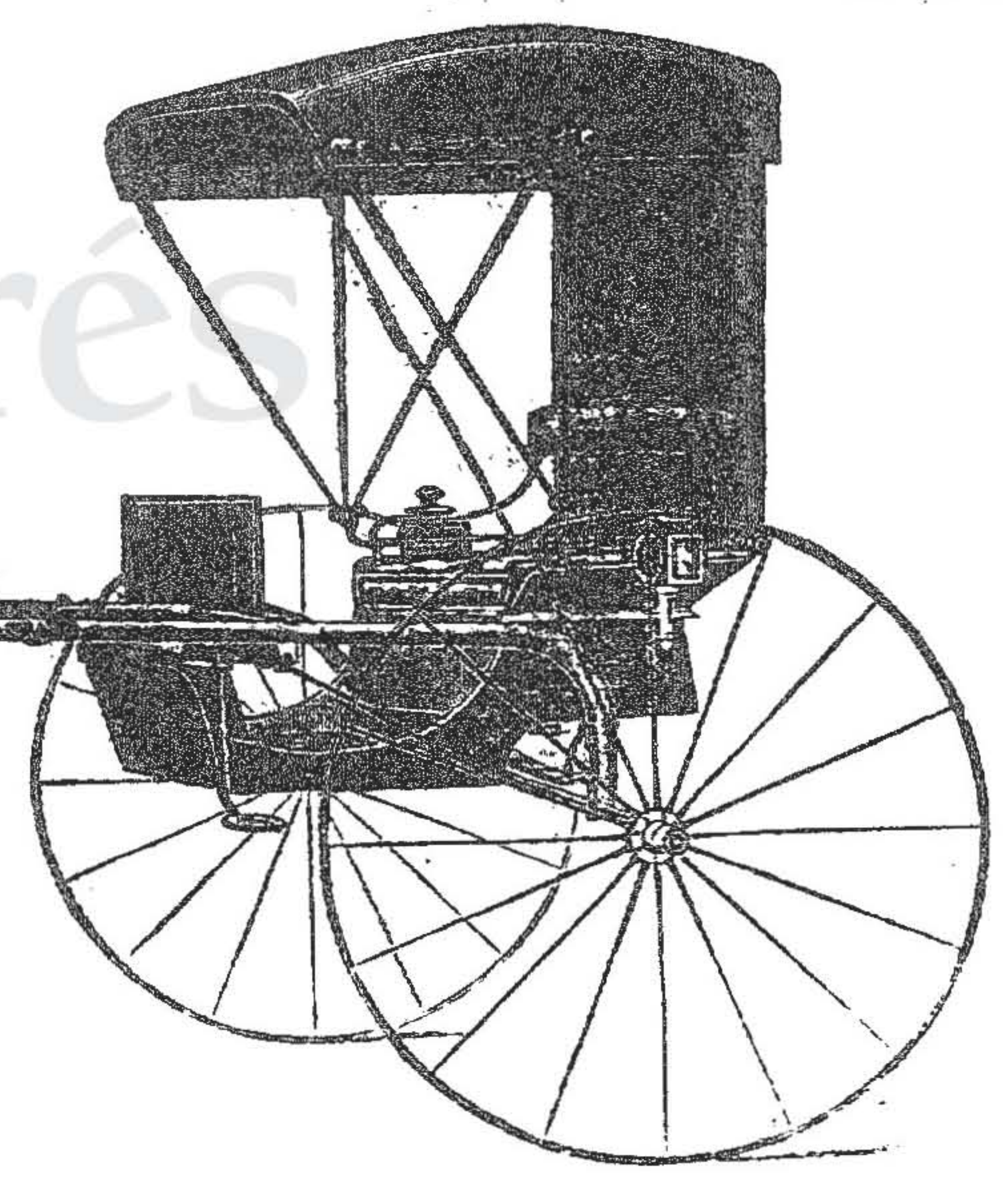
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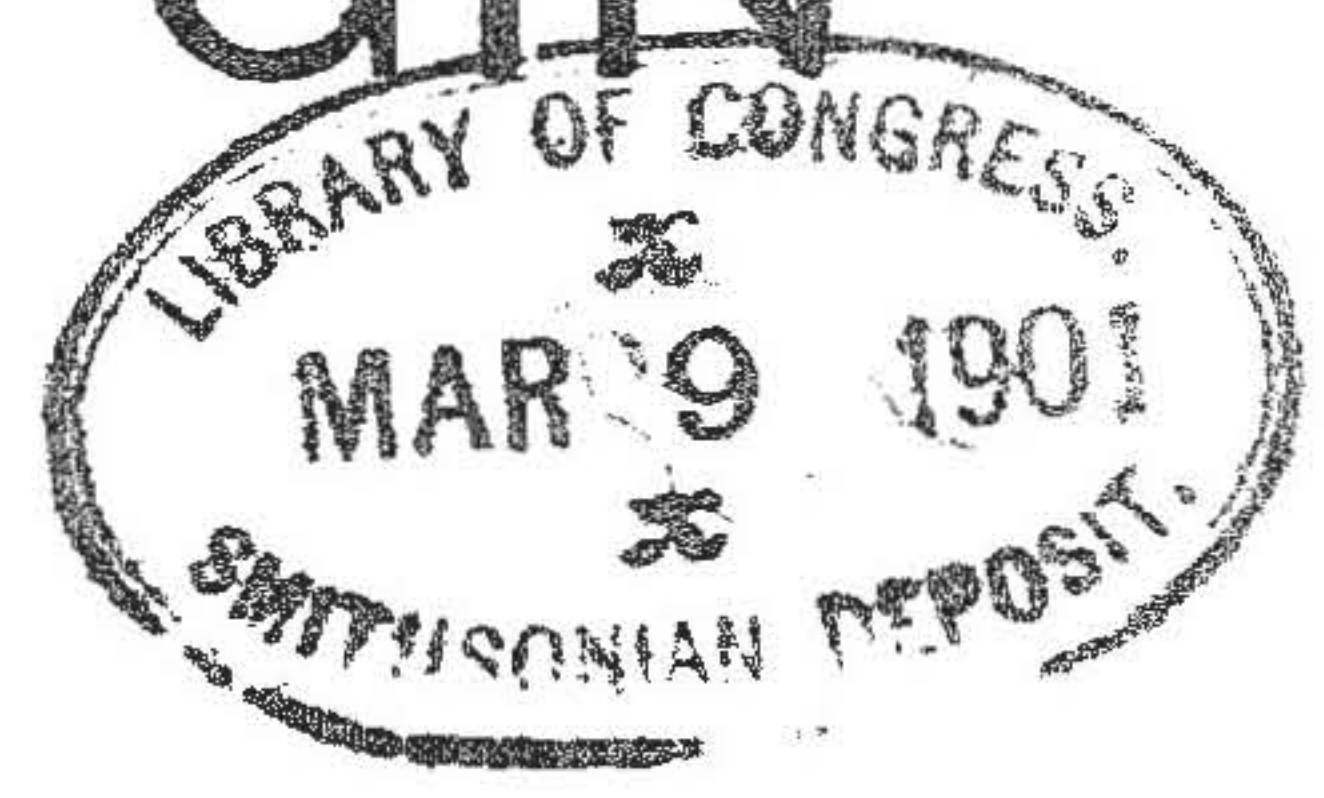
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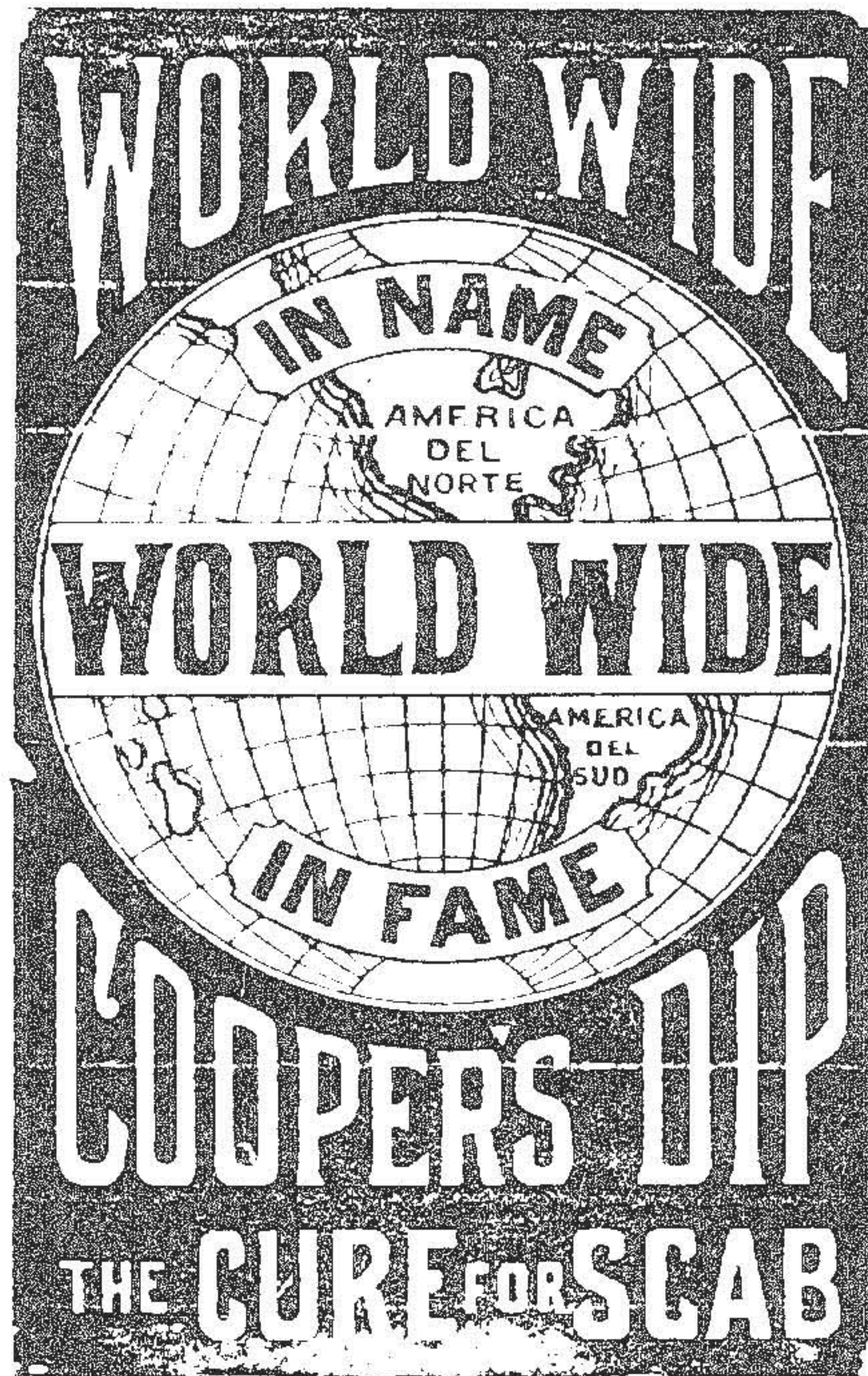
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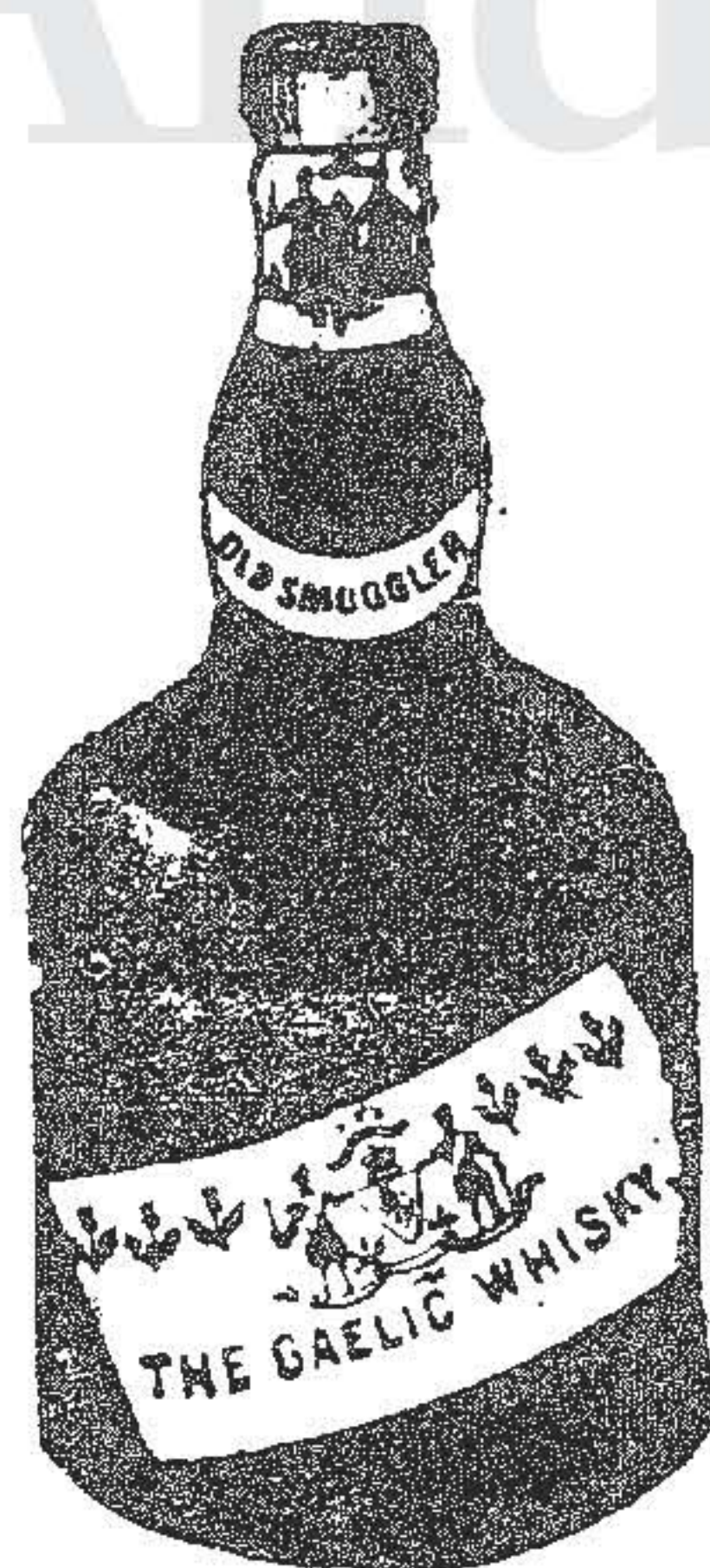
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F. HENDERSON, Gerente.

