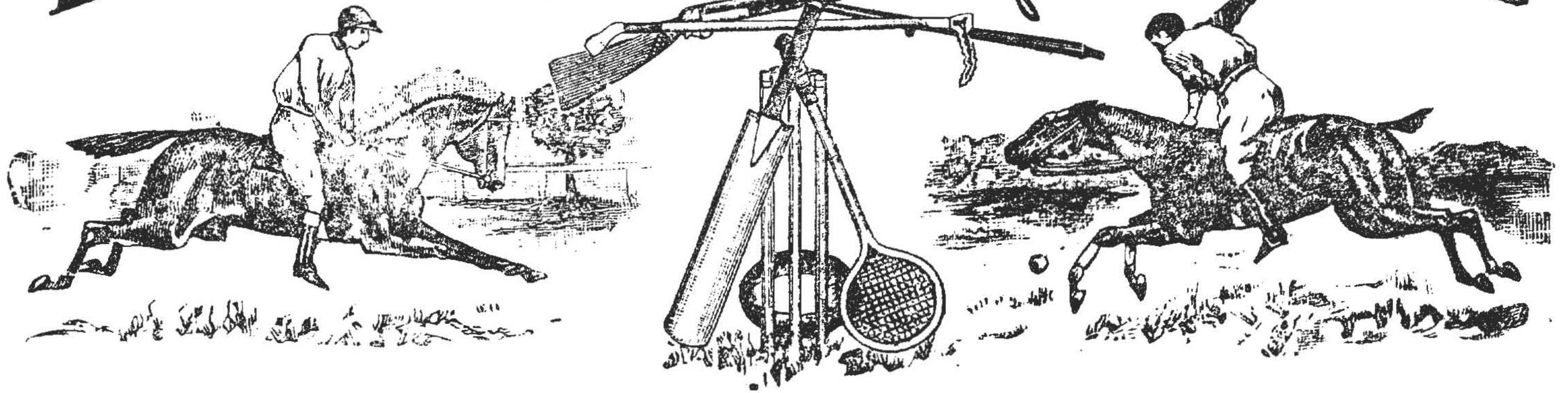


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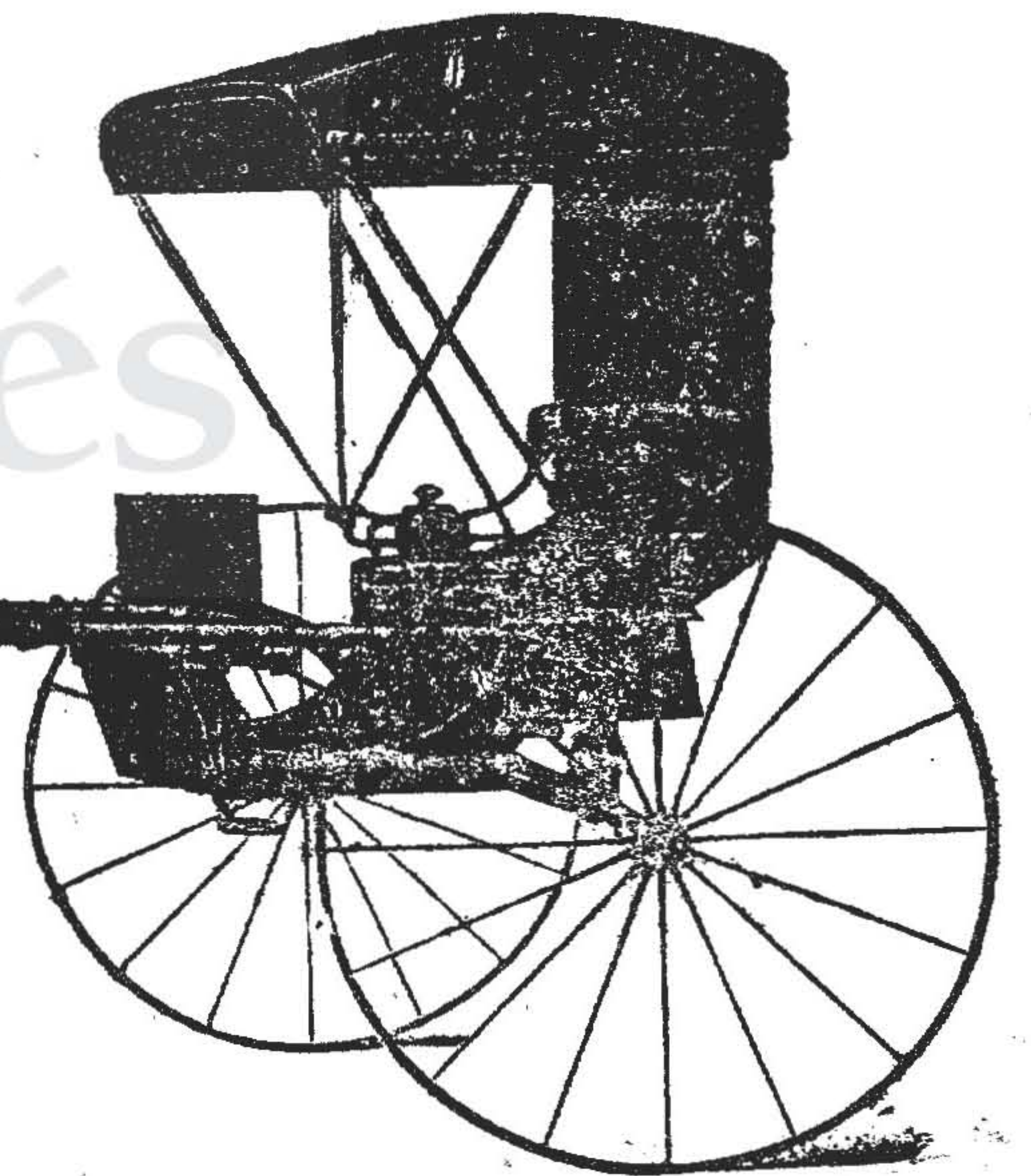
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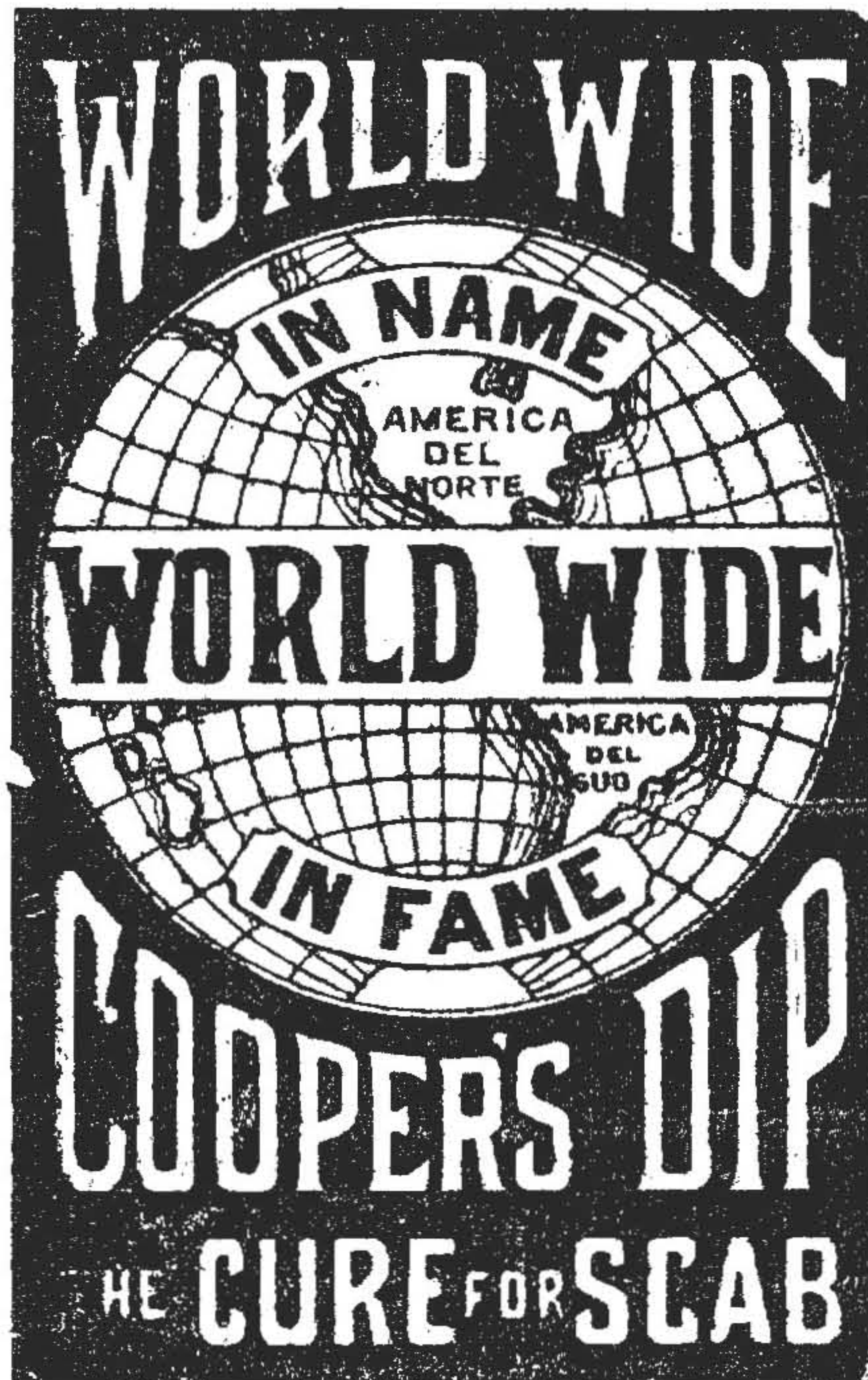
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River Plate Sport and Pastime

BUENOS AIRES, WEDNESDAY, JULY 10, 1901.

POLO

VENADO TUERTO.

On Sunday, the 7th, the usual game was held on a ground kindly lent and prepared by Mr. H. W. St. John, at the Esbanzuelo, in order to give the Club ground a chance to recover itself, as owing to want of rain it had got very cut up and dusty. The ground at the Esbanzuela was in splendid order, and it was a treat to see the ball running straight when hit, and not having to check one's pony before each stroke. Several good chuckers were played, especially after the wind had begun to drop a bit, the last one especially, was evenly contested, good form being shown by all the players. Of the players, St. John and Eden played consistently well all through, H. Foster, Paull, and Bury at times were good, but were erratic in their shooting and placing. Wilson was not playing in the same form as on the preceding Sunday, trying to meet the ball much too often, without noticing if his No. 3 was ready to back him up. Kennard after his absence of three Sundays, seemed to find his ponies out of hand, but no doubt he will soon get them and himself into form again. The following players took part in the game: Jeffray, St. John, Bury, Paull, Wilson, Kennard, H. and R. Foster, Pierce, Eden.

HURLINGHAM.

On Friday night a meeting was called by the Polo Committee of Hurlingham Club of the playing members to discuss some suggestion, which had been made to them by Mr. H. Sanderson, with a view to improve the ordinary Sunday and feast-day polo at Hurlingham. The idea was to arrange four teams of say six men each, who were always to play together, and by this means to instill a spirit of rivalry and keenness into the players and accustom them to play for their side rather than for their own individual enjoyment. It was generally agreed that the idea in itself was good, and after much discussion it was agreed that the Polo Committee by way of a start should select four teams, and that a handicap tournament should be commenced on the Sunday following. There was a good attendance at the meeting, which lasted several hours.

The handicap tournament arranged by the Committee was commenced on Sunday, on the American system. Four teams were made up with six players in each, which was an excellent idea, as it allows members with only one or two ponies to cut in and out, and so get a game and maintain an interest in the tournament.

The following are the teams: -

House Team	Villagers
Drabble (Captain)	Moncrieff (Captain)
Schwind	Balfour
Jefferies	Houlder
Mullaly	Cézar
Saforcada	Bucknill
Stopford	Thomson
Casuals	Castle
Challinor (Captain)	Anderson (Captain)
Willes A.	Robson
Willes R.	Harnett
Sanderson	Thursby
Lainez	Herran
Wilson	Another.