Plaza Constitución,  
Diciembre 1º de 1900.



# River Plate Sport and Pastime

BUENOS AIRES, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30, 1901.

## POLO

### HURLINGHAM.

For some reason Polo was played on Saturday, at 6 a.m., instead of Friday. We conclude the alteration was made to enable the ground man to roll the ground well after the rain, and also cut the grass, which grows very quickly just now. The ground certainly looked in nice condition, but somehow did not play well, and was somewhat slippery, which caused a couple of falls—no damage done. The following were the sides: R. S. Moncrieff, B. Bedford, C. Mendl, and C. Jefferies, against T. Robson, H. Schwind, A. Sanderson, and R. Leys; with W. Harnett and A. S. Willes cutting in. The game was very even, and at times quite fast, both sides playing up keenly, not in the half-hearted manner that characterises so many early morning games.

Sunday, at 3 p.m., H. and T. Robson, R. J. Moncrieff, A. Challinor, W. Harnett, C. Jefferies, Sanderson, A. Willes, Mendl, Bedford, Leys and Schwind played half-a-dozen quarters. Whether it was a good game or not seems to be a doubtful point. We heard one player say it was "rippin'"—the best we had played for many a day—while others we heard expressing themselves in the good old "of all the rotten games," etc., style. Certainly from a spectacular point of view it was not particularly edifying, but then a game in which there is so much chopping and changing rarely is, as it is difficult to sustain an interest in anything but individual play—but we must be careful, or this will be taken as a reflection on the management of Mr. Moncrieff, for whom we have got nothing but praise for the truly admirable way in which he performs his thankless task of arranging the sides, who shall play which quarter, etc. The proof of this is that we never hear a grumble on this score nowadays.

We are sorry to hear that Mr. H. Scott Robson has had a piece of very bad luck with four of his ponies he has sent home, three having been washed overboard. When we mention that these were the picked players of his lot the seriousness of the loss will be understood. The ponies had been purchased from Baron Peers at long prices.

By-the-bye we have been "hauled over the coals" by Mr. Drabble over our remarks made in the issue of the 16th. In reply we offer an apology to Mr. Drabble, and beg to thank him for his explanation. As we have not had the opportunity of playing in England since the rules mentioned (Nos. 21 and 22) came into force, we were under the impression that they were to be translated literally. We cannot quite follow Mr. Drabble's last paragraph, but it appears to us that if Rule No. 1 read: "No player showing vice shall be allowed in the game," it would be an improvement. For in our opinion the man who hits a pony, with an idea of really hurting it, with the head of his stick, shows something very much akin to vice. The wretched ponies have enough to suffer even when they do their best, so why knock the plucky little beggars about?

## RACING.

### BELGRANO—JANUARY 23.

The races postponed from Sunday were held to-day under favourable auspices, the strong East wind tempering the sun and not raising dust owing to the heavy rain on Sunday. The attractive programme brought out a good attendance for a weekday, and the racing was good. The favourites in the first and last races rewarded backers, but the other five were taken by outsiders, though no sensational win took place.

The opening mile was easily won by Guamini, whose stable companion, *Infierno*, was second, so *Bragelonne* came in for place money.

The maiden nearly went to the queer coloured son of *Ney*, General Brown, who shows a high turn of speed, but could not quite hold his own, when challenged by *Principe*.

The veteran miler, *Emir*, walked off with the Selling Plate in fine style, proving that he has still a kick left in him.

The young ones' 1300 metres brought a stiff fight between *Roseola* and *Santa Eugenia*, but at the last moment *Ficha* came with a wet sail on the outside and disposed of both.

The hardest finish of the day was for the mile with penalties, *Califao*, *Querandie*, and *Austerlitz* arriving close together, and the verdict going to the first-named by a head.

Considerable interest was felt in the limited mile handicap contested by *Don Pepe*, *Graco*, *Juliano*, and *Bohemio*. The last-named won in grand form from *Don Pepe*, who was hot favourite, while the grey confirmed our already expressed opinion about his only being a lucky horse, and came in last.

*Polas* won the final 2000 metres with topweight, and is turning out a useful animal, and so finished a pleasant meeting.

**PREMIO CORMELLES**, for horses of four years and more that have been a year in the country and have not won more than \$5000. Weight, 52 kilos, 3 kilos extra for every win in 1900 and 1901. \$1400 to first, 100 to second. 1600 metres.

Stud Guamini's Guamini, by Equanimity—Fathwell Flower, 5 y, 55 k  
H. Trejo 1  
Ecurie Hope's *Infierno*, 4 y, 55 k ..... A. Diaz 2  
Stud San Gregorio's *Mein Herr*, 4 y, 52 k ..... M. Valdez 3  
Also ran—*Alianza*, 5 de Abril, *Bragelonne*, *Pito Ué*, *Memento*, *Soliman*, *Cántico*, *Diana*, and *Perla*.  
Dividends—Guamini \$1.60 win and 2.80 place, *Mein Herr* 7.95 place, *Bragelonne* 5.60 place.

**PREMIO GUERRILLERO** for three-year-olds that have not won. Weight 55 kilos. \$1500 to first, 100 to second. 1200 metres.

Stud Maria Antonia's *Principe*, by Bismarck—*La Criollita*, 55 k  
A. Diaz 1  
Stud Defensa's *General Brown*, 55 k ..... G. Palacios 2  
Stud Floresta's *Sileno*, 55 k ..... F. Goyeneche 3  
Also ran—*Batallon*, *Atomo*, *Arbolito*, *Azote*, *Archer*, *Cerrito*, *Fin de Siglo*, *Eneida*, *Nevada*, *Emirza*, and *Cerveza*.  
Dividends—*Principe* \$21.90 win and 5.45 place, *General Brown* 5.45 place, *Sileno* 3.75 place.

**PREMIO REMATE**, for horses that have been a year in the country and have not won more than two Selling Plates. The winner to be sold for \$3000. Those entered to be sold for less to be allowed 3 kilos for each \$500 reduction. Weight, three years 57 kilos, four years and more 60 kilos, 3 kilos extra for every win in a Selling Plate. \$1400 to first, 100 to second. 1600 metres.

Stud Revolucion's *Emir*, by El Amigo—*Empress*, 6 y, 54 k ..... P. Aguilera 1  
Ecurie Cerés' *Primero*, 5 y, 51 k ..... J. Feliú 2  
Ecurie Lancero's *Atahualpa*, 4 y, 51 k ..... J. Olmos 3  
Also ran—*Lord*, *Leopardo*, *San Martin*, and *Obús*.  
Dividends—*Emir* \$14.95 win and 8.70 place, *Primero* 4.45 place.

**PREMIO SAUMUR**, handicap for three-year-olds that have won. \$1700 to first, 100 to second. 1300 metres.

Ecurie Monarque's *Ficha*, by Stone Cross—*Prima Donna*, 55 k  
F. Olivera 1  
Ecurie Belgrano's *Roseola*, 54 k ..... P. García 2  
Stud Buenos Aires' *Santa Eugenia*, 52 k ..... J. Greme 3  
Also ran—*Catriel*, *Yerba Dulce*, *Cicuta*, *Tronera*, *Criollita*, *Santa Elvira*, *Canton*, *Vizcacha*, *Ascochinga*, and *Irlanda*.  
Dividends—*Ficha* \$24.05 win and 8.20 place, *Roseola*, 7.80 place, *Santa Eugenia* 23.65 place.

**PREMIO STONE CROSS**, for horses that have not won more than \$4000 in 1900 and 1901. Weight, three years 51 kilos, four years and more 53 kilos, 3 kilo extra for every win in these years. \$1500 to first, 100 to second. 1600 metres.

Stud Hipico's *Califao*, by Amazon—*Clara*, 5 y, 59 k ..... F. Conde 1  
Ecurie Sans Souci's *Querandie*, 5 y, 59 k ..... S. Urrutia 2  
Ecurie Pergamino's *Austerlitz*, 6 y, 59 k ..... F. Olivera 3  
Also ran—*Aluminio*, *Eclairé*, *La Bourboule*, and *Vesper*.  
Dividends—*Califao* \$24.15 win and 11.35 place, *Querandie* 14.25 place.

**PREMIO HERVIDERO**, handicap for all horses, limited between 62 and 48 kilos. \$2000 to first, 200 to second. 1600 metres.

A. Martinez' *Bohemio*, by Hervidero—*Miranda*, 4 y, 54 k ..... J. Olmos 1  
Hatteras' *Don Pepe*, 6 y, 62 k ..... S. Urrutia 2  
Stud La Confianza's *Juliano*, 4 y, 54 k ..... A. Diaz 3  
Also ran—*Graco*.  
Dividend—*Bohemio* \$9.85 place.

**PREMIO ASTURIAN**, handicap for all winners. \$1800 to first, 100 to second. 2000 metres.

Petite Ecurie's *Polas*, by Esperanza—*Corista*, 3 y, 57 k ..... R. Garrido 1  
Stud Spineda's *Star*, 5 y, 50 k ..... F. Goyeneche 2  
Stud Las Rosas' *Picquart*, 4 y, 57 k ..... J. Greme 3  
Also ran—*Mlle. de Mezeray*, *Seida*, *Lord*, *Dalila*, and *Serafina*.  
Dividends—*Polas* \$6.75 win and 3.15 place, *Star* 4.90 place, *Picquart* 3.35 place.



BELGRANO JANUARY 27.

Racing men had no reason to be dissatisfied on this occasion as everything was favourable, the weather at its brightest, including a cool breeze, the programme good and a much larger crowd than usual. The dividends were small for the locality and favourites had a good look in, and the victory of Muñeca in the final must have sent a larger number of backers home contented than often occurs on this course. Sixteen of the usual sort contested the opening mile, of which Star turned out best after a tight struggle with Steel King. Monja left her field standing in the "Maiden," and may be heard of again, though there was no one behind her with half a gallop in him.

Calvino ran away with the Selling Mile in his usual style from a small field, and it cost his owner \$2350 to retain him.

All the thirteen smart ones on the card for the 1100 metres rush sported silk and the finish was very tight between Can-Can, Verba Dulce, and Cicuta, the colt just being able to hold his own.

The young ones' Mile went easily to Primera, and the tricky Ameliana ran away with the long distance, a slap for the talent.

The final, the fourth mile of the day, was another easy win, Muñeca waiting on Querandie to the paddock and then coming away by herself.

**PREMIO BRAGELONNE**, for horses of four years and more that have been a year in the country and have not won more than \$5000. Weight 53 kilos, 3 kilos extra to winners of \$2 to \$500, 5 kilos of more, 2 kilos allowed to losers. \$1200 to first, 100 to second. 1600 metres.

Stud Spineda's Star, by Carasco - Specie, 5 y, 56 k. J. Goyeneche 1  
 Stud Ontario's Steel King, 4 y, 56 k. P. Aguirre 2  
 Stud El Lago's Veguero, 4 y, 51 k. I. Olmos 3  
 Also ran - Tucapel, Union, San Martin, Alianza, Bragelonne, Morena, Cecilia, Fram, Infierno, Ellen Terry, Tinterillo, and Roulette.

Dividends—Star \$9.80 win and 3.70 place, Steel King 6.80 place, Veguero 10.65 place.

**PREMIO IVETTE**, for three years olds that have not won. Weight 55 kilos. \$1500 to first, 100 to second. 1200 metres.

Stud San Gerónimo's Monja, by Hanover - Muchacha, 5 k. J. Feliú 1  
 Ecurie Libertad's Bandolero, 55 k. G. Morales 2  
 Stud La Aurora's Vice Roi, 55 k. R. Garrido 3  
 Also ran - Espadin, Azote, Sileno, Corveza, Panch, Avion, Salomon, Temporal, Ballady, Nevada, and Ayouma.

Dividends—Monja \$12.35 win and 3.25 place, Bandolero 2.85 place, Vice Roi 4.50 place.