HURLINGHAM v. VILLAGERS.

The first match was the House Team against the Villagers. At the start the House Team pressed, and Drabble scored. Then offside, having been given against Jefferies, the Villagers pressed and Moncrieff made a fine centre, which Balfour pushed through. After a fine run by Balfour, Jefferies saved by hitting behind his own

goal, and after Drabble had again attacked, Balfour scored another goal, so at the end of the first chucker the score was 2-1 in favour of Villagers. From now on, however, the House had a bit the best of it, and after some give and take play, Drabble scored, and the House were pressing at the call of time. The third quarter was a very poor one, the play being of a somewhat sticky nature, and no score resulted. In the fourth, Saforcada scored for the House, and brought the score to 3-2 in their favour. Jefferies was the first to score in the fifth period, and though Moncrieff attacked strongly, they were unable to put the ball through, and at the call of time the score was 4-2 in favour of the House. Balfour was most brilliant on Gay Lad in the last ten, but being poorly supported, several times just failed to increase the total of his side. The House, however, were more fortunate, and got a goal from a scrimmage and another through the agency of Jefferies so after a very fast period they ran out winners by 6 goals to 2.

CASUALS v. CASTLE.

The Casuals went off with a dash, and having much the best of the play in the first period, scored a couple of goals through the agency of Sanderson. Then in the next chucker they again had the best of matters, and Challinor added another point.

Harnett made a very fine run, the length of the ground for the Castle, but just missed his shot by a few feet. Score 3-0 in favour of Casuals. In the third quarter Robson, who was working very hard, managed to open the Castle account with a good shot, and Anderson added a second goal for his side, and only just missed equalising with another fine shot. A very good chucker, Score 3-2 in favour of Casuals. Another good period followed, the pace improving and the ball travelling at a good pace up and down the ground. The Casuals added one point, and brought the balance to 4-2 in their favour. The sixth chucker, owing to some mistake, was not played, so the final score remained, Casuals 4 goals—Castle 2. Mr. Thursby was unfortunately unable to play.

SANTA EUFEMIA POLO CLUB.

On Sunday last, 7th inst., owing to the bad state of the ground, no match was played, but as there were 10 or 12 playing members on the ground, several "pick-ups" were made during the afternoon, but the dust was so thick that we can hardly say polo was played. On the 9th inst. a sort of "gymkana" was got up with a couple of races for all comers thrown in. The bending race was won by Teddy Watson, the stick and ball race by J. Laurie, hitting at the ring by Jago and the polo scurry by Willie Watson on Ruffer's overo. Everything went off very well, under the management of Land and J. Watson. We are afraid that unless we get some rain soon, polo will have to be put on the shelf for the time being, as it is utterly impossible to see the ball after about five minutes' play, so therefore let us hope that Jupiter Pluvius will soon bestow his tender mercies upon us.

NORTH SANTA FÉ.

On Sunday, the 7th inst., only seven members turned up at Las Limpías for a game.

The sides were as follows:

Basil Trail	Murray Francis
Johnnie Traill	Gcoffrey Francis
Bob Trail	Bobbie Herne
	Lionel Wasey

The game was very slow, although I saw a very brilliant goal hit by Bobbie Herne—a long shot under his pony—nothing worthy of record happened.

Kinchant and Staunton playing over at Los Palmeros, and Hill laid up in bed, accounted for the shortage in players.—HUINCA.

"La Victoria."—A good afternoon at polo was put in on the 7th inst. at "Los Palmeros." Owing to the regrettable absence of Mr. D. S. Wedderburn-Ogilvy through indisposition, two full teams of members could not be got together, so a native had to be played.

Gorrocito	L. A. Lynch-Staunton
Magnus Fea	Frank P. Chapman
Fabian Trollope	A. S. Sykes
Major Porteous	F. E. Kinchant

First Chucker—This, as usual for first chucker, was a bit slow, and bar a very good run by Magnus Fea, nothing worthy of record occurred. No goal was scored by either side.

Second Chucker—This was a bit faster, and things livened up a bit, the ball going up and down the ground, Trollope made a very good run down the ground with the ball, and a moment afterwards Magnus Fea passed to Trollope, and he hit the goal.

Third Chucker—This was extremely slow and sticky, in fact for half the time the game was all in one corner. The Major's goal was very severely attacked. After getting the ball up to the other goal Kinchant got hold of it, and with a fine dashing run carried it down the ground, and put it between the posts. Frank Chapman was very good in this chucker, and hit a long-shot goal towards the end of the chucker. Mr Sykes was hitting surely and strongly.

Fourth Chucker—This was a fairly good chucker. Kinchant's goal was in jeopardy most of the time, but he defended it well, however, from a backhander of his. Trollope very nearly hit a goal. Shortly after this Staunton took the ball down the ground, and put it through. Just before time was called Magnus Fea hit a pretty goal with a backhander.

Fifth Chucker—Was very good, the ball going up and down from one goal to the other. The only good hit was disallowed; it was hit by Frank Chapman—a very long good shot—but the Major claimed that he was off side, so no additton was made to the score.

Sixth Chucker—First part fairly fast, but last part very sticky.

Seventh Chucker—Not much better. Kinchant made a terrific hit, the ball going very high over the posts. After a few moments' discussion the goal was allowed. This brought the score to 4-3 in favour of Kinchant's team.

Eighth Chucker—Was the fastest and best of the afternoon, and some galloping was done. Magnus Fea started with a fine run down the ground, but failed to score: then Kinchant from a hit out carried the ball right down the ground, and was successful in scoring another goal. Magnus Fea again made a fine run, and this time was more successful, and notched a goal to his side. Just before time Trollope managed to put the ball between the posts, and this brought the score to five all. Owing to the light the game had to be stopped, so "quien sabe" how the game would really have ended. I think Kinchant's team was the stronger of the two, although Magnus Fea, Major Porteous, and Trollope, with a Native No. 1, are a "pretty toughish lot" when in form, and to-day Trollope was the only one of them who appeared up to his form.

I noticed three new ponies belonging to Magnus Fea—a colorado, Little Wisdom, finely topped pony, very handy, with plenty of pace; a fine striding grey, Sin Nombre, very fast, and a grand looking pony; the last, a dark chesnut, Ergo, by Young Phoenix, very fast, but to me rather light in bone.

Frank Chapman has some new ponies, which I will notice in my next report at Los Palmeros.

The afternoon was very cold, so that the attendance of the fair sex was very small, in fact Mrs. Trollope was the only lady on the polo ground. The ground was very good, and is evidently well cared for.

After partaking of the well-known hospitality at Los Palmeros, and welcoming back Mrs. Frank Chapman after her long absence from home, a move was made to Santa Catalina, where a farewell dinner was given by Mr. Bruce to Mr. and Mrs. Trollope, who leave to-morrow on their way to England. The night was very dark for the drive to Santa Catalina, and owing to a dead horse on the road Messrs. Kinchant and Sykes were very anxious to take out accident insurance policies for the journey, but the risk was considered *too* risky.

A very pleasant evening was spent, and some good songs were sung. Mr. Kinchant, K.C.G.P., was in good voice, and quite up to his usual form, but the rest of the company were a bit shy at singing, owing to their not

having had lessons in Europe. I believe Mr. Kinchant was trained at the Conservatoire of Capilla Blanca.

We had hopes until quite lately that Mr. and Mrs. Trollope were going to stay out here amongst us, but their decision to go home again has caused great regret. Apart from their social qualities, the district can ill afford to lose so good a sportsman as Trollope undoubtedly is. We can only hope that something may bring them out again if only for a visit, when they will receive a right royal welcome. I join their numerous friends in wishing them "bon voyage."

Yesterday 14th, a goodly number appeared at Las Limpias for polo, no regular game was played, sides being changed frequently, and one always standing out. The ground was very bad, and being so dry one could not see the ball owing to the dust.

The following were the players: Bob Traill, Ned Traill, Lionel Wasey, Bobbie Herne, Johnnie Traill, Geoffrey and Murray Francis, L. A. Lynch Staunton, Basil Traill, and Joe Traill.

Johnnie Traill was exceptionally brilliant, especially considering the state of the ground his near side strokes both back and forward, were very clean, businesslike and pretty. Bob Traill was as usual good at back. Young Joe hit a good goal. Just at the end of one chucker, Murray Francis very cleverly saved a goal which a moment before looked like a certainty.

Taking the afternoon all round, the game was rather of the bad order, but the ground playing so badly, accounted for much.

Mrs. Traill kindly dispensed her well known hospitality at tea time, where I took stock of the company, and noticed Mrs. Traill, Mrs. Fleming, Mrs. Hill, Mr and Mrs. Sandys-Lumsdaine, Mrs. Wasey, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Traill and Mr. MacLeod.

The afternoon was rather cold and dull, but most of the ladies were seen on the polo ground afterwards.

There is some talk of getting up a match with La Victoria on Saturday week, the 28th, and I hope this will come to pass as I am very anxious to see the North Santa Fé team playing on a good ground. If the Palmeros ground is as good then as it was last Sunday, then we may look forward to seeing an afternoon's play worth watching.

We noticed Mrs. Wasey with a very nice showy youngster between the shafts—fast, I should think.

HUINCA.

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A match between the Buenos Aires Golf Club and Lomas took place on Sunday last, on the Rivadavia links, and resulted in a victory for the home team. The following are the scores:

Lomas	SINGLES.	Buenos Aires
W. Flint	0	Petty
Bridger	0	Higgins
A. Mohr-Bell	0	Benn
Tollemache	0	Miller
H. Mohr-Bell	0	Cripps
Coombs	0	Knox
Cowes	0	Brown
H. B. Anderson	2	Phelps
Alexander	0	MacMaster
Ballantyne	0	Soady
Goodfellow	0	Walker
Dodds	4	Warden
T. Flint	1	Hankin
Chambers	0	Ely
R. W. Watson	0	Conder
	7	24

Lomas	FOURSOMES	Buenos Aires
Flint and Bridger	0	Petty and Higgins
Mohr-Bell & Tollemache	0	Benn and Miller
H. Mohr-Bell & Coombs	1	Cripps and Knox
Cowes and Anderson	0	Brown and Phelps
Alexander & Ballantyne	0	MacMaster and Soady
Goodfellow and Dodds	0	Walker and Warden
T. Flint and Chambers	2	Hankin and Ely
Watson	0	Conder
	3	16

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HUNTING

HURLINGHAM DRAGHOUNDS.

This pack met on Monday at the hospitable roof-tree of Mr. R. Scott Moncrieff, who as usual entertained the field to jumping-powder and light refreshment before starting. There was a large muster at the meet, among whom we noticed, in addition to Mr. Thursby who hunted the hounds, and Mr. Willes who was assisting him, Miss Norton, Messrs. Jefferies, Moncrieff, Fitzherbert, Lawson, Bernard, Harnett, Preston, Ballour, Thompson, Clark, and Dodson. Hounds were laid on close to Mr. Moncrieff's house and ran across his chakra to the station of the Pacific Railway, across Cunningham's to the Flores chakra, through Carlos' and Chicholi's to finish on the common. Time 28 mins without a check, and at a good pace too. The field was wonderfully reduced by the end, most of the ponies having had enough before the "worry" was reached, and only those lucky enough to be on horses were really comfortable. Those who finished were the master (Mr. Thursby), Messrs. A. Willes, Harnett, Fitzherbert, Lawson, and Bernard.

PALERMO DRAGHOUNDS

These hounds, hunted by Baron Peers, met last Sunday at the Hipodromo Nacional, and more than thirty members turned out on horseback to see the fun. Hounds were laid on at the back of the Hipodromo

Nacional, and a bagged fox was the quarry, which ran by way of the "portreros," which lie alongside the river, nearly to Vicente Lopez. Here it made a ring to Rivadavia, and running up the "Barranca" took refuge in the garden of Mr. Preston's quinta, where it managed to climb a low tree, from which the hounds were unable to dislodge it, and the poor brute was again "bagged" to provide sport (?) for another day. There were two falls, Mr. Artayeta Castex and an Officer of the 9th Cavalry, coming down, but they were quickly up and going again. Among those mounted and on wheels we noticed: Señoras de Ezcurra, de Guerra, y de Frers, Señorita C. de Martinez de Hoz, Señores E. and F. Green, F. Hasperg, L. de Ezcurra, M. Martinez de Hoz, M. Paunero, Artayeta Castex, Pero, de Gardier, Dagelay, M. Costa, Comite, Olivera César, Mayor Bianqui, Tte. Baez, Saforcada, Castro, and Viedma.

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Mr G. Faber's The Raft, 4 yrs, 8st 1lb (K. Cannon)..... 0

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Mr. P. P. Gilpin's Mount Prospect, aged, 8st 12lb (M. Henry)..... 0

Mr. R. Croker's Harrow, 5 yrs, 8st 9lb (J. Reiff)..... 0

Lord Wolverton's Caiman, 5 yrs, 8st 8lb (M. Cannon)..... 0

Mr. A. F. Basset's Good Luck, 5 yrs, 8st 6lb (O. Madden) 0

Sir E. Cassel's Sonatura, 4 yrs, 8st 2lb (W. Halsey)..... 0

Major E. Loder's Sibola, 5 yrs, 7st 9lb (W. Buchanan)..... 0

Mr L. Brassey's Winifreda, 4 yrs, 7st 5lb (S. Clemson)..... 0

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Mr. E. Corrigan's Sea Flower, 5 yrs, 7st (car. 7st 5lb) (C. Thorpe)..... 0

Mr. C. S. Newton's Bay Melton, 5 yrs, 6st 7lb (Sadgrove) 0

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Mr M. Griffith's Simon Glover, 3 yrs, 6st 7lb (T. Hephell)..... 0

Lord Carnarvon's The Solicitor, 3 yrs, 6st (W. Large)..... 0

Mr J. H. Houldsworth's Greenan, 6 yrs, 6st 5lb (T. Carlyle)..... 0

Mr C. J. F. Fawcett's Carpet Knight, 3 yrs 6st (H. Aylin)..... 0

Mr H. J. Hall's Nippon, aged, 6st (B. Dillon)..... 0

Betting—4 to 1 agst Stealaway, 9 to 2 agst Australian Star, 6 to 1 agst Encombe, 10 to 1 agst The Raft, 100 to 9 agst Spectrum, 100 to 6 each agst Simon Glover, Caiman, and Good Luck, 20 to 1 each agst Harrow, Forfarshire, and Winifreda, 25 to 1 each agst Pellisson and Kingfield, 33 to 1 each agst Nippon, Greenan, and The Solicitor, 40 to 1 each agst Mount Prospect, and Sonatura, 50 to 1 agst Sibola, 66 to 1 agst Carpet Knight, 100 to 1 each agst Sea Flower and Bay Melton.

Harrow led for a few strides, but Forfarshire drew out with the lead from Simon Glover, Harrow, Stealaway, Sonatura, Sea Flower, The Raft, and Spectrum. Reaching the road Stealaway went past, and was soon two or three lengths clear of Forfarshire. He began a series of swerves to the right and left, but was far enough in front not to interfere with anything else, and with Spectrum coming up on the right he was lucky to get home by a head; a length and a half separated second and third; The Raft was fourth, Sonatura fifth, and Sea Flower next.

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At a very moderate pace Sang Bleu led out, and passing the stands Santoi and Scintillant lay second and third. Making the hotel turn King's Courier drew out with a lead of a few lengths, followed by Scintillant and Sang Bleu, the pace improving as they progressed. Along the Bottom Forfarshire took the pacemaking in hand from King's Courier, the two disputing the lead rising the hill, with Santoi taking third place and drawing up to the leaders. As they rounded into the straight Santoi went quickly to the front; Kilmarnock II. took second place from Forfarshire, and so they finished, Santoi winning by a length; half a length separated second and third; Scintillant was fourth.

ESTANCIA AND COLONY

The *Mark Lane Express* says that according to an American trade journal, the mills of Argentina could turn out somewhat over 10,000,000 barrels of flour per year if they were to run full time, but home consumption and the Brazilian trade take only about half that amount. Argentina practically has no other export flour trade, but the millers are becoming restless under their limited trade facilities and with so much milling capacity going to waste. Nor will they be satisfied until they find a market in Europe for something like 5,000,000 barrels of flour per year. As most of this amount will probably eventually go to Great Britain, and as making this extra amount of flour in Argentina will reduce the exportable amount of wheat nearly 25,000,000 bushels, the millers of Great Britain will have another American competitor, who will not only put flour into their markets, but keep wheat out.

The value of living animals imported for food to Great Britain during the five months ended on May 31st was £3,780,063, as against £3,798,895 in the corresponding period last year. Cattle numbered 194,643, against 187,831, the United States sending 177,927, as compared with 129,376, and Canada 16,082, as against 18,963. Last year there were received 38,562 cattle from the Argentine Republic, but it will be seen that the increase in the number from the United States more than covers the difference. Of sheep, 175,819 were received, as against 246,297; 163,853 coming from the United States, against 64,183, and 11,966 from Canada, against 2,077; but these do not make up for the absence of 178,969, last year's contribution to date, from the Argentine Republic. The value of corn imported was £24,033,963, as against £21,435,938 during the first five months last year. Dead meat of the value of £16,637,256, against £14,39,0027, was imported. The quantity of fresh beef was 1,796,393 cwt., against 1,618,403 cwt.; and of fresh mutton, 1,691,240 cwt., against 1,413,877 cwt. Butter of the value of £8,171,105, against £7,566,085, was imported; cheese of the value of £1,751,972, against £1,744,105; condensed milk (unsweetened), £7,511, condensed milk (sweetened), £777,507, against £751,346 (this distinction being made for the first time); and eggs £1,876,966, against £1,935,449.

During the five months ended May 31st the number of cattle exported from Great Britain was 344, as compared with 906 in the corresponding period last year, the value having been £11,500, against £34,481. The number of sheep and lambs was 414, against 1,658, the value being £4,385, against £18,248. Swine numbered 170 against 159, the value being £1,635 against £862.

The following notes taken from an exchange may be of interest to some of our readers:

Amongst the sections of the Weymouth Show that failed to secure prominent notice in the reports of the highly successful show held there by the Royal Counties Agricultural Society was that devoted to the sheep-sheering contest by hand shearers. There were two classes, one in which the competitors were resident in the county of Dorset and had received instruction under the Dorset County Council. In this class there were twelve competitors, who clipped twenty-four sheep, two each, in the average time of 23 1/2 minutes per sheep, the quickest time for a single sheep being 17 minutes and the longest 31 minutes, whilst for pairs 35 minutes was the quickest time and the longest time was 56. Neither of these came in for recognition at the hands of the judges. The successful competitors who took the three first prizes shored their sheep in 47, 43 and 45 minutes respectively. The open class time competition, which took place on the last day of the show, was one which, from its large entry and general high merit of the work done, will be long remembered by those who were able to be present. Although the entry was thirty-seven, of which thirty-four were present, the average time occupied by these thirty-four men in shearing their sixty-eight sheep was 22 min. 45 sec. The quickest time made was 14 minutes, and the longest time 32 minutes; the competitor who shored the former sheep did his second sheep in 15 1/2 minutes, making a total of 29 minutes for his pair; whilst the latter contestant took 28 minutes for his other sheep, making exactly the hour to do his two sheep. The former shearer secured *hc*, and the latter *c*. The time of the three prize-winners was as follows:—First, 46 1/2 minutes; second, 31 minutes; third, 53 minutes.

Following the competition, the Chicago Flexible Shalt Company gave an exhibition of their hand-power sheep-shearing machine. Several sheep were shorn by the man in charge, the average time occupied being just under eight minutes each for a pair. Compared with the average time occupied by the forty-six hand shearers in shearing ninety-two sheep in the two classes—22 minutes 57 seconds—the machine work was about three times faster than by hand, and a large proportion of wool obtained through closer cutting.

In the year 1840 Mons, Riquet, a veterinary surgeon in the French Army, introduced the method of fitting horses' shoes cold to the hoof to the notice of the then Minister for War. It was decided, after some delay, to make a practical experiment at the Cavalry School of Saumur, and this experiment, or series of experiments, extended over a period of three years. The horses in the school were divided into near and off sides, and the former were shod with cold shoes, while the off-side horses were shod according to the hot-fitting method. Upwards of 22,579 shoes were fitted cold, and of these 386 were lost, detached or broken; while out of the same number of shoes fitted on hot only 123 were lost. At a later period a Mons, Ambret, of the Saumur School a zealous believer in the cold-fitting method, adopted it in the regiment of cavalry to which he was attached. Of an effective strength of 550 horses, from fifty-five to sixty lost shoes each month during marches and manœuvres. The hot-fitting system was then adopted, with the result that on a march of eighty miles only one shoe was lost.

The floods in the far south seem to be assuming the most alarming proportions. The Chubut district is once again inundated, much damage has been done and hundreds of families are homeless. The rivers Neuquen and Rio Negro have risen in the most alarming manner and caused disaster along their courses. Assistance is being sent by the Government from Buenos Aires, and the transport "Guardia Nacional" will leave for Southern ports on July 31st, with supplies, etc. for the different districts. The soldiers of the 6th regiment of the Line have also been ordered to render all the assistance possible to the refugees in their various districts.

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Merino rams to improve his stock, which he had, for amusement, trained by leading to come at call. Two of the rams, named Jack and Tommy, proved particularly apt pupils, and would answer to their names readily. The farmer spent Christmas of 1879 with a friend at a distance, and on his return found both these rams and a dozen ewes missing. Traces in the snow pointed to the visit of thieves, but, though the country was searched for miles round, no clue could be found to the lost sheep. After a month had passed the farmer received a hint concerning the whereabouts of his animals, and getting a search warrant rode with the police to a settler's farm twenty miles away. He began by requesting return of the "borrowed" sheep and was laughed at; the settler flatly denied the theft, but could not prevent his visitors from inspecting his flock. When still a hundred yards away, the farmer began to call "Jack" and "Tommy" by name, when, to the chagrin of the thief and the amazement of the bystanders, two rams detached themselves from the flock and came galloping to their owner, mindful of oats. This fact when given as evidence in court secured conviction of the sheep stealer, who had done his best to alter the appearance of his booty.

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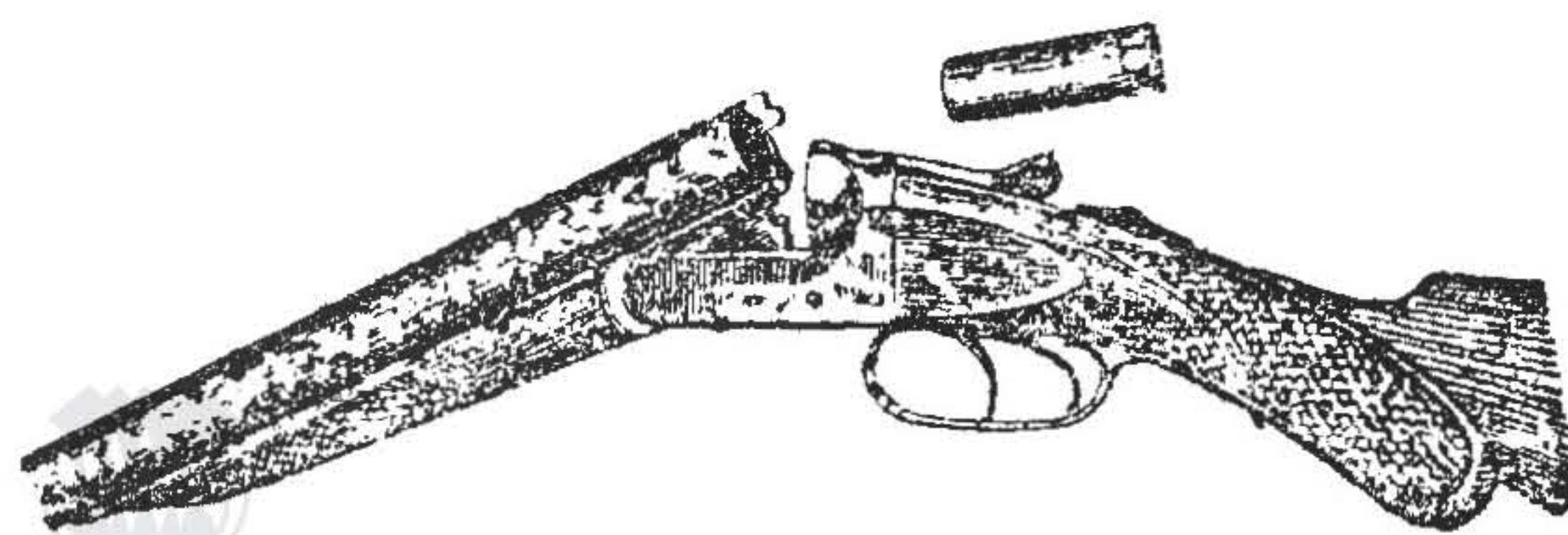
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NOTES.