**PREMIO REMATE**, for horses that have been a year in the country and have not won more than two Selling Plates. The winner to be sold for \$3000. Those entered to be sold for less to be allowed 3 kilos for each \$500 reduction. Weight 3 years 57 kilos, more 60 kilos, 3 kilos extra for every win in a Selling Plate. \$1400 to first, 100 to second. 1600 metres.

José B. Isola's Calvino by Camors - Tottie, 5 y, 51 k. P. Aguirre 1  
 Stud Criollito's Rebato, 4 y, 51 k. F. Goyeneche 2  
 Stud Winchester's Corsaria, 4 y, 46 k. R. Vas 3  
 Also ran - Sentinel, and La Bourboule.

Dividends—Calvino \$4.40 win and 2.85 place, Rebato 3.40 place.

**PREMIO EGIPCIA**, handicap for horses that have won more than \$3000. \$1700 to first, 100 to second. 1100 metres.

Baron Peers' Can Can by Amianto - Danseuse, 3 y, 51 k. J. Feliú 1  
 Ecurie Bend Or's Verba Dulce, 3 y, 49 k. I. Olmos 2  
 Ecurie Lagrange's Cicuta, 3 y, 49 k. F. Liceri 3  
 Also ran - Laprida, Eclairé, Vizeacha, Emir, Criollita, Hortensia, Egipcia, Samary, Casa Blanca, and Coracero.

Dividends—Can-Can \$18.20 win and 6.50 place, Verba Dulce 6.95 place, Cicuta 11.30 place.

**PREMIO CHARABON**, for three-year-olds that have won one race, but no Classic. \$1700 to first, 100 to second. 1600 metres.

Stud Washington's Tronera by Gloriation - Bébé, 56 k. N. Sosa 1  
 Stud Modesta's Milady, 54 k. I. Olmos 2  
 Ecurie Lagrange's Iman, 56 k. S. Urrutia 3  
 Also ran—Obus, and Ultima.

Dividends—Tronera \$5.40 win and 3.20 place, Milady 3.90 place.

**PREMIO FRONTIN**, handicap for all horses. \$1800 to first, 100 to second. 1900 metres.

Stud Calchin's Ameliana by The Laddie—Samarita, 6 y, 54 k. J. Lagomarsino 1  
 Ecurie Lancero's Atahualpa, 4 y, 49 k. J. Olmos 2  
 Iceache's Eva, 4 y, 56 k. G. Morales 3  
 Also ran—Frontin, Calliao, Chio, Ayacucho, Guamini, and Dalila.

Dividends—Ameliana \$31.90 win and 9.95 place, Atahualpa 4.20 place, Eva 3.85 place.

**PREMIO LAPRIDA**, handicap for all horses. \$1700 to first, 100 to second. 1600 metres.

Stud Winchester's Muñeca by Orville—Puppet, 4 y, 49 k. R. Vas 1  
 Hatteras's Cravate, 5 y, 52 k. J. Feliú 2  
 Stud Modesta's Manola, 3 y, 50 k. J. Olmos 3  
 Also ran—Seida, Egipcia, Judío, Rebato, Querandie, Corinto, and Escaramuza.

Dividends—Muñeca \$10.05 win and 3.15 place, Cravate 3.90 place, Manola 2.95 place.

Says the *Live Stock Journal*: South America has had much reason to thank South Africa for the grand market it has given for its horses, which had been getting slowly down to knacker value when the war broke out. It is to be hoped that the breeders of the Argentine Republic will keep the old country in mind when purchasing brood stock to rehabilitate the standards.

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## THE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP OF A.D. 1950.

The last match of the season had been played, and the race for the County Championship and the Challenge Cup had been so close, that upon the Drawn Game Committee of the Great Central Club (formerly known as the Marylebone Club, or, familiarly, as the M.C.C.) devolved the responsibility of deciding to which of the forty-seven first class counties these honours should be awarded. So narrow was the margin of points which separated the two counties at the head of the list, that upon the result of the last match played—the return between Westmoreland and Huntingdonshire at Appleby—depended the decision whether the former county or Rutland was the best county of the year. Rutland had 2905 points to its credit, Westmoreland 21609 (recurring), so that if in its draw with Huntingdonshire Westmoreland could claim 296 of a point, it would have beaten its nearest rival, and would stand in the coveted position. It may be mentioned here that Westmoreland had played sixteen matches (the minimum number according to the rule as revised in 1943)—Rule 182, Section 5 D.), and Rutland twenty, and that the two counties had never met each other, while some others, such as Lancashire, Yorkshire and Surrey, had played forty or more, including matches with both the counties at the top of the list, which they had generally soundly beaten, and had in fact scored more victories than their successful competitors had played games. The sympathy of the cricketing world was rather with Westmoreland, inasmuch as three of its regular players had been born in the county, and several others had resided there for more or less prolonged periods—on their honeymoons or otherwise—while the Rutland Team contained—of course not all playing in all matches—three Australians, one Indian (East), one Indian (West), two Vaal River Colonists, two Canadians, one Ugandan, and one Wei-ha-Weian, while only one had actually been born within the narrow limits of the county. Some cheap sarcasms had sometimes been thrown at the very imperial composition of its team, but it was an obvious and sufficient reply that so small a county one could not expect cricketers to grow like blackberries on a bramble bush. Some animated cricketers, indeed, would even sometimes cavil at their senile way at the number of what they called mercenaries in such a team as that of Westmoreland, but how could they expect cricketers to be reared on a shelf? Every county complied with the laws of the game, as modified every season by the great Central Club, and grumbling criticisms were as futile as they were tasteless.

The Committee consisted of the Astronomer Royal, the President of the Royal Meteorological Society, the Registrar-General, the Lucas Professor of Mathematics at the University of Cambridge, the Senior Wrangler of the year (who was a lady), and the President of the Great Central Club. Some people—again of the fossil sort to whom we have already made allusion—thought that a cricketer or two might have strengthened the Committee, but it was kindly, though firmly, pointed out to them—that this was a matter of figures, and not of batting and bowling, nor of ancient history. Nevertheless, among the "public" who were permitted to be present during the deliberations there was a fair sprinkling of mere cricketers—amateurs, pro-amateurs, ex-amateurs, and even a few professionals, or players, a nearly extinct race, but these last were naturally unable, in spite of the new national system of education, to follow the very technical course of the inquiry. The question to be decided was of this character. In this return match between Westmoreland and Huntingdonshire one innings had been played by each side, and then rain had prevented another ball from being bowled or thrown. The northern county had made fifteen runs more than its opponent, and according to a crude system which had been tried early in the century points for half victory should have been given to each, with an additional fraction to Westmoreland. But if the Twentieth Century had done nothing else, it had made great progress in cricketomathematics, and, despite the complexity of the problem, its learning and acumen would indeed have had cause to blush if the problem were deemed insoluble. In the first place it had to be considered that Huntingdonshire—usually known in the newspapers as the "Cromwell County"—had won by two

wickets in the match played on its own ground. This would seem to show that the southern county was the superior, but against this had to be set, not only the fact that Westmoreland had actually secured an advantage in the unfinished game, but also that when two opponents were so evenly matched it was more probable that each should win one game than that one of the two should win both.

After due consideration had been given to this matter the Committee applied all its energies to the question of weather. If it had not rained heavily on the last of the three days allotted to the match, what sort of weather would it have been? For of course the weather may seriously affect the fortunes of a match without shortening it by one minute. What was the average weather at Appleby on September 12th and the preceding night, with due allowance for that which prevailed on the 11th? After a rather heated discussion—the President of the Meteorological Society having somewhat lost his temper because it was hinted that forecasts were not always identical with facts—this point was disposed of, and it was decided that one wicket was crumbling while the other was becoming sticky after lunch. Then the effects of such wickets upon individual bowlers and batsmen had to be calculated, as well as their probable form—a very important factor, as the chief Westmoreland bowler had a weak knee, and, after expert surgical evidence had been received, it was decided that he would have been unable to bowl at 4.30 on this particular day. The chances of accident were also calculated, and one of the Huntingdonshire men was adjudged to have received a blow on the hand while batting, which compelled him to retire. As we have intimated, however, it was impossible for mere cricketers to follow all the arguments, contentions, and calculations, very tedious to all but enthusiasts of the new cricket, and we will only now state the decision of the Committee, which was that Westmoreland had won the game by three wickets. This was equivalent to 29702 of a point in the Championship tables, bringing the total to 21807019, and Rutland therefore was declared to be the champion county of the year. The decision was not received without some manifestations of dissent on the part of the supporters of Westmoreland, and when these assumed the concrete form of bats, logarithm books, stumps and mathematical tables hurtling through the air, a strong body of police was called in to clear the hall. We believe that, following precedent, a baronetcy has been offered to the Captain of the Rutland Eleven.

## BRAIN AND MUSCLE.

Recently one old University Blue became Chief Justice, and the Mastership of the Rolls which he relinquished was immediately filled by another old University Blue. The former was a noted runner in his prime, the latter was a member of the Cambridge crew which had the unique distinction of foundering from stress of weather, although that of two years ago might just as well have foundered as not. To say in so many words that the same thing could not happen in any other country would be to enunciate an obvious fact, since Oxford and Cambridge and the Lord Chief Justice and the Master of the Rolls are purely English institutions one and all. But we may go further, and say that, save among the English-speaking races, it is practically impossible for anything of the kind to occur, for many a long year at any rate. True it is that in France, in Germany, and in Holland, that athletic revival which had its birthplace in England has begun with a will already, and it has our heartiest good wishes, but our continental friends have a long way to travel yet before they can see among themselves so striking and significant a double event as that referred to. Nor are the cases of A. L. Smith and Richard Webster, men who excelled as athletes in youth and rose to eminence in serious professions as middle-aged men, in any way singular. One has but to reflect a moment, to say nothing of research into records, to conjure up a long and honourable line of strong men who have risen to the top—at the Bar in the Church, and in Parliament. The figures, some of them of men who have passed away, others of men still in our midst, seem to file before us. There they are, manly George Denman, who would never consent to be a knight; Brett, of the kindly and caustic tongue; Chitty,



who was "Joe," to the end; sturdy Tom Hughes, whose influence on his generation was immense; that most manly gentleman, Dr. Warre; Bishops without number: Lytteltons not a few; "Bob Reid"; and Sir Edward Grey, and a hundred more beside. You find them in all the professions which are learned and serious, and—this perhaps is a more noteworthy and valuable fact—they are distinctly not found among the delicate and indelicate scum of civilization—the decadent poets and the clever producers of decadent literature generally. These last, we gather from the things which have been written concerning them by their friends having ourselves little personal acquaintance with them are a puny and dissolute folk, who could no more last from Putney to Mortlake, or run the three miles, or make a hundred in a 'Varsity match, than write a wholesome book. This last feat is mentioned as one which they would certainly find impossible of performance.

In a word, athletes with brains do well in the struggle of life, and the reason, although it is a multiple one, is not far to seek. In the first place, unless they over-train or over-strain themselves—a mistake far less frequent now than it was when the athletic revival began—athletes start upon sedentary life with a store of health and strength which the bookworm has not, and with a love of hard exercise which goes a long way to keep them in good health. But there is more than that, and the whole truth is put very neatly and modestly in Lord Alverstone's introduction to the Badminton book on athletics and football. Speaking of the moral aspect of athletics, he says: "That their practice tends to encourage self-confidence, self-reliance, without undue confidence, and a proper appreciation of other men's merits, there can be no doubt. Moreover, they promote that spirit of good-fellowship which enables the beaten man to go up and honestly congratulate the victor who has conquered him; but beyond this, the contests and gatherings offer the opportunity of making friendships and connections which are often of the greatest value in after life. A reputation once earned by the boy or man in such pursuits follows him to other professions, and has more than once contributed in no small degree to early success in the work of life." Sir Richard Webster, as he was then, was no doubt writing partly on the basis of experience, and he was writing of athletics only, although he was always keenly interested in cricket; but his words of wisdom are at least as fully applicable to the cricket-field, the football-field, and the river. To have rowed in the same boat with a man, to have played in the same eleven, to have raced in the same team with him, is to have established a bond of union with him which may, in the future, be of distinct and practical value. Let us follow this line of thought, suggested by one who has risen to a high place, but not by a winding stair, to its legitimate end, and its full meaning will be seen.

Muscle and brains are not necessarily dissociated, nay more, they often go together, and, when they do, the *corpus sanum* is of priceless value to the *mens sana*. Of the truth of this saying all those leading men of our time who have been cited are witnesses, and the life and career of Lord Alverstone are perhaps the best testimony of all. But we can well imagine the opponents of muscularity objecting that it is unfair that past excellence in pastimes of any kind should give a man an advantage in competing for work which is the condition precedent to success, against weaker vessels physically. Few, we imagine, would go so far as to say that Lord Alverstone has not stated the facts correctly, and if they did, the universal experience of men would contradict them. In fact, to have emerged from the ruck in athletics or games of the first class is a valuable asset, and for good reason. The young man seeking a solicitor, the young solicitor seeking council, the landowner seeking a fit incumbent of a living, each and all go, in the absence of other influences, to the men whom they know, and they know best of all those who were their companions when the issue of the Boat Race hung in the balance, or the 'Varsity match depended on the steadiness and nerve of this man or that, or the odd event in the sports depended on the pluck and the endurance of some trusty champion. The oarsmanship, the skill at cricket, the speed of foot, have, in themselves, nothing on earth to do with the matter; but the pastimes and the exercises in which they have been shown have been on a stage, so to speak, upon which a man's character has been displayed, and that is the main point. It is not for brilliancy of intellect alone that it is necessary to look in men who are to serve their fellows in the professions of their country.—*Badminton Magazine*.