We have received a note from the Secretary of the Western Polo Club, advising us that this Club intends to hold a Tournament on August 17th and 18th, to play for a Cup given by Mr. John Campbell. Entries will be received by Mr. Alban J. Woodroffe, Estancia "El Mirador," Carlos Casares, F.C.O.

Names of the subscribers towards the expenses of the team that have gone to Rio Janeiro:—C. Lumb, B. Lumb, J. Henderson, John H. Logan, F. Henderson, J. Agar, T. E. Preston, R. I. Runciman, J. Wigg, A. Mackinnon, A. Vivasoro, R. A. Sumner, C. M. Simpson, F. H. C. Boutell, C. Cumming, F. Carlisle, C. Thursby, J. C. Bell, H. A. C. Cox, B. W. Gardom, W. Woodgate, J. W. Richards, W. Samson, L. de Candia, E. D. Drabble, J. W. Taylor, H. C. Thompson, A. H. Tetley, J. Macadam, D. J. Stokes, W. Higgins, A. Gumpert, R. W. Anderson, E. Macadam, A. Anderson, B. Sumner, J. L. Robson, J. James, W. Lind, W. A. Nicholson. 40 subscribers at \$20 paper each—\$800; 12 forming team at \$50 each—\$600; total \$1,400. 12 return passages to Rio at £10 each—\$604.80 (gold at 237), \$1,433.37 paper.

As a sort of final to the Hurlingham Polo Tournament last week, a match on Wednesday was arranged between the eight strongest players, divided into sides of Camp and Town. The former were represented by N. Jacobs, C. Tetley, A. Holland and C. Hay, the latter by R. Moncrieff, E. Robson, F. Balfour and E. Drabble. Unfortunately, we were unable to obtain a detailed account of the match, but the Town were successful in a good fast game by 9 goals to 6. The ground was in perfect condition, which reflects the highest credit on Lacey, as one, and sometimes two matches, had been played on this ground on each of the three proceeding days.

The Hurlingham Handicap Polo Tournament promises to be a success, as the teams are fairly matched, and much keenness is evinced. It is an excellent innovation, putting six men to each side, as this ensures a game whether one happens to be absent or not, and also enables the man with a limited stud to take part in the contest, instead of having to sit and look on. We never saw so many players and ponies, except at the regular tournaments, on the ground at one time at Hurlingham. There were no less than 23 players of the four selected teams present, besides several officers of the Cambrian and Basilisk, and as two grounds were going every one got a game, which is about a record.

We have received a note from the energetic secretary of the La Colina Polo Club, Mr. O. G. Hoare, asking us to state that the polo tournament of that Club to be held on July 27th and 28th is an open meeting, and therefore innivations are unnecessary. Mr. Hoare also mentions that the members will be glad to entertain any team that may care to compete. La Colina hospitality is so well known that we can only say we trust they will secure a fine entry and have a bumper meeting.

The Classic on Sunday, instead of bringing out a large middle-class field, was left to a small and select lot, Offenbach frightening away the majority. The only young one who appeared was Bonnie Dundee, who was able to show the way to the straight, but the finish was left to those three old rivals—Royal, Le Sancy, and Offenbach—who arrived in the order named, Royal proving, as he has done before, that, in a short distance, he is equal to the best.

Offenbach, on recent running, was of course most fancied, but he was by no means the only favourite to come down, a very hot one in Anjou being upset in the first race by Arroz, who ran a very different horse in his new colours. Arequito did the same favour to Senegal and Ruy Blas in the 1,800-metres Handicap, in which Muñeca made a big show, but curled up when the push came.

In the Maiden, for young ones, Andromeda, a filly by Gay Hermit, belonging to the Petite Ecurie, looked like making a successful debüt, but Druid, who has been unlucky not to win before, outstrode her at the finish, his long gallop promising to be very useful when the distances lengthen. In the youngsters' 1,400 metres Porrizo was only faced by six colts, to whom he was conceding five kilos, and made short work of them when it came to running, and as Yugueri, who came second, was looked on as a possible rival to the son of Stilleto on even terms, this result places Porrizo as far ahead of the colts as La Ventana is of the fillies, and a meeting between the two would excite great interest.

In this same race made their first appearance Personaje, own brother to Pillito, and Ariosto, a son of Acheron, from both of whom great things were expected, the latter obtaining third place, but a long way behind Yuqueri. We have now seen almost everything this year that is likely to get into the first rank, the only dark ones yet to appear that we hear of, being a sister to Dictador, and a sister to Oribe. As far as we have got the probabilities are very much in favour of Porrizo as crack of the year, but the Gran Polla de Potrillos on Aug. 11 should throw more light on the subject.

The colts that shew promise at this moment are greatly reduced from the number we had hoped for. Tortoral, Bonnie Dundee, and Listo have gone backwards, and the new ones have made no good impression. The most consistent runners after Porrizo have been Briseño, Yuqueri, and Almanzor. Charcot and Maipo are doubtful quantities, and the handsome son of St. Mirin, San Lorenzo, who ran a dead heat with Briseño in 1600 metres, on his only appearance, is perhaps, as promising as any. To these can be added Oran, who scored his Classic victory in the mud, beating Porrizo and Briseño easily, but has been repeatedly defeated by all the others, and Druid for whom we have a special fancy. The list is by no means long enough, but there is time still for improvement.

The Classic for the 21st is the Premio Necochea, another mile for young ones, in which there are penalties of 3 kilos for a Classic, and 6 kilos for more, so that there should be a good competition, and any new talent will have a fair chance, and will be very welcome.

On Friday we received a cable from the captain of the Buenos Aires cricket team that is on tour in Brazil, informing us that in the first day's play of their two day match with San Paulo, the latter had scored the respectable total of 211 runs, against which our men were only able to reply with 92, and in their second attempt did even worse with 30 for the loss of 5 wickets. Evidently our batsmen had not sufficiently recovered from the voyage to do themselves justice.

Our next advice, received on Saturday, was that the Buenos Aires side had lost their San Paulo match by an innings and eight runs, so their last five wickets evidently did a bit better than the first five, and managed to put on a hundred runs. Monday morning brought us the news that Buenos Aires had gone in first against the powerful Rio combination, and scored 101 runs, against which the home side had replied with 119 for the loss of only four wickets, so things do not look very rosy for our men.

Later advices inform us that the Rio eleven were finally dismissed for 228, which leaves our men with a deficit of 117 to wipe off to save the innings defeat.

The third match of a series of five arranged between teams of English and American shooters at the inanimate birds was brought to a conclusion on Thursday 12th June at Hendon, when the Americans obtained their third successive victory by 94 points. As the Americans have thus secured the necessary three matches the other two matches will not be shot. The Americans again showed some wonderfully level shooting, not one single marksman being under 80, while only one reached 90. This was W. R. Crosby, whose scores in the three matches have been 93, 95, 90, which makes him an aggregate of 278 targets out of a possible 300. The Englishmen gave a very moderate performance, only three men reaching 80 or over. The Englishmen were allowed two barrels to the Americans, one, but the different method of shooting made this less of a handicap than it seems at first. The scores were:—

America.—W. R. Crosby 90, R. O. Heikes 88, F. Gilbert 85, F. S. Parmalee 84, T. A. Marshall 83, C. M. Budd 83, J. A. R. Elliot 83, C. M. Powers 83, E. H. Tripp 82, J. S. Fanning 82; total 843.

England.—F. J. Pike 83, C. Morris 82, F. Izzard 80, W. Ellicot 76, W. L. Joynt 76, Captain Johnston 78, J. H. Butt 71, H. J. Cave 71, C. Palmer 68, W. Paul 67; total 749.

In the three matches the Americans totalled 2587 out of a possible 3000, and the Englishmen 2344 out of a similar possible total.

The condition of the recent match between the British and American day-pigeon shooting teams make it rather difficult to make comparisons between the merits of the rival teams. The Americans, although limited to the use of only one barrel, having the right to use 1 1/4 oz. of shot, and an unlimited powder charge, whilst the English could use two barrels, but were tied down to an ordinary game charge with 1 1/8 oz. of shot. It has been reckoned that the extra 1/8 of shot is equivalent to 33 pellets, and the heavy charge of powder, there is no doubt, gives tremendous smashing power. Notwithstanding

these advantages, we cannot but think that had the team been equal in skill, the record barrel would have given victory to the British. This was proved over and over again by the successful use of the second barrel, and a comparison of the individual scores shows that the majority of the American shooters were far superior to the British.

This friendly tournament will, we think, lead to changes in the construction of our clay bird shooting guns, as well as the loading of cartridges, as the Americans have evidently, by continued experiments, discovered the best weapon as well as the best ammunition to use in this kind of sport. Their guns, although not bearing comparison in style and finish with best English made guns, yet give extraordinary close patterns, and are extremely heavy from our point of view. Some of the cases used were 3 1/2 inches, and contained 3 1/2 to 4 drachms of powder, with about 1 inch of wads. The shot used was No. 7 1/2. The proceedings have so far gone off without a hitch, and the meeting of the rival teams has been marked by the exchange of the most friendly feelings. The Americans are all keen, thoroughbred sportsmen, and there is no doubt that they fully deserve subscription for.

The Pennsylvania University crew, which did so well recently at Henley Regatta, brought the boat in which they rowed over with them from America. It is made chiefly of paper, and fitted with seats which slide up a slight gradient and are fixed down the centre of the craft, instead of being on alternate sides like those of English manufacture. The boat is fitted with swivel rowlocks, and the oars are rather short and heavy, with small handles and very broad blades. The crew averaged 11 st. 5 lbs. on arrival.

There have been races and rumours of races, not the least interesting is that which talks of a coming ocean race for Cup challengers and defenders. There is nothing improbable in such a race; only it does not look likely to come off this year, and would mean that Sir Thomas Lipton left Shamrock II. in America for the winter after the Cup race, which cannot now be sailed before October. The interest in any yacht race, however, depends upon the boats keeping, more or less, in the neighbourhood of each other; and in the proposed America to England ocean sailing match it would be probable that at least seven days would separate the lucky boat, which did not meet with adverse winds, from the unlucky one that did. Mr. Lawson, owner of Independence, is all for the race; Sir Thomas Lipton is said to be willing to put both the Shamrocks into it, and it only remains for the owners of Constitution and Columbia to be heard. It is said that the Americans are anxious to show us that the boats built to defend the Cup can comply with the conditions imposed on challengers. The great match between Sybarita and Kariad in the open sea would be a trifle to such an event, and yet it was such a gale that few yachtsmen expected the race to come off; but it did; and the time in which the seventy-four miles was accomplished is something quite out of the way, and will, for all time, show it to have been a most exciting as well as a close race. Sybarita, winner of the £500, had to allow eight minutes, and the race was from Rothesay round Ailsa Craig and back. This very even race was completed by the winner in six hours and six minutes, the boats having met many rough seas on the journey. Indeed, both upon occasion sent the spray flying half-mast high as they rushed through the heavy seas at a speed of more than an average of twelve knots an hour.

A match has been arranged between the Hurlingham Club and the Officers of the British Naval Squadron at present in Buenos Aires. It is to be played to-day (weather permitting) at Hurlingham, and, although July seems a curious month in which to play cricket in the Argentine, Lacey may safely be depended upon to find a fairly good pitch for the enthusiastic sportsmen to have a game on. The following is a list of the proposed teams, the names in which are suggestive of dangerous possibilities on both sides:—Navy—Commander Fitzherbert, Lieut. Bush, Staff-Surgeon Hiewicz, Surgeon Nicholson, Rev. Kewnes, Midshipman Armes, Midshipman Moore, Midshipman Bernard, and Sub-Lieut. Halshen—of the *Cambrian*; Lieut. Trewby, Lieut. Rankin, and Paymaster Walker—of the *Basilisk*. Hurlingham—B. Bedford, C. R. Thursby, C. Wilson, A. Stopford, M. G. Fortune, W. Lacey, A. Anderson, S. D. Marjoribanks, A. Lace, R. W. Anderson, Hon. E. Scott, H. Bucknill, H. Gelling.

The following are the conditions of the Argentine Grand National Steeplechase, a handicap sweepstake of \$50 each added to a cup value \$1000, which has to be won three times to become the absolute property of the winner. The owner of the second to receive \$100 given by the Club. Jockeys members of the Club allowed 3 kilos, gentlemen riders 2 kilos. 5000 metres over not less than 18 jumps, including a water jump 12 feet broad and 3 feet deep, two jumps 4 feet high with a ditch on the take off side 6 feet wide and 3 feet deep. To be run on September 11th. Entries to close 31st of July, half forfeit if declared before 20th August. As the race is a handicap, we trust all owners of horses that are good stayers and jumpers will make an entry, for since there is \$100 for the second, one never knows what may have a chance of getting home first or second.

American jockeys seem to be spreading all over the world as in addition to the large numbers who are distinguishing themselves in England and elsewhere in Europe. An American named E. Ross has recently been engaged to ride in Australia at, it is said, a salary of £1000 a year. Ross, who was originally intended for a lawyer, does not seem to have attained any great celebrity in the saddle in the States, as though (says an exchange) he could ride a good race once in a while, he did not repeat the offence very often.

Many are the tales one hears of poor Fred Archer, and the following seems by no means one of the least interesting:

Archer was travelling to town along with three notable brothers of the pigskin. One of his companions, who shall be nameless, was wearing a breast pin of peculiar shape. "I have often wondered," inquired "The Tinman," addressing the jockey, "what that pin is you wear always in your scarf." "Oh, don't you know; that's a tooth of old—(naming the horse), when I rode him second in the Derby." "Is that so?" queried Archer. "By heavens! you must have been holding him blooming hard then when you pulled a tooth out of his head!"

In their match against Yorkshire on June 25th Notts had the unenviable distinction of scoring in their first innings the lowest total that has ever been made in a country match since the Championship Competition was inaugurated. This total amounted to 13, Rhodes bowling 6 wickets for four runs and Haigh 4 for 8. There were no extras, and four "ducks on the side. Curiously enough Notts disposed of Derbyshire and Surrey for 16 in 1879 and 1880 respectively, and the smallest total for which Notts had

previously been dismissed was 24 against Yorkshire in 1888. Had Yorkshire accepted a lofty chance from the Notts last man Wass, that county would have achieved a lowest on record for first class matches, an unenviable distinction held by Oxford University and gained when they were batting against M. C. C. in 1877.

Several guests, who are all keen sportsmen, will meet to-night at the Estancia Santa Lucia, Venado Tuerto, to enjoy some days' shooting and coursing, and judging from the reports of the game thereabouts, excellent sport in both ways may be looked for if the weather does not happen to be against it.

FOOTBALL

ASSOCIATION.

QUILMES v. PEÑAROL.

These teams met at Quilmes on Monday, and after a fine game, which was much more even than the score would indicate, the visitors were returned the winners by two goals to nothing. The Peñarol side is undoubtedly a strong one, their defence being very sound, Davies at back and Jackson at half, both playing a sterling game. While forward Peña was wonderfully smart, and Fabre in goal was invincible. The Quilmes team appeared to be a little too keen, and therefore did not combine as they should have done, but behind Williams and Dunne were safe and worked hard, though the forwards, except on rare occasions, did not do themselves justice and played a scrambling game.

The sides were as follows:

Peñarol—

Goal—F. Fabre.

Backs—E. Rios and W. Davies.

Half-backs—F. G. Jackson, L. Massrico, and C. Ward.

Forwards—C. Lindeblad, T. Lewis, A. Camacho, E. Acevedo, and J. Peña.

Quilmes—

Goal—E. Pitre.

Backs—J. H. Williams and W. Leslie.

Half-backs—F. Muir, W. Dunne, and D. Morgan.

Forwards—W. Stirling, H. Torre, P. Hooton, R. Muir, E. O. Morgan.

From the start Peñarol pressed till they were pulled up by Leslie, but from a foul throw in they again attacked, and Pitre had to save a shot of Camacho's, and Hooton and Stirling ran the ball down to the other end. After some even play E. Morgan went away, but dwelling too long lost his opportunity, and the visitors again attacked, till Muir and Morgan relieved, only to be stopped by Jackson. Peña and Comacho were next to show, and the latter got away and put in a hot shot, which Pitre saved. However Peñarol were not to be denied, and kept the ball in their opponent's territory, till Peña centreing beautifully to Lindeblad, the latter had little difficulty in putting the ball through. Quilmes now played up and took the ball down the ground, where Hooton put in a hard one to Fabre, who kicked out, and Morgan getting the ball gave Muir a chance, which went much too high. Peña again was prominent, and Camacho put in a good shot, which was well saved by Pitre. Then Quilmes attacked and secured a "corner" which was fruitless, and half time was called with the score one to love in favour of Peñarol.

The second half opened with even play. Then the home forwards pressed, but Torre's shot was very weak. Acevedo next looked dangerous, but the home side managed to clear their lines, though a huge kick from Jackson soon put them on the defensive again, and Peñarol secured a "corner." Jackson put the ball nicely to his forwards, but an offside against Lindeblad gave Quilmes relief, and a foul against the visitors enabled them to carry the ball still further up the ground, but owing to their weakness in shooting they were unable to take advantage of this opportunity. Acevedo, however, soon brought relief, and running down secured a "corner" from which Camacho added a second goal out of a scrimmage. Stirling took the ball up the field and was stopped by Rios, and Hooton had a shot which went wide. Quilmes pressed and gained a "corner," and Morgan afterwards should have scored had he shot sooner. Then Fabre

cleverly cleared three consecutive shots. Camacho then took the ball away, but was well stopped by Williams, and Stirling got away, but the ball was soon brought back by Peña, who was checked by Williams, and nothing of interest happened till the call of time. So the game ended in favour of Peñarol, by 2 goals to nil.

Mr. Botting kindly acted as referee, and Mrs. Catty graciously presided at the tea table.

In the evening the teams dined at the Phoenix Hotel, and a very pleasant evening was spent under the presidency of Mr. A. Mackill, the popular president of the Quilmes A.C.

LOMAS v. ALUMNI.

This first division league match was brought to a conclusion on Sunday at Lomas before a fair number of spectators. The wind, which was blowing strongly right across the field, interfered with the game somewhat, and made accurate play difficult.

The following were the sides:—

Alumni—

Goal—A. Coste.

Backs—C. Brown and W. Buchanan.

Half-backs—A. Mack, C. Buchanan and E. Brown.

Forwards—P. Dillon, G. Moore, S. U. Leonard, E. Moore, and E. Young.

Lomas—

Goal—A. Walker.

Backs—G. Campbell and W. Rodger.

Half-backs—O. W. Pfeiffer, A. A. Miller and R. Rodman.

Forwards—C. Stirling, A. Darbyshire, R. W. Rudd, L. Nobili and J. Hunter.

From the kickoff Alumni attacked strongly till pulled up by Miller. Hunter then ran down, but did not centre and lost possession. Give and take play followed till Darbyshire got away, but was stopped by Buchanan. After this Lomas had a bit the best of the play, and Leonard and E. Moore had shots, which Coste, however, was equal to. Hands against Lomas, however, brought relief to Alumni, and Mack sent in a hot shot, which went wide. Then Dillon made a rush, and centring well to J. Moore the latter shot and Walker coming out to save, fell and left his goal at the mercy of Leonard, who scored the first goal for Alumni. Immediately afterwards half-time was called. Score, Alumni 1 goal, Lomas 0.

In the second half, Rudd kept goal, as Walker had sprained his knee, and so Lomas only played ten men. Hunter ran the ball down, but nothing came of it, and Alumni pressed hotly, till J. Moore scored a second goal for them with a fine side shot. From this to the end, Lomas acted entirely on the defensive, but managed to keep their goal intact, and retired beaten by two goals to one. For the winners, the Buchanans, Mack and Leonard played well, while J. Campbell, Hunter and Pfeiffer did all they could to save Lomas.

BARRACAS v. LOMAS.

These Clubs played their return League fixture on Sunday at Lomas, Barracas winning by 4 goals to nothing. Lomas had the kick off, Jones kicking off for his side punctually to time. Lomas were soon obliged to defend themselves from a vigorous attack by their opponents, and aided by the high wind which frequently took the ball out, gave Barracas some hard work for a while. Barracas at last worked the ball into the Lomas ground, and Thompson passing to Brooking, the latter centring cleverly. This gave Bridge the chance to score for Barracas, which he did in a style that drew well-deserved applause. Some well combined play on the part of the Lomas forwards took the ball into the Barracas quarters, but the visitor's defence was too strong for them. Some fast play up and down the ground then ensued without any score being made, though chances for Barracas were lost by both Bridge and Diggs kicking behind. Getting possession soon afterwards Porter passed to Bridge, but the latter not liking his position passed to G. Weiss, the latter scoring prettily. When half time was called the score stood Barracas 2 goals, Lomas 0.

The Barracas men began to press as soon as play was resumed, and after Diggs and Potter had both tried to score, a corner was given, from which Brooking placed the ball well into the goal's mouth, and Heslop kicking at it scored the third goal for Barracas. Jones passing to Hunter from the centre kick, the latter dribbled it

nicely to within easy distance, and made a shot at goal which went a little wide. From another Barracas rush Bridge passed to Weiss, who scored beautifully. Although the Barracas team had distinctly the best of the game, from now till time was called, no further score was made, and they thus left off winners by 4 goals to 0.

The teams were:

Barracas A.C.—

Goal—J. R. McDonald.

Backs—F. Burns, G. Hearne.

Half-backs—R. A. Brooking, J. Doyle, C. Thompson.

Forwards—W. F. Heslop, W. Diggs, E. Potter, G. Weiss, S. O. Bridge (capt).

Lomas A.C.—

Goal—C. Gibson (capt).

Backs—W. Evans, J. Thomas.

Half-backs—Rodman, W. Cowes, R. Walker.

Forwards—W. Hunter, J. Hinds, F. Jones, J. Nobili, R. Stirling.

PEÑAROL v. BELGRANO.

Peñarol sustained their first defeat this season at the lands of Belgrano on Monday last. The match was played on the latter's ground before a fair number of spectators considering it was not a holiday. The visitors put the same team on the field as that which defeated Quilmes the day before, but Belgrano were not able to get together their best team as a glance at the following players, who were under Mr. L. W. Wilson's charge, will show:—

Belgrano—

Goal—D. Patrick.

Backs—A. C. Addecott (Capt.) and G. Stalker.

Half-backs—E. Reece, H. E. A. Craven and C. E. Dickinson.

Forwards—J. J. Rugeroni, W. M. Page, A. Kidd, H. Dorning and W. Malm.

Peñarol—

Goal—E. Fabre.

Backs—E. Rios and W. Davis.

Halves—C. E. Ward, L. Mazzuco and F. G. Jackson (Capt.)

Forwards—J. Peña, A. Acevedo, A. Camacho, G. Lewis and C. Lindeblad.