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### EN PASSANT.

The annual general meeting of the Buenos Aires Choral Union was held on Thursday afternoon at five o'clock in the office of the society, Piedad 513, and with good luck a quorum was present. The report of the past year was read and adopted, and the accounts passed unanimously, after which the meeting proceeded to the election of the President and Committee for the coming season. E. E. Cordner (in his absence) was elected President and Mr C. Mackern as Vice. Both these gentlemen, and especially the latter, have served the Choral Union for quite a long time now and well deserved the compliment paid them. The following gentlemen were elected to fill the vacant places on the Committee: Messrs G. Lloyd Davies, A. J. Goode, R. Grant, J. Colpas Clarke, D. Begg, F. Nicholson and R. W. Nicholson, the voting being in the order given; suplentes were Messrs F. R. Hancock, V. M. Knox, C. E. Baines and W. C. Bollaert. The resolutions on the paper were then moved by Mr F. Bruce Percy, the first that the rule giving 31 days notice for calling of meetings be altered to 10 being passed unanimously; and very good alteration too.

The second resolution to the effect "when tickets are issued free, or at reduced prices, the members shall have first choice of seats, for either performance when more than one is given" was then discussed, Mr Percy saying that if the members were treated more liberally with regard to this matter of first choice of seats, it might attract more recruits to the society. After some talk it was pointed out that the rule as it stood gave this power to the Committee, and that the wording of the resolution would not in any way alter the position. "When tickets are issued free, or at reduced prices" could hardly apply

to a first performance, as the price at a first performance could not be a "reduced" one, and, that unless full advantage was taken of the public wish to see the operas and to pay for them, there would be little chance of any more operas being given. The resolution was put and lost by a large majority, and after the vote of thanks to the Chairman and Committee, and one to the ladies and gentlemen who had kindly helped the society during the past season, the proceedings closed.

As regards the privileges to members, it appears to us that those of the Choral Union are not by any means small. Last year, according to the report, the society gave two operas and three concerts, to all of which the members had free tickets. The cost of the seats at the operas was six dollars each, and the public was admitted to the concerts at two dollars each, so that, roughly calculated, each member may be said to have received eighteen dollars worth of free seats for a subscription of twelve, in addition to some refreshment thrown in. In the last and in some of the preceding operas, several of those who took part were not members of the society, so that the members do not do all the work. Of course those outside the Choral Union who took part were only too pleased to be able to do so, and hope to have the pleasure again in many cases, but for what they do we incline to the belief that the members are very well treated. At all events the non members were well looked after and it is to this in some degree that the operas given by this society have been so successful.

No doubt the new Committee will get together as soon as possible and try and settle on a programme for the ensuing season, and opera will probably again be made a feature of the same. So many of these works



have already been given that the choice must soon become limited and we would suggest that those of the public who care to should be asked to send in their ideas on the subject. There are many Buenos Airesans who go home every now and then and see what is best going on in London and elsewhere, and who could perhaps give the Committee a tip which would prove useful. The Committee would not be bound to take any of these suggestions into consideration but they might get a wrinkle worth having from some quite unexpected quarter in this way.

The Vicar of St Bartholomew's Church of Rosario, helped by his parishioners, means to have a big attempt to clear off the debt still hanging over his Church by holding a Bazaar—a Grand Bazaar—on the 17th and 18th of April. The proceeds of the Bazaar are to go to the New Century Debt Amortization Fund. We have received a circular concerning the bazaar from which we gather that, owing to the fine efforts already made, the debt which, in 1890, was \$20,000 gold, has been reduced to \$6000. This is good going and if the bazaar proves as successful as is anticipated it is hoped that before 1902 is well on the way that the church may be clear. The Rev J. B. Hunt, The Parsonage Iglesia de San Bartolomeo, Calle Paraguay esquina de Urquiza, will be extremely grateful for any contributions which may be sent him, and says, "Anything imaginable, hand-made or home-made, will be welcomed, fancy work, useful work, toys, ornaments, fretwork, drawings, paintings, photographs, tobacco, skins of animals Indian or camp curiosities, plants, ferns, flowers, sweetmeats almost anything in the world can find a purchaser." Probably some of our readers may have some little article which he or she would like to contribute and a note to the Rev Hunt will bring particulars as how to send it. The Rosarinos are good sportsmen and anything which the Buenos Airesans can do to help them in this way will we feel sure be willingly and cheerfully done.

A young ploughman of Dumfries has had a rude awakening from his dream of nuptial bliss. His marriage took place on Christmas Day, and the wedding rejoicings were conducted on so elaborate a scale that the public hall had to be requisitioned for the occasion. A sensational development, however, was in store next morning, when it became known that the newly-made wife had suddenly disappeared. Inquiries showed that she had eloped with one of the invited guests, who was to have acted as best man, but failed to put in an appearance at the ceremony.

An intelligent gentleman in England has invented a new language for universal use which he has christened the "blue" language. This is the language of a great many men at certain times of their lives and they will need but little teaching to become perfect in it. Golfers, especially, should make apt scholars of the new style of speech. "Volapuk" was invented many years ago and its worker out hoped to see it in almost universal use within ten years, but these years have passed and the advance made has been very small. The "blue" language however is, we are assured a very serviceable one, and promises to take hold. What a boon for non-linguistic Englishmen and others it would be to have such a language. It would save much mental torture both to those who have to speak as well as those who have now to listen to the terrible attempts of some of our countrymen.

It is a curious fact that the language of the restaurants is French, and it is amusing to hear a waiter who has just answered a customer in good honest cockney English, turn and shout out his order in the language of Gaul. No matter whether the restaurant be an English, a Spanish, or an Italian, nearly every dish, unless it be an untranslatable quantity, is called for by the waiter in French, and among themselves the knights of the serviette nearly always speak this language. As such is the case for one special gremio, there seems to be no reason why, with careful propogation, some universal language might not be adopted.

It would not, of course, do away with the mother tongues of the various nations, whose children would still speak the language of their country; but what a boon such a language would be in a cosmopolitan city like ours. It would enable all to meet on a common ground, while still preserving the private corner of their own tongue for them to retreat into if so they wished. It would

facilitate business intercourse to an enormous degree and make it much easier for people of different countries to hold mutual intercourse. It would, best of all, do away with the necessity for learning more than one foreign language, the said foreign idiom being the "universal one."

If English were not so barbarous as regards spelling and pronunciation it would be an ideal universal language. As things are at present there are hundreds of millions more now who speak English than there were at the beginning of the century but there are hundreds of millions who could never twist their tongues round some of the awful difficulties which English present. We laugh at the fearful conjunction of consonants and vowels in Russian names, but they at least, have certain rules which allow a student to pronounce them properly, but with English names it is just the reverse and even English people themselves come purlers over their countrymen's cognomens. Let us hope that the day for the adoption of some "universal" language may not be very far distant.

The Tigre Sailing Club, which has long since passed the infant stage, held its Annual General Meeting on Friday evening last, Mr B. St G. Verschoyle being in the chair. The club is in a very prosperous condition with a balance of some \$300 odd dollars in hand after paying for a new boat etc. The election of the executive produced the following result. Commodore Mr J. A. Kimball, Vice Commodore, Mr. Verschoyle, Committee Messrs H. B. Oodhouse, W. G. Mackern and F. C. Corry Smith. The Woats of the club have been considerably used during the past year and the Tigre Sailing Club is running free without any need of close hauling or other difficulty to be faced.

Those of our readers who desire to see a really artistic bust of the late Queen Victoria, just finished by Signor Segundo Giletta, Calle Lima No. 1315, should pay a visit to the studio of this Italian artist, where they can inspect a work of art which is a striking likeness of Britain's late and beloved Queen. It is most likely that the bust, which is slightly larger than natural size, will be placed on exhibition for a few days in one of the large windows of Messrs. Gath and Chaves. Signor Giletta, while studying at Rome, obtained the prize medal for modelling.

The Memorial Services, for Queen Victoria will be held in St. John's Church and at Prince George's Hall on Saturday next, at as nearly as possible the same hour as that on which the funeral takes place in England. The Committee entrusted with the arrangement had at first fixed on St. John's as being the Memorial Service, but as it was early seen that the church would be too small by far to hold those anxious to be present it was wisely resolved to change the locale to Prince George's Hall. At this service the President of the Republic, the Ministers, and the Diplomatic Corps will be present, in addition to those members of the British Community who have asked for and obtained tickets. It seems a little curious to invite persons to a Memorial Service, but we suppose that the Committee had no other course open to them, and have acted for the best in the matter.

In addition to the Memorial Service there is to be a kind of reception at Prince George's Hall later, but up to the time of writing the arrangements for this seem to be rather vague; and, beyond the fact that there is to be music, we cannot get exact particulars. The admission to this function is also to be by ticket, but visiting cards will suffice. There is a touch of ostentation and parade in this affair, which renders it a little un-English in character, but, as the old saw has it, "When you are in Rome do as the Romans do," we suppose this applies equally to being in Argentina. However, there is no compulsion to go, so those who do not like the arrangement can stay away, and those who do like it can apply for tickets.

A considerable sum of money has been collected to defray the expenses of these two services, but we hope that some more lasting memorial of our late Sovereign may be made than these gatherings. It seems a pity to throw away several thousands of dollars in making a show when the same money might be employed to endow a cot at the British Hospital, or some other more



lasting and really useful work. The memory of Queen Victoria will not need to be kept alive by any such palpable works, but it will be an act of charity which will be lasting, while the Service will be passing. No doubt the Committee is already overwhelmed with similar suggestions, but we think it will be more in accordance with the English spirit to endow some lasting work or erect a lasting memorial rather than put thousands of dollars in decorations, etc., for a single Service.

The passing of Verdi, the great Italian composer, has removed a very striking figure from the world of music. Verdi's name will be added to the list of immortals in the divine art as one of its greatest exponents, while his memory will be blessed through ages on account of the magnificent endowments he made with the wealth which the exercise of his genius procured him. The news of his death cast the Italian community into grief, and in Italy itself his memory was honoured by the flags at the public buildings all through the kingdom flying half-mast for two days. It is an honour to be paid to one who was a king among men, not only from his genius, but from his gentle humanity and feeling for his less fortunate men, whether artists or not.

### ESTANCIA AND COLONY.

In reference to our remarks with regard to estancieros shipping their wool direct to Liverpool, we notice from the list of sales of the first Liverpool auction of River Plate wools, held last month, that very satisfactory prices were obtained by those sheep breeders who shipped in time for them. As usual, the wool from "Los Ingleses," the property of Messrs. Gibson Brothers, topped the market for pure Lincoln. With this example before them surely owners, with their last year's wool still on their hands, will not hesitate, especially as at the sales above mentioned several parcels of last year's wool, which Messrs. Gibson had on hand for some of their clients, all sold at ruling rates, one lot of Lincoln reaching top prices.

The demand for more cavalry for service in South Africa has been met by the placing of another huge order for remounts in America. It is likewise a significant fact that some foreign Governments have been buying freely in the States, and, therefore, if this sort of thing is to go on, it is quite within the limits of possibility that the apparently unlimited supply of horses there will soon become exhausted. As it is, the prices have risen considerably, though they still fall far short of those demanded in Great Britain; but it must be remembered that two years ago—that is, long before the South African troubles commenced—the more cautious of our American contemporaries issued a warning to the public that unless breeders ceased to neglect the raising of horses, there would be a danger of an equine famine before long. These remonstrances were due to the fact that there had been a considerable falling-off in the number of horses bred in the States, and as the animals now required for military purposes would have been bred in the years which show the diminution of numbers, it is only reasonable to expect that there will be a difficulty in executing many more commissions to purchase remounts such as that just given.

The famous feat of horsemanship performed by Adam Lindsay Gordon, the Australian laureate, has been repeated by a Mr. Skuthorpe, of Moree, N.S.W. It is worth describing:—One side of the Blue Lake Mount Gambier is bounded by a cliff 200 feet high, and 10 feet back from the edge is a post and rail fence 4 ft. 3 in. high, guarding the road which runs along the cliff. Gordon, inflamed with ambition to do something that should eclipse the performances with which his friends had been regaling him, is said to have ridden his horse at this fence, cleared it and the ditch on the take-of side, and stopping his mount dead on the ten-foot strip beyond. Mr. Skuthorpe repeated the performance on October 23rd last, riding a hunter on whose steadiness he could depend. He took a run of half a dozen yards on the macadamised road and jumped the fence, his horse stopping in a single stride on landing; another stride and horse and man must have gone over the cliff, a 200 feet fall sheer to the lake below.

Sir Power Palmer, acting Commander-in-Chief in India, recently issued a circular admonishing regimental officers concerning the better care of horses. He represents that every opportunity during drills and manoeuvres should be taken to dismount. Again, Sir Power Palmer pointed out that it was a mistake to form up cavalry for inspection or review long before the inspecting officer appeared on the ground, as it tires horses to be kept standing under their riders and answers no purpose. When coming home after hard work with heated and perspiring horses, cavalry should march in open order to let the air play about the animals and let them cool down. Manoeuvres and drill take a great deal out of horses during the hot season in India, and the recommendation of the Commander-in-Chief, if properly carried out, will do much to keep patients out of the sick lines and maintain them in a fit condition for work.

It has been remarked by remount officers engaged in connection with horse supplies for South Africa, that those shipped in hard condition withstood the voyage much better than horses which, in accordance with regulations, had been allowed to get comparatively soft by way of preparation for life on ship board. The idea that a soft horse did better than one in hard condition on a voyage has been long cherished at the War Office, but, as many unofficial critics have often pointed out, is erroneous.

On the 17th, 18th, and 19th inst., Señores Funes, Lagos and Co. held their annual important sale of rams. Buyers were numerous and sales fairly brisk. Altogether 348 animals were brought to the hammer, the average price of each being \$92  $\frac{7}{8}$ . The total of the sales reached \$32,016. Among the buyers we noticed Sres. Lastra, Saavedra, Mutuverria, Mendez Colombo, Terrarossa, Rodriguez, Ortiz, Alchourron, Viejobueno, Heguilor, Graham, Ginocchio, Echague, Casey, Lopez Lecube, Jewsbury, Perkins, Goñi, Vignolo, Olazabal, Ceballos, Garcia, McLean, Almiron, Schiaffini, Palacios, Potts, Gabiola, Sidey, Acosta, Villatañe, Ponce de Leon.

On Tuesday last, Messrs Adolfo Bullrich and Co. continued their sales of Lincoln sheep at their auction mart. The following averages were made by the various breeders:—Ratael Herrera Vegas é Hijo, \$242.23; R. Walker and Sons, \$107.50; Juan Sewell, 179.34; Espartillar Estancia Company, \$125.68; Mannel J. Cobo, Las Barrancas, \$680; Manuel J. Cobo La Belen, \$328; Juan Fernandez, \$120; Tomas E. Anchorena, \$100; Vivot y Macdonald, \$127.25; Domingo Escopil, \$122.50; Cecilio Lopez, \$292; Gibson Hnos., La Tomasa, \$214; Gregorio Villatañe, \$170. The total of the sales amounted to \$26,785, giving an average over the 141 animals sold of \$190 per head.

Señor Angel Soldavini has reported to the police of Tres Arroyos that a quantity of wheat was burnt on his chacra in that district on the 22nd inst., in the early morning. He estimates the value of his loss at three thousand dollars.

If we except an increase in the exportation of linseed during the past week, the export of cereals, etc., shows a considerable decrease on that of the week previous. In the European markets, during the past week, a further fall took place in the prices of wools, especially on the last day or so. In the cereal markets no great change was noticeable, the prices for linseed remaining weak, and for wheat and maize fairly firm.

Altogether last week 8,303 parcels of wool were exported from here, 2,588 going to Dunkirk, 2,168 to Antwerp, 1,455 to Hamburg, 1,480 to the United Kingdom, 420 to Bourdeaux, and 192 to Marseilles.

The exports of wheat, maize, and linseed during the past week consisted of 6,572 tons of wheat, 1,869 tons of maize, and 31,493 tons of linseed. Out of these totals 1,040 tons of wheat and 1,218 tons of maize were exported to South Africa, the rest being divided up among the United Kingdom, the Continent, and Brazil.

The dairy company Union Argentina exported by the s.s. Ovingdean Grange, for Liverpool, two thousand boxes of butter, while the same company will export on the 15th prox., by the s.s. Langton Grange, four thousand boxes.



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## NOTES.

Sunday last was an absolutely blank day for all sportsmen, as every sporting fixture was cancelled, in which Britishers were to participate, on account of the Queen's death. Next Saturday, the day of the funeral, fixtures will be similarly cancelled, so that new dates will have to be found on which to bring off the various events. As far as cricket goes there are not too many spare days left, and the secretaries should lose no time in arranging dates for these postponed games.

With regard to new dates, we would call the attention of those interested in the matter to the following changes:—On Sunday next Lomas will play Banfield at Banfield. On Sunday, March 10, B.A.C.C. will play their first match against Lomas at Lomas, the return match taking place a fortnight later at Palermo. The postponed match between the B.A.C.C. and Belgrano will be played at Belgrano on March 31st, and that between Hurlingham and Quilmes, fixed for next Saturday, will be played on Sunday instead.

We have been requested to remind those players who will represent the Southern Camps in the two matches to be played week after next, that the first of these will take place at Hurlingham on Tuesday and Wednesday, February 12th and 13th, and it is necessary that they take the 9.40 a.m. train from Retiro, F.C.P. On the following two days, the 14th and 15th, the match will be at Lomas against an eleven got together by Mr P. L. G. Bridger. Mr J. McC. Reid has received one or two disappointments but nevertheless has a good all-round team at his disposal, which should give an excellent account of itself.

The eleven representing the Northern Camps will also open their tour at Hurlingham on the 12th and 13th, their opponents being the Southern Camps XI. On the following two days they will remain at Hurlingham and play against an eleven of that club. From the last accounts received we understand that Mr Charles Hay is not having the easy task he expected in getting his eleven together, but we hope to hear that those who have refused to play have reconsidered their decisions, so that the Camps in the North may be thoroughly represented. Both Northerners and Southerners will rejoice to hear that Mr W. E. Leach is again coming down.

We learn with very great regret, but on good authority, that the Southerners will have once more to take the

field without their erstwhile demon bowler, Mr P. M. Rath, who we believe is unable to come in. Beyond this we know nothing of the Selection Committee's work, but its members are no doubt busily at it. With Mr Frank Leach in town and getting regular practice at Hurlingham, and most, if not all, of last year's eleven available, the South will have a hard task before them if they intend to bring things level this season. We hear that Mr Frank Leach is batting in great form and with all his old freedom, so look out Southerners!

The action of the county cricket captains at home, much to our surprise, seems to have met with approval from the greater part of the press. One or two of the older and more important sporting papers, however, still condemn the action unhesitatingly. We quote from one of these:—"For ourselves we would again emphasise our strong and unaffected dislike of the new procedure. It is true that the public, and we imagine the members of the M.C.C., are still in the dark as to the exact effect of the solemn declaration. All that is certain is that the Secretary of the M.C.C. has informed the county committees that the captains of the first-class counties have unanimously resolved not 'to bowl the following bowlers' in county matches in 1901. (The English of the declaration is not our own). As we maintained last week, the question of what individuals figure on the list is not of great importance, but the method adopted is of the greatest. If this action is to be endorsed by the Committee one may assume that batsmen will benefit, for we cannot imagine that the captains would have taken action if they had not felt that the bowlers gained some advantage by their questionable action. It may easily come about some day that the bowlers may claim a majority of the captains. If the M.C.C. decline to move in the matter of leg-play, are these future captains to decline to 'bat the following batsmen,' as a future secretary may put it in 1910, on the ground that leg-play is contrary to the spirit of cricket?"

"It is possible to argue that the M.C.C. would be wise to take action. Certainly we think it should be a great assistance if either they, or the new judicature, would formulate a definition of a throw, with which to assist the umpire. It is also fair enough to ask for a new rule upon 'leg before wicket,' though we hope it will not be accorded, but it is emphatically not well for the captains to assume the post of umpire. A minor absurdity consequent upon the new *Index expurgatorius* is pointed out by Mr C. B. Fry in the *Athletic News*. He has been spending the cricket vacation in a gallant effort to cultivate the art of lob-bowling. What, he asks, will be the result of his being put on, or, if he be acting captain, of putting himself on to bowl lobs? Will the umpire, obedient to the captains, refuse to let him bowl? Will he no-ball him steadfastly, or will the opposing captain withdraw his men from the field? The excuse that the umpires put the burden upon the captains is the weakest possible justification. If this be true, the umpires have simply shirked a duty that was their's, and for which they are employed, and the captains are equally wrong in taking it upon themselves.

"Not the least regrettable feature of the matter is that there seems no obvious way out of the difficulty. Loyalty to their colleagues may bind those captains who were absent from the meeting, and even those, if such there were, who disagreed with the decision. Loyalty, again to their chosen captains may prevent their committees from opposing them. A great injustice has been done already by the publication of names, and it is to



be feared that the risk of further and more serious friction may cause the injustice to be unremedied. Nevertheless, we should think almost any evil less than a tacit assent to the most dangerous action for many years in the cricket world.

Since our last remarks on the subject of "doping" we see that the *Referee* alludes to some utterances of Lord Crewe's at the dinner of the Gimcrack Club. He said: "Against doping of a kind no reasonable person could say a word, but if artificial means can be taken to raise a horse's form, so that practically you can turn him temporarily into two horses for the purposes of handicapping, one some pounds better than the other, then their use is much to be condemned." The *Referee* goes on to show that Lord Crewe was perfectly right up to a certain point, but that he did not go far enough.

The practice of doping would not only produce, for the purposes of handicapping, two horses of different form but *three*. You would first have the original horse as it was, then the improved edition under the influence of the stimulant, and yet a third if the doping were practised for the purposes of depreciation. It is because of the opportunities offered by the last mentioned that the practice of doping, in any form, is to be deprecated. One of the Continental Jockey Clubs recognises the practice, and has legislated with a view to keeping it within limits, and for this purpose has provided that if doping is considered necessary or advisable it shall be performed only by the Stewards' own nominee, so that there may be no question as to the stuff used. From this it may be deduced that if it be proved that a horse has been doped, by any person other than the official doper, he would be disqualified. Is it possible that another regular official will have to be created for race meetings to be called "The Official Doper"?

Referring to the bitterness which unquestionably existed towards the American jockeys, on the part of the English boys, the *Referee* says that Lord Crewe did not seem to grasp the fact that it was not merely the accumulation of jealousy against more successful riders, so much as just resentment at the lenient manner in which the faults of the visitors had always been treated, while the treatment accorded to the native talent had been proportionately severe, and in this the *Referee* is no doubt correct. To us, on this side, reading the papers impartially, it has always seemed as if the lapses of the American jockeys had been judged on the principle of "Poor boy! he did not know, don't you know," and the fouling and boring, which have been so often complained of, have not been duly punished because the style of riding adopted by those jockeys did not allow of their guiding the horses straight.

It seemed as though the motive and not the result was being judged, and it is very difficult to judge motive. It may or may not exist, but it is at all times hard to prove. There is again the difference between unintentional interference and foul riding, both of which have their own penalty, and it would seem as if neither had been properly applied. Doubtless, courtesy to the visitors had much to say in the matter, but even courtesy may be carried too far, and it is questionable if it should be allowed to enter at all—when public interests are at stake.

A writer in an Indian exchange remarks that it is interesting in connection with the allegations about the "doping" of horses at home to note, that the effect on a horse of cocaine hypodermically injected is said to be a

temporary delirium something akin to drunkenness in the human being and to remember Keenan's display on Cup Day last year. Cocaine was injected into his fore legs with the object of deadening the concussion as the horse was infirm in front, and when he broke away in his preliminary gallop and did the course twice, this was put down to his temper being roused by the pricking of the syringe. As a matter of fact it seems clear now that it was the cocaine acting as a stimulant or intoxicant, and the extraordinary way in which he lasted out two rounds of the race course at top speed, shows how "doping" must tell in a race. The next thing we shall hear will probably be that the Americans have a way of "doping" their athletes, and that the very hot lot Norman Pritchard met at home were so prepared.

Our Belgrano friends had certainly no reason to complain of their luck on Sunday, for the weather made ample amends for its bad behaviour the Sunday previous, the day being simply delicious. The crowd was naturally of satisfactory dimensions, and the movement in the "Sport" was animated enough to make up for the poor result natural to the obligatory holding of the last meeting on a weekday. If the entries keep up to the average of the programmes so far, this summer's campaign promises to be a success.

There are generally some small curiosities to be observed in a seven race card. For instance, on Sunday, out of fourteen horses that started for the "Maiden," thirteen were bays and one chestnut, and the chestnut won. In the sprint all thirteen coloured started, and Nos. 9, 10, 11 and 12 came in first, second, third and fourth. In the 1900 metres Ameliana, who is supposed to be quick but to have no staying power, fairly waltzed away from her field and lasted the race comfortably out. As she is given to running the whole season through and performs this feat only once a year she can hardly be said to be worth following.

The Stud El Derby, made famous by the performances of Pillito, Alarife and Pas-si-bête, has been merged into the Stud Don Gonzalo, under whose colours the champion will run this year. Pillito and Cordon Rouge make a strong hand and will take a lot of beating for the big races, but the public is the loser, as it will lose the excitement to be derived from the rivalry of the two cracks.

With regard to Mr. Drabble's letter, which appeared under "Correspondence" in our last issue, and which raised one or two interesting questions on the rules of Polo, we have received a letter on the subject from one of our best sportsmen, which we feel sure will be read with great interest by our readers. Before proceeding to quote from it, and in reference to his concluding sentence, we have to reluctantly admit that our reports of Polo games are, at times, somewhat scanty. At the same time we would ask our correspondent and readers to remember that it is very difficult indeed, and sometimes well nigh impossible, to write a clear and concise description of a game in which various players are continually cutting in and out. We will, however, try and remedy the defect in future, and give fuller accounts of these most enjoyable practice games.