Winning the toss, gave the home team no advantage, as there was neither wind nor sun. From the kick-off the visitors attacked, and before the game had been in progress a couple of minutes, Acevedo scored. For some time they kept up the pressure, but the shooting was weak and "Patrick" was not troubled much. Malm had one or two runs, which he finished with poor centres, and the other forwards did not seem to trouble the Peñarol defence much, and the same may be said of their opponents' front rank, whose combination was repeatedly broken up by the home halves.

Half-time arrived with the scores unaltered, and after the usual interval operations commenced afresh, and it was noticed that Addecott had made several changes in his team. Dorning went goal, and Page and Dickinson changed places, Malm went inside left and had Rugeroni as a partner, whilst "Patrick" went outside-right. The rearrangement proved a wise one, for, while it did not weaken the defence, it greatly improved the attack, as the pressure applied on the visitor's defence proved. Fabre had to run out several times, "Patrick" at last beating him with a low shot. With the score level the play became very fast, either side attacking strongly one moment, and having their work cut out to keep their opponents the next. Hereabouts Rugeroni made a splendid run and winded up with a fine cross shot when going at full tilt, which missed by inches only. It looked as though the result would be a draw, when, 10 minutes from time, Dickinson put the ball across nicely, Rios only just touching it with his head, and sending it to Malm, who steadied himself and scored with a fast daisy-cutter.

Craven was the best man on the field, doing more work than was his share well, and no fault could be found with the rest of winning team.

For the losers, Mazzuco and Jackson at half, Peña and Camacho forward, and Fabre in goal all played their parts well, and were game to the last.

The thanks of players and spectators alike are due to Mrs. Dickinson for serving tea during the afternoon.

BAHIA BLANCA v. SHIPS.

This football match was played on Sunday last, the 14th inst., on the Bahia Blanca ground, before a large

number of spectators, the match resulting in a win for Bahia Blanca by 3 goals to 1. The Ships team was composed of Officers and Engineers from the steamships Shrewsbury, Alfalfa, and Honiton at present in Bahia Blanca port.

For the winners Harrison scored two and Pettigrew one goal, the Ship's point being scored by Tomlinson.

Harrison for Bahia Blanca was the best man on the field, the last goal scored, was the result of a splendid run down half the length of the field, going right through by himself.

Pettigrew and Hutton also played well, and Fletcher although playing on the wrong wing, worked hard all through, goalkeeper Orderiz played a fine game, making some splendid saves, his save of the penalty kick fairly bringing down the house.

For the losers Barnes and Platt on the right wing played extremely well, their good passing being a feature of the game. Meiklejohn, at centre half, also played well.

The backs on both sides were decidedly weak, the Bahia Blanca pair playing better together towards the end of the game.

Miss Clara Barker, Miss Mary Green, and Miss K. Graham very kindly officiated at the tea table.

The following teams lined up :

Ships—

Goal—Osmond (Capt).

Backs—Limond and Allen.

Half-backs—Cook, Meiklejohn, Evans.

Forwards—Barnes, Platt, Tomlinson, Williams, Malcolm.

Bahia Blanca—

Goal—V. Onderiz.

Backs—F. MacRae and Carpenter.

Half-backs—M. Graham, J. Edwards, A. Hutton.

Forwards—P. Harrison, C. Pettigrew, W. McCorquodale (capt), W. Fletcher and S. MacDougall.

Referee—Mr. Charles Hoyle.

Linesmen—Messrs. George Ellis and R. Campbell.

A BYSTANDER'S WAIL.

The ground was hard, the weather cold,
The Referee was stiff and old,
The whistle which he loudly blew
To call the lagging players to
A game, of which 'tis sad but true,
Most of them very little knew
Was all he'd left of football to
Fight about

But those he watched with eagle eye
Appeared to do their best to try,
To make opponents feel that they
Had no ideas of friendly play;
But scragged old pals in such a way
That crippled them for many a day
And even made spectators say
What do they fight about

Is this the way to treat a game
That's helped to make "Old England's" name;
Let us remember that we should
Show foreigners out here they could
Take part in contests where they would,
When once the rules they understood,
Find that the sport was much too good
To fight about.

HOME CRICKET.

At the moment of writing "says the *Sporting and Dramatic News*" of June 8th, the Yorkshire eleven have played six and won six of their twenty-eight county championship fixtures. By the time these lines appear in print they will probably have played seven and won seven; for Hampshire, although stronger than in 1900, can scarcely be expected to hold Yorkshire. With the fixture list so heavy, and the wickets so greatly in favour of the batsmen, there is practically no chance of any county team winning all its matches during the season; but there are greater possibilities in the Yorkshire eleven than in any other side which has played in the county championship. It was curious, and more than a little disappointing, that their "away" match with Lancashire provided the Tykes with one of their easiest successes

during May. When, at the end of the first innings, Yorkshire led by a single run, a great finish was anticipated. How Lancashire came to lose all their ten wickets in the second innings for a total of 44 runs must ever remain a mystery. The pitch was undoubtedly bad, and Hirst, who was bowling at a rare pace, obviously made the batsmen feel very uncomfortable. It needed pluck, as well as skill, to get runs; and although the Lancashire batsmen have never shown themselves wanting in either commodity, the fact remains that they could only average four runs apiece on the occasion under notice. Perhaps it was all due to the fact that they could never settle down. If Mr. McLaren had not played on after hitting three fours, or if Yorkshire had only obliged with a mistake in the field at the beginning, things might have been different. It was not Lancashire's day; and after the first few men had gone, the others seemed powerless to stop the rot. Hirst, after Mr. McLaren's three fours, never had more than a single at a time scored against him. The fielding was so terribly keen that the hitters were in a state of constant anxiety; in fact, Yorkshire may be said to have worried their opponents into a nine wickets defeat.

The Tykes play a lot of matches during the season; and it is strange that they do not grow a trifle stale. Last year, they were playing, if anything, better towards the end than at the beginning. Possibly the reason lies in their exceptional strength. They are not kept constantly on their mettle, as are most teams; every now and again Yorkshire can afford to treat a match as a sort of holiday outing. Against Leicestershire, for instance, they never had to unduly exert themselves, Rhodes captured thirteen wickets at an average cost of about 7 1/2 runs each, and the result was an innings victory. Last week, Yorkshire won each of their matches in two days. So long as they have to work no harder than that, they will not lose their form.

Notts have quite fulfilled expectations. They have always been a batting side, and, during the last two or three years, they have regained their old bowling strength. They are as likely as anybody to beat Yorkshire, which does not necessarily mean that they have a tremendous chance of accomplishing so uncanny a performance. Their success over Surrey has, of course, been their great feat up to the present this season. The bowling of Wass had a lot to do with the victory; it set Surrey playing an uphill game; but the fine batting of Mr. J. A. Dixon, accomplished, as it was, at a critical moment, was quite as valuable. Notts did not seem by any means certain to get the 142 runs which they required to win until Mr. Dixon came in. To Mr. A. O. Jones and William Gunn belong the credit of putting their county in a winning position against Essex. The former took six wickets for 26 runs; the latter scored 127, and the combination gave Notts a lead of 165 runs at the end of the first innings. Mr. Percy Perrin made a plucky effort for Essex; but the Midlanders had the match well in hand. Mr. C. McGahey failed for the first time this season. He followed up his average of 144 for eight innings with an aggregate of six runs for two innings. However, he must rest at times.

Middlesex polished off their home fixtures with the western counties in the course of the week. They commenced operations by beating Somerset, the feature of match being Mr. P. F. Warner's magnificent not out innings of 197. He carried his bat right through an innings which realised 400 runs. At one time Gloucestershire appeared certain to go down before the Lord's eleven; but Mr. G. L. Jessop came to the rescue of his side. If anything, he hit out harder and oftener than ever. At one period he scored 29 runs in five minutes, and his 124 in 75 minutes was rendered all the more remarkable by reason of the fact that, owing to his not getting the bowling, he had periods of comparative inactivity—at least, three separate periods of ten minutes each brought him only 18 runs.

Kent have not yet fulfilled expectations. Thanks to the fine batting of Alec Heane and Mr. F. Marchant, they managed to avoid the follow-on, and possibly defeat, in their match with Essex, for whom Mr. P. Perrin made 189, and Carpenter a couple of centuries; but the hop county could not make much of a show against Lancashire. The bowling of Sharp and Webb, backed up by good scores by Tyldesley and Hallows, won the match. Wrathall's 135, and Mr. Jessop's terrific bowling enabled Gloucestershire to beat Sussex, but the latter gained some consolation later in the week when they defeated Somerset in an innings. K. S. Ranjitsinhji came out in his best form for 133, and Mr. K. O. Goldie again batted

well for 56. He is undoubtedly a discovery. Somerset were unlucky in having to go in on a sticky wicket after Sussex had had a good one. Tate made the ball do some very awkward things. Thanks to the surprisingly good bowling of Captain J. G. Greig, Hampshire gained their first county championship victory since 1899. It was supplied by Derbyshire, who did the needful for Surrey late in the week. Worcestershire sustained their periodical defeat; Mr. H. K. Foster batted well in the second innings, but S. Hargreaves, the Warwickshire bowler, had done too much damage in the first innings to give Fostershire a chance. Worcestershire were also good enough to provide Cambridge University with their first victory of the season.

AN ALL ENGLAND ELEVEN.

It had become customary to speak of Jack Point as a second class man, but no one could deny that he was a fellow of infinite variety. He did nearly everything, and he did everything fairly well. People had expected such a great deal from Jack, both as regards work and play, that when he took a second in Mods, a second in Law Finals, and only obtained his Harlequin cap because of his popularity, many heads were shaken, and he was promptly classed among the failures. In other departments, too, he had disappointed the expectations of his friends. No one was a better drawing room entertainer, and for his age his reputation as an amateur actor was extraordinary. Yet, after leaving the Varsity, he had given the stage a trial for three or four years, but no success had come his way.

Jack, however, never suffered from disappointment. He had a happy-go-lucky temperament, and being rich beyond the dreams of avarice, he could afford to be everything by turns and nothing long. It was not his fault, he always declared, that he had no perseverance, and that his numerous friends were so expectant.

After his stage experiences he had taken to politics, and as a Liberal Unionist had stood for the division of Crackthorpe, in the North Riding of Yorkshire. The manufacturing village of Crackthorpe had been created by the exertions of his grandfather and father—though their factories were now sold to a company—and Jack resided a great portion of the year on his estate, about ten miles away from the town, yet he was beaten by a handsome majority. Jack did not mind his licking at all, but, considering that he had always been a cheerful giver to all local charities, like his father before him, he did consider that his political opponents showed base ingratitude in pelting him more than once with rotten eggs.

In one particular, at any rate, Jack was pre-eminent. He was a first class and incorrigible practical joker, and had he not been such a thoroughly good chap, this partiality would have landed him in many a scrape. As regards appearances, he was a handsome, cheery fellow, with a ruddy, clean-shaven face, and was over six feet in height.

One delicious afternoon in May, two months after the disastrous election, Jack was reclining in a hammock under the trees in the garden of his Yorkshire house, enjoying an after-lunch cigarette. His friend, *factotum*, and private secretary, little Billy Lee—Jack, of course, was a bachelor—was sprawling in a deck-chair close by. The two were engaged in an important discussion as to what was to be done to kill time, when there was a sound of wheels upon the drive.

"It's old Higginbottom!" cried Billy. "Don't move, Jack. I'll bring him to you."

And he hastened across the lawn.

A few moments later the new arrival was seated with the two friends.

Mr. Hiram Higginbottom was one of the principal personages in the town of Crackthorpe. He was a provision merchant by trade, was extremely wealthy and was chairman of the local Radical Federation. In spite of political differences, he had made a point of retaining Jack's friendship. In appearance he was rubicund and portly.

"I came by train from Crackthorpe," he explained.

"What will you have to drink?" inquired Jack, which was always his first remark to male acquaintances. "Whisky and—"

"Thank you, I never take spirits," said Mr. Higginbottom with dignity. "But as I lunched early, a glass of port wine—"

Billy had risen from his seat at the first mention of refreshments, and was beckoning to the butler, who, taught by long experience, had made his appearance in case he was needed.