Our Correspondent writes:—"I was very glad to see a letter in your issue of last week, in answer to the note by your Polo Correspondent in the previous issue. Questions such as these are always exercising the minds of many of our players who have not quite mastered the interpretation of the rules, and explanations of these as



they crop up are always most acceptable. I would, however, suggest that your correspondent, if he be such and not a casual reporter of the game, should state the points a little more clearly, and not ask general questions of the world at large. The paragraph in the issue of January 16th read as follows: 'E. D. Drabble kindly umpired throughout. One grumble before we quit. Why are sharp spurs allowed at Hurlingham? And why is a foul not given at once, when a rider hits his pony with the head of the stick?'

"I am sure that the writer did not mean for one moment to do otherwise than thank Mr. Drabble for undertaking the thankless task of umpiring, and then he proceeds to ask the general questions. But it might read as if he held Mr. Drabble responsible for two infringements of rule which, it must be inferred, took place, although it was not stated that they did. Mr. Drabble kindly answered the second grumble or question. As to the first point: 'Why are sharp spurs used at Hurlingham?' No doubt sharp spurs are not allowed in matches and should be prohibited. The law stands so, and in any match no player should be allowed to use them. At the same time if the points are very small, and could not possibly draw blood, I doubt if they could be reasonably objected to, and I know that in some of the best matches at home spurs with points are used, and I have never heard of any objection being raised.

"I have, at the present moment, such a pair, which were used in matches at home regularly. They could not possibly hurt a pony and yet they served to remind him that there are such things as spurs, and that knowledge he could only have acquired in practice games. Some spurs are badly made, and some ponies are white, and the combination is apt to produce an unsightly result; but I do not think that spurs with small and very sharp pointed rowells can do a pony much harm, and they are certainly very useful in teaching a new pony the rudiments of quick starting. They keep him from thinking too much about himself and his mouth, which reminds me of a remark I saw in a book the other day to the effect that: 'a reasonable amount of fleas is good for a dog. They keep him from worrying too much about *being* a dog.' In the same way spurs keep the pony from thinking too much about his *being* a pony and not an intelligent machine.

"But were spurs used, or is it merely a general question? With regard to the question which Mr. Drabble answered, strangely enough I was asked to give an opinion on the same point, which occurred in another game on the same day. In my opinion Mr. Drabble was perfectly in the right. The rule *allows* for the umpire to stop the game *without appeal* in the event of one of the players hitting his pony with his stick, and giving a free hit to the opposing side. The rule is, of course, framed with a view to avoid danger primarily, and also because the head of a stick was never intended to be used as a whip. I do not think, as Mr. Drabble would seem to suggest, that the question of danger is to be considered in the decision he may take as to the calling a foul or not. By the time the pony is struck it is too late for the question of danger to count. He has either hit a player or not and the danger is past.

"I take it that if a player hits his pony with a stick the umpire *should always* enforce the rule, *unless* by so doing the offending side reap the benefit of its own fault, as it would have done in this case, and this penalty *should be inflicted* without the need of the opposite side

appealing. That is to say the foul should be called *at once* just as a cross or foul riding should be called without appeal. But if the side which commits the fault is to be benefitted by it, it would be equivalent to penalising one side for a fault committed by the other; and to reduce the question down to an absurd point, which is often a good way to get to the inner inwardness of it, one can imagine the case of a player having a free run towards goal, with a certain score in view, and the adversary deliberately hitting his pony with the head of a stick to obtain a call of foul, for which the penalty would only be a free hit at a guarded goal—a clear gain.

"I well remember a similar case in England. When playing a match one of our side had got well on to the ball, when one of the opposing side fouled our back badly. The back called foul. The player in possession made the goal. The umpire did not call a foul, but the back, being very much annoyed at the deliberateness of the foul, and not seeing that the goal had been scored, called foul again. The umpire asked him if he wished to claim the foul, and as he replied affirmatively, gave it, at the same time remarking that he would not have allowed it had he not persisted in asking for it. We lost the match.

"With regard to the last paragraph in Mr. Drabble's letter, as to ponies showing vice being allowed on the ground, I do not quite understand if he means that a pony which requires to be hit with a stick should be considered vicious, and so ordered off the field, or if he means to ask who has the right of ordering off any pony that may be considered dangerous. I should say that some of the ponies we see from time to time, which take charge of their riders and take them off the field, only to come back into the game at full speed and out of control, should be ordered off as dangerous; but as a rule we only see them once, the owners being only too glad to take them away. You often do not find out the bad qualities of an animal until you take him into a game. I should think it was the umpire who has the right to order any pony off the field. In common with many of your readers I often wish that your reports of Polo were fuller and more explicit, especially when questions arise such as these."

In another part of to-day's issue may be found the list of Lawn Tennis fixtures for 1901. We are very pleased to notice that these inter-club matches are not to be overdone this coming season, as they undoubtedly were last. It is useless for a club to enter this competition unless certain of being able to place a team on the courts when called upon, and last year a great deal of vexation was caused through matches being scratched on this account. With only four clubs entered there should be nothing to complain of this season.

We have been requested to announce that the American Lawn Tennis Tournament, which was to have been played at the Santa Lucia Courts next Saturday and Sunday, has been postponed on account of the Queen's funeral taking place on the 2nd prox. Other dates will be arranged for and duly announced as soon as possible.

We are sorry to hear that the members of the Buenos Aires Golf Club are in trouble about their links. The good old course at Rivadavia will never be used again, as the land is to be sold for building purposes, which news will be received with many a sigh as recollections of jolly days spent there must surge up to the memories of most of our golfers. We learn, however, that the matter



is in the hands of an energetic Sub-Committee, which is leaving no stone unturned to find new and suitable links, and by next week we shall hope to be able to give full particulars concerning the same.

From Mar del Plata we learn that the Pigeon Shooting Match for the *Premio Inauguracion* aroused great interest and enthusiasm, several important wagers being made on the result. The entries were very numerous, seventeen eventually turning out to compete for the prize. The winner proved to be Señor Miguel B. Quirno, the second prize falling to Señor Antonio Cambaceres. A large and select company were present to witness the contest.

We have received the Committee's Annual Report of the Tigre Sailing Club, which institution we are very pleased to notice is going ahead. There are now eighty-three members, consisting of seventy-three active, one honorary, six life, one lady member, and two on the absent list. Although the sum of fifty pounds had to be taken from the funds, for the purpose of acquiring a new boat for the club, to be built on the same lines as the Emerald, the club carries over a balance in its favour of \$312.72, which must be regarded as highly satisfactory. With the fleet gradually increasing it is hoped that several new members will join this year, and everything points to a prosperous season.

Races were held in the months of February, April, November (two), and December, in which the Pearl and the Emerald perhaps came off best. To give an idea of how popular this charming pastime is becoming we might mention that during the past season the Emerald went out fifty-five times, the Onyx forty-eight, the Pearl thirty-seven, and the Beryl thirty-three, thus showing that the members make good use of their opportunities. All sailing men in the Plate have to lament the death of two very keen members of the Sailing Club, the late Commodore, Mr. H. G. Wilding and Mr. F. C. Cobbold, which sad events occurred during the past year.

The Annual General Meeting of this Club was held on Friday evening last at the Brunswick Restaurant, under the Chairmanship of Mr. B. St. G. Verschoyle. The report and accounts were unanimously adopted, and it was remarked that the club boats had never been taken out so frequently as during the past season, thus bearing out what we have said above. The election of the new Committee was then proceeded with and resulted as follows:—Commodore, Mr. J. A. Kimball; Vice Commodore, Mr. B. St. G. Verschoyle; and Messrs. H. B. Woodhouse, W. G. Mackern, F. C. Corry-Smith. We wish the club every success and continued prosperity.

There has just been fixed in the famous garden wall of the headmaster's house at Rugby School, overlooking the playing fields, or "close," the following tablet to the memory of William Webb Ellis:—

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## CRICKET.

### LOMAS A.C. v. BANFIELD A.C.

The above Championship match will be played on Sunday next at Banfield, commencing at 11 o'clock. The following will represent Lomas:—P. L. G. Bridger (capt.), R. L. Halstead, R. W. Rudd, R. A. Brooking, F. H. Jacobs, H. A. Cowes, W. A. Campbell, J. B. Campbell, T. M. Greene, W. Flint,

### ARGENTINE CRICKET CHAMPIONSHIP.

The following are the positions of the various clubs to date:

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

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

### BATTING AND BOWLING AVERAGES

SEASON 1900-1901.

Owing to the general mourning no cricket was played last Sunday, the averages, therefore, remain unchanged.

	BATTING		Total Runs	Highest Score	Average
	No. of Innings	Times Not out			
R. Leys	9	2	573	159	81.85
J. O. Anderson	1	2	540	113	60.00
B. F. R. Bedford	1	2	275	63	55.00
F. E. Jones	9	0	317	169	35.22
C. W. Thompson	7	0	190	80	27.14
E. D. Ayling	10	1	241	58*	26.77
E. L. Rumboll	11	0	277	71	25.18
A. Anderson	7	2	122	25*	24.40
H. A. Cowes	8	0	177	45	22.12
R. E. H. Anderson	10	0	202	76	20.20
A. Macdonald	8	1	140	54*	20.00
B. B. Syer	10	2	154	38	19.25
G. F. Elliot	7	1	112	40*	18.33
G. L. Wilson	6	1	91	28	18.20
C. H. Lomas	8	2	109	34*	18.16
R. A. Brooking	7	0	124	44	17.71
R. L. Halstead	7	2	85	35*	17.00
R. W. Rudd	6	0	100	32	16.66
F. Messervy	9	3	97	39	16.16
E. D. Drabble	9	0	139	50	15.44
P. Hooton	6	0	92	30	15.33
T. M. Greene	8	2	90	21*	15.00
R. E. Hunt	8	1	101	36	14.42
P. L. G. Bridger	9	2	95	34	13.57
G. C. Barnard	9	0	84	33	12.00
A. A. Miller	9	0	101	28	11.22
A. Robinson	10	1	111	32	11.10
D. Leighton	9	2	73	24	10.42
H. B. Anderson	6	1	52	26*	10.40
F. C. Wibberley	8	1	71	21	10.14

\* Signifies not out.

### BOWLING

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Average
A. T. Spens	59.3	19	112	15	7.46
J. H. Williams	59.4	19	131	17	7.70
G. C. Barnard	60	14	132	17	7.76
T. M. Greene	31.5	9	78	10	7.80
A. Macdonald	94.2	30	206	25	8.24
H. B. Elliot	105.3	19	281	34	8.26
W. A. Campbell	34.2	6	87	10	8.70
T. V. M. Knox	117.2	35	331	37	8.94
J. Stuart	35.4	7	102	11	9.27
P. L. G. Bridger	32.2	5	96	10	9.60
H. A. Cowes	118.1	27	244	25	9.76
R. A. Brooking	110.1	37	249	24	10.37
R. Leys	56	15	143	11	13.00
J. S. Campbell	108.5	23	330	25	13.20
G. F. Elliot	42.3	8	134	10	13.40
E. L. Rumboll	111	23	296	21	14.09
R. E. Hunt	106	23	343	22	15.59
F. Messervy	74.2	17	204	13	15.69
R. Kingsland	50	3	193	12	16.08
H. Lucas	68.2	11	239	14	17.00
T. Brown	54	7	196	11	17.81



**SOUTH ELEVEN PLEBISCITE.**

Those of our readers who intend sending in a team for the above, are requested to fill in this form and forward it to the Editor, 559 Piedad, before Tuesday, February 12th. No teams will be accepted unless sent in on this form.

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**CRICKET FIXTURES.**

**FIRST ELEVEN.**

**FEBRUARY.**

- Sun. 3—\*Hurlingham v. Quilmes, at Quilmes.
- Sun. 3—\*Lomas v. Banfield, at Banfield.
- Sun. 3—\*B.A.C.C. v. Flores, at Palermo.
- Sun. 10—\*Lomas v. Belgrano, at Belgrano.
- Tues. 12, Wed. 13—Northern v. Southern Camps at Hurlingham.
- Thur. 14, Fri. 15—Hurlingham v. Northern Camps, at Hurlingham.
- Thur. 14, Fri. 15—Southern Camps XI. v. Mr Bridger's XI. at Lomas.
- Sun. 17, Mon. 18, Tues. 19—North v. South, at Palermo.
- Sun. 24—\*Lomas v. Quilmes, at Quilmes.
- Sun. 24—\*Flores v. Hurlingham, at Flores.
- Sun. 24—\*Belgrano v. Banfield, at Belgrano.

**MARCH**

- Sun. 3—\*Lomas v. Hurlingham, at Hurlingham.
- Sun. 3—\*B.A.C.C. v. Quilmes, at Palermo.
- Sun. 10—\*B.A.C.C. v. Lomas, at Lomas.
- Sun. 10—\*Hurlingham v. Belgrano, at Belgrano.
- Sun. 10—\*Flores v. Quilmes, at Flores.
- Sun. 10—Married v. Single, at Lomas.
- Sun. 17—\*Flores v. Belgrano, at Belgrano.
- Sun. 17—\*B.A.C.C. v. Banfield, at Banfield.
- Sun. 24—\*B.A.C.C. v. Lomas, at Palermo.
- Sun. 24—\*Belgrano v. Quilmes, at Quilmes.
- Sun. 31—\*B.A.C.C. v. Belgrano, at Belgrano.
- Sun. 31—\*Quilmes v. Banfield, at Quilmes.