"Port, Mark," called out Billy.

"Eh, sir," demanded Mark, who was an old and confidential servant, with an inquisitive glance at Mr. Higginbottom.

"The port," said Billy, with a nod.

"Old master's bin, sir?" said Mark.

"Of course—not the logwood sarcophagus, mind. He knows a bit," whispered Billy.

"This is the first time that we have met since the election, Mr. Point," Mr. Higginbottom remarked, as he sipped his wine. "I regretted exceedingly that my duty to the United Kingdom Alliance—"

"Don't mention it," cried Jack heartily; "we are not personal foes. Our difference is political, as the devil remarked to St. Peter.

"Ahem! of course," coughed Mr. Higginbottom. "Well, to-day, Mr. Point, I come on an errand of charity."

Jack and Billy exchanged glances usual on such occasions.

"To put it bluntly, the Working Men's Club needs one hundred and fifty pounds," Mr. Higginbottom continued. "As you know, the town is poor, and I do not feel disposed to give the money out of my own purse."

"Quite right," said Billy, as he screwed up his eye glass. "Charity begins at home."

"Now, Mr. Point proceeded Mr. Higginbottom, ignoring the interruption, "you know my antipathy to bazaars, which limits my resources. However, I think I have made a discovery which will open out virgin soil."

Here Mr. Higginbottom looked hard at Billy, who grew uncomfortable and put his hands firmly in his trousers pockets.

"I am convinced that cricket, as a means of raising funds for charity has never been properly appreciated or applied," continued Mr. Higginbottom.

Here Billy released a fistful of silver, as he took his hand from his pocket to raise his glass.

"But it is only in League games that you get much of a gate at Crackthorpe," remarked Jack.

"Precisely, but that shows the power of cricket to attract the masses," replied Mr. Higginbottom.

"I see," broke in Jack impatiently. "So you think that a charity match would be a good spec—?"

"Undoubtedly," answered the man of groceries, who did not like being hurried. "I think that I can easily raise in this manner the one hundred and fifty pounds required—for the working men, Mr. Point! But if it is to be successful, the matter must be skilfully arranged."

"What do you propose?"

"I am president of the Crackthorpe Cricket Club. I have discussed the subject with the committee. They have been good enough to promise me the use of the ground and the services of the team free gratis, on the condition that a first-rate eleven is brought down to play against them."

"And what do you mean by first rate?" asked Jack with evident curiosity.

"I am ambitious, I admit," answered Mr. Higginbottom solemnly. "But it is necessary that the team which opposes Crackthorpe should be a good one, if we are to attract a large gate, and for this purpose I want your kind assistance. I propose that we bring down an 'All England' eleven."

"Oh," said Jack placidly. "Have you any names to suggest?"

"Yes," replied Mr. Higginbottom. "The committee and myself are aware that you have been a great cricketer in your time." Jack waved his hand deprecatingly. "The first name, of course, that occurs to me is that of our incomparable champion, Dr. Grace. You know him, Mr. Point?"

"Yes, I know W. G.," answered Jack, with immobile countenance. "Why do you whistle, Billy?" he added, with a severe glance at his small friend.

"I was thinking that Crackthorpe would get horribly licked," answered Billy, choking over half a glass of wine that had gone down the wrong throat.

"Oh, they may be relied upon to take their licking like men," said the local magnate serenely.

"Of course. Well, have you thought of any other players, Mr. Higginbottom?" asked Jack.

"Yes, the next name on my list is Prince Ranjitsinhji, and after him Mr. A. C. Maclaren."

"I admire your judgment," said Jack earnestly. "The

three you have named are probably the three finest amateur bats in England—on the form of recent years."

"These are all the amateurs I should ask," continued Mr. Higginbottom. "I understand that amateurs expect to be entertained, and it has struck me, Mr. Point, and I took the liberty of mentioning the matter to the committee, that you might not care to ask *more than three* to stay with you."

"Very thoughtful of you, indeed," answered Jack.

"So I should be inclined to fill up the team with professionals. I have no doubt that some of the committee would put them up. Mr. Cask, of the 'Golden Lion,' would, I am sure, ask three or four. I pointed out to him that it would be good biz for him. As regards the professionals, I should like your advice, Mr. Point. You know them better than I do."

"Professionals are expensive luxuries——"

"Ah, but your influence, Mr. Point! They would come for you."

"They would come if I paid them, Mr. Higginbottom."

"How good of you to say so, Mr. Point! Now, would you suggest?"

"What do you think of Shrewsbury—the greatest professional batsman probably that the world has seen—and Bobby Abel? That ought to give us sufficient batting strength."

"Excellent," cried Mr. Higginbottom. "Then we must have some Yorkshiremen in the team. We are too far from Leeds to see any first class matches."

"Well, I would ask F. S. Jackson," said Jack, with a sly wink at Billy. "One of the best all-round cricketers in the world; but unfortunately he is an amateur."

"Oh!" began Mr. Higginbottom, looking glum.

"And I have only three spare rooms," continued Jack with emphasis. "So as we want bowlers, we must content ourselves with Haigh——"

"And let me see," interrupted Mr. Higginbottom, "there's what's-his-name, that Cask suggested. Ah! I recollect, Tom Emmett."

"Yes, I daresay I could get old Tom, though he's on the retired list," answered Jack. "And Hunter, for wicket-keeper, and perhaps Tunnicliffe. I'll play myself, so that's five Yorkshiremen. We'll put in Johnny Briggs to make up the team. We need another bowler, and he'll amuse the crowd famously."

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"He's a bad ass, that Highinbottom," observed Billy, a few minutes later, when that worthy had taken himself away, along with the best portion of two bottles of port besides. "But why on earth did you promise to bring down that team on June 15th? It's all rot——"

"It's for an excellent cause," returned Jack, with a placid smile on his good-natured countenance. "You never know what you can do till you try. Shut up, Billy, and leave it to me."

II.

The 15th of June, the date of the great match, which had been so largely advertised in the district, between Crackthorpe Cricket Club and the All England Eleven, dawned bright and clear. Jack had decided to drive across the moors to the town, so the dog-cart came round early. Just before he started a telegram arrived.

"Bad business this," he remarked to Billy, after reading it. "There's been a big breakdown on the line, and the team has been delayed at Swiltington Junction"

"Humph! that's nasty," said Billy. "There's the 'Jolly Waggoners,' kept by old Uriah, just opposite the station. I hope the team won't meet with any more accidents. That silly fellow Smith should have brought 'em all here last night, as we arranged."

"Oh, it'll be all right if they get to the pavillion in good time" answered Jack hopefully. He took the reins, Billy sat beside him, and Mark, without whom they never travelled, got up at the back to guard the bags and a large wooden box, which seemed a superfluous piece of luggage.

They reached the Crackthorpe cricket ground about eleven o'clock. It was of the ordinary manufacturing town type—brick pavillion, like a child's Noah's Ark, forty yards of bowling-green turf in centre, an oasis in a field of black loam and ragged tufts. Here Jack received another wire, which drew from him a monosyllabic swear. There was a fair crowd of spectators on the ground already, and Mr. Higginbottom, hastening up, introduced Mr. Cask, of the "Golden Lion," and Mr. Sykes, the proprietor of the Crackthorpe Shoddy Hills, two important members of the committee.

"Hullo! have you got your lunch in that?" he demanded, as little Billy Lee and Mark staggered towards the pavillion with the wooder trunk. Before Jack could reply, a most important individual joined the group, none other than Mr. William Henry Bates, the vice-president and captain of the Crackthorpe Cricket Club. Mr. Bates, like John Gilpin, was a draper by trade, and although fat and forty, he would insist upon playing in every match and commanding the team. His subscriptions were colossal, so he was tolerated.

"Who's your skipper, Mr. Point?" he remarked airily. "The old man, I suppose?"

"No, I have that honour," Jack answered modestly.

"Oh, I thought, of course, it would be W. G. Still, it's all right. Let's spin. Heads, you say? Hang it! so it is. You'll bat, I suppose?"

"I think so," said Jack.

"Rest of team arrived yet, Mr. Point?" inquired Mr. Higginbottom. "I've not seen them."

"Not at all, I believe," replied Jack. "But I've not been in our dressing-room yet."

"We've a first class visitors' room," said Bates. "Only door at top of stairs. You can't miss it. I'll show you." Jack was turning away when Mr. Higginbottom called him back. Two ladies were standing near.

"Mr. Point, may I be allowed to present you to my daughter, Kate?" he said, indicating a nervous, pale-faced girl. As Jack raised his hat to the lady, his eyes fell upon her companion, and a look of glad recognition sprang into them.

"Maud, by all that's wonderful!" he exclaimed, holding out his hand. "How glad I am to see you!"

She was a bright, healthy girl, whose firm, trim figure appeared to advantage in a white serge tailor-made coat and skirt.

"Oh, we're quite old friends," replied Maud, with quiet self-assurance. "Now, Mr. Point, we mustn't keep you. Go off to your game. Come, Kate, perhaps we shall see Mr. Point later."

"I say, Billy!" cried Jack, as he met that worthy in the pavillion, descending the narrow staircase which led up to the strangers' dressing room, "who do you think I've seen? Why, little Maud Crofton, Lady Renwick's companion, that we met at Cowes last year."

"Oh," said Billy. "That's rather bad for you, isn't it?"

"Well, I don't mean to lose sight of her this time until I've had my say——"

"Now, shut up, old man!" replied Billy rudely. "Mark and I have had such a wrestle to get that infernal box up these blessed stairs. Turn your thoughts to cricket and come up into the dressing-room."

"Why, have the team arrived?" asked Jack eagerly

"Come and see," answered Billy.

(To be continued).

A BRACE OF TROUT

During last summer I was staying for a time in a little cottage on the borders of Ashdown Forst, and had with me my fly-rod on the off-chance of procuring a day or two on the neighbouring stream. Near the cottage was a large house belonging to a Mr. B., and in front of the house a small pond, which had been made some few years previously by damming back a brook. This pond was perhaps sixty-five yards long by forty wide, and was fringed with good-sized trees. I was lucky enough to be introduced to the owner of the state, who lived in the large house with his brother. In the course of a stroll we passed the pond, and I asked if there were any fish in it.

"Oh, yes," he said, "there are any amount of perch in it—in fact, too many. If you are a fisherman and would clear some out for me I should be immensely obliged."

I readily agreed, and at once went to secure a supply of brandings.

The following morning, after B. had started for town, I went down to the pond and in the punt which was moored on it a tub half filled with water to hold any perch I might catch, and, fitting up an "Ilderton" worm tackle with a good-sized brandling, I stepped on board and pushed off. The spot I chose for commencing to fish was where a big elm branch overhung the water. The punt was secured to this, and then I dropped my bait into a likely-looking hole in the weeds. Before it reached the bottom the line checked and began to move away. A smart lift of the top fixed the hooks, and a heavy roll under the water told me I was into a good fish, but something about the ensuing behaviour of the

denizon of the deep struck me as being very unperchlike.

In another minute my suspicions were confirmed, as, on reeling up, a fine trout jumped clean out of the water. I soon had him in the net, and found he was a good pound and a quarter. He was soon knocked on the head and wrapped in fair lienen. Delighted with the world in general, and Mr. B. in particular, I quickly resumed. After a few minutes came the quick, snatchy bite of a perch, and then the sport became fast and furious. The perch—for no other trout came to the bait—were deliciously lacking in shyness, and the worm tackle hooked them splendidly. Hole after hole was searched, and nearly all yielded fish—nothing large—generally running from six to nine ounces, with here and there a three-quarter-pounder.

By-and-bye I worked round to the spot where I had commenced, and just as I was thinking of knocking off for the day I again felt the heavy, dogged tug of the worm-hooked trout. On successfully netting him he turned out to be the exact counterpart of my first victim. Then, as it was getting late, I put back to the shore, unloaded my tub, which contained four dozen and five perch, and went up to the cottage. Procuring some rusaes and a dish, the brace of trout were despatched to the house as a delicate thank-offering to my host.

A few minutes after he himself came in. "Well," he enquired, "any sport?"