\* Championship matches.

**SECOND ELEVEN.**

**FEBRUARY.**

- Sun. 3—B.A.C.C. v. Belgrano, at Belgrano.
- Sun. 3—Quilmes A v. English High School, at Coghlan.
- Sun. 3—Lomas v. Hurlingham A, at Hurlingham.
- Sun. 10—B.A.C.C. v. Quilmes A, at Palermo.
- Sun. 10—Lomas v. Flores A, at Flores.
- Sun. 10—Hurlingham v. English High School, at Coghlan.
- Sun. 24—B.A.C.C. v. British Bank, at Palermo.

**MARCH.**

- Sun. 3—B.A.C.C. v. Flores, at Flores.
- Sun. 3—Belgrano v. English High School, at Belgrano.
- Sun. 17—B.A.C.C. v. English High School, at Coghlan.
- Sun. 17—Lomas v. Hurlingham A, at Lomas.

- Sun. 24—Flores v. English High School, at Flores.
- Mon. 25—Lomas v. Quilmes, at Lomas.
- Mon. 25—Flores v. Hurlingham A, at Hurlingham.
- Sun. 31—Flores v. Belgrano, at Belgrano.

**APRIL.**

- Thurs. 4—Belgrano v. Quilmes, at Quilmes.

**FOOTBALL.**

**ASSOCIATION.**

In the League Championship, on December 29, the Notts Forest team were beaten by Newcastle United, and on January 1st they were beaten by Bolton Wanderers. The list of positions is given below:

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points
Notts Forest	21	11	5	5	27
Bury	20	10	5	5	25
Aston Villa	22	9	7	6	25
Newcastle United	18	9	6	3	24
Sunderland	19	8	8	3	24
Liverpool	20	10	4	6	24
Notts County	21	10	3	8	23
Sheffield United	20	9	4	7	22
Sheffield Wednesday	19	7	6	6	20
Everton	20	8	4	8	20
Manchester City	20	8	4	8	20
Derby County	21	8	3	10	19
Wolverhampt. Wanderers	20	5	8	7	18
Blackburn Rovers	20	5	7	8	17
Bolton Wanderers	20	6	3	11	15
West Bromwich Albion	20	4	6	10	14
Stoke	21	5	4	12	14
Preston North End	22	5	3	14	13

In a League Championship match at Bolton, on Jan. 2, the Wanderers drew with Sunderland, nothing being scored.

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## HIS LAST RACE

We were in India and were stone broke, there was no doubt of it. We, that is my chum and racing partner, Tommie B, had had an awful meeting up to this time, and we were at our wits' end how to repair our losses. The two days had seen us disport our colours in five races and supply three hot favourites which in their turn had supplied three seconds.

Our lottery accounts were things hideous to behold, and the ready money totalizer was a delusion we passed round at a distance, for ready money was now an article of which naught but memories still belonged to us.

The second day's races were over, and our weary heads were laid together in the attempt to hatch some design for the morrow's sport. We gazed in turn sadly at each animal we owned; they were many and various, but impecunious. First came Darkee, a maiden waler, who had lost the first race of the first day by a head. She was entered for a handicap the last day and had a chance, but chances were of no use to us unless they were very much like certainties.

Next came a beautiful little Arab pony, a chestnut entire and winner of many races, but the handicappers helped him as they loved him, and his chances also were only of the remotest. Third on the list stood a three-cornered, fiddle headed C-B, but one with grand quarters, good shoulders and rarely coupled for a C-B. He might do; he was so ugly he choked off backers who did not know him, but alas! he was too well known and in the Confederacy's more palmy days had often poked his ugly nose in front, winning by an underlip as his detractors called it. Not safe enough for our money was the verdict, and we passed on in our misery through the remaining stables and found consolation and hope nowhere.

Overcome with our grief we leant against the stable door and gazed at our pony and trap which was standing there ready to take us to the club.

As we gazed I saw Tommie B's ugly visage brighten, a gleam shot into his spectacles, and he murmured softly to himself "light in darkness."

I thought our losses had turned his head, but presently Tommie squared his squat little figure, and thrusting his hands deep into his pockets stood up and gazed at the quadruped which drew our chariot.

"Spit it out Tommie" I urged, and accordingly Tommie spat. The pony, to which I have just referred, was a war worn veteran of nearly twenty summers who had some generations previously been the best of his inches in the country. A mighty C-B pony beating the walers and English ponies and giving them weight as well. As Tommie had looked at him it dawned on him that the pony might still be able to gallop; if he were, there was a race built for him, a handicap for all C-B ponies over five furlongs for which entries closed that afternoon. The more we looked the better we liked it, and finally the result was that an entry for Mr. Tommie B's W. C-B. pony Cupid made its appearance with the others.

Now we had to find out whether the pony had still any idea as to what its legs had been originally intended for. To do this we determined to try it over three furlongs with the chestnut Arab which, as already mentioned, graced our stable.

Accordingly the next morning daybreak, say 5 A. M., saw us out on a secluded road, covered with grass and fairly good going, where we had decided the trial should take place for we dared not risk exposure on the race course.

Tommie B. was to do starter and judge and general critic, I got up on the Arab, riding about 9-12 in a big saddle, and a native disported himself on a 4lb racing saddle on the back of Cupid, panning out just 7st 7lb.

Poor old Cupid who had been bathing-machine boss for so many seasons seemed to at once realize that he was again to race and stuck out his tail, held up his head and behaved generally like the high class horse he was.

We were soon placed together for the start, but the Arab got away two or three times before Cupid could gather himself. Eventually we got away square, but it was evident that Cupid was sticky in the extreme for the Arab led by a couple of lengths before we had covered fifty yards. However I had to know the worst so I sat down and rode the three furlongs out, and then pulled up feeling that I had left Cupid distanced and that our last hope had burst. As I took my pull however Cupid flashed past, and went a couple of hundred yards before the boy pulled him up.

Sadly I returned to Tommie B. but was surprised and

somewhat annoyed to find him grinning and evidently very pleased with himself.

I accordingly accosted him with some severity, and asked him if he had found a bigger fool than himself to make him grin so infernally when it was a time to weep. "That I found when I joined partnership with you" he pointlessly replied, and then went on to say that the time had come to rejoice.

It seems that, though for the first two furlongs, I had gone further and further from Cupid yet after we had gone this distance the old horse had put his head straight out in his old way, pulled himself together and was overhauling me at a tremendous pace before the three furlongs was covered. "Another furlong would have seen you beaten my boy" said Tommie, with his pleasant grin still fully employed.

Of course the race was a handicap, but the weights did not trouble us much, for the pony was a very powerful one and, provided he could gallop at all, it was probable that a stone one way or the other would not stop him, all we wanted was that it should not be more than 9st. 10lbs., and we hoped for less than this.

When we approached the lottery room that night our longdrawn faces concealed hearts which beat more hopefully than they had done for some time. The weights for the C-B. St. Leger, as our race was called, were read out. Top weight Polly Glitters, 10st.; Maisie, 9st. 12lbs.; Turkey Red and Cupid, 9st. 8lbs.; and some other eight ponies down to 6st. 7lbs. Scratchings, however, reduced us to six, Polly Glitters, Maisie, Cupid and three others amongst which was a pony let in at 6st. 7lbs. about which no one knew much beyond its name The Badger, and that it had been badly beaten in a mile race by very second class ponies.

We, of course, tossed for a few tickets, but not more than we could help, and then the horses in the various races were put up for sale. In the first race we had entered the Arab pony Saladin, and he was again made favourite despite his beating the first day. We claimed half in the cheapest lottery and let him up in the others. In the second race we twice claimed half of the C-B. Fiddle and I, and then the next two races not interesting us we left them alone.

The last lotteries were those on our race, as we had already begun to call it. In the first lottery we had had the luck to draw Cupid to five tickets Tommie B and I had taken between us. Maisie was first put up for sale, and the bidding at once became brisk, started a ten chics' she ran up to Rs. 120 before she was bought by her owner; Polly Glitters sold for 89 chics, then one of the low weights went for Rs. 9 and Cupid went up. His name was greeted with jeers and no bids were made, and after two or three seconds the auctioneers tap followed the "Going, Going, gone" and we had secured Cupid for nothing. The other light weight sold for a chic or two and lastly The Badger was put up for sale. He was started low and went with little competition, but it was seen that his owner had bought him.

The second lottery was much the same as the first, but Tommie B. had to bid a chic for Cupid and was allowed to retain him for that sum. The Badger also fetched 40 chics and was again bought by the owner. The third and fourth lotteries were repetitions of the second and once Tommie and once I got Cupid for three chics. The Badger however continued to rise, and in the fourth lottery shared favouritism with Polly, at 100 chic each.

The fifth and last lottery was a shock to us for Cupid was put up first, and started at 5 chics by a stranger who had just come into the room. We of course went 6 and expected that to be all, but the stranger continued to run us up to ten. We explained to him that it was merely love for a dear old horse which dragged us daily to office that made us bid. But he replied that he, too, loved old office horses and continued to bid. We let him have it at 20 chics and claimed our half. In this lottery also The Badger replaced Polly as favourite, and was again bought in by the owner who evidently thought he was in for a soft thing.

Tommie and I now retired fairly satisfied with our book. We stood to win nearly five thousand on Cupid or to lose about a hundred. We were however much worried about The Badger for we felt sure that, Cupid, if he stood up, would beat the rest.

The final day's racing, which was to make or mar us at last began, but we were rendered happier by the result of the first race which was won in great form by Saladin, who romped home a couple of lengths in front of his former victor, when an extra two furlongs had choked off.



Then came the county-bred's turn, and I managed to squeeze home by the under-lip, though Fiddle and I was dying away to nothing at the finish, and I was beaten on the wrong side of the post.

The next two races past without any interest to us, and then came the C.-B. St. Leger.

In a two-pound saddle I could ride the 9st. 8lbs comfortably, but it ever I was nervous in my life—I am not built that way—it was when Tommie gave me a leg up, patted old Cupid on the neck and implored me to pull it off.

The five-furlong startino post was on the far-side of the course, and going down to it I gave Cupid two sharp spins of a couple of hundred yards, and then cantered him down the rest of the way. There was no doubt the old horse was groggy in the extreme, but his second sprint was stronger than the first, and there was little doubt that his third would be better than the second. Our first attempt at a start was a failure and I was hugely delighted to see The Badger get a good quarter of a mile before she was pulled up. The rider, however, one of the smartest jocks out, was determined to get the best of the start and three more failures was the result. The Badger twice covering some distance. The fourth attempt saw us away to a beautiful start, but in spite of this I was very speedily in the rear and saw the whole field streaming away from me. We were on to a bend soon after starting, and this further bothered the poor old beast and Cupid felt as groggy under me as it was possible to feel. Still I dare not move, but, as we got into the straight, three furlongs from home, I felt him begin to gather strength and every stride had more power in it than the last. I now felt I was moving, and presently I sat down and ventured to drive him along; by the quarter mile post I picked up the two outsiders and then passed Polly Glitters who was unable to act under the weight. Maisie and The Badger were racing side by side three lengths ahead of me, but I could see that Maisie would come back to me. Cupid was now galloping like a lion, and I could feel each mighty heave of his hind legs as they worked under him, but his task was a big one. Barely a furlong to go and three lengths to catch up. Steadily I overhauled them when the rider of The Badger caught sight of me not a length behind. In a second his whip was out and, as he drove his spurs home, the crack crack of the former sounded like pistol shots, Maisie was left as if standing, but I was past her also, and the next second The Badger and I were running almost level. I had no whip or spurs, but with teeth set was riding every ounce I had in me, in a stride or two we were level and the next second we flashed past the post.

As we pulled up the rider of Badger said "done by a nose I think," but I was not sure if I had even got up to make a dead heat of it. Returning to scale however Tommie's beaming face shewed me that we had done it, and I found that Badger's jock was right and we had pulled it off by a nose.

Cupid was not any the worse for his race, but he had one enough for us and we have not again had to ask him to pull us out of a hole.

## A SPORTING KEEPER.

We were all sitting round a blazing fire at an old ostelry not many miles from the birthplace of our great bard—five of us. We had tramped the fields since early morn, pursuing the nimble bunny and the bonnie partridge, and now, after the inner man has been well attended to, pipes are lit and we make things snug, as there are two hours to wait before "Puffing Billy" comes along to whirl us homeward.

Ever and anon the old-fashioned window casements rattled as a heavy gust brought the rain with a swish and splash on the glass, making the contrast within seem all the more comforting. The bag was killed over once again, Jim Simpson relating how one bird, breaking back, nearly hit the muzzle of his gun, the half-gale blowing being almost too much for the bird to steer against; how he had to spin round like a top to drop it nearly a hundred yards away. His brother Tom swore he had fired twenty shots at rabbits kicked up under his feet and only got one, the round being one series of sharp dips and rises, and Master Bunny appearing for a brief instant on the top of each rise, to disappear as the shot reached the spot. A non-sympathetic audience, however, put it down to the Masonic banquet of the night previous.

The conversation lulling, Jim kicked out at the log, making the sparks scatter around, and said, in his deliberate way: "Let's have a yarn—something that has really

occurred in our sporting careers. Seems to me, if Old Nimrod over there would honour the company with one of his hunting experiences, it might be worth listening to."