"Rather!" I exuberantly answered, and showed him the tub.

Then he asked if I had caught anything big.

"Oh, yes," I said; "I have sent up the two best to the house."

"Thanks very much," said he, "but I don't much fancy eating pond perch."

"Ah! but what about trout?" I asked.

A marvellous change suddenly came over his face.

"Trout!" he almost shouted. "Do you mean to say you have killed any trout in his pond?"

"I should think I did!" I exultingly replied. "Two beauties—a good pound and a quarter each!"

"Then, for heaven's sake, my dear fellow," said he, "go up to the house and rescue them before Sam comes home. They're two tame one of his, and he feeds them every morning with worms. They were the only two in the pond, and I believe, if he finds they've gone, he'll shoot you first and have a fit afterwards."

Sam never knew why it was that his spotted darlings never again came for their morning meal; but the writer knows, for they are part and parcel of his person, and his landlady cooked them to perfection.

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FOOTBALL.

RUGBY FIXTURES—1901.

JULY.

Sun. 21—B.A.F.C. v. Lomas, at Club Hipico.
Sun. 28—Championship semi-finals.

AUGUST.

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DIVISION I.

JULY.

Sun. 21—Quilmes v. Belgrano, at Quilmes.

AUGUST.

Sun. 4—Belgrano v. Lomas, at Belgrano.
Sun. 4—Quilmes v. Albion, at Montevideo
Mon. 5—Quilmes v. Peñarol, at Montevideo.
Sun. 11—Lomas v. Quilmes, at Lomas.
Thurs. 15—Alumni v. Quilmes, at
Sun. 25—*Final of Cup Tie.
Fri. 30—Alumni v. Lomas, at
* "Knock-out" competition.

DIVISION II.

JULY.

Sun. 21—San Martin v. Alumni 2nd, at San Martin.
Sun. 21—Colon v. Banfield, at Dique II.
Sun. 21—Porteños v. Lomas 2nd, at
Sun. 21—Estudiantes v. Barracas, at
Sun. 28—Belgrano 2nd v. Porteños, at Belgrano.
Sun. 28—San Martin v. Barracas, at San Martin.
Sun. 28—Estudiantes v. Lomas 2nd, at
Sun. 28—Alumni 2nd v. Banfield, at

GOLF.

JULY.

Sun. 14—Lomas v. Buenos Aires, at Rivadavia.
Sun. 21—Fourth Monthly Competition at Lomas.

AUGUST.

Sun. 4—Buenos Aires v. Flores, at Flores.
Sun. 11—Hurlingham v. Lomas, at Lomas.
Thurs. 15—Hurlingham v. Flores, at Flores.
Sun. 18—Final Monthly Competition at Lomas.
Sun. 25—North v. South.
Fri. 30, Sat. 31—Championship of the River Plate.

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RACING.

July 18—Hipódromo Nacional, Belgrano.
July 21—Hipódromo Argentino, Palermo.

HURLINGHAM.

Thursday, August 15—Ayrshire Cup. Entries closed June 20, half forfeit July 31.
Friday, August 30—Lady's Bracelet.
Wednesday, Sept. 11—Argentine Grand National. Entries to close July 31, half forfeit August 20.

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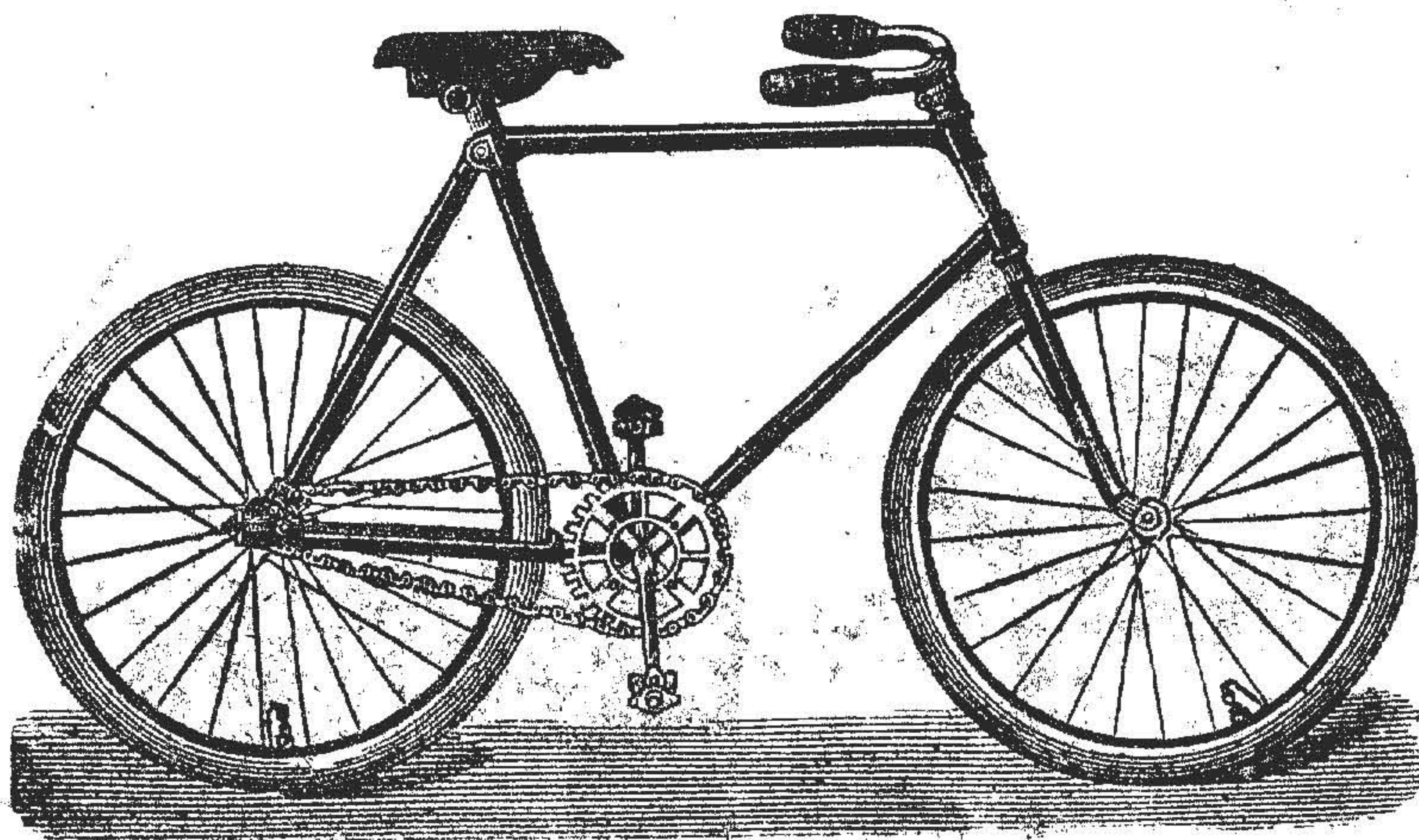
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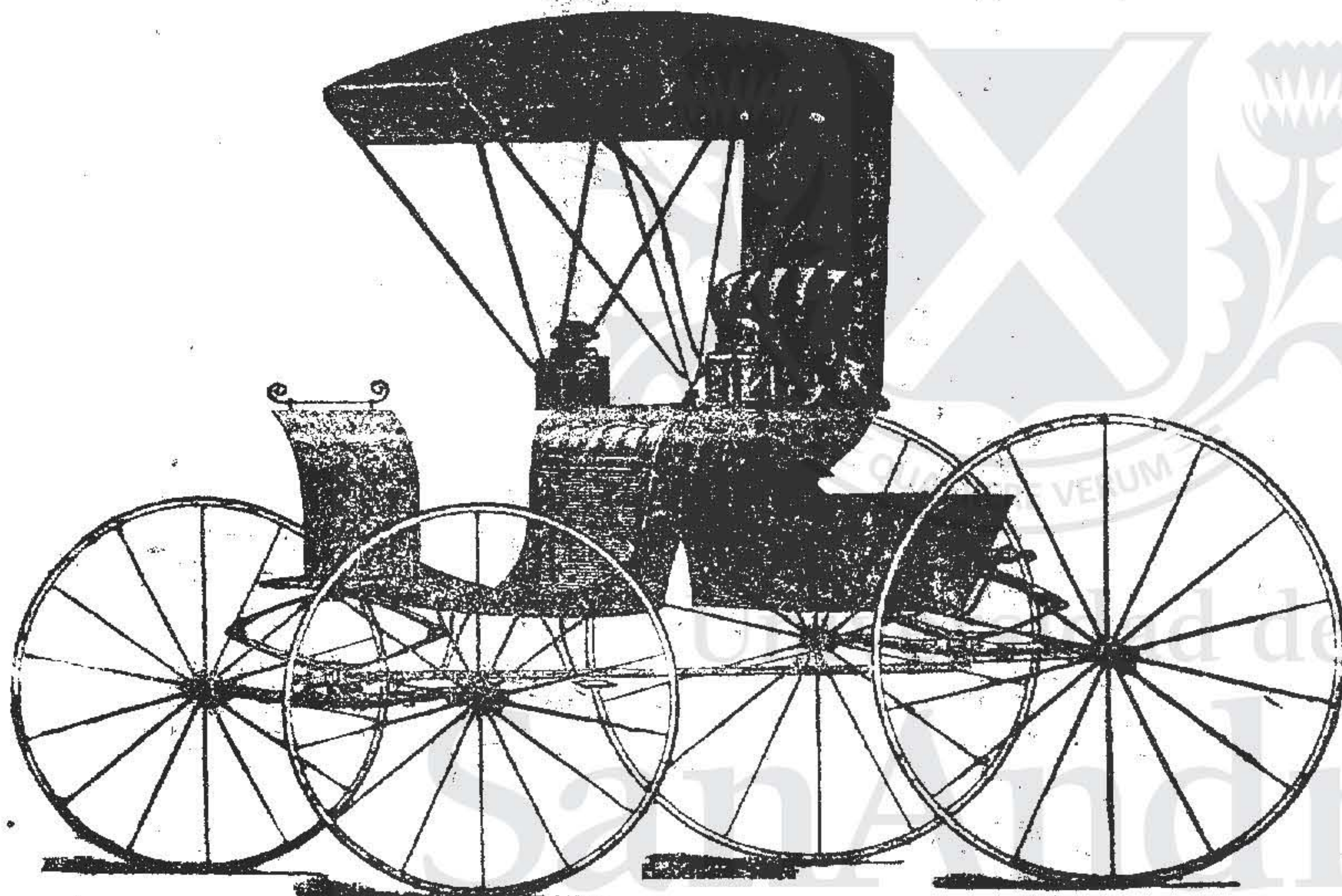
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The following rates of Interest will
 rule until further notice:—

For deposits in:	PAPER	GOLD
Account Current...	1 %	—
Savings Bank, to \$10,000	5 %	4 %
At 3 months fixed ..	5 %	3 1/2 %
Other periods ..	conventional	

For overdrafts in	PAPER	GOLD
Account Current ..	10 %	9 %

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Current Accounts opened and
 Deposits received at the follow-
 ing rates:

ALLOWED	Paper	Gold
In accounts current on ba- lances up to \$100,000....	1 %	NO INT.
Deposits at 7 days' notice	2 "	1 %
" 30 "	3 "	1 "
" 60 "	3 1/2 "	2 "
" 90 "	4 "	3 "
" 3 months fixed	4 "	3 "
" 6 months fixed	4 "	3 "
and above	5 "	3 1/2 "

CHARGED
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 gold and paper

10%
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 Every description of Banking
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A. F. ENNOR,
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The rates of interest allowed and
 charged by the Bank until further
 notice will be

ALLOWED	PER ANNUM	
	C/L	O/S.
Deposits on current a/c ..	1%	—
at 30 days fixed ..	2%	1%
at 60 "	3%	2%
at 90 "	4%	3%
at 180 "	5%	3 1/2 %
Other periods	Conventional.	

CHARGED:
 On debit balances in cur-
 rent account

10% 9%
 B. L. PHILIPS, Manager
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