We all looked at the individual addressed—a sportsman from the studs in his boots to the button of his leather cap. A flush spread over his swarthy face as he said: "Haven't got a yarn, unless you care to hear about a row that I once had with a keeper not a hundred miles from where we are."

We concurred heartily, because we knew that Nimrod could tell some queer experiences when he liked concerning all sorts of outdoor sports. Rumour had said—perchance she was a liar in this case, as in many others—that he used to possess various shoots around the countryside for which he did not pay the rent, and those who had the privilege of his company knew how extensive was his knowledge of the little ways of furry and feathery animals. So we pricked up our ears as he started:

"It isn't much of a yarn, my sons, but 'twill serve to show that there are some good 'sports' knocking around even in the gamekeeping line—a race of men who may be generally likened to the Boers, by reason of their fondness for hiding in kopjes and creeping up water-courses. Well, one evening, close upon Christmas, I was wending my way homeward from an afternoon's terreting on old Sam Taters' bit of a farm, and felt a bit sore to think nothing had consented to come my way, the rabbits preferring to stop indoors and have their backs scratched to facing the music outside. I had gone over on my bicycle, as you know I prefer to ride anything sooner than walk. Well, I had walked the hill up to Woodland End—you know the spot—and was just having a five-minutes' smoke by the gate, admiring the grandeur of the view under the ruddy beams of the setting sun, when I heard a "Cock! Cock" hard by, and there, in a furrow, within forty yards, was as handsome a cock pheasant as you'd see in a month of Sundays. I never could resist the charms of a cock pheasant somehow, either at the table or in the fields. Maybe, if this bird had been a silver-tinted lady pheasant, I might have let her go quietly to roost."

"Yes, with an emphasis on the 'might,'" growled Tom.

"Unshipping the gun from the bike and shoving in a cartridge, I let drive at him as he squatted, and saw him settle in his tracks as comfortably as if he was going to sleep."

"What! Shot him sitting?" asked the Doctor, in a shocked sort of tone.

"Yes," said Jim, "shouldn't you?" looking pointedly at the last speaker, who simply took a pull at his steaming glass of rum hot. "Well, you fellows know what a deserted spot it is, and I never dreamed of any interference, so I strolled quietly into the field and pouched my fat friend and returned to the machine, thinking, if I was to reach home before lighting-up time, it was high time I was getting. You could have knocked me down with a feather when I saw, standing beside it, a stalwart figure in velvet."

"Hand that bird over and come along with me," said he.

"Just for the moment I felt nonplussed, but my native impudence prevailed, and I answered: 'I'll see you in Hades first!'"

"Will you?" says he. "You've got to come, or there'll be a row," lifting up his gun from the ground. Before he had moved it a foot my gun was covering him—of course, empty, as I knew.

"You will agree with me," said Nimrod, looking around at the company, "that the situation was a dramatic one, and, to tell you the truth, I was relieved to see the keeper hesitate. In moments like that impulse sways a man un governably, and I blurted out: 'Let's fight for it.' An intense look of relief shot into his blue eyes, as he answered, instantly, 'Right you are!'"

"Down went his gun on the bank, and off went his coat in the twinkling of an eye, I following suit. It looked a big risk for me as he put up his firsts in a workmanlike manner, and he was altogether a bigger and stronger man than I am."

"He was a good 'un, then," interposed the Doctor.

"I knew a bit about sparring, having made it one of my hobbies in my younger days, and soon saw that he was not particularly spry on his pins. Herein lay my hope, and I danced round him and ducked at his sledge-hammer blows, that would have soon settled matters had they landed. A smart tap or two in the region of the proboscis roused his ire, and he started lunging around like a Great Mogul. He caught me once on the third waistcoat button,



which made me gasp like a codfish just hauled aboard. Nearly choking with rage and want of wind I became reckless and made a bull-like rush for him. Just one feint—he dropped his guard, and I landed him full and square on the jaw. It nearly dislocated my wrist and jammed up my finger. Down he went like a nine-pin, to sit up in a minute or so and look at me in a dazed sort of way in the deepening twilight.

"You've won," he said, "and you'd better clear off quick but if catch you around here poaching again, I'll not answer for the consequences."

"You may take it from me, gentlemen, that I cleared, and, as I pedalled homewards, it struck me that that gamekeeper had acted like a gentleman, and I have told him so over a glass of toddy since. I found afterwards that he knew my name and could have got me into a devil of a mess, but, like a sportsman, kept his mouth shut, and I need hardly tell you that his preserves are sacred to yours truly. That's all, my sons. It isn't much of a yarn, but, as I said, it serves to show that some men as well as their masters are imbued with the grit of a sportsman."

We concurred, and, drinking to the yarn and yarner, we gathered up the slain and made tracks for the station.

## FIXTURES.

### LAWN TENNIS.

#### FEBRUARY.

Sun. 10—Santa Lucia v. Belgrano, at Santa Lucia.  
Sun. 24—Buenos Aires v. Santa Lucia, at Recoleta.

#### MARCH.

Sun. 3—Lomas v. Belgrano, at Lomas.  
Sun. 10—Santa Lucia v. Belgrano, at Belgrano.  
Sun. 17—Buenos Aires v. Lomas, at Lomas.  
Sun. 24—Belgrano v. Buenos Aires, at Recoleta.  
Mon. 25—Lomas v. Santa Lucia, at Santa Lucia.

#### APRIL.

Sun. 7—Belgrano v. Santa Lucia, at Belgrano.  
Sun. 14—Buenos Aires v. Santa Lucia, at Santa Lucia.  
Sun. 21—Lomas v. Santa Lucia, at Lomas.  
Sun. 28—Buenos Aires v. Lomas, at Recoleta.

#### MAY.

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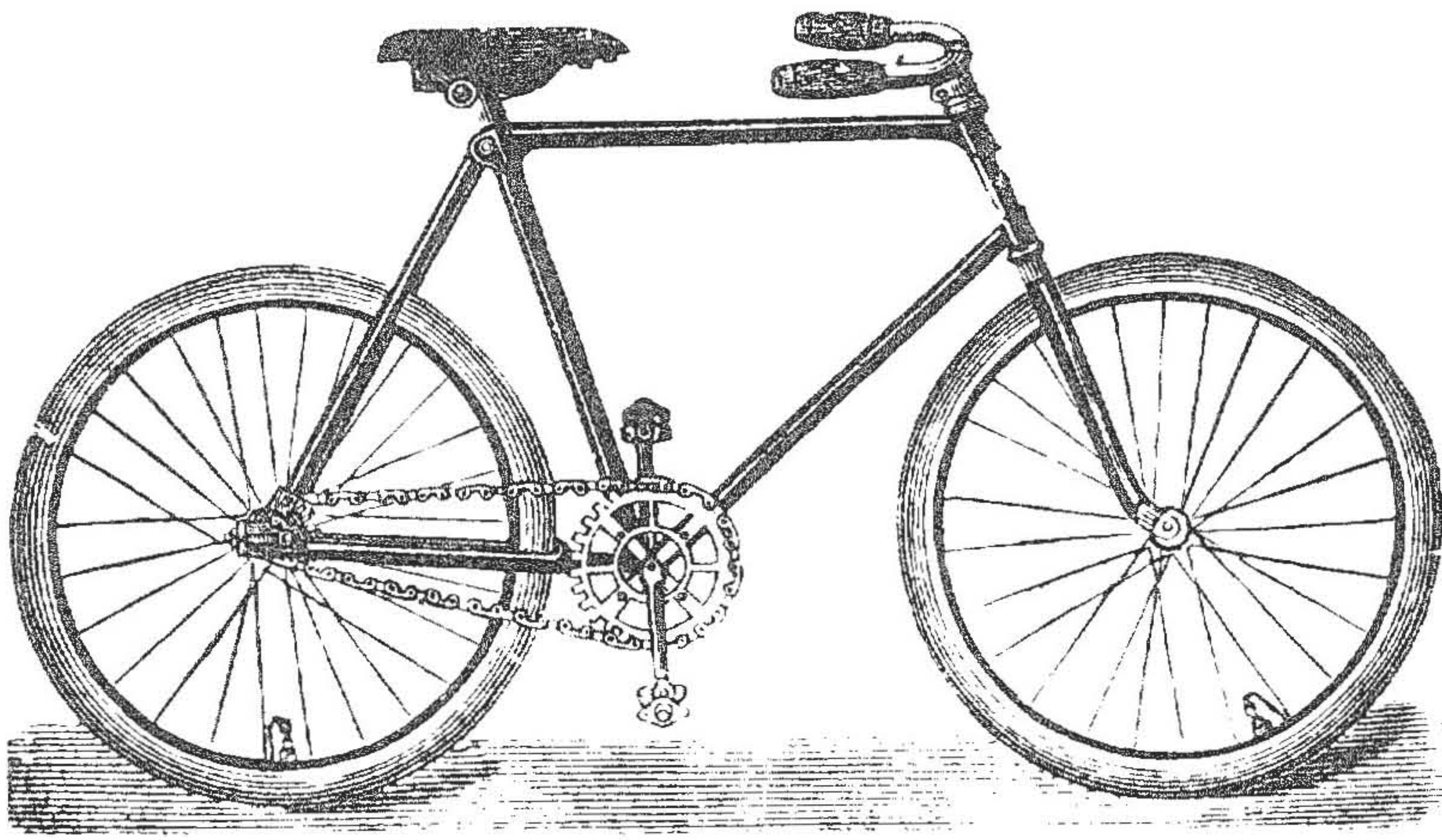
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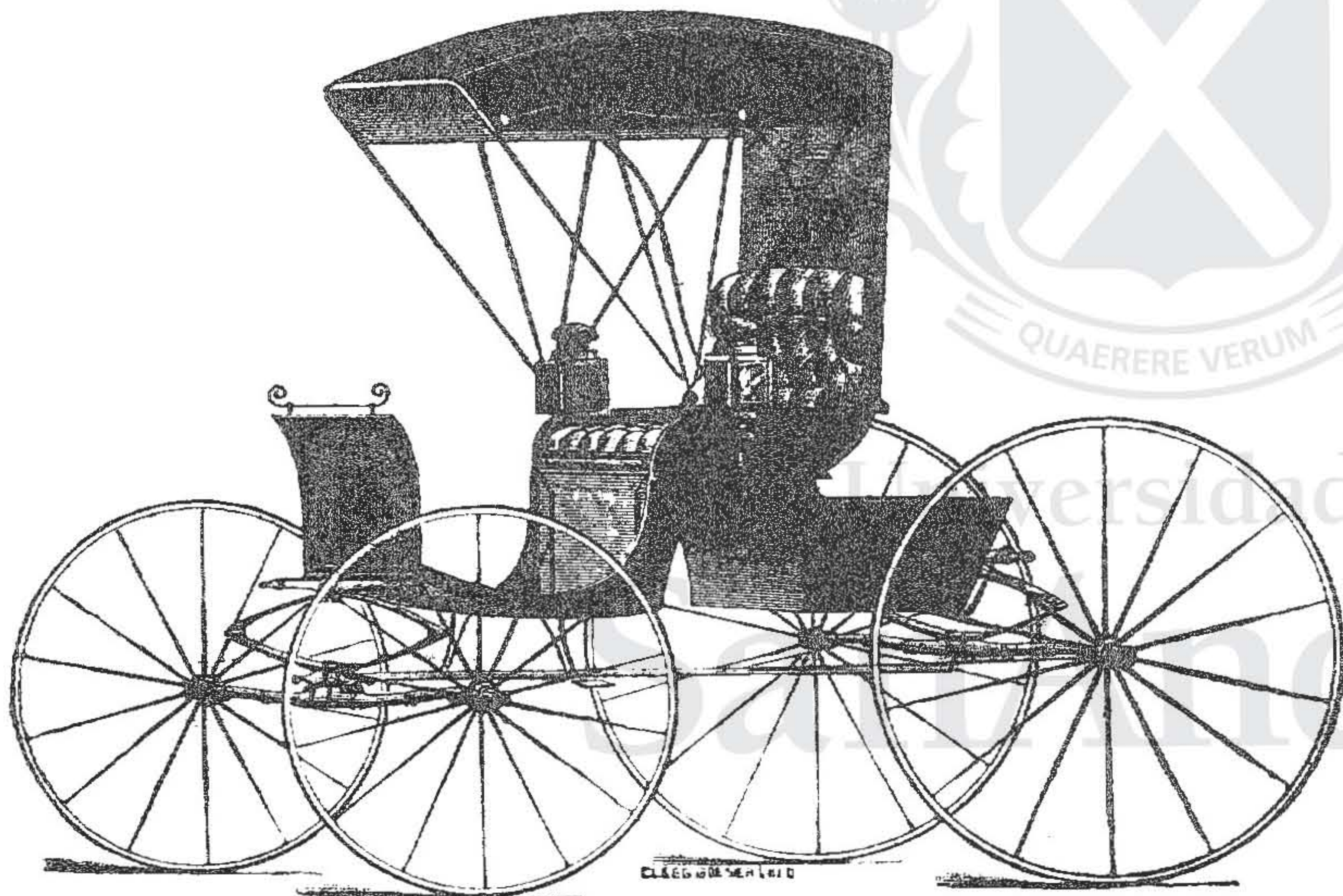
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